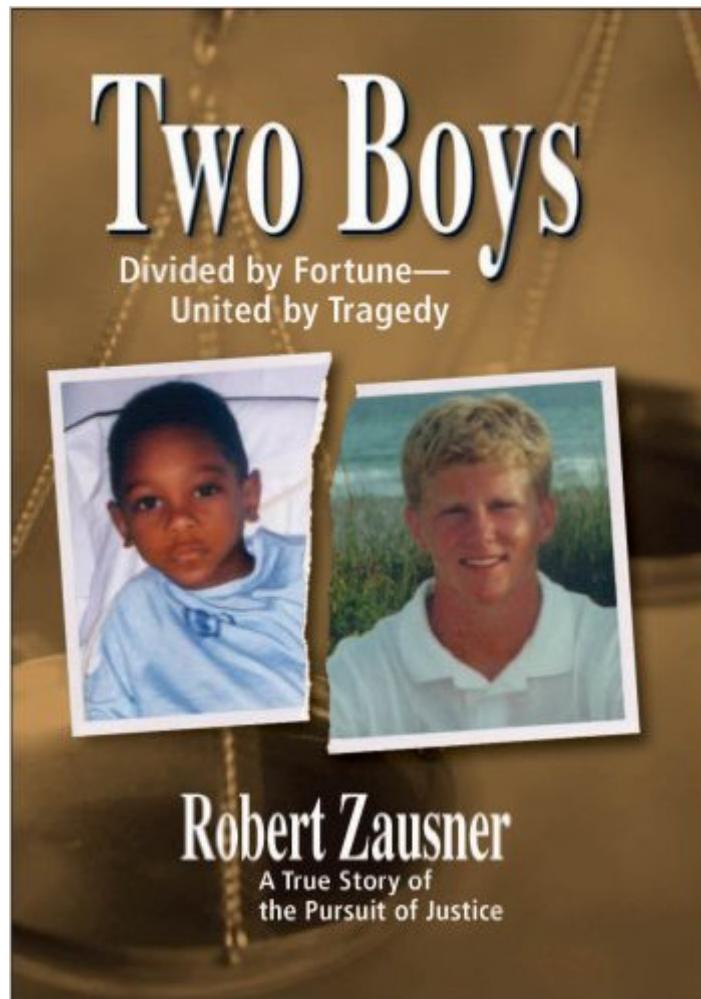


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# Two Boys, Divided By Fortune, United By Tragedy: A True Story Of The Pursuit Of Justice



## Synopsis

They couldn't have been more different one a teenager from affluent suburbia, the other a little kid from the poor part of the city. But John Tucker Mahoney and Shareif Hall would come to share a common experience as random, unsuspecting victims of terrible tragedies. Tucker would be felled by a tiny piece of metal, a BB fired from the powerful, new-generation air rifle he got for his 16th birthday. Shareif, four years old, would be riding a transit system escalator on the day before Thanksgiving, when his brand new Fila shoe would get caught in the contraption's giant metal teeth.. Tucker and Shareif would also share one other thing. The tragedies that befell them were not merely bad luck but the result of wrongful, egregious conduct. Both cases involved bad actors : the manufacturer who sold some 7.5 million defective PowerLine air rifles (and later refused to remove them from circulation), and the transit authority that failed to properly maintain and upgrade its moving stairways. The boys families, powerless to restore health or happiness, could not do much to help Tucker and Shareif. So they did the only other thing they could. They sought justice using the sole remedy available to them the legal system. Partners in the same Philadelphia law firm would represent the families and battle for them against well-known corporate entities: Daisy Manufacturing Company and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), a government-related agency. Both would deny they were at fault, one going so far as to conceal and even fabricate critical evidence. With crisp narration and great fidelity to detail, Robert Zausner tells their harrowing story.

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If you're looking for an uplifting story in a time when the news seems overwhelmingly negative, I highly recommend this book. Day after day, we are bombarded with stories about how Wall Street and corporate America are thriving while the average person on Main Street is struggling. Robert Zausner offers a bit of relief from this narrative as he does an excellent job telling the gripping stories of two very different American families fighting for justice, when the odds are stacked against them. The court room drama makes *Two Boys* a page- turner. Through clear and compelling writing, this book offers an insightful and illuminating view inside our legal system. The author should be applauded for translating two intricate tales into a cohesive, fast paced, enjoyable read. It's refreshing to see that, even in these volatile times, right sometimes wins over might. Take this book to the pool or beach this summer!

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I read the hard copy about a year ago. It is a great read about two families whose children suffered tragic injuries because the wrongdoers (a large corporation and SEPTA) failed to make easy fixes to their products/equipment. It tells how two passionate attorneys fought for justice and eventually succeeded in making the wrongdoers pay - and fix the problems to ensure that more children would not suffer the same fate. It demonstrates that our civil justice system really can work to protect the little people.

This is a well-written and approachable book telling the story of two prominent Philadelphia attorneys' tort cases involving tragic accidents with children. I enjoyed the book most as a case study of how to develop and litigate tort lawsuits. Others may be equally engrossed with the pure drama of the storylines. Highly recommended.

*Two Boys* is a true story of two boys from divergent ways of life and circumstances who are both permanently injured due to little or no fault of their own. One boy, Shareif, from a poor and minority background, has his foot caught in a malperforming escalator, which causes permanent loss of his foot. Another boy, Tucker, from a well- to- do family from upscale background, is accidentally shot by a BB gun in the head which results in hospitalization and permanent brain damage. Both families sue the causers, in the case of the lost foot, the city which is responsible for the maintenance of the escalator. In the case of the BB gun, the manufacturing company which minimized the danger of the BB gun which caused the irreversible injury to Tucker. The only real connection between the "two boys" is that both suffered irreversible damage to their persons and that each family had to seek help in order to obtain their respective causers. Two legal battles ensued, one against a government

entity; the other against a powerful toy manufacturer. After many legal battles both families won their cases. The permanent physical damage done to each boy could never be rectified, but in each case courts found that substantial damage claims would be awarded. The book is a study of excellent research, clear writing, and affirmation of the rule of law. Most likely not possible under any other political system. A first rate and moving story by an excellent author.

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