

# One Black Mother's Fight for Her Child's Life and Her Own



## Mama Bear: One Black Mother's Fight for Her Child's Life and Her Own by Raymond S. Edge

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In the face of systemic racism and discrimination, one Black mother fought for her child's life and her own.

Shantel Davis is a Black mother from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 2014, she gave birth to her son, Ian. Ian was born with a rare genetic disorder called spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). SMA is a progressive disease that weakens the muscles, making it difficult to breathe, eat, and move.

When Ian was first diagnosed with SMA, Shantel was told that he would not live past the age of two. However, Shantel refused to give up on her son. She fought for him to get the best possible care, and she became an advocate for other families affected by SMA.

In 2016, Shantel founded the Ian Connor Davis Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides support to families affected by SMA. The foundation also raises awareness of the disease and advocates for better access to treatment.

Shantel's story is a powerful example of the strength and resilience of Black mothers. In the face of adversity, she fought for her child's life and her own. She is an inspiration to all who are fighting for justice and equality.

### **The Challenges of Being a Black Mother**

Black mothers face a number of challenges that white mothers do not. These challenges include:

- Higher rates of poverty and unemployment
- Less access to quality healthcare
- Discrimination in the workplace and housing
- Racial profiling and police brutality

These challenges can make it difficult for Black mothers to provide for their children and to protect them from harm.

### **The Importance of Black Maternal Health**

Black maternal health is a critical issue that affects the lives of Black women and their children. Black women are more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than white women. They are also more likely to have premature births and low birth weight babies.

There are a number of factors that contribute to the disparities in Black maternal health, including:

- Racism and discrimination in the healthcare system
- Lack of access to quality healthcare
- Poverty and unemployment
- Stress and trauma

Improving Black maternal health is essential for the health and well-being of Black women and their children. It is also a matter of racial justice.

### **What Can We Do to Help?**

There are a number of things we can do to help Black mothers and their children. These include:

- Supporting organizations that provide support to Black mothers and families
- Advocating for policies that improve Black maternal health
- Challenging racism and discrimination in the healthcare system
- Educating ourselves about the challenges that Black mothers face

By working together, we can create a more just and equitable world for Black mothers and their children.

### **Mama Bear: One Black Mother's Fight for Her Child's**

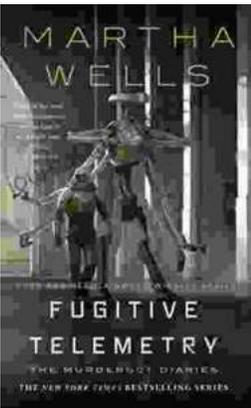
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