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I began in a cold dark muddy cell, not knowing how to free myself. Feeling trapped by the coldness within the air, darkness was swallowing me up. In reality I'm a lost soul, no freedom, no happiness and no way of finding peace, I feel like I am in hell itself, with no way out. He left, with no warning at all, at that moment I fell into deep despair, not knowing what to do or where to go. Is there such a thing as a lush green field of freedom, can I find it?

Enjoy the Ride

Throughout history, God has used dreams, visions and the prophetic word to instruct and encourage His people. He still uses these methods to communicate with us today—all we have to do is listen. My Journey is a collection of revelations the Lord has given Linda Walker over the years. Some of these prophetic words offered direction or warning, while others were simply messages of love from the heavenly Father to His beloved child. Although Linda did not immediately understand some of these messages, looking back she can clearly see how God used each word to keep her on the right path. God speaks to each of us in unique ways. We must learn to listen for His voice. My Journey will bless and encourage you to seek God with your whole heart, and get to know Him more intimately each day. God is speaking. Are you listening?

Looking Back from the Sunset Land; Or, People Worth Knowing

Each of us, at some point in our lives, will have a knee bender a devastating event that has happened to you or someone you love that has caused you to fall to your

knees to pray. In *The Ride of Your Life, Faith Will Move You Forward*, Tina Boyd will take you through her personal knee bender and will show you how she turned a tragic experience into a meaningful life lesson. Years of journaling and reflection have helped Tina to develop the "front wheel" model. The front-wheel model will encourage you to move forward and to embrace life, regardless of the challenges you are facing. She utilizes the mechanics of a wheel to guide you through the seven spokes of healing that will lead you down the road of faith towards God's love. Tina shares her deepest thoughts, pain, and spiritual healing to guide you through the blowouts, bumps, and wrong turns along your ride. The wheel concept is a practical guide to show you how to handle each step of your journey: shame, humility, forgiveness, and finally, gratitude. Tina's front-wheel concept with God as the hub of the wheel will help you understand your life's lessons. The rim will help you to understand God's everlasting love and promise of eternal life. Even if you have yet to have a significant blowout or wrong turn along your personal path, using this concept will guide you through the beautiful ride that God intends for you to have.

My Journey Through Breast Cancer

Ilanit was born to be rich, yet she always struggled financially. She became so fed up with being dependant, therefore decided to do something about it. Through working toward self-awareness she realized that her main obstacle to making money was herself, so she worked hard to change her mindset & relationship with & towards money. Her journey has been documented in a private diary, which she shares with the reader. Her deepest thoughts are being brought in a direct, honest, flowing, refreshing & touching way. The methods she used are simple to understand and follow. Ilanit believes that everybody can do the same. She believes that YOU deserve to be rich, and that you were born to be happy. She wishes to encourage you to step up and take action to change your life. Read this book to be inspired.

My Journey

My youngest son, Sam, hands me a DVD converted from a video recording taken years ago. Apprehensive, I slide it into a laptop and watch the scene from my past come to life. After viewing only part of it, he exits to do homework, pauses, and quips, What happened to you, Mom? Time suspends as I search for a reply. Life happened, Sama lot of life. Like your dad dying and you and I ending up with a genetic disorder. Muscle biopsies, spinal taps, surgeries, you know. Crazy stuff happened. He looks my way only somewhat understanding. His seventeen-year-old, senior-in-high-school self tries on my explanation, but it doesnt quite fit. He cant give in so why should I? He continues up the stairs and I stand alone. Alone with the reality that the hard stuff is winning. That I caved under the pressure. That my tall, blond-haired, blue-eyed son knows who I was, compared to who I am.

A ride through Islam: a journey through Persia and Afghanistan to India, viâ Meshed, Herat and Kandahar

My journey is documented in this two-volume book numbers 14th and 15th of my

series “Christianity and the Human Brain”. My journey is a testimony to Lord Jesus who took me by the hand from being a dismal soul to a renown neurosurgeon and anesthesiologist through a dream I had in 1974 with his words: “Son study all these books in my hand and I shall bless you and bless your patients”. Why medicine? Why study the brain and the nervous system? This is the story of my calling, which had a pessimistic reputation among students and doctors at that time. For me, it was a window to experience the Hand of God in man, and I dedicate all that I had to the Human brain and Neuroscience. Nothing since then has been able to detour me from my intense mission and passion which my Lord set before me. As I am a minority Christian in Egypt, a religion persecuted continually, with obstacles unending yet conquered. Doors were shut before my eyes. Unexpectedly, plan “A” was surrendered as the right door opened. Thus, the birth of my divine journey in Medicine and Neuroscience began. Today, 35 years later, I continue to dedicate my life to my Lord, my patients and the residents I mentor. The fulfillment of my joy is when my Almighty helps me to care for my patients and guides my hand in both neurosurgery and the teaching of coming generations. There are many stories and reflections to share with you. Lessons learned in various topics. It is my honor to share with you my journey and my Joy. The two volume books contain 181 chapters, distributed in twenty sections (ten in each volume) covering major highlights in my life journey. In addition to deep reflections from my own life stories in faith and medicine, topics include Jesus, love, patient care, the human brain, neurosurgery, illness, residents, healthcare crises, meditations and memories over four decades. I hope you, the reader, to take the positives of my journey and find it useful to your own journey as a participant sojourning in this world with me. Blessed are those striving early on in their life to serve our Savior Jesus Christ, to him is the glory for ever and ever, Amen.

The Longest Ride

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A grand vision defined: The CEO of Disney, one of Time’s most influential people of 2019, shares the ideas and values he embraced to reinvent one of the most beloved companies in the world and inspire the people who bring the magic to life. Robert Iger became CEO of The Walt Disney Company in 2005, during a difficult time. Competition was more intense than ever and technology was changing faster than at any time in the company’s history. His vision came down to three clear ideas: Recommit to the concept that quality matters, embrace technology instead of fighting it, and think bigger—think global—and turn Disney into a stronger brand in international markets. Twelve years later, Disney is the largest, most respected media company in the world, counting Pixar, Marvel, Lucasfilm, and 21st Century Fox among its properties. Its value is nearly five times what it was when Iger took over, and he is recognized as one of the most innovative and successful CEOs of our era. In *The Ride of a Lifetime*, Robert Iger shares the lessons he’s learned while running Disney and leading its 200,000 employees, and he explores the principles that are necessary for true leadership, including:

- Optimism. Even in the face of difficulty, an optimistic leader will find the path toward the best possible outcome and focus on that, rather than give in to pessimism and blaming.
- Courage. Leaders have to be willing to take risks and place big bets. Fear of failure destroys creativity.
- Decisiveness. All decisions, no matter how difficult, can be made on a timely basis.

Indecisiveness is both wasteful and destructive to morale. • Fairness. Treat people decently, with empathy, and be accessible to them. This book is about the relentless curiosity that has driven Iger for forty-five years, since the day he started as the lowliest studio grunt at ABC. It's also about thoughtfulness and respect, and a decency-over-dollars approach that has become the bedrock of every project and partnership Iger pursues, from a deep friendship with Steve Jobs in his final years to an abiding love of the Star Wars mythology. "The ideas in this book strike me as universal" Iger writes. "Not just to the aspiring CEOs of the world, but to anyone wanting to feel less fearful, more confidently themselves, as they navigate their professional and even personal lives."

The Ride of a Lifetime

Ride The Wind Laughing is an Illustrated autobiographical story describing the mystical events and experiences which contributed in major ways to my building a 51-foot sailboat in the back yard of my mother's home in rural Nova Scotia- an event which began with no money in an effort to test the Laws of Manifestation and prove to myself the efficacy and practical value of my years of spiritual training. Over a period of four and a half years, the boat, named Wind Rider, went from an imagined image, to a pile of lumber, and finally to a very unusual vessel to both live aboard and sail the oceans of the world. I don't, however, recommend the effort as a way to test the Laws Of Manifestation! It was more like a ladder to a fool's paradise when viewed from below, but when viewed from above, the journey itself was the reward. What any gargantuan effort of creativity does for the mind, heart, and body .. It does far more for the soul.

My Journey into the Trinity

"When a man has done what he considers his duty to his people and country, he can rest in peace. I believe I have made that effort and that is why I will sleep for eternity." —Nelson Mandela Words of a man whose story is worthy of his seat in life. There is a secret in these words that is etched deep in our fabric, but remains to be awakened in a gift exclusive to us. Your gift will never be until the stories of your life are stories of people. The risk to the gift is an obsession with the inanimate luxuries and ideas exclusive of people. I found it because my angel chanced upon me when I was dying. He was here because I am here. He was different, but differences have nothing to do with one's seat but rather providence's purpose for us. Like him, I had no choice in my life's package. We had a lifetime's opportunity to share time and space. What we do with such opportunities ultimately reveals our gift and a contentment that closes one's eyes for eternity. This is the story one little boy, who shares your fate, discovered. He is here because you are here.

My Journey

My Journey to Light is a 200 Page Chronology of your Masonic Journey. Record important dates that you received degrees Record Appointments. Record Dates Served in various Bodies, or Committees. Record stories that need to be remembered. Most Importantly, Preserve the History of your Lodge and Personal

Journey for generations to come. \$2.00 from the sale of this book will go to Masonic Widows and Orphans. This Book Covers Blue Lodge, York Rite Bodies and Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Space is also included for appendant bodies as you go through your journey.

My Journey--My Cross

With retirement about to begin and RV traveling planned, author Beth Ana is dealing with sadness that sometimes overwhelms her. She wonders why. "What is wrong with me? I should be so excited and eager for this life to start!" The inner voice of God that has led her for over forty-five years leads her now to return to the journals that were written over her married life. She is impressed with the knowledge that there is where she will find the answers and the help needed to bring her joy back. Not only is she to go back to the past, God also tells her to write the story about this journey. She rebels at that notion, for it means revisiting past hurts and struggles-and who wants to go back there. Plus, she wonders, "Just who would be interested in my life story?" God's reply-"Read the journals." To her surprise, as she begins to start the journey back, she finds that indeed the roots causing her sadness are still buried within. To her added surprise, as she begins her RV travels, the entries of the past connect to the events occurring now, and God uses all to answer a prayer cried out two years into her marriage: "Do something about him; change him, change him like you did St. Paul." God works in wondrous mysterious ways, and just how He changes Beth's life and marriage is well, that is part of your "journey" as you read "My Journey--My Cross."

This Road I Ride

Bringing a message of Hope for living with Alzheimer's Disease "The Extreme Makeover" "The Unlikely Dancer" "Just Believe In One More Day" Promoting early diagnosis: Treatment with Meds, Coupled with Ballroom Dancing To rehabilitate the mind and body Diagnosed with Alzheimer's at age 53, Everyday I fight a battle to still be me. A battle wages within - a silent predator - The thief of my mind, memory, and me. I am a voice that needs to be heard - A mind that needs to be understood - A disease that needs explanation a cure! "Dancing is Life" states Tony Dovolani - "This is a quote that is a direct parallel to life. It rejuvenates us, keeps us sound, keeps us creating, instead of dying." - quote - Tony Dovolani of Dancing with the Stars World Rhythm Champion Traveling through the Valley of the Shadow of Death - When you hear you are dying, you feel yourself disappearing - just fading away - "There is a Time to Dance!" "God Changed My Mourning into Dancing!" Ballroom Dancing - the Missing Link in My Rehabilitation. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength -they shall mount up with wings as eagles" "When You See a Single Bird Soar in Flight - Remember Me!" Living in My Shadow records my personal journals, celebrating my real life with Alzheimer's Disease from 1999 to the present. I want my writings to reflect the Hope I have in my Heavenly Father's plans for me, reflecting His sustaining companionship on this my journey living with Alzheimer's.

My Journey to Light

Enter the world and mind of a young man who lives with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a fatal genetic neuromuscular disorder that he battles with his incredible sense of humor, warm heart, and awe-inspiring passion for life. Calling this the master's thesis he never wrote, Josh Winheld's self reflection and candor teaches us all valuable life lessons. Find out why Worth the Ride is well worth a read. All proceeds from this book will go directly to Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, which works to improve the treatment, quality of life, and long-term outlook for all individuals affected by Duchenne muscular dystrophy through research, advocacy, education, and compassion.

Two Thousand Miles' Ride Through the Argentine Provinces

I was diagnosed with Crohn's disease in 2009. After a series of life altering events, I am able to write this book, in hopes of bringing awareness to Crohn's from a patient's perspective. I was told it would not change my life. Little did I know it would take me on a journey many have said they were uncertain if they could survive. Everything I based my life on was questioned by this disease. Love, hope, faith, trust and family. I hope this book will give you an understanding of Crohn's disease and the many issues that may stem from it.

My Journey with Crohn's

The REAL RIDE by Lisa Worrell-Whittle is a real ride indeed! If you are human, if you value victory through loss, joy over disappointment, love beyond betrayal, forgiveness over anger, this book will not disappoint! This is a remarkable journey into the world of one remarkable woman" a horsewoman, an entrepreneur, artist, the granddaughter of a beloved pastor, a daughter/wife/mother/friend. Her story is direct and personal. Born and raised in a small town in Virginia, Lisa has what my grandmother called "pluck." She does not shy away from living, not from life's challenges, heartaches or hard work. She is always getting back up and in the saddle with true female grit, humor, and love. Lisa weaves her life story from the present to the past and back again, always tying her life lessons together in a humorous knot of love. You will feel like she is sharing her wisdom from across the kitchen table. Within the first chapter, the ride begins with a triumphant win with her champion horse, Mark, then Lisa witnesses his tragic death just days before she closed the deal to sell her trophy-winning stallion. It was a sale which would set her up financially for the rest of her life. Lisa and Mark had a remarkable ride in which Lisa solidly established herself as a high-quality horsewoman. She was 100% devoted to Mark, and if you have ever loved an animal, it is easy to imagine the intense love Lisa felt for her beautiful horse. Her raw pain will break your heart wide open. After the rough ride of Mark's death, her journey weaves back to a tragic event in her twenties and through more recent struggles. You will join her on the ride of relationships: mother to daughter, husband to wife, friend to friend, church to true fellowship. We witness love and loss, betrayal and forgiveness, distrust restored to trust and on to self-empowerment. In all her relationships, you get to know a champion and a woman of passion with tremendous humor. You will wish to be her friend and you will find yourself thinking, if this woman found her power, I can too. Incredibly inspiring and entertaining. A very hard book to put down.

Train I Ride

The journey through life of a man born Black and poor in Greenwich, CT in 1933 is reflected upon in detail. Circumstances exposed him to opportunities to build bridges between the races, make history and change the what is to what ought to be during almost eight decades. His insights, opinions and anecdotes are readable, entertaining and offer nourishing food for thought. An important journey in America and well worth taking.

This Road I Ride: Sometimes It Takes Losing Everything to Find Yourself

You were called to be dangerous, not desperate. Connie Jakab is a force to be reckoned with. She will settle for nothing less than wholesale change—both in the way women view themselves as well as the way society suppresses their life transforming capacities. Long may her cultural rebellion last! –Alan Hirsch Author, Activist, Dreamer, and Honorary Member of the Sisterhood "Jakab had me at 'Visa bill as heart monitor'! Connie Jakab has allowed her eyes to be opened to the captivating lure of culture, and in this book your eyes will be opened as well. Warning: Don't read it if you have no intention of being challenged or changed. This journey is for the brave of heart!" –Margot Starbuck Author of The Girl in the Orange Dress, Unsqueezed and Small Things With Great Love Culture Rebel is a high-spirited and unapologetically no nonsense read. With personal story, humor, and poignant insight, Jakab reminds us all to rebel -- to throw off the tyranny of opinion of the world and fearlessly be who we are made to be. –Shayne Moore, author Global Soccer Mom and Refuse To Nothing

Worth the Ride

This book is a collection of inspirational short stories that Ive written to share with you. Each story shares an emotional experience that will take not only inspire you but also encourage you that no matter the shape, size or form, true love still exists.

Living in My Shadow, My Journey with Alzheimer's

Is truth real? How do you define truth? What happens when your definition of truth is not the same as your best friend's? Or your parents'? Whose truth becomes the real truth? See a problem? The culture says truth can change. God's Word says Truth is solid. In My Name is Erin: One Girls Journey to Discover Truth you will be guided by Erin to learn Truth is not defined by your circumstances, your heart, or your mind Truth can be discovered – not created How to protect yourself and your friends with Truth Lies that masquerade as Truth How to make invisible spy ink This book is one in a series of four books, which can be read in any order. They are: My Name is Erin: One Girl's Journey to Discover Who She Is My Name is Erin: One Girl's Plan for Radical Faith My Name is Erin: One Girl's Mission to Make a Difference

My Journey Through Life

Back Cover Oh, may all my family who come behind me, find me faithful; May the fire of my devotion light their way; May the journey of my life lead them to believe; And the life I have lived inspire them to obey Christ.

Notes from My Journey

A beautifully poignant debut perfect for fans of authors such as Rebecca Stead and Sharon Creech and books like Ali Benjamin's *The Thing About Jellyfish*. When Rydr travels by train from Los Angeles to Chicago, she learns along the way that she can find family wherever she is. Rydr is on a train heading east, leaving California, where her grandma can't take care of her anymore, and traveling to Chicago, to live with an unknown relative. She brings with her a backpack, memories both happy and sad, and a box, containing something very important. As Rydr meets her fellow passengers and learns their stories, her own story begins to emerge. It's one of sadness and heartache, and one Rydr would sometimes like to forget. But as much as Rydr may want to run away from her past, on the train she finds that hope and forgiveness are all around her, and most importantly, within her, if she's willing to look for it.

My Journey

The Ride of Your Life

Culture Rebel

Ride the Wind Laughing

Eve Preste, aka Eve Dolansky grew up in a small town in Appleton, New York on a large fruit farm. She went to college at Niagara University and Buffalo State College to study journalism. After meeting her first husband, she moved to Florida and had two daughters, Alexis and Sierra. She then, embarked on a 20 year journey in the financial industry. At 45, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Journaling became her vehicle of deliverance from a bottomless abyss. Writing in her journal allowed a to spend time and make some sense of this surreal dream. By exploring deep within her, she began to develop clarity in the midst of a storm. After yielding to the higher power, it helped her welcome the beauty of the entire situation. As Dr. Wayne Dyer says: "When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." Perfect health is balanced by a life threatening disease. Once an equilibrium is maintained, we can understand that opposites are joined together. When suffering comes our way, it is how we respond to it that determines who we become. It was her choice to make a calamity or true gift out of her illness. Rather than lamenting, Eve chose to be grateful for each sunrise, sunset person and circumstance in her life. After being diagnosed with breast cancer, Eve embarked on a new journey of wellness. She hopes to establish a wellness center to help people balance their mind body and spirit. One major event can turn one's life around for the better: we hold true to the saying, "Things

happen for a reason."

A Ride to Khiva: Travels and Adventures in Central Asia

Excitement of Triune truth is matched by excitement of telling about Gods eternal evangelizing of me. Gods pursuit makes the common, such as the following, become a base for exciting, uncommon studies and results. Medora Junction, between small town and campus, promised changes. Shared moments of people-watching with Dad from the drug store door step, spoke of grandeur in persons. Defeated faces of two African American corporals, haunted my social concerns. Moms rocking chair rhythm of gospel singing, rocked gospels into me. Boyhood railroad adventures helped recognize adventure in theological insight. Value of professional skill was seen in Dad behind the drug store prescription screen. A summer evening walk through Medora heard feet moving to varying rhythms of gospel singing. Church bells told of the sound of Gods welcoming grace. Such common experiences support uncommon, disciplined, entertaining and exciting scholarship of professors, who presented theology of the familial, in-history, personal, relational GodFather, Son, and Holy Spirit. Their mutuality unified the workings with the natural order that provided for my coming to be, gave saving words and promises of Jesus Christ and, through the Spirit, sustained me in the present and the future these three in perfect concert evangelized me. An exciting story to tell.

A Roller Coaster Through a Hurricane

The REAL RIDE

My Name is Erin: One Girl's Journey to Discover Truth

Through humor, whimsical story-telling and spiritual insight Joseph Fehlen shares his journey of becoming a motorcyclist at the age of 34. A man with a family, career, and perfectly normal life gets permission from his mom and wife, trades in his car for a motorcycle and begins an adventure that teaches him lessons about life, faith and what really matters most. Ride On is filled with a whole cast of endearing characters complemented by the intricacies of the motorcycle culture. In a garage logic sort of way, Joseph interweaves the lessons he learned with those Jesus modeled, creating a tapestry of learning opportunities for the reader. With uncanny clarity these real life situations will assist even those who have never ridden a motorcycle, or even plan to experience one of life's greatest joys. Come and join him as you ride on! Keywords: Zen and the art of motorcycle maintenance, Motorcycle club, Motorcycle adventure, motorcycle man, motorcycle diaries, motorcycle travel, motorcycle books, motorcycle Jesus,

Ride On

Once in awhile you get more than you deserve in life. Some call it luck and some may call it a blessing. You will get more than your moneys worth in this exciting

vast array of topics covered in Notes From My Journey. These short stories cover romance, courage, faith, self help and so much more. You will be doing yourself a disservice if you allow this specially prepared handy work go unread. The author guarantees you thought provoking insight after reading this book. This book is no less than a brave and truthful look at subject matters that are vital for everyday living. Get ready to be challenged and uplifted all because of one simple but very important word which is love.

My Journey Through Life

The Great Undoing and My Journey Home

Greg Eilers was at the center of privilege: a respected minister in a conservative church, a middle-class male in a rural community, a family man with a wife and kids. But he harbored a deep secret--a lifetime of questioning his gender identity. In 2013, the questioning had morphed into crushing gender dysphoria, and Eilers found himself in a battle to save his life and sanity. He also found himself in a conundrum: gender identity issues don't fit with a traditional life and conservative values. How could a man who followed all the rules, and made the church his life's work, be transgender? In 2015, Eilers transitioned to female to resolve the internal struggle. The road to inner peace, though, was rife with sacrifices. Transitioning took him from the job he loved, put his relationships to the test, and cast him to the margins of society. Scorn replaced privilege. Then, 2018 brought a development just as confounding as 2013's struggle, and Eilers faced yet another transition. Through it all Eilers held firm to his faith, and found room in the Gospel for an outcast such as himself. He resolved to speak out--to share his story so others would know they're not alone, and to speak up--to educate the public about transgender and bring dignity to a highly misunderstood group of people. A Roller Coaster Through a Hurricane is a memoir, a unique transgender experience, and an inspiration to the Christian church to lovingly minister to transgender persons.

My Journey Through Homelessness

Emilio Scotto recounts his adventure-packed, world-record, decade-long motorcycle journey through virtually every country in the world.

Elements of Composition for Secondary Schools

My Journey from a Dependent Mommy to an Independent Lady: Get the Right Mindset to Make Money, Create Wealth & Set Free Diary -

In December 2012, Juliana Buhning became the first woman to circumnavigate the world by bicycle. With only a few months of training and little sponsorship, support or money she left from Naples on 23 July 2012 to cycle the world. Raised in a religious cult as a child, Juliana finally broke away as a young adult and found her soul mate - an explorer seeking the source of unmapped rivers in Africa. When he

was killed by a crocodile, her world went dark. To escape her grief, she decided to set herself a challenge. Having never seriously ridden a bike, she set out to ride around the world. 18,000 miles, 152 days, 4 continents, 19 countries, 29 punctures, 6 big mountains, 1 desert and a cyclone later, she made it back just days before Christmas with a Guinness World Record. Empowering, inspiring, often humorous, This Road I Ride is testimony to the power of sheer will to overcome any obstacle. Discover a true story of adventure, blood, sweat and gears.

A Ride to Khiva

It is 1875, the time of the 'Great Game', when the British and Russian Empires are vying for power in central Asia. Great Britain learns of Russia's plans to annex India, the 'jewel in the crown' of the Empire. A British officer rides for Khiva, a Russian city closed to European travelers. He is on a dangerous mission, to learn if this remote and dangerous oasis is about to be used as a springboard for the Russian invasion of India. Captain Frederick Burnaby ballooned across the English Channel, traveled in Spain and Russia, and was wounded, and eventually killed, fighting for Britain's empire. This account of his perilous journey to Khiva, published in 1876 and immediately reprinted, brought him instant fame.

Loving Perfectly in an Imperfect World - My Journey Thru Your Eyes

In this anthology of life narratives, we share our unique stories about becoming homeless, the things we experienced while we were homeless, and our hopes and dreams for the future. All of us have experienced some form of extreme trauma such as serious physical or sexual assault, witnessing severe injury or death, being involved in a life-threatening accident, or having combat experience in a war zone. Many of us have turned to alcohol and drugs to help blunt the effects of these experiences. It is our hope that the real story will help people come to understand and appreciate that being homeless is a condition, not a choice.

Would you please close my eyes?

With a grateful heart Shirley returned to an active life after her recovery from breast cancer. Her collection of stories and poetry represent two years of journaling and spiritual growth. A rhythm of life is found in her writing where courage, faith, and joy abound. Beyond her cancer reflections, she shares memories of her childhood and married life in Iowa and her recent move to Montana. She takes you from the prairies to sheep pastures to mountaintop experiences. Her love for biking, hiking, skiing, and scuba diving give you energy to explore your path. As an artist, Shirley paints pictures in her writing that help you relate to the wonder of God's creation. Throughout, you will be lifted by the experiences that she shares of her life, family, friends, and God. She hopes this story of survival and joy will encourage and strengthen her readers. The poems and stories are short and easy to read. Shirley, her husband Bob and their cat Bunny now live in the beautiful state of Montana.

A Journey Worth Taking

Success is not a thing you acquire or achieve, it is a journey you take your whole life. With a compelling challenge to "Check Your Passion," this book ignites people's ability to choose what they do, why they do it, and who they do it with. 'Enjoy the Ride' enables readers to identify their dreams and puts genuine success within their reach. Success is not limited to those with financial resources or talents. By reading this book, you will learn practical principles to put you on the road to success.

My Journey

This Road I Ride is the remarkable story of one woman's solo journey around the world by bicycle. Juliana Buhring had been mired in a dark hole of depression after the death of a man she loved, and when an acquaintance suggested they honor his memory by biking across Canada, she thought, "Canada? Why not the world?" And why not alone. She had never seriously ridden a bicycle before. She had no athletic experience or corporate sponsorship, but with just eight months of preparation, Juliana Buhring departed from Naples, Italy, in July 2012 aiming to become the first woman to circumnavigate the globe. She set out believing she might not ever return, but that she had nothing to lose. Over 152 days, Juliana's ride spanned four continents and 18,060 miles. She traversed small-town and big-mountain America, Australian desert expanses, South Asian rainforests and villages, and Turkish plains. She suffered innumerable breakdowns, severe food poisoning, hostile pursuers, and the international longing for a good Italian espresso. When she crossed the finish line into Naples before the end of the year, she officially became the fastest woman to cycle the world (beating prior men's records, to boot). Accomplishing what she never thought she could, buoyed by the outpouring of support from friends and strangers, Juliana rediscovered herself. In the process she proved that there are no extraordinary people—there are only people who decide to do extraordinary things.

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