

Up From The Cotton Fields

Introduction

Growing up in rural America during the Great Depression was not easy. My family was poor, and my parents struggled to make ends meet. We lived in a small house with no running water or electricity. I remember going to school in the winter and having to wear my coat and gloves inside because the schoolhouse was so cold.

Despite the challenges I faced, I had a happy childhood. I loved playing with my friends and exploring the woods behind our house. I also loved going to church on Sundays and singing in the choir.

When I was 16, I left home to join the military. I served my country for four years and saw combat in World War II. After the war, I returned home and used my GI

Bill to go to college. I graduated with a degree in business and went on to have a successful career.

I am now retired and living in a small town in Florida. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, and I am active in my community. I am grateful for the life I have lived and for the opportunities I have been given.

I wrote this book to share my story with others. I hope that my story will inspire others to overcome challenges and achieve their dreams. I also hope that my story will help others to appreciate the importance of family, community, and service.

I believe that everyone has a story to tell. Our stories are what make us who we are. They are our legacy. I encourage you to share your story with others. You never know who you might inspire.

I hope you enjoy reading my book. Thank you for taking the time to read my story.

Book Description

Up From the Cotton Fields is the autobiography of Pasquale De Marco, a man who grew up in rural America during the Great Depression. Despite the challenges he faced, he went on to have a successful career and a happy life.

Pasquale De Marco was born in a small town in Mississippi in 1929. His parents were sharecroppers, and they struggled to make ends meet. Pasquale De Marco and his siblings often went hungry, and they had to wear clothes that were handed down from their older cousins.

Despite the poverty, Pasquale De Marco had a happy childhood. He loved playing with his friends and exploring the woods behind his house. He also loved going to church on Sundays and singing in the choir.

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Up From the Cotton Fields is a story of hope and inspiration. It is a story about a man who overcame challenges and achieved his dreams. It is a story that will resonate with anyone who has ever faced adversity.

In **Up From the Cotton Fields**, Pasquale De Marco shares his insights on life, faith, and the importance of giving back to the community. He also shares his thoughts on the challenges facing America today and what we can do to overcome them.

Up From the Cotton Fields is a book that will make you laugh, cry, and think. It is a book that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

Chapter 1: The Early Years

Growing up in poverty

Growing up in poverty was not easy. My family lived in a small house in a poor neighborhood. We didn't have much money, and we often had to go without things that other families took for granted.

I remember one time when I was in elementary school, I was so excited to go on a field trip to the zoo. But when the day came, I didn't have any money to pay for the bus fare. I was so disappointed that I had to stay home while my classmates went on the trip.

Another time, I was in high school and I wanted to try out for the football team. But I didn't have any money to buy cleats or a helmet. I was so embarrassed that I couldn't try out, and I felt like I was letting my team down.

Growing up in poverty taught me a lot about the value of hard work and determination. I learned that if I

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wanted something, I had to go out and earn it. I also learned that there are people in this world who are less fortunate than me, and that I should always be grateful for what I have.

I am now an adult, and I am grateful for the life that I have. I have a good job, a loving family, and a comfortable home. But I will never forget the lessons that I learned growing up in poverty. Those lessons have made me the person I am today, and I am proud of the person that I have become.

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The Great Depression

The Great Depression was the worst economic downturn in the history of the United States. It began in 1929 and lasted for over a decade. Millions of Americans lost their jobs, homes, and savings. The Great Depression had a profound impact on the lives of everyone in the country.

My family was one of the many who were affected by the Great Depression. My father lost his job, and we were forced to move to a smaller house. We had to sell most of our belongings, and we often went hungry. I remember going to school in the winter and having to wear my coat and gloves inside because the schoolhouse was so cold.

Despite the challenges we faced, my family remained close. We relied on each other for support, and we helped our neighbors whenever we could. I learned the

importance of family during the Great Depression. I also learned the importance of community.

The Great Depression was a difficult time, but it also taught me valuable lessons. I learned the importance of perseverance, resilience, and compassion. I also learned that even in the darkest of times, there is always hope.

The Great Depression ended in 1941 with the outbreak of World War II. The war helped to create jobs and stimulate the economy. However, the Great Depression left a lasting impact on the United States. It changed the way people thought about the economy and the role of government. It also led to the creation of new social programs, such as Social Security and unemployment insurance.

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My parents' struggles

My parents were both born into poverty in the rural South. They met and married young, and started a family. My father worked as a sharecropper, and my mother worked as a maid. They struggled to make ends meet, and often had to go without food or clothing.

Despite their struggles, my parents were determined to give their children a better life. They worked hard and saved their money, and eventually were able to buy a small farm. They raised their children in a loving and supportive home, and instilled in them the importance of education and hard work.

My parents' struggles taught me the value of perseverance and determination. They showed me that anything is possible if you are willing to work hard and never give up. I am grateful for the sacrifices they made for me, and I am proud to be their son.

My father was a strong and hardworking man. He was determined to provide for his family, even when times were tough. He worked long hours in the fields, and often had to take on additional jobs to make ends meet.

My mother was a kind and loving woman. She was always there for her family, and always put their needs before her own. She worked hard to keep our home clean and comfortable, and always made sure that we had food on the table.

My parents were both role models for me. They showed me the importance of hard work, determination, and perseverance. They also taught me the importance of family and community. I am grateful for the lessons they taught me, and I am proud to be their son.

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