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dedicated to

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This book is a collection of insight, compiled from cards sent to me from my dad during my four years of college. Upon receipt, each card was met with a knowing smile, and the contents always brought a laugh and an amused shake of the head. As I created this book, my dad's reflections and advice got second and third and fourth reads. I began to appreciate his words not only for their meaning, but also for his desire to share them with me.

Thank you, Dad, and Happy Father's Day.



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**quest**/ions

if/then :: go/deep :: get/real



## if/then

If everything that goes around comes around,  
then why not go around twice?

If all that should be will be,  
and who you will be must be,  
then what's that on the flower?  
A bee!

If a clock's hands turn  
and there's no one there to witness it,  
does time really go by?

If tomorrow never comes  
and you live each day as if it were your last,  
then will your last day ever happen?

If you drive a John Deere tractor backward,  
are you then riding/writing  
a Dear John letter?

If a man is alone in the woods and speaking,  
is he still wrong?

think about it

go/deep

How does the first cow know it's time to lay down?

To give thanks and to receive thanks  
is to be thankful.

But is it at all the thanks  
that we are really looking for,  
or is it the giving of thanks  
that we are most thankful of?

Something is nothing to someone,  
and nothing is someone to who?

What might have been the eternal question?

Is forever only a state of mind?

## get/real

Centrifugal force:  
what's the real pull?  
Get dizzy on it!

Photosynthesis:  
what really happens to the UV rays?

Alternate side of the street parking:  
what's the real story?

Daylight saving:  
what's the real story?



**persp**/ective  
new/look :: getting/there :: spin/cycle



## new/look

The leader of the race  
does not always have the best view.

The clearest eye can only see  
what the mind allows it to.  
See clearly now!

Peace  
is just a circle with lines inside.

If mountain ranges didn't have valleys,  
then the peaks wouldn't be so grand.

Be thankful for all the small blessings in life,  
and the big problems aren't so bad.

The closer you get to the tree,  
the smaller the problem may seem.

think about it

## getting/there

The shortest distance between two points  
may be a straight line,  
but the scenic route  
may be the preferable one.

A winding road is only winding  
to those who don't know the way.

Having direction is more important  
than knowing the way to get there.

If the road to success was paved,  
then we wouldn't have hiking boots.  
Walk on!

You're never really pushed to your limits  
until the feeling you receive in the end  
is stronger than the pain it took to get there.

Sometimes you must remember  
where you came from  
to know where you're going.

## spin/cycle

What really matters in life  
all depends on who you ask.

The unknown to some is a mystery to others.

Peace to some is turmoil to others.

Experience to the weak is advice to others.

When you're alone, you may not be by yourself.

Truth is only true if you believe it.

It's what others say about you  
that you never hear  
that matters the most.

think about it

The sharpest tool in the shed  
is not always the most needed.

Character is built when you have no audience.

Lost is not being found.

All is not lost if what is lost is not wanted.

The key to your success  
may not be the lock  
but the person turning the key.  
Unlock your mind and think about it!

What matters most  
is the stuff that you don't have to do,  
but you do anyway!

What may be  
will never be  
if what you be  
is not meant to be!

There are no losers in effort.  
Try, you'll see!

Understanding is the larger part of forgiving.

Character is built when you least expect it.

It's not the goal that's important;  
it's having one.

Success is only successful  
if you have the time to enjoy it.

Wisdom can't be taught;  
it has to be lived.

If what goes around comes around,  
then just pull up a comfortable chair  
and have a cool drink.



**tick**/tock

the/essence :: yester/day :: to/day :: to/morrow :: what/if?



## the/essence

Time will wait for no woman,  
and no woman can wait for a good time.

Looks will fade in time,  
but the true heart will never.

Time well spent is all we can ask for,  
so spend yours on what matters most.

Take time to control time  
and to do as you may with it.

Take time not to lose time,  
so time will be your friend.

You can make the time or lose the time.  
You can forget the time or need more time.  
You can find the time and see ya next time!  
Then what is this magical thing called time?

Never make the final decision on one day's emotion.

think about it

## yester/day

Memories are treasures  
to be revisited  
from time to time.

If you don't live memories,  
you'll never have them.

Youth should be savored,  
not rushed through.

The past is too important  
not to make it part of your future.

If there were no yesterdays,  
there would be no tomorrows.

## to/day

Today  
is just a day  
stuck between yesterday and tomorrow.

Be thankful  
for the way things are today,  
because they may change tomorrow.

You'll never be as young  
as you are today.  
Live on it!

Every day is just another page  
in your personal history book.

think about it

## to/morrow

Every day is just another step  
into your future.

If you don't try  
to determine your future,  
the one you get may not be  
the one you want.

Don't put off what you can do today  
until tomorrow,  
because there will be more  
to do again tomorrow.

Never get too old  
not to have valued your youth.

You must always move forward  
to keep up with your past.  
Get going!

## what/if?

You never made the train.  
You took odds instead of evens.  
You made a left not a right.  
You took the stairs and not the elevator.  
You took the next plane.  
You took heads and not tails.  
You were last and not first.  
You waited for the last boat.  
You took Curtain B and not A.  
You went back for just one more.  
If is a two-letter word that can hold consequences,  
great and small!



**inalienable**/rights

life/line :: heart/beat :: happy/ness



## life/line

Life is a bowl full of adventures.  
Fill yours to the top!

Life is what goes by while making plans.

Life is too short to just do the minimum.

Life is like a football game.  
Sometimes you get tackled, tripped and piled up on.  
But you must get up and keep playing the game.  
Play on!

A long life is very important,  
but what you do with it is even more.

See all there is in life,  
and imagine the rest.

There's always an "if" in the middle of life.

think about it

## heart/beat

Whichever state I'm in,  
you're in my state of mind.

All long and winding roads  
will lead you back to me.

Friendships are too important  
to wait on the sidelines.

Having old friends keeps the heart young.

Hold on to others,  
as they may have to hold you someday.

## happy/ness

Happiness is just a way of thinking.

If you enjoy each day of living,  
in the end life would have been a true joy.

Unlock your heart,  
and the chains of happiness  
will be yours forever.  
Use the key!

True pleasure is wished for by all  
but achieved by few.

Happiness  
is just an “h” with an “a” and a pair of “p’s”  
and a few other letters thrown in there.  
Spell out your own happiness!



**mixed**/bag

true/that :: beauty/full ::cash/money



## true/that

Being different to be yourself  
takes a strong person.  
Always have the strength to be you.

Go as you may and do what you do.  
Be who are you are and what that might be.  
Find out what there is and make what there's not.  
It's up to you as you make right.

think about it

## beauty/full

Dreams  
are what we wake up  
each morning for.

The sunrise is just the start of what might be.

Imagination is only half the beauty.

Nobody ever had a rainbow  
without rain first.  
Color your world!

## cash/money

The thickness of a man's wallet  
does not determine his wealth.

Wealth is what you value.

Money may fill the wallet  
but not the heart.

The success of a person  
is not always measured by their bank account,  
but by their family and friends surrounding them.



**blank/it!**  
exclam/ation ::



## exclam/ation

Success is just happiness, confidence and desire  
all shaken up and poured over ice  
with the little umbrella.  
Drink about it!

Without struggle there is no strength.  
Get pumped about it!

The world is a handful of clay.  
Mold it as you want to see it.  
Be crafty about it!

If you never stray from the beaten path,  
true discoveries will be few.  
Explore it!

Let the sun melt the snow,  
as the flowers will be here soon.  
Liquidate on it!

think about it

The big picture  
can be taken with a Polaroid camera.  
Focus on it!

If only diamonds shined,  
it would be a very dreary world.  
Shine on it!

Give the time  
to make the time  
to have the time  
to use the time  
to be the time  
any old time.  
Count on it!

