

# Rick Hansen

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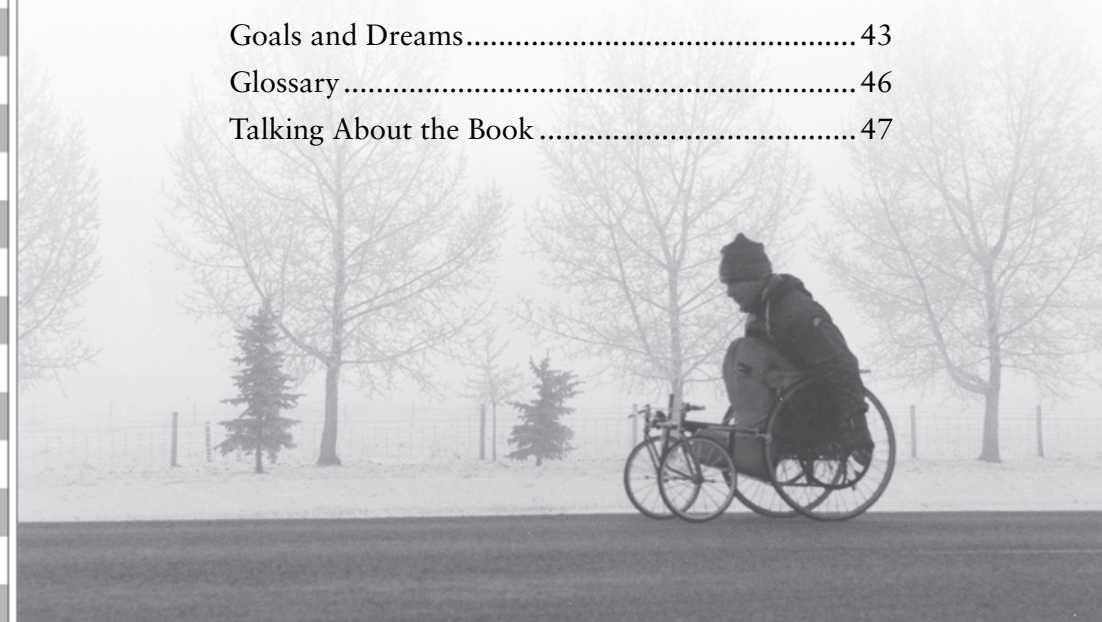
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Rick smiles on his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

# 1973

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Rick is in a hospital. He lies in a bed.  
Rick wants to get out of the bed. He  
wants to walk again. Rick tries to  
move his toes. His toes will not move.  
No matter how hard Rick tries, his  
toes will not move.