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Tsunami Kids Our Journey from Survival to Success

Rob and Paul Forkan

Description

On Boxing day 2004, Rob, Paul, Mattie and Rosie Forkan tragically lost their parents in the Boxing Day Tsunami that devastated Sri Lanka. Aged from 8 to 17, they subsequently faced a harrowing and solitary 200km trek across the decimated country to get home to safety.

The bravery, ingenuity and resilience they displayed was the result of their unusual upbringing. Taken out of school at a young age, they received an unconventional and global education, learning independence and resourcefulness while carrying out voluntary work for charities in India alongside their parents.

In the decade since the tsunami, Rob and Paul have created a multinational brand, Gandys Flip Flops, which was based in the front room of their rented flat and has been endorsed by entrepreneurs including Richard Branson, and set up Orphans for Orphans, a charitable organization that supports children deprived of education, nutrition and medication.

This is a heartbreaking, engaging but ultimately uplifting journey from the streets of Sri Lanka to the boardrooms of London, Downing Street and beyond as told by two inspirational survivors.

Sales Points

- An inspirational story told by two brothers who survived the most devastating natural disaster ever recorded
- Testament to how a fearless approach to life, learned through adversity, helped Rob and Paul to create an extraordinary business, Gandys Flip Flops
- The brothers' award-winning flip-flop company has been endorsed by Richard Branson and David Cameron, as well as numerous celebrities
- Updated with all the latest news on the children's home being established by their charity, Orphans for Orphans
- Includes 8 pages of colour photographs

Reviews

- 'An extraordinary story that'll restore your faith in humanity' - *Daily Mail*
- 'An incredible true story' - *Daily Express*
- 'Remarkable and inspiring... published to mark 10 years since the tsunami' - *The Bookseller*
- 'Honest, humorous and insightful' - *Evening Standard*
- 'The next big thong' - *Independent on Sunday*
- 'Spurred by tragedy to build flip-flop empire that gives something back' - *Financial Times*
- 'A memoir full of sorrow, but also incredible purpose and achievement' - *Huffington Post*
- 'How brothers turned tragedy into triumph' - *The Sun*

Author Biography

Rob and Paul Forkan are the co-founders of Gandys Flip Flops and Orphans for Orphans. They have written their story with the co-operation of younger siblings Mattie and Rosie, who also shared their unimaginable journey.

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