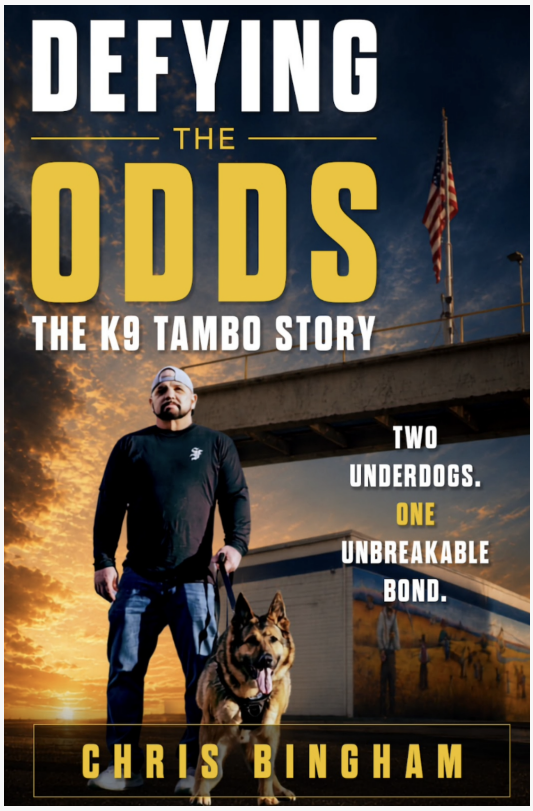
Chris Bingham's Defying the Odds Reaches Amazon Bestseller Status After Global Launch



HAVRE DE GRACE, MD, UNITED STATES, September 21, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Chris Bingham, an author and former K-9 handler, has released his new book, Defying the Odds: The K9 Tambo Story, which reached Amazon bestseller status following its global launch. Published by Game Changer Publishing, the book tells the story of Bingham and his retired working K-9, Tambo, while exploring resilience, redemption, loyalty, loss, forgiveness, and the decision to keep moving forward when the odds, and sometimes the world, tell you to give up.

Bingham spent 17 years working alongside and leading K-9 units during his law-enforcement career, retiring three working dogs. Those experiences shaped his understanding of the bond between handlers and their K-9 partners and became part of the foundation for Defying the Odds.

At the center of the book is Tambo, Bingham's retired K-9 partner, who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and initially given little time to live. Following the diagnosis, Bingham began documenting and sharing their journey online. Their story reached hundreds of thousands of people, drawing attention to the extraordinary bond between working dogs and their handlers, as well as the responsibility that continues long after a K-9 retires from active service.

But Defying the Odds is about far more than Tambo's cancer journey. The book reaches back into Bingham's own life, including the complicated relationship he shared with his father and the generational wounds that remained unresolved for years. Through Tambo, Bingham found an unexpected path back to his father before his father's death, creating an opportunity for reconciliation, forgiveness, and healing that he once believed had been lost.

"This story has always been about more than Tambo's diagnosis," said Bingham. "It is about what happens when life changes without warning, what can be learned through loss, and what it means to keep moving forward when the outcome is uncertain. Tambo did more than stand

beside me. He led me back to my father and helped heal wounds that had existed in my family for generations."

Throughout the book, Bingham draws on his experiences in law enforcement, K-9 service, leadership, fatherhood, loss, and major life transitions. Tambo's story serves as the thread connecting lessons about purpose, loyalty, second chances, and refusing to give up when the odds appear insurmountable.

Defying the Odds also offers insight into the lives of working dogs after their years of active service. Retirement can represent a profound transition for both a K-9 and the handler who served beside that dog. Through Tambo's experience, Bingham provides a deeply personal look at the connection, sacrifice, and responsibility that remain long after the working years have ended.

The book's Amazon bestseller status follows the story's growing reach across social media and other platforms. Bingham and Tambo's journey has reached a national audience and received attention from media outlets, professional sports organizations, podcasts, and online communities.

Chris Bingham is an author, advocate for retired working dogs, and former K-9 handler. He spent 17 years working alongside and leading K-9 units during his law-enforcement career and retired three working dogs. After Tambo was diagnosed with cancer, Bingham began documenting their journey publicly, creating a community centered on perseverance, purpose, and the powerful bond between humans and dogs. He is also the author of the children's book K9 Tambo and writes about leadership, fatherhood, loss, reconciliation, and second chances.

Published by Game Changer Publishing, Defying the Odds: The K9 Tambo Story was released on August 9, 2026, and is available on Amazon.

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