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"On every page, Sam pulses as bright as the face of a flower in the sun. Through Sam's words, I witnessed her humour, dignity and depth as well as her joy for living."

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"The last time I thought I was dying, I made pickles." So opens Samantha Albert's powerful, tender, and surprisingly humorous memoir of a life lived in the shadow of death.

In this posthumous work, Sam takes readers on the deeply personal journey of a young family with plans and dreams. Everything was going according to plan until a single sentence overturned their world. So began their journey together through her long, debilitating illness.

This is not so much a book about illness as much as it is an answer to the question so many people, throughout their lives, must face: how do we live the life we have, rather than the one we hoped for?

I Met Death on the Avenue Road Bus is an intimate look at love, loss, and the power of choosing kindness in the face of crushing tragedy.

SAMANTHA ALBERT spent the last 22 years of her life learning that when you don't die from a critical illness, you have to live with it; she wasn't sure which was harder. Sam was a graduate with a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the University of British Columbia. Her work has appeared in *The Globe and Mail* and *Edible Toronto*. *I Met Death on the Avenue Road Bus* is Sam's first full-length book. An excerpt was short-listed for the Constance Rooke Creative Nonfiction Prize. Sam and her family lived in Stratford, Ontario. Sam died on April 16, 2021.

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