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DAY 1: JULY 16, 1960

Lindsay is born. The youngest of seven. Lucky Number 7.

WINCHERAUK FAMILY TREE



Mother  
Rebekah  
1915-1987

Father  
Nicholas  
1906-1985

GRANDSON 1 + 7

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<del>Bernice</del>	<del>Sadie</del>	<del>Beverly</del>	James	Donald	Brian	Lindsay W
1938-2016	1938-2021	1948-2016	Apr 17, 1948	Nov 13, 1952	Aug 18, 1956	July 16, 1960
-		m.	m.	m.	p.	<b>Also 1</b>
Son + Brother		<del>Gordon Diduck</del>	Charlotte S.	Naomi M.	David	p.
Lindsay W		1944-2019	-	-	July 21 (?) -	Bubby
July 16, 1960		-	Daughters	Son	-	April 4, 1984
<b>Also 7</b>		Daughters	Robyn	Matthew	Son a.	-
		Shannon	1985	July 22 (?) -	Damion	Daughter
		Jan 24, (?)	m.		June 2 (?)	Hana
		Aimee	Scott Eggen		Daughter a.	June 25, 2011
		Jan 21, (?)	-		Hope	
			Daughter		May 2 (?)	
			<del>Allison</del>			
			1987-2016			

17 JULY 1985

After witnessing Nicholas's battles with Cancer for seven years, the day after turning twenty-five, Lindsay, flanking Rebekah on one side, Brian on the other, watched **THE BIG C** take Nicholas from the family. After Nicholas's final breath, **THE BIG C** exited the hospital room with a smirk on his/its merciless face.

12 DECEMBER 1985

Rebekah battled **THE BIG C** for over a year. On this fiercely cold, windy December day, her struggles ended. One week before, on the steps of the family home, she looked deeply into Lindsay's eyes and said, "I'm never going to be home again, am I?" Lindsay lied, he replied, "Of course, you will."

DECEMBER 1985 → JULY 2003

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The family splintered apart. Lindsay became an outsider.

3 MARCH 2003 → 19 JULY 2003

Issuing two months of life-altering challenges. A relationship breakup + 5 deaths (a young friend's suicide + a friend (cancer) + another friend + his favorite relative, aunt Priscilla + his last uncle). He continued living with his ex, who started bringing home booty calls. Lindsay needed an escape. He needed to renew his passport. He needed to acquire a new Birth Certificate (BC) to complete the process. Two weeks flew by. He phoned vital stats in Alberta, the province of his birth, to inquire about the delay in issuing his BC. "We can't issue you a new BC," a civil servant drably told him. "The information you provided doesn't match our records." He asked, "What do you need from me?" And, dripping in the same dowdiness, his life was turned upside down when the civil servant asked, "Could you phone your parents and ask them who your real parents are?"

**DRIVING IN REVERSE - THE LIFE I ALMOST MISSED**, was born.

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## 2003 → 2004

- He discovers who his real parents are. His mother, his eldest sister, Bernice. His father, a man he didn't know, Elmer.
- He tells his family he knows the truth.
- He hasn't heard from his family since.

## NOVEMBER 2006

On a rain-drenched day, with mid-fall winds howling, Lindsay meets his real father, Elmer; Elmer greets him with open arms for the first time. Two weeks later, Lindsay phones Elmer to tell him Bernice lied on his Birth Record and Elmer wasn't his father.

A local Television Station plans on filming the meeting, but at the last moment cancel because all their camera crews are covering **WINDSTORM 2006**.

GLUE is born.

## NOVEMBER 2006 → 12 MARCH 2009

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Lindsay struggles to find meaning and works with cobbling the missing pieces of his life together. Apart from his niece (cousin) Robyn, his family remains absent.

## 13 MARCH 2009 (FRIDAY)

Lindsay witnesses, Richard Dowrey, a sixty-two-year-old father of two, be punched in the face violently in a local watering hole by Shawn Woodward, a thirty-five-year-old construction worker.

The viciousness of the punch caused Ritchie to collapse, smashing his head on the tiling with a sickening thud echoing through the pub. Lindsay stopped Woodward on the street. Woodward disgustingly kept repeating:

*"He's a faggot. He deserved it."*

Lindsay became a key witness.

The verdict ended being the first **HATE CRIME DESIGNATION** in Canadian Legal History.

Ritchie eventually succumbed to his catastrophic injuries.

## APRIL 2009

Lindsay spoke to a crowd of over 5,000, along with dignitaries, pleading for senseless violence to end.

## EARLY 2010

Lindsay completes the first draft of **GLUE**, setting aside while working on finding a home for **DRIVING IN REVERSE – THE LIFE I ALMOST MISSED** (including countless revisions).

## 7-8 OCTOBER 2016

- Robyn contacts Lindsay to tell him Bernice is critically ill and doesn't have much time left.
- Lindsay travels to Calgary to see Bernice. They hadn't seen each other in 26-years.
- Outside her hospital room, he tries to find the courage to go inside to say "hello" and "goodbye."

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## 5 JANUARY 2018

Lindsay suffers a catastrophic brain event (stroke). If he hadn't gone to the hospital when he did, these words would not be on this page.

He's grateful to have more days.

## 8 MAY 2019

- **DRIVING IN REVERSE – THE LIFE I ALMOST MISSED** lands on the shelves of major booksellers.
- Reader reviews are outstanding.
- He hosts a Book Launch at a major bookstore.
- The launch includes a 25-minute set of stand-up comedy. After all, comedy comes from pain.
- Envision, a bastard child who's faced life-altering family traumas/drama, who has just suffered a life-threatening stroke, performing stand-up. *He killed!*

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8 OCTOBER 2016  
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Lindsay finally finds the courage to enter Bernice's hospital room.

He says, "hello."

He says, "goodbye."

Bernice's last words to him, with her eyes teaming with tears:

*"I am never going to see you again, am I?"*

Lindsay never planned on being a writer – it found him – it is his responsibility to tell stories.

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It is our responsibility collectively to bring light, not darkness – our stories bind us, helping us all feel less alone.

If you check out the cover of **DRIVING IN REVERSE – THE LIFE I ALMOST MISSED**, the little boy (me) is desperately trying to crawl into the picture. He doesn't know the secrets within. When he eventually uncovers and glues some of his life's missing pieces together, he wants everyone to know:

**WE ALL BELONG INSIDE THE FRAME!**

Here's the million-dollar (two million)-dollar question:

When these stories hit the screen: Who'll play Lindsay?

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