

# MY BOOK, MY LIFE, MY STORY

*A personal memento of your life; a wonderful gift for your family!*

Here is a great opportunity to get a booklet published of your own life stories! It could include experiences over many years, photos, exhibits and examples of personal memorabilia.

Just think of the pride that you could have in giving your own 'This is My Life' booklet to family members, grandchildren and friends. The title can be anything that you'd like, and I always have suggestions for you to consider as well.



It's really quite easy to get your life's adventures into a book! I can make that happen for you, as I am a very experienced writer with a long track record of publications, backed up by countless accolades from grateful people.

This special project is designed to be a loving tribute to someone special in the family. It would make a wonderful gift – for example, families could facilitate arrangements and payment to senior family members for Christmas, birthday, or any occasion.

Renowned writer, journalist and cyclist, Keith Dunstan, wrote the Foreword to my book, *On Your Bike, Son!* just a few years ago.

Keith lamented that no one in his family had taken a little time to put down some memories of his own ancestors who came out from Britain. Every family and every person has a story to tell. He said that he'd love to know more about them – but alas, nobody wrote anything down.

It is particularly useful to have a record of a person's life when a eulogy is prepared for a funeral. This is always a time of great sadness and many distractions for the family, just at a time they need to bring recollections of their loved one together to enable the preparation of a fitting final tribute to that person.

However, we do not want to focus on just preparing for a funeral. Let's hope and pray that such events are well in the distance – although the reality is that every one of us will eventually have one – including me!!!

But such a little book on your life can bring pleasure now, and also be a source of valuable information to the family and make it so much easier for funeral and eulogy preparations later.

I used to do a lot of international travel in my work, and one time, my wife asked me to write down all aspects of my life from my very young days, just to add to family history. It made sense, as I'd lived 30 years of my life before she knew me, even though we had often chatted about the past. My sons also found it

fascinating reading, as it put my upbringing into context – and contrast – for them.

How can all this happen for you? Very easily!

I just prepare a template of basic information to be collected, and chat with you on a range of topics and periods of life. If you have any photos that you'd like included in the book, or special awards, I can also scan them to be included.

I then go away and prepare the booklet in draft format, returning it to you for checking and suggestions on how it might be improved.

I can then arrange to have the book professionally (but economically) printed in book format, in either full colour or black and white, complete with a front and back cover design, and return it to you. It's that easy, and need only take a few weeks at most from beginning to end.

What investment do you make to secure such a special memento for your family and friends?

Obviously, it depends on how long the book turns out to be, but on the basis of a book being say under 30 pages, the whole process would cost from only \$400. If you think of the hours of time involved to develop a high quality book, this is certainly a very reasonable figure.

Very often, as people become more involved in this project, they can see increased opportunities to include additional material, so there has to be some flexibility. The books will cost a small additional amount each, depending on size and numbers.

People tell me that it's extremely satisfying to share these life memories with their loved ones while they are still with them. Can you imagine how you would feel if your grandchildren came in and asked you to read your life story to them? It makes for magical family time together, and extended memories and conversations.

I invite you to contact me now to discuss this project further. Details are below.

I'd be delighted to help to facilitate this happiness for you and your family.



**Geoff Haw**

**PS:** Special discount of 10% for Seniors Card holders.

**PPS:** Your input does not have to take place face to face. If you live some distance away, it's just as easy to collect information using the phone, and making arrangements to mail photos to me.

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