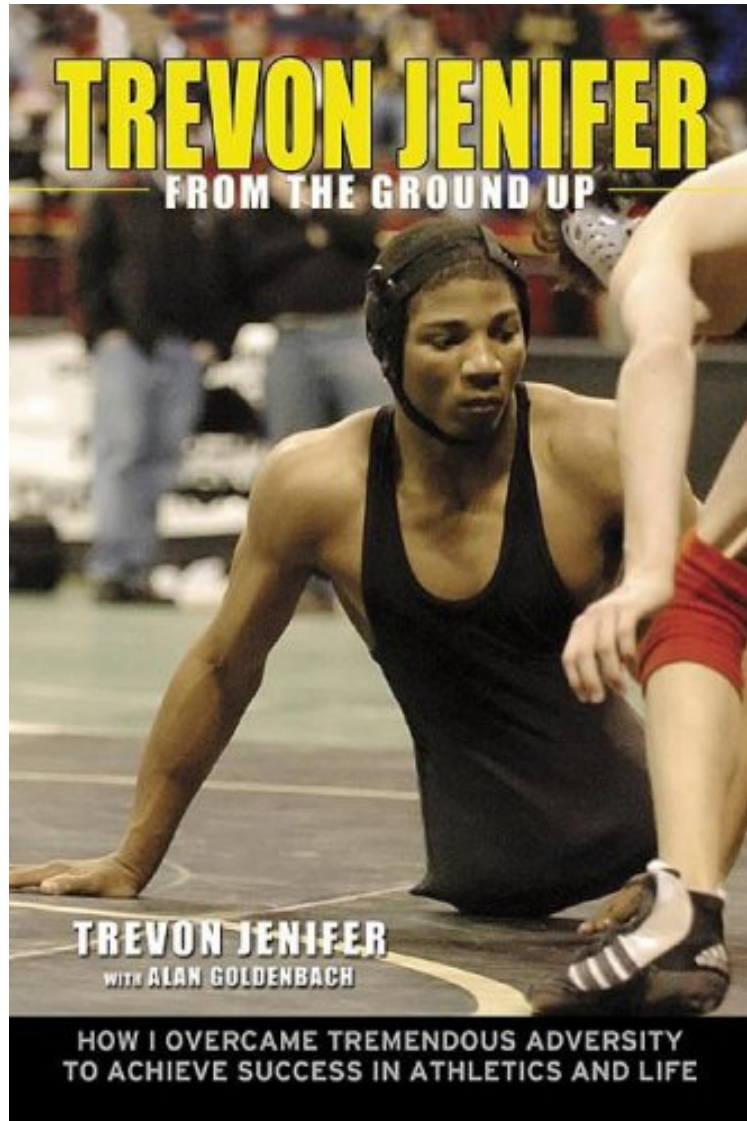


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the most poolite, kind, and friendly person I had ever met. He was a great inspiration to all of us of the class of 06. His book is great, his life is great, Trevon is a blessing to all the people he meets. Best of luck to him in all he sets out to do, because I know he can do it, and he can be the best at it!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. awesome bookBy Christina Rogershey everyone,i recently bought this book...read it and think its great!!! i know trevon..known him for awhile...we were on Air Capitals wheelchair track team..hes an awesome guy!!! always out there to make people laugh...this is a book about how he became the person he is today...fantastic book about a fantastic person...i suggest you go out and buy it!!!!

Its impossible to walk a mile in Trevon Jenifers shoes, because he doesnt wear any. Jenifer was born without legs, a condition called congenital amputation. Despite growing up in a poor, crime-infested neighborhood just outside Washington, D.C., Jenifer let neither his body, his environment, nor his familys financial hardship deter him from pursuing dreams any two-legged person would have. Those pursuits were limited to wheelchair sports in his first 15 years, but Jenifer dreamed of playing with the rest of society. When his family sacrificed its savings for his safety and moved to a predominantly white, middle-class suburb before his junior year in high school, Jenifer, at the urging of his stepfather, decided to try out for the schools wrestling team. Even though he had never wrestled and had no friends on the team, Jenifer yearned to play a contact sport and was ready for a new challenge. Not only did Jenifer thrive on the mat, he used his wrestling success to assimilate seamlessly into a new community. Classmates were awestruck by Jenifers abilities and independence, and embraced his charming and inviting personality. He quickly became the most popular student in the school. The life of young Trevon Jenifer is a study of determination, and a celebration of achieving overwhelming success in spite of adversity at nearly every turn. Throughout his life, he has accomplished what he has been told he could never do. This is his inspiring storya tale of walking tall against all odds.

From BooklistJenifer finished third in his weight class in Maryland's state high-school wrestling tournament. It's a nice accomplishment, but it wouldn't merit a book except that he was born with no legs to a poor family in a high-crime area of Prince George's County. He walked on his hands and had to avoid both glass and the residue from irresponsible pet owners. Eventually, his mother and stepfather moved to a more rural area and enrolled him in a new virtually all-white school in Huntington. It was there he decided to wrestle. His larger struggle hasn't been athletics but--as with all physically challenged youngsters--to fit in. Wrestling helped, but so did his involvement with student government. Jenifer seems almost as proud of his efforts on the homecoming committee as he does his wrestling successes. He's a down-to-earth young man with aspirations to become involved in the criminal-justice system, and he gratefully acknowledges all those who helped him along the way and seems ready to see what he can accomplish as an adult. It's an inspirational story related humbly and evenhandedly. Wes LukowskyCopyright American Library Association. All rights reservedAbout the AuthorTrevon Jenifer was born in La Plata, Maryland, in 1988, and grew up just outside Washington, D.C. He set numerous national records in wheelchair track events before trying wrestling when his family moved to Huntingtown, Maryland, just before his junior year in high school. After going 17-19 in his first season on varsity, Jenifer went 31-7 as a senior and finished third at the Maryland 4A/3A state tournament. He will attend Edinboro College this fall, and hopes to pursue a career in criminal justice. Alan Goldenbach has been a reporter for The Washington Post since 1999. A 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan, Goldenbach worked for one year at The Press-Enterprise (Riverside, California) before joining The Post. His first story on Trevon Jenifer was named one of the top 10 features of 2005 by the Associated Press Sports Editors. This is his first book. He lives in Bethesda, Maryland, with his wife, Elyse.