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We have witnessed remarkable progress in both treatment and basic understanding of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes AIDS. And now, a series of discoveries about HIV-infected patients who have successfully fought off AIDS for as long as 20 years are being closely analyzed for clues to the ultimate goal in this fierce scientific battle--a vaccine. NOVA tells the story of Robert Massie, a 43-year old environmental activist and Episcopalian minister whose immune system has somehow kept the HIV virus at bay without drugs. Surviving AIDS brings together the most promising research with compelling human stories of the patients and doctors who are devoting themselves to unraveling one of the most complicated mysteries in scientific history.

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