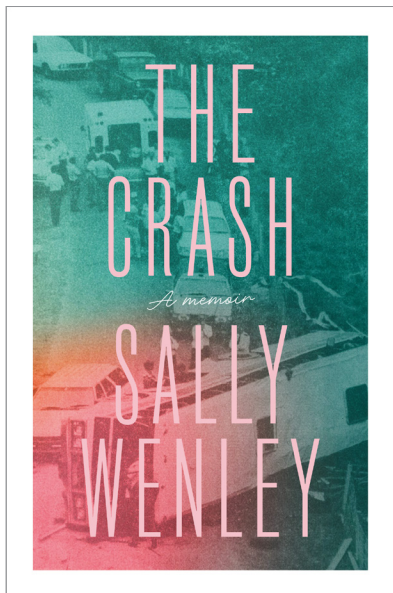




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FACING THE AFTERMATH 40 YEARS ON

In 1987 Sally Wenley was the driven, fun-loving and at times naughty sports prefect of her Hawke's Bay school with everything to live for. When a bus crashed on a school trip, five people were killed and she became a paraplegic, her sporting dreams in tatters.

Now an award-winning radio reporter, in this engaging, uplifting and at times hilarious memoir she looks back at the angry, defiant, risk-taking younger self who used alcohol and arrogance to mask physical pain and trauma. And, for the first time in 40 years, she also looks squarely at the accident.

As she explores what happened, and acknowledges that the bus crash also devastated other lives, she comes to understand why she was so driven to escape the confines of her wheelchair and she counts her blessings.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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SALES POINTS

- An amusing, candid and engaging memoir
- A special insight into the daily struggles of life in a wheelchair but also an inspiring story of pluck and determination