

The Summer Called Angel

"In the United States, premature birth is the leading cause of death for newborns. One out of every 8 babies born in Illinois is born prematurely. This can result in early complications and life-long health problems among which are, cerebral palsy, hearing and vision loss and chronic lung disease. As medical science advances, our ability to salvage babies with extreme prematurity improves. These advances come in the form of different ventilators, preventative interventions using medication and new treatment strategies to avoid some complications. Children like Angel reaffirm our dedication to treating the premature infant. I hope readers will connect with Angel's journey and find it a source of inspiration."

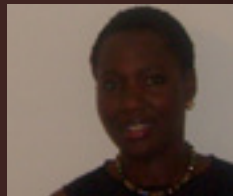
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"My journey to motherhood began with a siren-blaring, lights-flashing fast ride to the emergency room of a specialist hospital. Within a day, everything that I had imagined for the birth of my child changed."

The Summer Called Angel is a poignant recollection of a mother's journey through preeclampsia and prematurity. It explores the life of new parents through trying times of anxiety, hope, helplessness, resolve and triumph.

About the author

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