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Recovery, Hope, and Inspiration

Beaten and blinded by people he once trusted, Belo Cipriani learns to navigate – and conquer – a new world

(SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA) – Imagine if the most severe physical pain and sorrow in your life was inflicted by the people you trusted most. In the spring of 2007, Belo Cipriani was beaten and robbed of his sight at the hands of his childhood friends.

Blind: A Memoir chronicles the two years immediately following the assault. At the age of twenty-six, Belo found himself learning to walk, cook, and date in the dark. Armed with visual memory and his newly developed senses, Belo shows readers what the blind see. He narrates the recondite world of the blind, where microwaves, watches, and computers talk, and where guide dogs guard as well as lead.

About the author: Belo Cipriani writes both creative non-fiction and short fiction across several genres with the help of adaptive technology. To read and edit, he uses a talking computer that runs a screen reader called JAWS and a talking dictionary device called Franklin.

Belo holds a Masters Degree in English with an emphasis in Creative Writing from Notre Dame de Namur University, where he studied under award winning poet Jacqueline Berger and fiction writer Kerry Dolan.

He is heavily involved with the San Francisco literary community and is a member of Litquake, The California Writers Club, and a contributing writer for Bay Area publications. Belo and his guide dog Madge live in San Francisco. Learn more at <http://blindamemoir.com/>.

What they're saying about Blind: A Memoir:

“Belo Cipriani's account of profound loss is both riveting and suspenseful, as we traverse with him into a new world.”

–Amy Tan

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