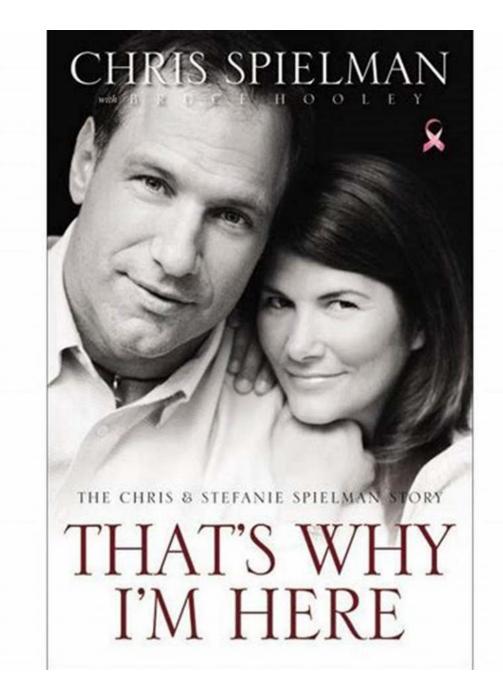
# The Inspiring and Heart-Wrenching Chris And Stefanie Spielman Story

The Triumphs and Trials of Love, Football, and Battling Cancer

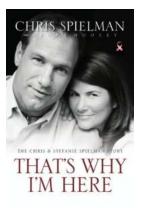


Chris Spielman, the legendary football player who dominated the field with his fierce tackles and intense determination, had to face an opponent far more

formidable than any opposing team he encountered on the football field - Cancer. However, it is not merely the story of cancer, but rather a tale of love, courage, and resilience.

#### The Beginnings of a Legendary Love Story

It all started on the campus of The Ohio State University, where Chris Spielman, a star linebacker, met fellow student Stefanie Belcher. They instantly connected, and their love story began to unfold. Stefanie, with her vivacious energy and sparkling smile, captured Chris's heart.



That's Why I'm Here: The Chris and Stefanie Spielman Story by Chris Spielman (Kindle Edition)

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### The NFL Glory and Heartbreak

Chris Spielman's prowess on the football field led him into the NFL, where he played for the Detroit Lions, Buffalo Bills, and Cleveland Browns. He became a legendary figure, respected by his teammates and admired by his fans.

However, amidst the glory, adversity struck. Stefanie, while supporting Chris's dreams, faced her own difficult moments. She was diagnosed with breast cancer,

setting the stage for a battle that would test their love and their strength.

#### **A Courageous Battle Begins**

As Stefanie courageously fought cancer, undergoing numerous treatments and surgeries, Chris stood by her side, offering unwavering support. Together, they carved a path through the darkness, inspiring countless individuals through their resilience.

#### **Raising Awareness and Making a Difference**

In the midst of their personal battle, Chris and Stefanie Spielman realized the power they possessed to make a difference. They established The Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research, aiming to provide support and raise awareness about this devastating illness.

Through their fundraising efforts and advocacy, they have touched thousands of lives, establishing a lasting legacy of hope and determination.

#### The Spielman Story Continues

While cancer may have forever changed their lives, it did not define them. Stefanie Spielman ultimately lost her battle with cancer in 2009, leaving behind a profound impact on the world and a loving family.

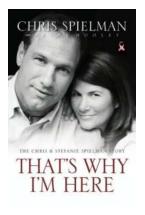
Chris Spielman, however, continues to be a beacon of hope and inspiration. He remarried, started a new family, and has been a tireless advocate for cancer research and support.

#### A Legacy of Love and Resilience

The Chris and Stefanie Spielman story serves as a reminder that even in the face of the greatest challenges, love, resilience, and determination can prevail.

Their story resonates with millions, inspiring them to overcome obstacles, cherish their loved ones, and make a positive impact on the world, no matter how daunting the circumstances may seem.

The Chris and Stefanie Spielman story is one of courage, love, and unwavering determination. It showcases the power of human strength, both on and off the football field. Their legacy lives on, continuing to touch lives and inspire countless individuals to fight against life's adversities.



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Chris Spielman was a high school and Ohio State football legend and a four-time Pro Bowl linebacker, but he didn't tackle his toughest opponent until his playing career was almost over. In 1998 his wife Stefanie was diagnosed with breast cancer, and so began an 11-year journey that brought joy and suffering to the Spielmans, as well as hope and inspiration to thousands of others.

In That's Why I'm Here, Spielman traces his storied career, recalls his courtship of Stefanie Belcher, cherishes the growth of their four children, and invokes the deep spiritual faith that gave their family wisdom and comfort in times of struggle. Though there are plenty of on-the-field tales in the book, it's not just for football fans. It's for people whose lives have been touched by cancer, for people whose own faith has wavered, for people who want to meet a woman of tremendous beauty, grace, and strength.

Though Stefanie passed away on November 19, 2009, her memory and inspiration live on. With laughter and tears, joy and heartbreak, this book lets you know her spirit is still here.

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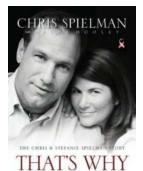
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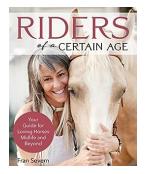
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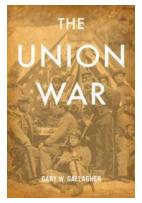
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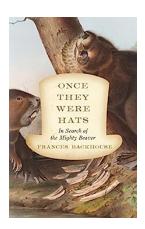
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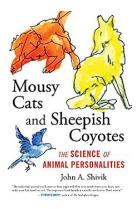
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