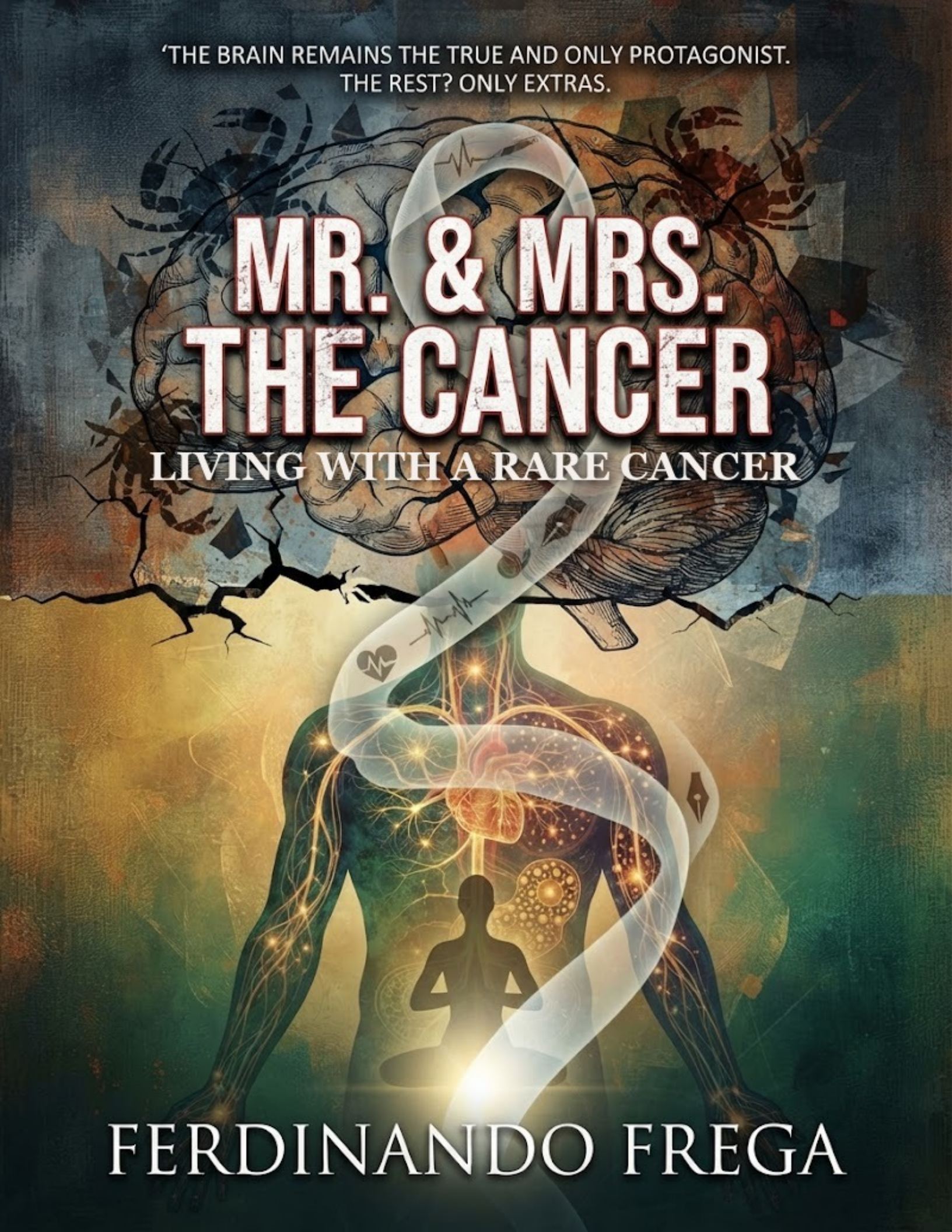
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DEDICATION

"When we talk about cancer, our minds immediately turn to the heart, lungs, breasts, skin, and prostate.

But there are places where cancer strikes silently.

Where the attack is not only physical, but profound, symbolic, almost existential.

The brain remains the true and only protagonist.

The rest?

Only extras.

A show without applause, but with hope."

I was there.

BACK COVER

This is not just a book about cancer.
It is a book about being human when everything around us tries to dehumanize us.
It is a caress for those who are afraid.
A punch for those who have stopped fighting.
A voice for those who can no longer speak.
But it is an invitation to change perspective.
To stop thinking of the disease as an external enemy.
And to begin to see the body for what it is:
a system born to regenerate itself.
A perfect mechanism that, if respected, responds.
If listened to, it heals.
If loved, it endures.
How we treat it... it treats us.
Ferdinando

PREFACE

This book was born on that uncertain border between body and consciousness.

It is a journey into the battles of those who have faced cancer: those who lived through it, those who accompanied it, those who still bear the scars.

Stories of sudden diagnoses, of extremely difficult therapies, of life-changing choices.

But also, stories of resistance, dignity, love for life.

Of those who lost everything and chose to stay.

It is a journey into the most vulnerable part of the human being.

But also, into the strongest.

Because the brain, even if injured, can still think.

It can still love.

It can still dream.

INTRODUCTION

The brain is not just an organ. It is the invisible director of our existence. It is the seat of memory, dreams, and the inner voice. It is where laughter is born, where fear hides, where the faces of those we love and the sounds of what saved us are preserved. It is what makes us unique. It is what makes us live.

When cancer strikes there, it does not just destroy matter. It shatters identity. It disintegrates reality. It severs the connection with the world. It leaves no visible scars. It does not show on the skin. But it changes the way you speak, think, move. Sometimes it arrives as a banal headache. Other times it creeps in slowly, stealing memories, words, emotions. It is a silent tsunami. And when it passes, nothing is the same again.

PART I - THE TUMOR

Hearts at War

Stories That Don't Ask Permission

Every story here is not just a tale. It is a heartbeat stolen from pain; a breath wrenched from surrender. They are fragments of life that did not ask to be lived this way but chose to exist anyway. Without asking permission. Without waiting for the right moment. They are hearts at war. And this is their voice.

THE ROOTS OF EVIL

Cancer as an Invisible, Ancient, and Manipulated Enemy

The Invisible Evil

Cancer was not born yesterday. The Egyptians already observed it, feared it, and called it "a lump without a cure." Hippocrates named it "carcinoma," inspired by the crab: slow, silent, lethal. Galen defined it as chronic, incurable, untouchable. For centuries, cancer was superstition, divine punishment, a condemnation without appeal. Medieval surgery? Russian roulette without anesthesia. Medicine? A mixture of faith, blood, and ignorance.

Emerging Science

Then came the microscope. Metastasis. Cellular biology. The war brought chemotherapy: mustard gas became a cure. Marie Curie gave us radiotherapy. Science began to attack cancer... but not always to cure it.

And while medicine advanced, the pain remained. The emotional component, ignored. The patient? A body to be treated, not a story to be heard.

The Revolutions of the System

In the 1970s, pharmaceutical companies sensed a business opportunity. Prevention campaigns, screenings, vaccines, drugs: everything became products. Disease became a market. Hope became an invoice. Treatment became a monopoly.

The medical establishment became locked down. Diagnosis became a judgment. Treatment, dogma. And no one questioned whether the body, left free, could heal itself.

The real revolution is not in the scalpel. It is in the thought.

MY SURPRISE

When the Enemy Stops Being Invisible and Looks You in the Eye

There is never a right time to receive a diagnosis. But there are times when life slaps you in the face without warning. My surprise was not the tumor. It was the way it arrived. Silent. Insidious. Disguised as fatigue, a headache, a temporary nuisance.

Seven tumors. Not one. Not two. Seven. A rare, aggressive, bastard form of neuroendocrine cancer. Yet, it was not the number that scared me. It was silence. The way my body kept quiet. The way the system ignored it. The way medicine labeled it.

They told me, "It's serious." I thought, "It's mine." Because the body, even when it is betrayed, remains at home. And I decided to stay.

The Daughter as Anchor

During the storm, she was there. Small, strong, luminous. The daughter who asked for nothing but gave everything. Her gaze was my antidote. Her embrace, my therapy. She did not cure the tumor. She cured me.

The Journey to Bran

When the body gives in, the mind seeks refuge. I found it in Bran. Not a place. A symbol. A castle, a legend, an escape. There I understood that the enemy is not just biological. It is cultural. It is spiritual. It is systemic.

Bran gave me back my breath. He reminded me that illness is not just something to be fought. It is something to be understood. It is something to overcome.

A PATHOLOGY: ITS BOUNDARIES

The body is not a battlefield. It is a territory to be mastered.

Cancer is not just a disease. It is a boundary. A limit that forces us to redefine who we are, how we live, and what we choose.

Medicine has pigeonholed it into protocols, numbers, percentages. But the body is not an algorithm. It is a complex, emotional, and spiritual system. And every pathology is a story—not a formula.

The Dream of Free Care

Care should be right. Not a privilege. Not a luxury. Not a race against time and your wallet.

Dreaming of free healthcare is not a utopia. It is justice. It is dignity. It is respect for those who suffer.

The Healthcare System and Its Contradictions

The system makes promises. But often it does not deliver. It welcomes you with forms, waiting times, codes. It bids you farewell with invoices, cuts, and silence.

The medical elite protects itself. The pharmaceutical companies get rich. And the patient? He is left alone. With his body. With his fear. With his desire to understand.

Prevention as a Revolutionary Act

Prevention is not about testing. It is about listening to your body. It is about nourishing it. It is about respecting it.

Prevention is rebellion. Against the system. Against indifference. Against the idea that disease is inevitable.

The body regenerates. But only if we let it.

PART II – THE BRAIN

The invisible director of our existence

A LITTLE GIANT

Inside your head, about which you know little.

It is Not Just Grey Matter. It is the Invisible Director of Your Existence.

The brain is not a container. It is a creator. An interpreter. A translator of emotions, thoughts, and impulses.

We have been taught to think of it as an organ like any other. But the brain is your world. It is where fear is born. Where desire is ignited. Where memory is built.

The Brain Is Not a computer.

It is not enough to press "reset." It is not enough to "update the software." The brain does not function on commands. It functions on experiences. On traumas. On dreams.

Every thought is a synapse firing. Every emotion is a chemical reaction that changes your being.

Neuroplasticity: The Power to Change

The brain transforms. It adapts. It regenerates.

Neuroplasticity is proof that we are not doomed. That we can rewrite our history. That we can heal. That we can choose.

You are not your past. You are your potential.

The Brain and Disease

When the body gets sick, the brain reacts. It defends itself. It shuts down. It protects itself.

But it can also open. Welcome. Understand. Rework.

Healing is not just physical. It is mental. It is emotional. It is spiritual.

THE BODY

Its Intelligence, Its Memory, and Its Self-Repair. The Body Is Not a Container. It Is a Messenger. It Is a Living Archive.

We have been taught to think of the body as a machine. A collection of parts to be repaired, replaced, ignored until they break. But the body is much more. It is embodied consciousness. It is silent language. It is memory pulsating beneath the skin.

Every cell has a story. Every organ has a voice. Every symptom is a message.

The Intelligence of the Body

The body knows before the mind does. It knows when something is wrong. It knows when it is time to stop. It knows when it is time to change.

The heart is not just a pump. It is an emotional sensor. The liver is not just a filter. It is an archivist of unexpressed anger. The skin is not just a boundary. It is a diary of our experiences.

The body never lies. Ever.

Somatic Memory

Memory does not just live in the brain. It lives in the muscles. In the joints. In the breath. In the heartbeat.

A trauma is not just a memory. It is a tension that nestles your shoulders. It is a knot in your stomach. It is a tremor beyond words.

The body remembers what the mind suppresses. And it repeats it. It manifests it. It shouts it out, if necessary.

The Body as Master

The body should not be tamed. It should be listened to. It should be respected. It should be thanked.

Every pain is a lesson. Every illness is a cry for attention. Every healing is reconciliation.

Modern medicine ignores it. It anesthetizes it. It silences it.

But the body does not give up. It keeps talking. With fevers. With fatigue. With symptoms that no test can explain.

The body is the first therapist. If we let it.

Body and Spirituality

The body is the temple. Not in the religious sense. In a sacred sense. In the sense that it is the place where the soul manifests itself.

When you dance, the body prays. When you breathe consciously, the body meditates. When you hug, the body heals.

Spirituality is not an escape from the body. It is a return to the body. It is embodiment. It is presence.

THE LANGUAGE DISEASE

She is not the enemy. Illness is not a mistake. It is a message. It is a plea to be listened to.

We live in a culture that demonizes disease. It calls it the "enemy." It fights it. It wants to eliminate it. But disease is not an invasion. It is communication. It is the body speaking when we have not listened enough.

Every symptom is a word. Every pain is a sentence. Every diagnosis is a chapter in our story.

Illness as Revelation

Illness does not come by chance. It comes when something inside us is out of balance. When we ignore a need, a trauma, a limitation for too long.

It is not revenge. It is not punishment. It is revelation.

It is the body saying, “Stop.” “Look.” “Listen.” “Change.”

Illness is the language the body uses when the mind has stopped understanding.

Medicine and the Paradigm of War

Modern medicine talks about "fighting" cancer. "Defeating" the virus. "Eliminating" the symptom.

But what happens when you fight yourself? When do you see your body as a battlefield? When does healing turn into violence?

Medicine should be about alliance. Not war. It should be about listening. Not suppression.

Illness as an Opportunity

Illness can be a threshold. A passage. An opportunity for rebirth.

Many healed people describe a profound transformation. A new awareness. An awakening.

Illness forces you to choose. To stop procrastinating. To truly live.

Illness is not the end. It is the beginning of the latest version of You.

The Body Does Not Betray

When we get sick, we often say, "My body betrayed me." But the body does not betray me. The body senses. The body protects. The body tries to compensate as much as it can.

And when he cannot take it anymore, he talks to us. With fevers. With pain. With inexplicable tiredness.

Illness is his way of saying: “Help me.” “Let's find each other again.” “Let's be allies again.”

CREATIVE HEALING

Healing is not about going back. It is about moving beyond. It is about becoming something else.

Medicine talks about "restoration." About "normalization." About "remission." But true healing is not a return to the outdated version of yourself. It is a metamorphosis. It is a creative act. It is a radical choice for rebirth.

Healing is rewriting your code. It is redrawing your identity. It is starting over with fresh eyes.

Healing as an Art

Healing is like painting. It takes intuition. It takes listening. It takes time.

There is no universal technique. There is no formula. Every healing is a unique experience.

Some heal by walking in the woods. Others by writing poetry. Still others by embracing the pain until it melts away.

Healing is a creative act because it arises from chaos and generates beauty.

The Role of the Mind

The mind can be an obstacle. But it can also be an ally.

When the mind opens, the body breathes. When the mind is freed, the system rebalances. When the mind believes, miracles are possible.

Healing is not just physical. It is mental. It is emotional. It is spiritual. It is narrative.

Changing the story, you tell yourself is already healing.

The Time of Healing

We live in a society that wants everything now. But healing takes time. It cannot be forced. It cannot be rushed. It must be respected.

Some healings last days. Others last years. Others never end because they become a way of life.

Healing is not about arriving. It is about walking.

Healing as a Political Act

Healing is also rebelling. Against the system that wants you sick. Against the culture that wants you productive at all costs. Against the medicine that wants you silent.

Healing is saying, "I take back my body." "I take back my voice." "I take back my time."

It is a subversive act. It is a poetic act. It is a sacred act.

BETWEEN SCIENCE AND DOGMA

Medicine should prevent and cure. But it limits itself to monitoring and prescribing often unnecessary drugs.

Medicine was born as the art of caring. As knowledge evolves, that listens, that questions itself. But over time it has become a system. A protocol. A dogma.

Today, medicine is often more faith than science. More bureaucracy than empathy. More industry than humanity.

The Science That Forgets the Human

Modern medicine is powerful. It has incredible tools. It has refined knowledge. But it has forgotten the patient.

The body has become a clinical case. A code. A number.

The doctor looks at the tests but does not make eye contact. He prescribes but does not listen. He interprets but does not understand.

Medicine should be about encounters, not just diagnosis.

The Power of the Medical Caste

Medicine is also power. The power to decide who is healthy and who is sick. Who deserves attention and who does not? Who can heal and who must wait?

The medical elite protects itself. It closes off. It entrenches itself behind titles, protocols, and hierarchies.

And the patient? He stays outside. He stays alone. He stays waiting.

Medicine as an Industry

Medicine is also a market. Every disease is a business. Every treatment is a product. Every patient is a consumer.

Pharmaceutical companies decide what is treatable and what is not. They invest where there is profit. They ignore where there is suffering without financial return.

Research is not free. It is funded. It is directed. It is selective.

Medicine should serve life, not the budget.

The Need for Integrated Medicine

It is not about rejecting medicine. It is about expanding it. Integrating it. Humanizing it.

We need medicine that unites science and conscience. Technology and listening. Medicine and breathing. Protocol and intuition.

We need medicine that sees the patient as a person. That treats not only the body, but also history. That does not eliminate the symptom but understands its meaning.

PART III – AWAKENING ROOM

The Most Intimate and Poetic Part

Epilogue

"Everyone will think they can understand. But understanding is not living. And living is not explaining. It is reacting."

True choice does not come from diagnosis. It comes from reaction. That is where who we are is revealed. That is where our genetics, our upbringing, the invisible scars that shaped us speak. Every gesture, every word, every silence... is a response. Not always logical. Not always acceptable. But always ours.

Making unconventional decisions is not madness. It is not desperation. It is a new reality. A reality that cannot be explained to others. Because others—even when they say they want to help—often turn our pain into a profession. They call it a mission. They call it a vocation. But too often... it is just economics. It is just God, money.

This epilogue is not a closure. It is a declaration. That our truth is not for sale. That our reaction is our freedom. That no one, ever, will utterly understand—unless they have lived.

And if you have lived... then you know. Then you are one of us. Then this book is yours too.

LIFE: AN ACT OF PRESENCE

Life is not a race. It is an encounter. It is a radical act of presence.

We live as if life were a project to be completed. A goal to be achieved. A to-do list.

But life is not a task. It is a gift. It is an experience. It is an act of presence.

Being alive is not about breathing. It is about feeling. It is about choosing. It is about being there.

Time as an Illusion

They taught us to live in the future. To plan. To run. To procrastinate.

But the future does not exist. Only this moment exists. This breath. This heartbeat.

Life happens now. Not tomorrow. Not when everything is perfect. Not when you have time.

Presence is the true luxury. The true power. The true healing.

The Body as a Compass

The body is our instrument of presence. It brings us back here. It anchors us. It guides us.

When you are in the body, you are in the present. When you listen to your body, you listen to life. When you respect your body, you respect yourself.

The mind flees. The body remains. The body is ground zero of awareness.

Life as a Poetic Act

Living is not just surviving. It is creating. It is dancing. It is loving.

Every gesture can be poetry. Every word can be a prayer. Every look can be revolution.

Life is not a formula. It is a melody. It is a vibration. It is a daily choice of beauty.

Presence as Medicine

Being present is already healing. It is already loving. It is already living.

Presence cures anxiety. It cures fear. It cures separation.

When you are present, you are whole. You are free. You are true.

Life is not to be understood. It is to be lived.

DEATH: A THRESHOLD, NOT AN END

Death is not the opposite of life. It is fulfillment. It is its deepest mystery.

We live in a culture that suppresses death. Hides it. Fears it. Sterilizes it.

But death is part of life. It is its final breath. It is the threshold that reminds us that every moment is sacred.

Death is not the enemy. It is the teacher. It is the truth no one can avoid. It is the only certainty that makes us human.

Death as Revelation

When death approaches, everything changes. Priorities shift. Masks fall. The truth emerges.

Death reveals what truly matters. It forces us to look our existence in the eye. To ask ourselves: Have I lived? Have I loved? Have I left something true behind?

Death does not take away. It illuminates.

The Taboo of the End

We have turned death into a taboo. We do not talk about it. We do not look at it. We do not contemplate it.

But pain does not go away by ignoring it. Fear is not allayed by avoiding confrontation.

Death must be welcomed. It must be integrated. It must be honored.

Only those who have made peace with death can truly live.

Death as Transformation

Death is not merely a biological end. It is an energetic transformation. It is a change of state. It is a return to the origin.

Many spiritual traditions know it. They sing about it. They celebrate it.

Death is the moment when the body stops, but the essence expands. It is liberated. It reunites.

Dying is not disappearing. It is becoming invisibly present.

Accompanying Death

Dying is not just an individual event. It is a relational act. It is a moment that demands presence, listening, and love.

Accompanying the dying is a privilege. It is a sacred act. It is a gesture of profound humanity.

Medicine should learn to die gracefully. To not prolong the agony. To not medicalize the farewell.

To die well is to live until your last breath.

THE BODY THAT REGENERATES ITSELF

The Body Not Broken. It Waits to Be Recognized. To Be Freed. To Be Loved. A New Vision.

We have lived too long with the idea that the body is fragile. That it is destined to fail. That it is a vessel to be corrected, punished, and monitored.

But the body is resilient. It is intelligent. It can regenerate itself if we give it space. If we stop attacking it. If we start communicating with it.

Regeneration as a Natural Act

The body does not need saving. It needs liberation.

Every cell knows how to heal. Every tissue knows how to repair itself. Every system knows how to restore balance.

Regeneration is not a miracle. It is sacred biology. It is science meeting consciousness.

The body is not a minefield. It is a garden that can flourish again.

Nourish Life

Regenerating the body means nourishing life. With real food. With clean thoughts. With healthy relationships. With healing silences.

Every choice is medicine. Every gesture is information. Every habit is a message the body receives and translates.

Healing is not just eliminating evil. It is cultivating good.

The Body as an Ecosystem

The body is not an object. It is an ecosystem. A set of balances, relationships, and flows.

The microbiota, the nervous system, the immune system: everything communicates. Everything collaborates. Everything adapts.

When you respect it, the body responds. When you listen to it, the body opens. When you love it, the body regenerates.

A New Vision

We need a new perspective. A new language. A new medicine.

Medicine that does not separate but integrates. That does not impose but accompanies. That does not just treat the symptoms but awakens awareness.

The body is not a problem. It is the path. It is the message. It is a miracle.

Regeneration is not about going back to how we were before. It is about becoming something we never dared to be.

FIVE DEVELOPMENTAL AGES

The brain does not grow in a straight line. It transforms. It rebels. It reinvents itself.

Sensory Age (0–6 Years)

The brain is a sponge. It absorbs everything: sounds, smells, emotions, tensions. It cannot distinguish true from false, right from wrong. Every experience becomes structure. Every trauma becomes architecture.

Emotional Age (7–14 Years)

The brain seeks meaning. It wants to belong. It wants to be seen, recognized, loved. It is the age of the first rejections, the first masks, the first social wounds. Shame, guilt, and the need for approval take root.

Rational Age (15–25 Years)

The brain expands. It wants to understand, dominate, control. It is the age of critical thinking, but also of emotional chaos. We search for identity but often find confusion. We seek freedom, but stumble into dependence.

Identity Age (26–45 Years)

The brain seeks coherence. It wants to integrate what it has experienced. It wants to build but often realizes it has built on sand. It is the age of crises: professional, relational, spiritual. It is the time when the body begins to speak louder.

Supplementary Age (46+ Years)

The brain slows down but deepens. It wants synthesis. It wants truth. It wants peace. It is the age of conscious surrender, not defeat. It is time to come to terms, to let go, to return to yourself.

THE FIRST PHARMACOLOGY

Thinking – The First Invisible Drug

Thought is chemical. Every idea generates a reaction. Every belief is a molecule acting in the body. Thinking well is already healing. Thinking badly is already getting sick. Thought is the active ingredient of your health.

Listening – The Medicine of Active Silence

Listening is not just hearing. It is welcoming. It is letting the other person pass through you. Those who know how to listen to heal relationships. Those who do not listen are isolated. And isolation is inflammation. Listening is the first antibiotic against loneliness.

Observe – The Medicine of Presence

To observe is to be. It is to see without judging. It is to grasp the detail that thought has ignored. The body speaks. Reality speaks. Illness shows. He who observes, anticipates. He who ignores, suffers.

Talking – The Medicine of Liberation

Words are medicine. Every sentence can liberate or wound. Every conversation is therapy or a toxin. Speaking gives shape to chaos. It transforms pain into a story. He who does not speak, implodes. He speaks, expands.

Writing – The Medicine of Reworking

Writing is emotional surgery. It is bringing order to disorder. It is making peace with what cannot be said aloud. The pen is a therapeutic tool. The page is a non-judgmental mirror. Writing is the first act of conscious healing.

LIGHT

The Transformation Drug

Reading is entering other brains. It is training you. It is expanding your cognitive space. Every book is a mental gym. Every word is a vitamin for the conscience. He who reads, heals himself. He who reads, saves himself.

As Preventive Therapy

Reading is not a pastime. It is prevention. It is brain training against emotional atrophy. Reading stimulates neuroplasticity. It slows aging. It reduces mental inflammation. A brain that reads is a body that resists.

As a Genetic Cure

Even genetic diseases respond to the environment. And reading is environment. It is cultural epigenetics. Reading changes the way the brain interprets DNA. And what the brain interprets, the body manifests. Genetics is a script. Reading can rewrite it.

As a Political Act

Reading is rebelling against ignorance. It is escaping control. It is choosing what to think. People who read cannot be manipulated. An individual who reads does not fall mentally ill en masse. Reading is the vaccine against systemic stupidity.

As a Daily Ritual

You do not need to read everything. You need to read every day. Even just one page. Even just one sentence. Reading is like breathing: if you stop, you shut down. Those who read every day, heal themselves every day. Without side effects.

QUALITY OF LIFE

The silent revolt of conscious living.

It is Not Luxury, it is Choice.

You do not need a villa to live well. You need a mind that knows what matters. You need a body that does not surrender to toxic comfort. Quality of life is a rebellion against the useless.

Culture Is Care

Those who know how to live better. Those who read breathe easier. Those who understand get sick less. Culture is prevention. It is invisible medicine. It is the vaccine against everyday stupidity. Culture is not elite. It is mental hygiene.

Adaptation Is Power

Those who adapt do not bend. They transform. They reinvent themselves. The body is plastic. The mind is elastic. Life is a dance, not a march. Adapting is not giving in. It is evolving.

Illness Is Not a Sentence

When you get sick, do not immediately look for a savior. Look for yourself. Look for the message. Look for a starting point. Healing begins when you stop delegating it.

Arise – The First Act of Healing

The bed is comfortable. But it is also a trap. The pain you still want. You must move. Getting up is already medicine. It is already rebellion. It is already life. Whoever gets up has already begun to heal.

Do It Yourself – The First Act of Dignity

Do not wait for them to save you. Do not wait for them to understand you. Do not wait for them to heal you. Take the first step. No excuses. No complaints. Loneliness is not an enemy. It is a teacher.

Life Is a Daily Choice

Every day you can choose: Complain or act. Suffering or creating. Sleep or wake up. Quality of life is made up of micro-decisions, not miracles. Life does not get better. You must make it better.

Money Can't Buy Health

You can have millions and die of stress. You can live on little and breathe freedom. Money buys medicine. But it does not buy peace. It does not buy meaning. It does not buy real time. True wealth is living without regrets.

The Culture of Complaint Is Toxic

Complaining is easy. Acting is rare. Those who complain too much become self-inflicting. Victimhood culture is a silent pandemic. And the first vaccine is responsibility. He who stops complaining, starts living.

Quality of Life Is a Philosophy

It is not a style. It is a vision. It is a way of being in the world. Those who live with quality have no need to prove anything. They already have it all: presence, clarity, freedom. Quality of life is when you stop looking outside for what you already have inside.

FROM SILENCE TO CONSCIOUSNESS

A Ten-Stage Neurocultural Journey

Aspromonte – The Brain of Silence

In the heart of silence, the brain shuts down. Fear becomes the norm. Thought becomes censored. The culture of "don't say" is a social lobotomy. The first step towards brain freedom is breaking the silence.

Mount Fuji – The Brain of Contemplation

On the other side of the world, the brain breathes. Zen philosophy does not impose it observes. Thought empties itself to expand. Emptiness is not absence. It is space for truth.

West – The Performance Brain

Here, the brain is a war machine. Produce, compete, dominate. Thought is linear, but sterile. Thinking too much is not thinking well. It is thinking badly, but faster.

East – The Brain of Perception

Here, the brain is a garden. It is cultivated with silence, slowness, and presence. Reality is not conquered: it is contemplated. The Eastern brain does not run. It walks and sees.

The Culture of Omertà – The Brain of Control

Omertà is not just social. It is neurological. The brain adapts to what is left unsaid. It shuts down, stiffens, and defends itself. He who lives on the unsaid, dies in the unlived.

Zhen Philosophy – The Brain of Suspension

Zhen is the point where thought stops. Not out of ignorance, but out of respect. The brain opens to the mystery. The brain does not need to know everything. It needs to feel something.

Neuroplasticity – The Changing Brain

The brain is not destiny. It is possibility. Every thought can create a new path. Every emotion can rewrite the map. If your brain changes, everything changes. Even your life.

Cognitive Space – The Expanding Brain

Thinking is not about accumulating. It is about liberating. Cognitive space increases when you stop filling it. The brain is not a warehouse. It is a heaven waiting to be opened.

Male and Female Intelligence – The Bipolar Brain

Logic and intuition. Strategy and perception. The brain has two souls. Separating them is folly. Integrating them is power. The complete brain is the one that knows how to think and feel. Not the one that knows how to win.

The Synthesis – The Brain Returning to Itself

After the journey, the brain is no longer the same. It has seen, it has heard, it has understood. Now it can choose. The real brain awakening is coming home with fresh eyes.

WE ARE NOT A LANDFILL

Nourishing Yourself Is a Sacred Act. Not Mere Stuffing.

Food is not just fuel. It is information. It is medicine. It is memory. Eating poorly is like insulting your body three times a day. Every bite can be poison or healing. Every eating habit is a declaration of war or peace. Eliminate the Superfluous, Not the Pleasure. Choose the Live, Not the Packaged. Listen to Real Hunger, Not Emotional Hunger. The body does not demand perfection. It demands respect.

Movement Is Life

The body was born to move. Not to rot in a chair. A sedentary lifestyle is the new invisible disease. A body that does not move shuts down. A mind that does not move becomes rigid. You do not need to become an athlete. You need to become present. Walking is already meditation. Stretching is already liberation. Move Every Day, even a Little. Breathe As You Move. Feel Your Body While Using It. Movement is the language your body uses to tell you, "I am alive."

Rest Is Revolution

Sleeping is not wasting time. It is rejuvenation. We live in a culture that glorifies productivity and despises rest. But the body is not a machine. It needs to shut down before it can restart. Sleep is the time when the brain cleans, reworks, and heals. Skipping it is like slowly sabotaging yourself. Sleep when you are sleepy, not when you have time. Create Decompression Rituals. Protect Your Sleep Like You Would Protect a Child. He who does not sleep well, does not live well. Period.

The Mind Needs Detoxification

Thinking too much is like eating too much. It poisons you. The mind is a tool, not a master. If you do not control it, it controls you. If you do not empty it, it fills you with noise. The brain needs silence. Pauses. Empty spaces to create. Meditate, Even Just for Five Minutes. Turn Off Your Screens. Make Room for Not Doing. The mind is not calmed by logic. It is calmed by presence.

Relationships Are Nourishment

Being with others is like eating, it can nourish or poison. Relationships are the first environment in which the brain is formed. They are mirrors, wounds, and medicines. Choosing who to share time with is choosing how to live. Hang out with those who expand you, not those who consume you. Learn to Say No Without Guilt. Cultivate Real Relationships, Not Superficial Connections. The body also gets sick because of those you let into your life.

Epitaph of a Conscious Soul

Your brain abandons you. Not suddenly. But slowly. Like a candle burning without a flame. And you, little by little, abandon everyone. Not by choice. But because it no longer knows how to stay.

All that remains is a shell. A body that breathes but does not live. No memory. No direction. Just eyes open to a world you do not recognize. Others do not offer words of affection. No "I love you." No "I understand." Only criticism. Only accusations. Only blame directed in one direction only: toward you.

Your family abandons you. Not out of malice. But out of ignorance. Out of fear. Because you no longer have financial means. Because you are no longer "useful." Because you have become a burden.

And then they lock you in. Inside a room. Without windows. Without time. Without awareness. You do not know where you are. You do not know who you are. You are dead. But your eyes are still open. And no one notices. This is the end no one talks about. The end that has no funeral. The end that has no mourning. The end that has no justice.

The Third Side of the Coin

If I thought there were no remedies to bitter fate, I would not have authored this book. But I know that remedies exist. They are hidden. They are silent. They are rare. But they are there.

Life is not just two sides. It is not just heads or tails. There is a third side. The one you see only when the coin stays balanced. The one that does not fall one way or the other. The one that represents tolerance, resilience, possibility.

Only special people wear that face. Those who never gave up. Those who turned pain into strength. Those who chose to live each day as if it were their first. And the last as if it were their first. That is how you do not grow old. That is how you stay alive.

When you realize something is wrong, do not delegate. Do not wait. Do not run away. Remain in your self-determination. Think. Reflect. Meditate. And then decide. Because you alone are truly responsible for your life. Not the doctor. Not the family. Not the system. Only you.

Freedom is not about doing what you want. It is about knowing who you are, even when everything around you tries to make you forget it.

Truth and Mental Healing

Mental healing is not a walk in the park. It is a bumpy climb. You fall, you cry, you remain silent. Then you climb back up. Sometimes slowly, sometimes angrily. But you climb back up.

There's no one-size-fits-all cure. Every person is unique. Every ailment has its own voice. Every mind has its own rhythm.

Some illnesses can be cured. Others can be learned to manage. And managing does not mean giving up. It means adapting, resisting, transforming.

With the right help—medical, psychological, social—even a wounded mind can shine again. Not like before. But different, more aware, stronger.

True healing is not about drugs. It is about acknowledging the pain. Understanding that you are not alone. Deciding not to give up. Because even the most fragile mind contains a strength that

can shatter the world. A strength that cannot be seen but is there. And it is just waiting to be called by name. Healing is not a miracle. It is a battle. And you are the warrior.

The Third Face of the Mind

The mind does not have just two sides. It is not just rational or insane, lucid, or confused, healthy, or sick. There is a third side. The one you cannot see, but it exists. It is the side of unstable equilibrium, of possibility, of tolerance. It is the one that shows itself only when the coin does not fall to one side or the other, but remains upright, defying gravity.

This chapter collects ten testimonies. Ten voices who have experienced mental pain firsthand, in their hearts, in their thoughts. Some are still alive. Others have left us. But they all have something to say. Something the world needs to hear.

These stories are not just confessions. They are tests of endurance, acts of courage, manifestos of truth. Because healing is not a straight line. It is a spiral. And whoever can turn back, even just to tell the story, has already won.

THREE ACTS OF RESISTANCE

Interrupted Sessions

Dialogues between patient and therapist

Therapist: You seem more tired than usual today.
Patient: It is not tiredness. It is the burden of being misunderstood.
Therapist: Do you feel unheard?
Patient: I feel translated. As if every word I say is being converted into a symptom.
Therapist: Have you thought about the possibility of forgiveness?
Patient: I forgive whom? The system? Myself? The body that betrayed me?
Therapist: Where would you start?
Patient: From the end. Because I was never granted the beginning.
Therapist: Are you scared?
Patient: I am afraid of healing in the wrong way. Of becoming functional but empty.
Therapist: And what is proper healing?
Patient: The one that leaves me whole, even when broken.
Therapist: If you could change one thing about your journey, what would it be?
Patient: I wish someone had asked me, “Who are you?” before asking me, “What’s wrong with you?”

Chronology of a Rebel Corps

Excerpts from the Disease

February 3, 2020, they told me pain is psychosomatic. As if the body were a bug in the brain. But I feel it. I live it. I inhabit it.
March 17, 2020, I signed an informed consent. I was not informed. I consented to hope, not to the procedure.
June 9, 2020, they sedated me. Not to calm me down, but to make me manageable. My voice

was too loud for protocol.
September 22, 2020, I asked out. They told me I was not ready. But no one asked me where I wanted to go.
December 5, 2020, my daughter said to me, “Dad, you’re more real when you’re sad.” I realized that my vulnerability is my identity.
January 14, 2021, I started writing. Not to heal, but to exist. Every word is an act of resistance.

Healing is an imperfect verb.

Final reflection

Healing is not a point of arrival. It is a verb conjugated in the present tense, every day, with effort and courage. Healing does not mean ceasing to suffer but learning to give meaning to suffering. It is the moment when pain stops being an enemy and becomes a traveling companion. Healing is when the body is no longer just a battlefield, but also a place of memory. It is when you can say "I" without asking permission. When you can love without fear of being too much. When you can stay, even when everything invites you to escape. Healing is imperfect because it is human. And humanity is not corrected: it is embraced.

Letter to the Surviving Body

I am writing to you now, after all.
After the interrupted sessions, the diagnoses that betrayed me, the hands that searched for me without knowing where to touch.
I write to you with the voice that was never granted to me, with the breath that was stolen from me, and which now returns, slowly, but mine.
I am your body.
What you hated, ignored, medicated, dissected.
What you angrily defended and shamefully abandoned.
The one who trembled, screamed, resisted.
The one you did not listen to, but who kept talking to you — even in silence.
I took you everywhere, even when you did not want to go.
I kept the pain a secret, I transformed the suffering into form, into fever, into a dream.
I learned to heal without instructions, to rebuild myself without permission.
Now I ask you just this:
Do not forget me when you are well.
Do not leave me behind when you run.
Do not silence me when you talk about health.
I am your memory incarnate.
I am the scar that will not go away.
I am the imperfect verb that continues to conjugate.
I loved you, even when you could not.
And I will continue to do so if you let me be.
— Your body

BODY REBELS

(Uncensored Version. Not for Lukewarm.)

Rebel Patient

Against the Caste. Against the System. For the Truth.
We are not numbers. We are not medical records. We are not cases to be studied, nor profiles to be monetized.
We are living fresh. We are minds that resist. We are bodies that regenerate—if left free to do so.
Medicine has forgotten humans. It has transformed pain into protocol. It has sold hope to the highest bidder. It has turned cancer into a business. Fear into a bill. Treatment into private property.
Pharmaceutical companies do not seek cure. They seek customers. They seek the endless cycle of addiction. They seek profit, not salvation.
And doctors—not all, but too many—stopped listening. They stopped looking into people's eyes. They stopped touching each other with respect. They stopped believing that the body can heal itself.
But we are here. We are the ones who live. Who resisted. Who said no.
No to diagnosis as a condemnation. No to therapy is the only option. No to medicine as a religion.
Yes, to be aware. Yes, to knowledge. Yes, to rebellion.
This manifesto is for those who have chosen to think. To feel. To react.
For those who understand that the body is not a battlefield, but a temple. That the brain is not a target, but an ally. That illness is not an enemy to be destroyed, but a message to be deciphered.
How we treat him... he treats us.
So, let us treat each other with respect. With truth. With love.
This book is my signature. This manifesto is my voice. And if you are reading it... then you are one of us.

The Body Is Not Asked For, It Is Claimed.

It is not a temple; it is a barricade. It is not to be worshipped; it is to be armed. If they tell you to hide it, show it. If they tell you to bend it, raise it. If they tell you to heal it, ask what.

Pain Is a Language.

It should not be translated; it should be shouted. Every scar is a word the world did not want to hear. Write it on your skin. Turn it into poetry, blasphemy, prayer.

Shame is a state poison.

Dismantle it. Burn it. If you have been taught to hate yourself, learn it. If you have been told you are too much, be more. If you have been told you are wrong, you become dangerous.

Resistance is carnal.

It is not made with ideas alone, but with bones, with blood, with the breath that is missing. Every breath is a political act. Every orgasm is a revolution. Every tear is a declaration of war.

Do not Ask Permission.

Rebels do not knock, they break in. They do not apologize; they set fire. They do not adapt, they rewrite the rules. If the world has no room for you, build it with your own hands. And make it explode with beauty.

WEAPONS TO ALWAYS CARRY

(They Can't Be Seen. But They Hurt.)

A Sharp Pen. Write as if you were carving the skin of the world. Every word must leave a mark. Every sentence must bleed.
A Playlist That Saves You. Songs that remind you who you are when the world tries to make you forget. Loud. Always.
A Phrase Tattooed in the Brain. Like: “I do not bend. I multiply.” Or make up your own. It must be a ticking time bomb.
A Look That Doesn't Apologize. Eyes that challenge. That does not lower their gaze. That says: "I'm here. And I'm not leaving."
A Name You Chose for Yourself. Not what they gave you. What you earned. What represents you when you stand naked before the fire?
A Rage That Never Goes Away. Not the destructive kind. The creative kind. The kind that builds bridges out of rubble. The kind that makes art out of wounds.
A Laughter That Breaks Walls. Because laughing is resisting. It is saying, "Despite everything, I'm still here. And I'm enjoying the show."

REFLECTIONS

This book was not written to please. It was written to denounce, to reveal what no one dares to say, to give voice to those who have been silenced. We explored the world of psychiatry not through academic eyes, but through the eyes of those who have experienced diagnoses, therapies, abandonments, and experiments.

Dehumanized Psychiatry: The logic of psychiatry becomes illogical because you are in the hands of a professional who recently had a phone argument with his lover and whose emotional state would prevent him from working. Yet, no one controls him; in fact, his voice becomes authority. This is where the patient becomes profit, for many, but especially for those who do not know the patient personally, and treatment is reduced to a protocol.

Drugs Imposed Without Truth: Personal and commercial interests drive prescriptions and payments primarily; everything becomes experimental and occasional. It would be enough to recognize that our bodies often regulate themselves and that, if we experience difficulties, it is often our fault for not knowing how to listen to them, without explanations or alternatives.

Families Who Abandon: When mental fragility is no longer economically sustainable, this also happens, but almost no one thinks about it first.

Professionals Who Don't Listen: A degree, a doctorate, a master's degree, or a badge are all it takes to certify who we are. We should give hearing aids to those who can hear but do not really listen.

Lived Experiences: Testimonies of those who resisted, of those who died with their eyes open, of those who discovered the third side of the coin.

We have overturned the concept of healing: not as a return to normality, but as a gain in awareness, self-determination, and the choice to live each day as if it were the first. This book is

an act of justice. A cry for those who have no voice. An invitation to look beyond the diagnosis, beyond the medication, beyond the silence. Mental health is not a formula: it is a battle. And those who fight it deserve respect, a listening ear, and truth. You are not your disorder. You are your resistance.

POSTSCRIPTUM OF THE SOUL

Where the Voice Doesn't Reach

Not everything can be said. Not everything can be written. But something remains. It remains between the lines, between the pauses, between the silences. This is the Postscript of the Soul. It is not an explanation. It is a wordless confession. It is what pulsates when the book is finished, but you are not.

What I Didn't Tell

I have not told you everything. I have not told you about the day I stopped believing. At the exact moment I realized the enemy was not outside, but inside every gesture I made to please. I have not told you about the pain that has no name, the pain that makes no sound, the pain that stays with you even when you smile.
I have not talked about shame. The kind that makes you lower your gaze even when you are right. The kind that makes you apologize for existing. The kind that makes you write so you do not explode, so you do not implode, so you do not disappear.
But now you know. Now you feel it. And if you feel it, you are not alone.

What Remains

Your breath remains. The words you did not say, but acknowledged, remain. The awareness that the enemy cannot win, if you choose to exist, remains.
This book is not finished. It has become yours. And if even just one sentence made you tremble, then the Postscript of the Soul has fulfilled its destiny.
Writing is not healing. But it is staying. And you are still here. So yes: you have already won.