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MANIFESTO

1. Writing is skin and wound. We write not to decorate the world, but to carve it. Every word is a scalpel; every sentence is a scar.

2. The soul is not a concept: it is a place. Literature must explore this inner space, where the sacred and the profane touch without ever merging.

3. The commuter is the new tragic hero. Those who live between two poles—spiritual and material, light, and shadow—are the true protagonists of our age.

4. Poetry does not console: it reveals. We do not seek comfort, but truth. Even when it burns.

5. Language must tremble. Every word must bear the weight of doubt, revelation, risk. Language is not neutral: it is living flesh.

6. Writing is a mystical act. Every text is a secular prayer, an offering, a vow. One writes not for pleasure, but out of necessity.

7. Time is an enemy to be seduced. Literature must challenge chronology, create gaps, suspensions, and eternity.

8. The reader is an accomplice, not a spectator. Readers must be willing to lose their balance, to commute with us, with no guarantee of return.

EDITORIAL NOTE

A Commuter of the Soul; The Mind Outside the System is a work that defies classification. It is not just an autobiography, nor an essay, nor a diary. It is an act of emotional resistance, a human document that recounts mental distress without rhetoric, without pity, but with a burning clarity.

Ferdinando Frega—Ferdinando's pen name—writes with his flesh, his memory, his anger, and his grace. His voice is that of someone who has lived on the margins of the system, yet has never stopped questioning, searching, and loving.

This book is for those who have experienced darkness, those who fear it, those who ignore it. It is an invitation to look beyond labels, beyond diagnoses, beyond silence.

DEDICATION

To those who felt their minds collapsing and kept walking.

To those who have not found answers but have learned to live with the questions.

To those who loved without being understood, and to those who understood without being loved.

To my mother, who saw everything and chose to stay.

And to myself, for not giving up when it would have been easier to do so.

BACK COVER

Ferdinando Frega is a man who has experienced his own mind as a battlefield. Bipolarity, poverty, loneliness, love, spirituality: *Soul Commuter* is the story of a journey without maps, without guarantees, but with a voice that does not ask permission.

"The mind outside the system" is not just a clinical condition: it is an existential position. This book does not offer solutions, but truths. It does not seem to teach, but to share. It does not claim to heal, but to tell.

Through raw, poetic, ironic, and poignant pages, Ferdinando Frega leads us through the stations of his soul. Each chapter is a stop, each word a ticket stamped with pain and hope.

A book for those who have stopped pretending. A book for those who want to understand. A book for those who are not afraid to listen.

PREFACE

Authoring this book was not a creative act. It was a necessary act. Every word you read was first experienced, then endured, and finally transformed. I did not seek to please, nor to teach. I tried to remain faithful to what passed through me: the pain, the confusion, the beauty, the anger, the clarity.

"Commuter of the Soul" is the story of a mind that never adapted to the system, but sought to understand it, challenge it, and survive. It is the diary of a man who experienced mental illness not as a punishment, but as a lens—distorted, yes, but also revealing.

If these pages can make even just one of you feel less alone, then the journey will have been worth it.

Ferdinando Frega

PREMISE

This book was not created to be read: it was created to be traversed.

You will not find a linear plot, nor a moral to be learned. Instead, you will find a path—sometimes broken, sometimes lucid—those winds through internal stations,

between thoughts that ask no permission and emotions that refuse to be tamed.

The soul's commute is an attempt to give form to the formless voice to the silence, dignity to the discomfort. It is not a cry, but not even a whisper: it is the sound of someone who chose to stay, despite everything.

Do not ask for consistency. Ask for truth.

SYNOPSIS

A man, a mind, a system that ignores him. *A commuter of the soul; the mind outside the system* is the raw and poetic tale of Ferdinando Frega, pseudonym of Ferdinando, who journeys through the stations of his existence with the awareness of someone who has seen the bottom and chosen to tell it.

Through autobiographical episodes, sharp reflections, dream fragments, and glimpses of lucidity, the author takes us on an emotional journey that defies convention. Bipolar disorder is not just a diagnosis: it is a way of experiencing the world, of inhabiting it, of resisting it.

This book does not offer solutions. It offers truth. A voice outside the mainstream, outside the system, but within the soul.

AUTHOR'S NOTE

My name is Ferdinando, but in these pages, you will find me as **Ferdinando Frega.** It is not an escape. It is a choice. Ferdinando is the name I gave to the part of me that learned to speak when everything seemed silent. Frega is my truth, even when it is uncomfortable.

I authored this book for those who live on the margins, for those who do not recognize themselves in definitions, for those who have felt their minds become a battlefield. I am not a therapist; I am not a guru. I am a man who has decided to share his story without filters, because silence hurts more than illness.

If you find yourselves in these pages, it will not be because we are the same. It is because we had the courage to listen.

INTRODUCTION

I am sixty years old. I say it, but I do not look it—or so they tell me, especially in bed, where ID seems more required than consent. But jokes aside, sixty is a weighty and enlightening number. It is the age of someone who has lived long enough to know that life is not linear, and that the mind—my mind—has always preferred curves, detours, emergency exits.

I was born in Italy, I worked in the system, I climbed it, I left it. I traveled to over sixty-five countries, I taught, I directed, and I helped. I loved, I lost, I wrote. I experienced mental illness not as a parenthesis, but as an alternative

grammar. And I experienced poverty, the real kind, the kind that does not even leave you time to feel ashamed.

Since 2021, writing has become my form of resistance. I do not write for pleasure. I am writing to avoid exploding. My books are scattered around the world, translated into twenty-two languages, but this one— *Commuter of the Soul* —is different. It is the most intimate, the most uncomfortable, the truest.

Here I describe the mind outside the system. Not the one that goes haywire, but the one that refuses to be formatted. Through ten themes, I blend reality and invention, lucidity and delirium, poetry, and raw experience. Each chapter is a station. Each word is a ticket stamped with blood and irony.

Sixty years is not an epilogue. It is the moment when you stop pretending and start telling everything. And if you are here, you are ready to hear it too.

BOOK PARTITION

The book is divided into **three main sections,** each of which represents a phase of the author's inner and social journey:

Part I - System

Where it all begins work, career, rules, expectations. Here, we explore the construction of a public identity, the attempt to fit into a world that ignores fragility.

Part II - Derailment

The moment of rupture. The mind that cannot take it, the body that gives in, the relationships that break. It is the beating heart of the book, where the voice becomes raw, poetic, disarmed.

Part III - Out of Station

Rebirth, rediscovery, freedom. There is no successful conclusion, but there is awareness. Here, we explore life outside the system, with irony, spirituality, and clarity.

Consideration

This book is a journey through the stations of the soul. It has no precise destination, but every stop is necessary. Ferdinando Frega recounts his mind outside the system with a voice that seeks not approval, but truth. It is a book for those who have lived, for those who have lost, for those who have started over.

CHAPTER STRUCTURE

The book is composed of ten **chapters,** each dedicated to an existential, emotional, or social theme. Here is the proposal:

Chapter 1 – The Soul's Curriculum

It begins in the world of work, the climb to a success that appears brilliant in the eyes of others. But behind the tie, behind the meetings and the titles, lies an internal chaos. A resume that tells more of the wounds than the achievements.

Chapter 2 – Diagnosis Is Not a Sentence

Bipolar disorder is not treated as a condemnation, but as a lens through which to observe reality. The mind is not broken, it is simply more sensitive, more alive. This chapter overturns the stigma and offers a more humane view of mental health.

Chapter 3 – Contract Loves

Relationships are lived intensely but often marked by misunderstandings. Love becomes an act of resistance, a struggle against expectations, against fear, against oneself. A tale of bonds that burn and illuminate.

Chapter 4 – Poverty As a Teacher

In 2021, the author returns to poverty. Not as a defeat, but as a revelation. Lack becomes a space for truth, for the rediscovery of what truly matters. A chapter that transforms pain into learning.

Chapter 5 – Travels And Voices

Sixty-five countries visited, a thousand faces encountered. The world reveals itself to be more human than one might think, closer, more vulnerable. Every journey is a voice, every voice a story that changes those who listen.

Chapter 6 – Faith Without Dogma

Spirituality breaks free from religious structures. It is a direct dialogue with the invisible, with what cannot be explained but can be felt. A chapter that explores faith as a personal experience, not as doctrine.

Chapter 7 – Writing As Therapy

Words become salvation. Writing is a way to survive, to give form to pain and transform it. The author shares how writing helped him not to lose himself, to find himself, to heal.

Chapter 8 – The Daughter, The Future

An intimate, tender, and powerful chapter. Love for her daughter once again becomes direction and hope. The future is no longer a threat, but a promise to be protected.

Chapter 9 – The System Does Not Contains Me

A biting, ironic, and provocative social commentary. The author rebels against conformity, imposed models, and pre-packaged roles. It is a manifesto for those who feel unrepresented, for those who long to be something else.

Chapter 10 – The Freedom to Be Ferdinando

The pseudonym "Ferdinando" is not a mask, but a conscious choice. It protects and reveals, allowing one to share one's story without filters. It is the symbol of freedom achieved, of an identity built through storytelling.

Epilogue

There is no moral. There is no solution. There is only one voice that decided to tell its story, even when it was trembling. *Soul's Commuter* is not a book to be closed, but to be carried with you. Because the mind outside the system is not a mistake. It is a possibility.

And if you have made it this far, you are a commuter too. Welcome to the station.

PROLOGUE

Each chapter that follows is a station. Do not look for coherence, look for clues. You will not find a direction, but a drift. Each page is a fragment of a journey with no return ticket.

Here, one writes out of necessity, not as a profession. Here, the mind is not a mechanism, but a battlefield. Here, the soul is not a metaphor, but a place from which one departs and to which one returns—wounded, transformed, alive.

Reading this book is like commuting between inside and outside, between the system and the margin, between silence and scream. Each chapter is an attempt to stay. Each word, proof that thought can survive pain.

LITERARY SELF-PORTRAIT

Writing is an act of introspection. Every word, every sentence represents a part of me, a window into my soul that opens to the world. Writing means exploring the depths of my emotions, confronting my fears and desires, and understanding the innermost motivations that drive me to put my thoughts down on paper.

Deep Introspection

My passion for writing was born from a need to express what I felt inside. It was a way to give voice to emotions I could not verbally express. I remember sleepless nights spent

writing, trying to capture the essence of my experiences and feelings. Writing became my therapy, a refuge where I could be completely honest with myself. In moments of deep introspection, I discovered hidden truths about myself and found a clarity that allowed me to face life's challenges with new strength. Writing allowed me to explore my deepest fears, my most hidden desires, and my boldest ambitions.

Sincerity And Vulnerability

Laying myself bare through writing required courage. Showing my fragility, mistakes, and insecurities was not easy, but it was necessary. I learned that authenticity is a value readers appreciate. Being vulnerable means being human, and this humanity is what makes my stories real and touching. Recounting my failures, disappointments, and fears created a deep connection with my readers, who recognized themselves in my words. Sincerity became the common thread in my writing, allowing me to connect with others on a deeper level. I learned that it is precisely through our vulnerabilities that we find the strength to grow and improve.

Reflections On the Craft of Writing

Writing is a craft that requires dedication, discipline, and patience. Each book is the result of a creative process involving multiple stages: from the initial idea to research, from drafting to revision. Sharing my writing secrets, the techniques, and tricks I have learned over the years, is a way to inspire other aspiring writers. Inspiration can come in many ways: from a chance encounter, a journey, or a simple

everyday observation. Every character, every story is born from a spark of inspiration that then develops and grows within me. I like to think of writing as a garden: ideas are seeds, and with care and attention, these ideas sprout and blossom into complete stories. I have learned the importance of revising and rewriting: often, first drafts are just the beginning of a long and painstaking process.

The Power of Words

Words have extraordinary power. They can comfort, inspire, provoke, and transform. Through writing, I have learned to harness this power to explore complex and universal themes like love, loss, hope, and redemption. Words have allowed me to construct imaginary worlds in which readers can retreat, while also reflecting on the realities of everyday life. I have discovered that the right words, used in the right context, can have a lasting and meaningful impact on the reader. For example, a simple, direct sentence can often communicate an emotion more powerfully than an elaborate description.

My Moments of Inspiration

Some of my most inspiring moments have come from the most unexpected places. I remember a trip to South America, where I met a local community who welcomed me with warmth and hospitality. Their stories of resilience and hope have inspired many of my narratives. Similarly, a simple sunset observed from my window sparked a profound reflection on the fleeting nature of time and the importance of living every moment to the fullest. I learned that

inspiration is everywhere: in a casual conversation, in a book, in a song, in a work of art.

Storytelling To Connect

Writing is also a way to connect with others. Every story I tell is a bridge I build between myself and my readers. Through my words, I hope to offer comfort, inspiration, and a sense of community. Writing means sharing a part of myself with the world, and in return, receiving connection and support from readers. This exchange is what makes writing so rewarding and meaningful to me.

In this first chapter, I would like to invite readers into my world, to meet the man behind the stories. Writing is an inner journey that has allowed me to discover who I truly am and connect with others in a profound and meaningful way. I invite you to follow me on this journey of introspection, honesty, and reflection, as we explore the soul of the writer together.

The Creative Process: The Birth of a Book

Each book is a unique and unrepeatable journey, an adventure that begins with a spark of inspiration and develops through a creative process full of challenges and discoveries. In this chapter, I want to share with you the behind-the-scenes stories behind my novels, my intimate relationship with my characters, and the sources of inspiration that fuel my writing.

BEHIND THE SCENES

The birth of a book is a complex and fascinating process. Every novel has a story behind it, made up of anecdotes, curiosities, and difficulties encountered along the way. I remember the first book I wrote, born from a vivid dream I had one night. The plot developed slowly, like a puzzle piece by piece. Each chapter represented a challenge, but also an opportunity to explore new creative horizons. The writing process is often solitary, but it is also a time of great introspection and personal growth. My books are the result of sleepless nights, moments of inspiration, and periods of deep reflection. Every written word is the fruit of an inner journey that has allowed me to explore myself and the world around me.

The Relationship with The Characters

For me, the characters in my books are more than mere figments of my mind. They are traveling companions, close friends who live and breathe in the pages of my novels. Each character is born from an idea, an image, or an emotion. As I write, the characters come to life, develop complex personalities, and become an integral part of the story. My relationship with my characters is deep and intense. I love them, I hate them, I understand them, I judge them, but I respect them. They shape the narrative and guide the reader through the story's journey. I often find myself talking to them, wondering what they would do in certain situations, and letting their choices and actions guide me. Characters are

the beating heart of my stories, and without them, the narrative would lose its soul.

The Inspiration

Where does inspiration come from? This is a question I am often asked. Inspiration can come in many ways and at unexpected times. It could be a chance encounter with an interesting person, a breathtaking landscape, a news story heard on the radio, or a childhood memory. Every experience, every emotion felt, can become a source of inspiration. I remember a trip to India, where I was fascinated by the local culture and traditions. This trip inspired one of my most beloved novels, and every page of that book reflects the beauty and complexity of that country. Inspiration is everywhere; you just must know how to recognize it and embrace it. Sometimes, a simple walk in the park, a smile exchanged with a stranger, or an old photograph can ignite the creative spark. Inspiration is like a capricious muse that appears when you least expect it, but when it arrives, it brings with it a world of ideas and possibilities.

The Writing Process

Authoring a book is a labor of patience and dedication. I dedicate time every day to writing, trying to maintain a consistent routine. Every word, every sentence, every paragraph is written with care and attention. But writing is only part of the process. After writing the first draft, the revision process begins, which is often longer and more demanding than the writing itself. Each chapter is reread,

rewritten, and refined until I achieve the desired result. Revision is a process that requires a critical eye and the ability to detach yourself from your work to improve it. Each rereading is an opportunity to refine the narrative, make the dialogue more authentic, and eliminate inconsistencies. Revision is as much an art as writing itself and requires great diligence and a willingness to continually improve.

Overcoming Creative Obstacles

Like every writer, I have faced moments of creative block, when words seemed to elude me and the blank page became an insurmountable enemy. In these moments, I learned not to force my writing, but to take time to reflect and find inspiration. Sometimes, a walk in the fresh air, a chat with a friend, or reading a delightful book can help overcome these obstacles. I have learned that creativity cannot be forced but must be cultivated with patience and love. Furthermore, I have discovered the importance of giving myself breaks and not being too hard on myself. Creativity is a fluid and ever evolving process and accepting moments of stagnation as part of the journey is essential to continuing to grow as a writer.

In this chapter, I invite you to discover the behind-the-scenes of the creative process, to explore the intimate relationship I have with my characters, and to understand where the inspiration that fuels my writing comes. The birth of a book is an extraordinary journey, and I hope that through these pages you can experience and appreciate the magic of this process. I invite you to follow me on this adventure, to

discover the challenges and joys of literary creation, and to share with me my passion for the stories that unite and inspire us.

DIALOGUE WITH READERS

Intro

Writing is an act of communication, a bridge between author and reader. A delightful book is not only a work of art, but also an ongoing, reciprocal dialogue. In this chapter, I want to explore the importance of dialogue with my readers, thank them for their support, and leave a message that can resonate in their lives.

An Open Book

Since the beginning of my writing career, I have wanted my books to be open to readers. I want them to feel part of my world, to be able to immerse themselves in the stories and experience them as if they were their own. I have always invited readers to ask questions, share their impressions, and discuss the themes explored in my novels. This open dialogue has enriched my writing experience and allowed me to grow and improve. Every email, every comment, and every review I have received has been a source of inspiration and confirmation that my writing has a real impact on people. Moreover, at 60 years old and with sixty published books—one for every year of my life—I feel particularly connected to each reader who has found value in my work.

Thanks

I cannot talk about my journey as a writer without expressing my gratitude to my readers. Their support, affection, and loyalty have been crucial to my growth as an author. Each book published has been received with enthusiasm, and the words of encouragement I have received have given me the strength to continue writing. I want to thank everyone who has read my books, who has shared their emotions, and who has found comfort and inspiration in my stories. It is you, dear readers, who make all this possible. Your presence in my life is a precious gift, and I will never stop being grateful for your unconditional support. The milestone of sixty books was reached thanks to you, who have inspired me to continue writing and exploring new narrative horizons.

A Message for The Future

Writing is an act of hope, a way to leave a mark on the world and pass on a message to future generations. Through my books, I hope to offer reflections, lessons, and inspiration for personal growth. My message to you, dear readers, is to never stop looking for beauty in life, to face challenges with courage, and to cultivate love and kindness. Life is an extraordinary journey, and each of us has the power to make it meaningful and full of discovery. I hope my stories can inspire you to live with passion, to dream big, and to never give up. With sixty published books, one for each year of my life, I have tried to share a piece of myself with each reader, hoping that my experiences can be a source of inspiration.

Engaging Readers

A key aspect of engaging with readers is their active involvement. I have always strived to create a space where readers can express their opinions, share their stories, and feel part of a community. Through launch events, virtual meetings, and reading groups, I have had the opportunity to get to know my readers better and build meaningful connections with them. Every meeting is an opportunity to gain experience, grow together, and strengthen the special bond that develops between author and reader. Sharing experiences makes reading an even more enriching and engaging experience.

Lessons Learned

Every reader brings a unique and valuable perspective. Their questions, constructive criticism, and praise have allowed me to see my stories in a new light and continually improve as a writer. I have learned that the art of storytelling is not just a monologue, but a continuous, reciprocal dialogue. Your words, dear readers, have enriched my life and pushed me to always give my best. Every published book is the result of this ongoing and enriching exchange, which has allowed me to grow as an author and as an individual.

In this chapter, I want to pay tribute to you, my readers, and thank you for your support and presence. Through this open and sincere dialogue, we can continue to grow together, exploring new worlds and sharing stories that touch the heart and soul. My 60 years and my sixty books are testament to

an extraordinary journey we have undertaken together, and I hope we will continue to travel this path, enriching each other with our experiences and stories.

A Story of Inspiration

It was a winter evening, the kind that seems tailor-made for silence and nostalgia. The cold seeped in through the windows, and not even the blankets could truly warm me. I felt the need for something deeper, a connection with the past, with a part of myself I had forgotten. So, I went up to the attic, among dusty boxes and forgotten objects, searching for a fragment of memory.

That is where I found it: an old diary, worn by time, with my name engraved on the cover and a distant, almost faded date. I did not remember writing it, yet every word seemed to belong to me. I sat down on the cold floor, intrigued, and began to read.

The yellow pages told stories I had lived and then let go. Thoughts, emotions, reflections: everything was there, kept safe like a secret treasure. I lost myself in those words, reliving joy and sorrows, hopes, and fears. Each sentence was a piece of me, an echo of who I had been.

Among those lines, one struck me: the story of a chance encounter during a train ride. An older man, with a deep gaze and a mysterious air, sat down across from me. Without preamble, we began talking. His words were rich with meaning, full of wisdom and life experience. He spoke to me

of shattered dreams and rediscovered hopes, of lost loves and new passions, of mistakes and precious lessons.

That trip, which seemed like just a transitional moment, turned out to be a turning point. Once I returned home, I began writing with urgency, as if an inner voice were guiding me. Emotions flowed, characters came to life, and the wise old man became the mentor to a young protagonist searching for himself. The novel that emerged from that encounter became one of my most beloved. Readers recognized themselves in his words, finding comfort, inspiration, and strength.

The discovery of that diary was not just the beginning of a story, but an invitation to look within, to never forget. It reminded me that every experience, every encounter, every emotion can become the seed of creativity, if we are willing to dig deeper, to remember, to transform.

I share this story with you to remind you that inspiration hides in the most unexpected places. All it takes is the courage to seek it, the curiosity to listen, and the will to transform it into something authentic and precious.

SPIRITUAL TESTAMENT

Every writer leaves a legacy behind, a legacy of words, stories, and reflections that endure. In this chapter, I explore the concept of literary legacy, the passion for writing, and the power of storytelling.

Literary Heritage

I have often wondered what I want to leave my readers, what message I want to remain etched in their memory. I have always believed that writing has the power to transform, inspire, and offer new perspectives. Through my books, I hope I have conveyed the value of authenticity, resilience, and hope. Each story I have written is a piece of my spiritual testament; a fragment of the soul I offer the world. I want readers to find comfort in my words, to feel understood, and to draw inspiration from the experiences I share. I hope my literary legacy will be a beacon of light, a guide that can help others navigate life's complexities.

Passion For Writing

My passion for writing has been with me my entire life. From an early age, I felt the call of words, the need to express myself through writing. Every book I have written is the result of this passion, this love of words and stories. Writing has been my refuge, my lifeline in tough times, and my source of joy in happy moments. I want to pass this passion on to young people, encouraging them to write, to express themselves, and to tell the world through their eyes. Writing is a powerful art, capable of changing the world and leaving an indelible mark on people's memories.

The Power of Storytelling

Reflecting on the power of storytelling has led me to understand how crucial stories are to our understanding of

the world and ourselves. Stories have the power to move, to make us reflect, and to change the world. Through storytelling, we can explore complex themes, confront our fears, and find new perspectives. Stories help us understand who we are, where we come from, and where we are going. They are a vehicle for knowledge, growth, and transformation. The power of storytelling lies in its ability to touch people's hearts, create connections, and inspire change.

Words As Legacy

Words are my legacy, my way of leaving a mark on the world. Every book I have written is a piece of me, a testament to my experiences and reflections. Words are immortal, they survive time and live on in the minds and hearts of readers. I want my words to continue to inspire, comfort, and illuminate people's paths even after I am gone. Writing is my way of leaving a legacy that lasts beyond my life, a gift I can offer the world.

The Value of Stories

Every story I have written has been an opportunity to explore innovative ideas, to immerse myself in imaginary worlds, and to connect with readers. Stories have the power to break down barriers, bring people together, and create a sense of community. They reflect our experiences, our hopes, and our dreams. The value of stories lies in their ability to make us see the world with new eyes, make us feel less alone, and offer us a sense of belonging.

The Courage to Die

Dying requires courage, or a certain level of recklessness that prevents us from making rational decisions. There are many ways to face death, but the most excruciating is solitude among so many. Loneliness is a condition that can consume the soul, leaving a void no one can fill. During my journey through life, I have met many people who have faced loneliness and death with dignity and courage. I have witnessed the extraordinary strength that comes from accepting one's mortality and finding meaning even in the darkest moments.

A Story of Courage

I remember a particularly meaningful encounter with an elderly woman during one of my travels. She was alone, without family or friends, but her inner strength was palpable. She told me about her life, its joys, and sorrows, and confided that she had accepted death as a natural part of life's cycle. She was not afraid, because she had lived a life filled with love and meaningful experiences. Her serenity in the face of death touched me deeply and made me reflect on my own existence. Loneliness had not weakened her, but had strengthened her, allowing her to find deeper meaning in her life. This woman taught me that true courage is not the absence of fear, but the ability to face it with dignity and grace.

In this chapter, I wish to share with you my spiritual testament, my legacy as a writer. Through my words and

stories, I hope to leave an impression, to pass on my love of writing, and to inspire future generations to tell their stories and explore the power of storytelling. I invite you to reflect on the courage to live and die, the importance of finding meaning in our experiences, and the beauty of leaving a legacy that can illuminate the path of others.

A STORY OF COINCIDENCES

The Unexpected Encounter

It was a day like any other when I decided to take a walk in a park near my house. I needed a moment of tranquility, away from the noise of the city and the worries of everyday life. As I walked among the trees, I lost myself in my thoughts, reflecting on a writing project I could not bring myself to pursue. The words escaped me, and my mind was a whirlwind of confused ideas.

It was then that I saw a man sitting on a bench, intent on reading a book. He was a familiar face, but I could not place him. I approached slowly, trying to remember where I had met him. When I got close enough, the man looked up and our eyes met. It was then that I recognized him: it was an old school friend I had not seen in over twenty years.

The coincidence of that meeting struck me deeply. We sat together on the bench and began to talk, as if time had never passed. He told me about his life, his experiences, and the challenges he had faced. In turn, I shared with him my successes and my struggles. It was as if that old bond of

friendship had been rekindled, bringing with it a feeling of warmth and comfort.

As we talked, I realized that this unexpected encounter was exactly what I needed. His story was full of moments of resilience and hope, and his words inspired me to resume my writing project. He told me about a trip he had taken to South America, where he had met extraordinary people and had life-changing experiences. His descriptions were so vivid and detailed that I felt like I was there with him, experiencing those adventures.

That encounter made me reflect on the nature of coincidences and the unexpected in life. Often, the most meaningful encounters happen at the most unexpected moments when we least expect them. The people we meet along the way can have a profound impact on our lives, offering us new perspectives and inspiring us to see the world through different eyes.

After that day, I returned home with renewed energy and determination. I began writing fervently, trying to capture the essence of that encounter and put the emotions I had felt onto paper. The story took shape, and the characters came to life beneath my pen. The old friend became a central figure in the narrative, a mentor who guided the protagonist through life's difficulties and taught him the value of resilience and hope.

That novel, born from a chance encounter in a park, became one of my most beloved works. I received numerous letters of thanks from people who recognized themselves in the

words of their old friend, who found comfort and inspiration in his wisdom. It was a reminder of the power of coincidences and the unexpected, of life's ability to surprise us and offer us new opportunities for growth and discovery.

The coincidence of that unexpected encounter taught me the importance of being open and ready to seize the opportunities life offers us. Every moment, every encounter, and every experience can become a source of inspiration if we are willing to look at them with curious and open eyes. Life is an extraordinary journey, full of surprises and coincidences that can enrich our existence in ways we never imagined.

In this chapter, I want to share with you this story of coincidences and unexpected events and remind you that the beauty of life lies in its ability to surprise us and offer us new opportunities for growth and discovery. Be open and ready to seize every moment, because every unexpected encounter can become a source of inspiration and wonder.

THE ROLE OF CHANCE

Coincidences And Unforeseen Events

Life is an unpredictable journey, full of coincidences and unexpected events that can change the course of our destiny. In this chapter, I explore the role of chance in our lives, the significant coincidences I have experienced, and how these unexpected events have shaped my path.

Significant Coincidences

There are moments in life when coincidences lead us in unexpected directions. One of the most significant coincidences I have ever experienced was meeting a young woman on a train ride. We were both traveling to the same destination, but we had never met before. The conversation that followed profoundly changed the course of my life. We discovered we had much in common, and that simple chance encounter turned into a lasting and meaningful friendship. That coincidence taught me the importance of being open to possibilities and welcoming unexpected encounters with an open mind and heart.

Destiny

The concept of destiny is fascinating and complex. I have often wondered whether our destiny is predetermined or whether we have the power to influence it through our choices. During one of my travels in South America, I met an elderly shaman who told me an ancient story about the weaving of destiny. In his view, destiny is like a vast fabric, where each thread represents a choice, an encounter, or an event in our lives. While we cannot control every aspect of our destiny, we can influence it through our actions and decisions. This perspective taught me to see life as a web of opportunities and possibilities, where every moment is an opportunity to build our destiny.

The Unpredictability of Life

Life is unpredictable and often presents us with unexpected challenges and changes. One of the most difficult moments of my life was when I had to face a serious illness. That period of uncertainty and suffering taught me the value of resilience and adaptability. I learned that, even in the trickiest situations, we can find the strength to move forward and overcome obstacles. Life's unpredictability forces us to confront our fears and find added resources within ourselves. Every unexpected event is an opportunity to gain experience, to learn, and to discover new parts of ourselves.

Mistakes And Wrong Choices

Throughout my life, I have made many mistakes and bad choices. I have made hasty decisions, shared information inappropriately, and followed paths I would not take today. But these mistakes have been crucial to my growth. Each mistake has taught me a valuable lesson, and each wrong choice has shown me the path to greater wisdom. Experience is the result of these failures, and only through it can we become more aware and mature people. I have learned that mistakes are part of the growth process and that true wisdom comes from the ability to acknowledge them, learn from them, and not repeat them.

Choices I Wouldn't Make Again

Looking back, I would make many choices differently. I trusted the wrong people, invested time and resources in projects that failed, and let emotion drive my decisions.

Those mistakes taught me to be cautious, assess situations carefully, and look beyond immediate feelings. Each one became a lesson, making me wiser and more self-aware.

The Value of Experience

Experience is a harsh teacher, but it is also the most precious of gifts. Only by living, making mistakes, and learning from them can we become better people. Experience gives us the perspective needed to face life's challenges with greater serenity and awareness. Every mistake, every wrong choice, and every poor sharing have been fundamental steps in my growth journey. Without them, I would not be the person I am today. Experience teaches us to be humble, to recognize our limitations, and to continually strive for improvement. It is only through experience that we can develop the wisdom needed to live a full and meaningful life.

In this chapter, I would like to share with you the role of chance in my life, the meaningful coincidences I have experienced, and how unexpected events have shaped my journey. I invite you to reflect on the beauty of unpredictability and the importance of embracing coincidences and the unexpected with an open mind and heart. Every moment of our lives is an opportunity to gain experience, to learn, and to discover new parts of ourselves.

LOVE AND BONDS

Stories Of the Heart

Love is a powerful force that can transform our lives in surprising ways. In this chapter, I explore the love stories and meaningful connections that have shaped my journey, reflecting on the lessons learned and the emotions experienced.

Unforgettable Loves

Throughout my life, I have been fortunate to experience great love, each of which has left an indelible mark on my heart. I fondly remember my first youthful love, a pure and innocent feeling that taught me the value of sincerity and sharing. Each subsequent relationship has brought with it new lessons and new challenges, enriching my understanding of love and life. Every love story is unique and special, and each has helped shape the person I am today.

Many Women, No Love

Despite the many relationships I have had over the years, I have often found myself searching for something that constantly eluded me: true love. I have met many extraordinary women, but no relationship has been able to fill the emotional void I felt inside. I realized that, despite searching for love, I was incapable of building deep, lasting connections. Every time a relationship ended, I wondered what had gone wrong and why I could not find the emotional

stability I longed for. This constant search for love led me to reflect on the root causes of this emotional void.

Affective Deficiency and Poorly Managed Maternal Affection

Looking back, I realized that much of my difficulty finding true love was linked to an emotional deficit stemming from poorly managed maternal affection. Growing up, my mother was a constant presence, but her love was often conditional and manipulative. This created a deep insecurity in me and a constant need for approval and affection, which I desperately sought to fill through romantic relationships. I learned that the way we are loved and cared for during childhood profoundly impacts our ability to love and be loved as adults. This awareness helped me better understand myself and work through the emotional wounds that prevented me from building authentic connections.

Love Lessons

Love is not always easy, and it often requires compromise, patience, and a deep understanding of others. I have learned that true love is based on mutual trust, respect, and the ability to support each other in times of difficulty. One of the most important lessons I have learned is the importance of communicating openly and honestly with your partner. Communication is the key to overcoming misunderstandings and building a strong, lasting relationship. I have learned that love requires commitment and dedication, but that the value

of the emotions and bonds it creates are more than worth the effort.

Family Ties

Beyond romantic love, family ties have played a fundamental role in my life. The birth of my daughter in 2003 was one of the most significant and happiest moments of my life. Her presence enriched my life in unimaginable ways and taught me the importance of responsibility, care, and unconditional love. Every moment spent with her is a precious treasure, and every achievement is a source of pride and joy. Family is our refuge, the place where we find support and understanding in tough times.

Precious Friendships

Along my journey, I have met extraordinary people who have become precious friends. Genuine friendships are a rare and precious gift, and I have learned to cultivate and value these bonds. Friends are those with whom we can share joys and sorrows, with whom we can be ourselves without fear of judgment. One of the most meaningful friendships of my life was born during a trip to Asia, where I met someone who shared my passions and aspirations. That chance encounter turned into a lasting friendship that continues to enrich my life.

Loneliness Among Many

Love and emotional bonds protect us from loneliness, but there are times when we feel alone even among so many people. I have had experiences of loneliness that have deeply affected me, but which have also taught me to find strength and resilience within myself. Loneliness can be painful, but it can also be an opportunity to reflect and find inner balance. I have learned that solitude is not always a negative condition but can become a moment of personal growth and discovery.

A Story of Bonds

I want to share with you the story of a special bond that has shaped my life. During a trip to Europe, I met an extraordinary woman who struck me with her wisdom and depth. We began talking, and I discovered we had many shared experiences and interests. That conversation turned into a long and meaningful correspondence, which profoundly enriched my life. Our friendship became a point of reference, a bond that offered me comfort and inspiration in times of difficulty. Through this story, I learned the value of authentic connections and deep connections with others.

In this chapter, I want to explore the love stories and meaningful connections that have enriched my life. I invite you to reflect on the importance of cultivating sincere and meaningful relationships, the commitment required to build lasting bonds, and the transformative power of love and friendship. Every bond, every love, and every friendship is

an opportunity to gain experience, to learn, and to discover new parts of ourselves.

ESOTERICISM AND INITIATORY

A Journey into The Unknown

Esotericism and initiatory schools have always held a great fascination for me. These hidden worlds, rich in symbols, secret teachings, and mysterious practices, offer a unique perspective on reality and human experience. In this chapter, I will explore my journey into esotericism, the significant people I have met along the way, and the lessons I have learned.

The Encounter with Esotericism

From an early age, I felt a profound curiosity for esotericism and initiatory traditions. The desire to know and explore the unknown drove me to seek answers beyond the confines of conventional knowledge. Through reading ancient texts, joining esoteric groups, and practicing meditative techniques, I began to immerse myself in this fascinating world. I discovered that esotericism offers an alternative vision of reality, where everything is connected and nothing is random. This journey led me to explore the depths of my soul and confront the fundamental questions of existence.

The Initiatory School

One of the most significant experiences of my esoteric journey was entering an initiatory school. This school, with its ancient traditions and secret teachings, offered me invaluable guidance on my inner journey. Every lesson, every ritual, and every symbol carried profound meanings, which I had to decipher and understand. The initiatory school taught me the importance of discipline, dedication, and the constant search for truth. I learned that esoteric knowledge is not something that can be acquired easily, but requires commitment, patience, and an open mind.

Anthony The Doctor

During my initiatory journey, I have been fortunate to meet extraordinary people who have enriched my life and my understanding of esotericism. One of these people is Antonio, a doctor and sage who has dedicated his life to the search for truth and healing. Antonio has become a mentor and guide to me, teaching me to see beyond appearances and understand life's hidden secrets. Through his words and teachings, I have learned the importance of empathy, compassion, and unconditional love. Antonio has shown me that true healing concerns not only the body, but also the soul.

My Personal Journey

My journey into esotericism and initiatory teaching has been a journey of personal discovery. I have had to confront my fears, insecurities, and deepest desires. I have learned to look

within myself, explore my shadows, and find the hidden light within. This journey has taught me that true knowledge is not about acquiring information, but also about deeply understanding oneself and the world. I have discovered that esotericism is a path of personal growth and transformation, allowing us to become better and more aware people.

Lessons Learned

Through my esoteric journey, I have learned many valuable lessons. I have learned that life is a journey of discovery and growth, in which every experience and every encounter have profound meaning. I have learned that true knowledge allows us to better understand ourselves and the world around us. I have learned that discipline, dedication, and an open mind are essential to the search for truth. And, finally, I have learned that love, compassion, and empathy are the keys to a full and meaningful life.

A History of Esotericism

I want to share with you a story from my esoteric journey that has profoundly impacted my life. During meditation in an ancient temple, I had a vision that revealed the profound connection between all things. I saw a web of light connecting every living being, every star, every atom in the universe. That vision showed me that everything is interconnected and that our every action impacts the entire universe. That experience taught me the importance of responsibility and awareness in our daily actions. Since then,

I have tried to live my life more consciously and to always act with love and compassion.

In this chapter, I wish to explore my journey into esotericism and initiatory schooling and reflect on the lessons I have learned along the way. I invite you to explore your inner world, to seek answers beyond the confines of conventional knowledge, and to embark on your own journey of personal discovery. Every experience, every encounter, and every teaching is an opportunity to gain experience, to learn, and to discover new parts of yourself.

THE VALUE OF FAILURE

Lessons In Resilience

Failure is often perceived as a defeat, but it can be one of the most formative experiences of our lives. In this chapter, I will explore the value of failure, the lessons of resilience I have learned, and the experiences that have allowed me to grow through hardship.

Failure As a Teacher

Throughout my life, I have experienced many failures. I have failed in relationships, work projects, personal ventures, and dreams that did not come true. Each failure was painful, but it also taught me valuable lessons I could not have learned otherwise. I have learned that failure is not the end, but an opportunity to reflect, learn, and improve. Failure forces us to confront ourselves, recognize our limitations, and find

innovative solutions. It is a stern teacher, but also extremely generous in its lessons.

Resilience

Resilience is the ability to face and overcome difficulties, to get up after a fall and keep moving forward. I have learned that resilience is not an innate quality, but something that develops through life experiences. Every failure, every obstacle overcome, has helped strengthen my resilience. I have discovered that resilience does not mean being immune to suffering but finding the strength to face it and keep fighting. Resilience is a precious resource that allows us to transform difficulties into opportunities for growth.

Behind one hundred Failures One Success

One of the most important lessons I have learned is that behind every success there are countless failures. I have learned to see failure not as a defeat, but as an inevitable step towards success. Every time I failed, I tried to analyze my mistakes, learn from them, and improve. Each failure brought me one step closer to success, teaching me the lessons I need to achieve my goals. I have learned that success is often the result of a series of trials and errors, and that perseverance is the key to achieving your dreams.

Behind one hundred Successes Something That Doesn't Work Well

Likewise, I have learned that behind every string of successes, there is often something not right. Success can bring with it new challenges and difficulties, and it can reveal aspects of ourselves and our lives that need attention. I have discovered that success is not a destination, but a continuous process of growth and improvement. Each success brings with it new responsibilities and new expectations, and it can evaluate our ability to adapt and manage stress. I have learned to see success not as an end point, but as a new beginning, an opportunity to gain experience further and face new challenges.

The Lessons of Failure

Every failure brings with it valuable lessons. I have learned the importance of being humble and acknowledging my mistakes. I have learned to take responsibility for my actions and not look for excuses or blame. I have learned that failure can be an opportunity to explore new paths and find creative solutions. I have learned to see failure not as a defeat, but as a natural phase in the process of growth and learning.

Overcoming Difficulties

Throughout my journey, I have faced many difficulties. Illness, financial difficulties, and personal challenges have evaluated me in ways I never imagined. However, I have learned that every difficulty can be overcome with

determination, courage, and an open mind. I have discovered that, even in the darkest moments, we can find the light and strength to move forward. Difficulties force us to look within ourselves for resources we did not know we possessed, and they teach us that we are much stronger than we think.

A Story of Resilience

I want to share with you a story of resilience that has profoundly affected my life. During a period of severe financial hardship, I found myself on the brink of bankruptcy. The pressures and worries seemed insurmountable, and I felt overwhelmed by fear and frustration. However, I decided not to give up. With the support of my family and friends, I worked hard to find innovative solutions and to recover. Eventually, I managed to overcome that crisis and rebuild my life. That experience taught me the value of resilience and determination, and showed me that, even in the trickiest situations, we can find the strength to move forward.

The Value of Error

I have learned that mistakes are a fundamental part of the growth process. Every mistake is an opportunity to gain experience and improve. I have discovered that mistakes are not a defeat, but a natural step on the path to success. I have learned to see mistakes as valuable lessons that help me become a better and more aware person. The value of mistakes lies in their ability to teach us valuable lessons and guide us towards personal growth.

Reflections On Failure

Reflecting on my failures, I realized that they contributed significantly to my personal and professional growth. Each failure offered me the opportunity to reflect, learn, and grow. I learned that failure is an inevitable part of life, and that it is important to accept it and learn from it. Failure teaches us the importance of perseverance, patience, and self-confidence.

In this chapter, I want to explore the value of failure and the lessons of resilience I have learned along the way. I invite you to reflect on your failures and see them not as defeats, but as opportunities for growth. Every failure is a valuable lesson, helping us become better and more aware of people. Embrace failure with humility and gratitude, and you will find in it an inexhaustible source of wisdom and strength.

LIVING WITH BIPOLAR DISORDER

A Story of Strength and Resilience

Discovering a psychiatric illness can be a devastating experience, but it can also be an opportunity for growth and to discover added resources within oneself. In this chapter, I would like to share my experience with bipolar disorder, a condition I inherited from my mother and have learned to manage over the past 15 years with the help of a psychiatrist. This story is a journey of strength, resilience, and self-realization.

The Discovery of The Disease

About 15 years ago, after years of emotional difficulties and sudden mood swings, I was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. The news was a hard blow to accept, but at the same time, it explained the whirlwind of emotions I had experienced for much of my life. Discovering I had a psychiatric illness was a moment of great vulnerability, but also of clarity. I finally had a diagnosis that allowed me to better understand myself and find a path to improve my quality of life.

The Maternal Legacy

Bipolar disorder is a condition I inherited from my mother. Growing up with a mother with this condition profoundly influenced my worldview and the way I deal with emotions. I learned to recognize the signs and symptoms of the illness and understand the importance of appropriately managing emotions. However, it was only with my own diagnosis that I realized how profoundly this condition had impacted my life. Inheriting it meant carrying on a battle my mother had already fought, but it also meant having the opportunity to face it with the right tools and support.

The Treatment Path

Coping with bipolar disorder requires ongoing and dedicated treatment. A psychiatrist has been by my side since the beginning, guiding me through the stages of the illness and helping me find the right balance between medications, therapy, and stress management strategies. Without my

psychiatrist's support, I would never have been able to manage the illness alone. His expertise, empathy, and dedication have played a fundamental role in my journey to recovery and stabilization. Thanks to him, I have learned to live with the condition, recognize the signs of a relapse, and take the necessary measures to prevent it.

The Settlement

After years of treatment and self-improvement, I have reached a point of adjustment. In psychiatric jargon, this means I have regained all my abilities while living with the condition. I have learned to manage my emotions, maintain a stable balance, and live a full and satisfying life despite the presence of bipolar disorder. This achievement was possible thanks to perseverance, discipline, and the support of the people who have supported me. Adjustment does not mean the end of the illness, but the ability to live with it in a healthy and productive way.

The Role of Writing

During my treatment journey, writing became an outlet and a means to explore my emotions. Writing allowed me to give voice to my thoughts, reflect on my experiences, and find clarity and understanding. Writing became a form of therapy, a way to express what I felt inside and to transform my emotions into something positive and creative. Thanks to the support of my psychiatrist and my dedication to writing, I was able to become an author and share my stories with the world.

A Story of Resilience

I want to share with you a story that illustrates my resilience in living with bipolar disorder. During a particularly tough time, when emotions seemed overwhelming and hope seemed distant, my psychiatrist encouraged me to continue writing. He told me that writing could be a lifeline, a way to make sense of my experiences and find the strength to move forward. Following his advice, I began keeping a journal, recording every thought, emotion, and reflection. This daily practice helped me regain balance and see hope. Writing allowed me to transform pain into strength and discover added resources within myself.

Reflections On Illness

Reflecting on my experience with bipolar disorder, I realized that this illness, while challenging, has also taught me valuable lessons. It taught me the importance of self-awareness, managing emotions, and the support of loved ones. It taught me that, even in the trickiest situations, we can find the strength to move forward and build a meaningful life. I learned that illness does not define who we are but is only part of our life journey. With the right support and determination, we can live with the condition and achieve our goals.

In this chapter, I would like to share my experience with bipolar disorder and reflect on the lessons I have learned along my journey of treatment and adjustment. I invite you to reflect on your personal challenges and see them not only

as difficulties, but also as opportunities for growth and discovery. Every experience, every obstacle, and every struggle can become a source of strength and resilience, if we are willing to face them with courage and hope.

THE ART OF LIVING

Finding Beauty in The Little Things

Life is made up of moments, small joys, and simple pleasures that often go unnoticed. In this chapter, I explore the importance of finding beauty in trivial things, living with gratitude, and appreciating every moment as a precious gift.

The Importance of Gratitude

Gratitude is a quality that can transform our perspective on life. I have learned that being grateful for what we have, rather than complaining about what we lack, can bring a profound sense of peace and happiness. Every day, I take time to reflect on what I am grateful for: my family, my friends, my health, the opportunities I have had, and the experiences I have had. Gratitude allows me to see the bright side of things and face challenges with a more serene and confident attitude.

The Beauty of Small Things

We are often so focused on big goals and successes that we forget to appreciate the small joys of everyday life. I have learned that the true beauty of life lies in the trivial things: a

shared smile, a breathtaking sunset, the smell of morning coffee, the sound of rain hitting the roof. These insignificant moments are the pieces that make up the mosaic of our existence. Learning to recognize and enjoy these small joys allow us to live a fuller and more satisfying life.

Mindfulness

The practice of mindfulness has taught me to live in the present moment and appreciate every moment. Mindfulness invites us to pay attention to what is happening around us and within us, without judgment or distractions. Through mindfulness, I have learned to slow down the frenetic pace of life and fully enjoy every experience. I have discovered that mindfulness can be practiced in many ways: through meditation, conscious breathing, observing nature, or simply taking time to listen to a loved one.

Living In the Present

I have learned that living in the present is the key to fully appreciating the beauty of life. We often worry about the future or dwell on the past, losing sight of the present moment. I have discovered that living here and now, being fully present at every moment, allows us to experience life to its fullest. Every moment is unique and unrepeatable, and learning to live in the present helps us find joy and satisfaction in the trivial things in life.

A Story of Beauty

I want to share with you a story that illustrates the importance of finding beauty in trivial things. During a trip to Japan, I found myself visiting a Zen garden. As I walked along the gravel paths and observed the delicate patterns of the stones, I realized the simplicity and beauty of that place. Every detail, every stone, and every flower were carefully arranged, creating an atmosphere of serenity and harmony. That visit taught me to see beauty in simplicity and to appreciate the minute details that make life special. I found myself reflecting on the fact that often the most authentic beauty lies in simplicity, and that learning to see the world with new eyes allows us to discover hidden wonders everywhere.

Reflections On Happiness

Reflecting on my life, I realized that happiness is not something we can achieve through great successes or material possessions. Happiness is a state of mind, a choice we make every day. I learned that true happiness lies in the ability to find joy in trivial things, to live with gratitude, and to appreciate every moment as a precious gift. Happiness is the sum of all those small moments of beauty and joy that make up our lives. I have discovered that cultivating an attitude of gratitude and appreciation for trivial things allows us to live with greater serenity and satisfaction.

Cultivating Simplicity

Simplicity is a quality I have learned to value and cultivate in my life. I have discovered that simplifying my daily routine, reducing the unnecessary, and focusing on the essentials brings me a sense of calm and clarity. Simplicity allows me to live more authentically and appreciate what is enormously important. Every day, I strive to eliminate chaos and create space for serenity and beauty. I have learned that simplicity is not a sacrifice, but a conscious choice to live more genuinely and meaningfully.

Living Consciously

Living mindfully means being present in every moment, appreciating what we have, and acting with intention. I have learned that living mindfully requires practice and discipline, but it brings profound satisfaction and a greater connection with ourselves and others. Through mindfulness, I have learned to live more authentically, make more thoughtful choices, and find joy in the trivial things in life. Living mindfully allows us to see the hidden beauty in every moment and appreciate life in all its complexity and wonder.

The Connection with Nature

Nature is an inexhaustible source of beauty and inspiration. I have learned that spending time in nature, observing the changing seasons, listening to birdsong, and breathing in the fresh air helps me rediscover a sense of peace and balance. Nature teaches us to live in harmony with the world around

us and to find beauty in the simplest things. Whenever I feel overwhelmed by daily life, I take time to immerse myself in nature and reconnect with its beauty and serenity.

The Art of Living

The art of living consists of finding beauty and meaning in every moment, cultivating gratitude and appreciation for trivial things, and living with awareness and authenticity. I have learned that living well is not about having a perfect life, but about finding joy and satisfaction in the trivial things that make life special. Every day is an opportunity to discover new wonders, to cultivate meaningful relationships, and to live more genuinely and consciously.

In this chapter, I want to explore the art of living and the importance of finding beauty in trivial things. I invite you to reflect on what you are grateful for, to seek beauty in everyday detail, and to live with awareness and gratitude. Every moment is an opportunity to find joy and appreciate the gift of life. Living with gratitude and awareness allows us to create a fuller, more satisfying, and more meaningful life.

TRAVEL AS A METAPHOR FOR LIFE

Exploring The World and Yourself

Traveling is not just a physical act, but also an inner journey that allows us to explore new cultures, discover new landscapes, and learn more about ourselves. In this chapter, I

will explore the value of travel, the experiences that have enriched me, and the lessons I have learned along the way.

The Value of Travel

Traveling is one of the most enriching experiences we can have. Every trip offers us the opportunity to step out of our comfort zone, discover new perspectives, and engage with diverse cultures. I have learned that travel allows us to broaden our horizons, open our minds, and enrich our worldview. Every destination I have visited, every encounter I have had, and every experience I have had has helped shape my identity and enrich my understanding of life.

Meaningful Journeys

Throughout my life, I have been fortunate to travel to many extraordinary places. I fondly remember my trip to India, where I was fascinated by the country's cultural and spiritual richness. During that journey, I visited ancient temples, participated in religious ceremonies, and met extraordinary people who taught me valuable lessons about life and spirituality. Every moment of that journey was an opportunity to gain experience and discover new perspectives.

The Encounter with Different Cultures

One of the most enriching experiences of traveling is encountering diverse cultures. I have learned that every culture has its own wisdom, values, and traditions, and that

we can learn a lot by opening our minds and hearts to others. I have discovered that encountering diverse cultures allows us to see the world with new eyes and enriches our understanding of life. Every encounter is an opportunity to gain experience, to grow, and to discover new parts of ourselves.

The Inner Journey

Beyond the physical journey, every journey is also an inner journey. Traveling allows us to reflect on ourselves, confront our fears, and discover added resources within ourselves. I have learned that the inner journey is essential for our personal growth and fulfillment. Every experience I have had during my travels has allowed me to better understand myself, explore my emotions, and find a sense of peace and balance.

Lessons Learned

Every journey brings with it valuable lessons. I have learned the importance of flexibility and adaptability. During my travels, I have faced many challenges and unexpected events, but I have discovered that every difficulty can be overcome with determination and a cheerful outlook. I have learned to see challenges as opportunities to gain experience and learn. Furthermore, I have learned the importance of gratitude and humility. Every encounter, every experience, and every landscape have taught me to be grateful for what I have and to appreciate the beauty of life.

A Travel Story

I want to share with you a travel story that had a profound impact on my life. During a trip to South America, I found myself visiting an indigenous community that lived in harmony with nature. The people of that community welcomed me with warmth and hospitality, inviting me to participate in their daily activities. I spent time with them, learning their traditions, listening to their stories, and observing their profound connection with nature. That experience taught me the importance of living in harmony with the world around us and respecting the wisdom of ancient traditions. I realized that true wealth lies not in material possessions, but in meaningful relationships and respect for nature.

Reflections On the Journey

Reflecting on my travels, I have realized that they have been an inexhaustible source of inspiration and growth. Each trip has allowed me to discover new perspectives, meet extraordinary people, and have unique experiences. I have learned that travel is not just a destination, but a journey of discovery and personal fulfillment. Travel allows us to open our minds, enrich our understanding of the world, and discover new parts of ourselves.

In this chapter, I want to explore the value of travel and reflect on the enriching experiences I have had along the way. I invite you to explore the world, encounter new cultures, and embark on your own inner journey. Every journey is an

opportunity to gain experience, learn, and discover new wonders. Let the journey inspire you and guide you toward new discoveries and new achievements.

THE POWER OF MUSIC

A Universal Language

Music is an art form that transcends cultural and linguistic barriers and has the power to touch the deepest chords of the soul. In this chapter, I explore the role of music in my life, the musical experiences that have enriched me, and the transformative power of this extraordinary art form.

The Importance of Music

Music has always been a constant presence in my life. From an early age, I was fascinated by the melodies, rhythms, and harmonies that can convey such intense and profound emotions. I learned that music is a universal language that can communicate what words often fail to express. Through music, we can connect with others, explore our emotions, and find a sense of comfort and inspiration.

Significant Musical Experiences

Throughout my life, I have had many musical experiences that have enriched and inspired me. I fondly remember the concerts I attended, the musicians I met, and the evenings spent playing guitar with friends. Every musical experience has been an opportunity to explore new sounds, to let myself

be carried away by emotions, and to create meaningful connections with those around me. Music has the power to unite people, to overcome differences, and to create a sense of community.

Music As Therapy

I have discovered that music can be an extraordinary form of therapy. During tough times in my life, music has been a lifeline, a way to find comfort and express emotions I could not verbalize. I have learned that music can have a calming and restorative effect on the mind and body, and that it can help us overcome difficulties and find a sense of balance. Music therapy is a practice that uses music to promote health and well-being, and I have personally experienced the benefits of this form of therapy.

The Connection with Nature

Music and nature are two inexhaustible sources of inspiration and beauty. I have discovered that the combination of these two experiences can be particularly powerful. Listening to music outdoors, immersed in nature, can create a sense of harmony and a deep connection with the world around us. During my walks in the woods or hikes in the mountains, I often bring my favorite music with me, and this combination helps me relax and rediscover a sense of inner peace.

A Story of Serenades

I want to share with you a story that illustrates the power of music and human connections. When I was young, I often went to girls' houses with my grandfather to play guitar and mandolin. Together, we serenaded them under their windows, and through music, we were able to communicate our good intentions and win people's hearts. Serenades were a way to express affection and admiration, and to create meaningful connections with people in the community. These experiences taught me the power of music to connect people and create moments of pure magic and joy.

Reflections On Music

Reflecting on the importance of music in my life, I realized that it is much more than just a form of entertainment. Music is a universal language that can unite people, explore emotions, and inspire change. I have learned that music can be a source of strength and comfort, and that it can help us find a sense of balance and harmony. Music is an art form that has the power to touch the heart and soul and transform our lives into extraordinary ways.

The Power of Musical Creativity

Musical creativity is one of the purest and most authentic forms of human expression. I have discovered that creating music, whether through singing, playing an instrument, or composing melodies, can be a powerful way to explore and express our emotions. Musical creativity allows us to give

voice to our thoughts and feelings, and to find a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction. I have learned that musical creativity does not require extraordinary technical skill, but rather a willingness to explore and express what we feel inside.

The Influence of Music on Writing

Music has also had a considerable influence on my writing. Often, when I write, I am inspired by the music I listen to. Melodies and rhythms can evoke vivid images, deep emotions, and compelling stories. I have discovered that music can be an inexhaustible source of creative inspiration, and that it can enrich my writing in surprising ways. Music allows me to explore new atmospheres, create authentic characters, and convey intense emotions through words.

Reflections On the Role of Music in Society

Reflecting on the role of music in society, I realized that it is much more than mere entertainment. Music has the power to influence culture, unite people, and promote social change. Songs can become anthems for movements of social justice, peace, and freedom. Music can raise awareness about critical issues, inspire action, and foster empathy and mutual understanding. I have learned that music is a powerful force that can help create a better world.

In this chapter, I want to explore the power of music and reflect on the musical experiences that have enriched me along with my journey. I invite you to be inspired by music,

to explore your musical creativity, and to find comfort and inspiration in the melodies and rhythms that fill your life. Every note, every song, and every melody is an opportunity to connect with us and others, and to discover the beauty and transformative power of music.

A PASSION COOKING

A Journey Through Flavors and Traditions

Cooking is an art that brings people together, celebrates traditions, and allows us to explore the world through flavors. In this chapter, I will explore my passion for cooking, the enriching culinary experiences I have had, and the lessons I have learned through food.

Love For Cooking

Since I was young, I have cultivated a deep passion for cooking. I have always loved experimenting with new recipes, discovering unusual ingredients, and creating dishes that delight the palate and nourish the soul. Cooking is an art that allows me to express my creativity and share my love of food with loved ones. Every meal I prepare is an opportunity to create a moment of joy and connection.

Meaningful Culinary Experiences

Throughout my life, I have had many enriching and inspiring culinary experiences. I fondly remember family dinners, where my grandmother prepared traditional dishes with love

and dedication. Her recipes were a treasure trove of flavors and history, and every bite was a journey into the past. I have learned that cooking is a way to keep traditions alive and pass down values and cultures from generation to generation.

The Discovery of New Flavors

Traveling has allowed me to discover a vast array of flavors and culinary traditions. Each country I have visited has offered new gastronomic delights to explore and appreciate. I have had the opportunity to taste exotic dishes, learn new cooking techniques, and discover unique ingredients. I have discovered that food is a bridge that unites cultures and allows us to explore the world through flavors. Each dish is an opportunity to better understand a country, its traditions, and its history.

Cooking For Others

One of the greatest joys of cooking is cooking for others. I have always found it rewarding to prepare meals for my family, friends, and guests. Cooking for others is an act of love and generosity and creates moments of sharing and connection. I have discovered that cooking can transform a simple dinner into an unforgettable experience, and that food has the power to bring people together and create precious memories.

A Cooking Story

I want to share with you a story that illustrates the importance of cooking in my life. During a trip to Italy, I found myself visiting a small family-run trattoria. The owner, an elderly chef with a passion for traditional cuisine, invited me to join him in the kitchen. I spent the afternoon learning his secret recipes, observing his techniques, and hearing the stories behind each dish. By the end of the day, I felt deeply inspired by his dedication and love for cooking. That experience taught me that cooking is much more than simply preparing food: it is an art that celebrates culture, tradition, and human connection.

The Cooking Lessons

Through cooking, I have learned many valuable lessons. I have learned the importance of patience and precision, creativity, and experimentation. Cooking requires diligence and love for the process as much as the result. I have discovered that cooking is an art that requires passion and dedication, but one that rewards with joy and satisfaction.

Food As Connection

Food is a powerful way to connect with others and create meaningful bonds. I have discovered that sharing a meal is a way to communicate, to express love and gratitude, and to create moments of joy and celebration. Every time I prepare a meal for others, I feel a profound sense of accomplishment and connection. Food is a universal language that allows us

to express who we are and create precious memories with the people we love.

Reflections On the Kitchen

Reflecting on my passion for cooking, I realized that it is much more than just a simple activity. Cooking is an art that celebrates life, culture, and human connection. Through cooking, we can explore new flavors, keep traditions alive, and create moments of joy and sharing. I have learned that cooking is an inexhaustible source of inspiration and creativity, and that every meal prepared is an opportunity to celebrate the beauty and goodness of life.

In this chapter, I would like to explore my passion for cooking and reflect on the culinary experiences that have enriched me along my journey. I invite you to discover the joy of cooking, to experiment with new flavors, and to create moments of sharing and connection through food. Every dish prepared is an opportunity to express love and creativity, and to celebrate the richness and diversity of our world.

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY

Finding Your Place in The World

Community plays a vital role in our lives, offering us support, connection, and a sense of belonging. In this chapter, I will explore the importance of community, the experiences that have enriched me, and the lessons I have learned through my involvement in my community.

The Value of Community

Community is the connective tissue of our society. Through community, we can find support, friendship, and a sense of belonging. I have learned that being part of a community allows us to connect with others, share experiences, and collaborate for the common good. Community offers us the opportunity to gain experience together, support each other in tough times, and celebrate collective successes.

Community Experiences

Throughout my life, I have had many experiences that have made me appreciate the importance of community. I fondly remember the times spent in my hometown, where everyone knew everyone and there was a keen sense of solidarity. Block parties, charity dinners, and cultural events were opportunities to gather, share, and strengthen bonds. I learned that community is a place of support and connection, where we can find a sense of home and belonging.

Volunteering

Volunteering has been a fundamental aspect of my community involvement. I have had the opportunity to participate in numerous volunteer projects, both locally and internationally. I have discovered that volunteering not only offers a way to help others but also allows us to grow as individuals. Through volunteering, I have learned the importance of generosity, compassion, and altruism. I have discovered that donating your time and resources for the

good of others brings profound satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment.

Building Meaningful Relationships

Being part of a community means building meaningful and lasting relationships. I have discovered that relationships based on trust, respect, and collaboration are the foundation of a strong and united community. I have learned that investing time and energy in interpersonal relationships allows us to create a sense of connection and belonging. Every friendship, every collaboration, and every act of kindness contribute to strengthening the fabric of the community and creating a positive and inclusive environment.

A Story of Community

I want to share with you a story that illustrates the importance of community in my life. During a particularly tough time, I found myself facing personal and professional challenges that seemed insurmountable. It was then that my community came together to support me. Friends, neighbors, and colleagues mobilized to offer their help, resources, and love. Thanks to their support, I was able to overcome those difficulties and regain a sense of balance. That experience taught me the value of solidarity and the importance of being part of a community that supports us in times of need.

Lessons Learned

Through my involvement in the community, I have learned many valuable lessons. I have learned that the strength of a community lies in the diversity of its people, and that everyone has something unique to offer. I have discovered that working together toward a common goal allows us to achieve extraordinary results and create a positive impact. I have learned that community is a place of growth, learning, and connection, and that investing in interpersonal relationships brings us profound satisfaction and a sense of fulfillment.

The Beauty of Collaboration

Collaboration is an essential aspect of community life. I have discovered that working together, sharing ideas and resources, and collaborating to achieve a common goal allows us to achieve results we could never achieve alone. Collaboration teaches us the importance of humility, patience, and the ability to listen to others. I have learned that a community's true strength lies in its ability to work harmoniously and collaboratively.

Reflections On the Community

Reflecting on the importance of community, I realized that it is a fundamental element of our lives. Community offers us support, connections, and a sense of belonging, and allows us to grow and fulfill ourselves as individuals. I learned that being part of a community requires commitment, dedication,

and an attitude of openness and generosity. Community is a place of growth, learning, and connection, and investing in interpersonal relationships brings us profound satisfaction and a sense of fulfillment.

In this chapter, I want to explore the importance of community and reflect on the enriching experiences I have had along my journey. I invite you to find your place in community, build meaningful relationships, and contribute to the common good. Every act of kindness, every gesture of solidarity, and every moment of sharing contribute to creating a stronger, more united, and more inclusive community. Community is a precious gift, and finding our place within it allows us to live a richer and more meaningful life.

THE QUEST FOR SERENITY

Balance Between Body and Mind

Serenity is a precious condition that allows us to live in harmony with ourselves and the world around us. In this chapter, I will explore my quest for serenity, the practices that have helped me find balance between body and mind, and the lessons I have learned along the way.

The Importance of Serenity

Serenity is a state of mind that allows us to face life's challenges with calm and clarity. I have learned that cultivating serenity requires commitment and dedication, but

it brings a profound sense of peace and fulfillment. Serenity allows us to live in harmony with ourselves and others, and to find a sense of balance in our lives.

Meditation Practices

Meditation has been a fundamental practice in my quest for serenity. I have learned that dedicating time each day to meditation helps me calm my mind, reduce stress, and find a sense of inner peace. Meditation allows me to live in the present moment, accept who I am, and find balance between body and mind. I have experimented with various meditation techniques, such as mindful breathing, guided meditation, and transcendental meditation, and have discovered that each has something unique to offer.

The Importance of Physical Exercise

Exercise is another essential practice for maintaining balance between body and mind. I have discovered that physical activity not only improves physical health but also has a positive effect on the mind. Playing sports, taking walks in nature, or simply engaging in a physical activity we enjoy can help reduce stress, improve our mood, and find a sense of well-being. I have learned that exercise is an important part of my daily routine, and that it helps me maintain a healthy and harmonious balance.

Experiences With Groups and Organizations

During my search for serenity, I participated in various groups and organizations that offered me opportunities for growth and connection. I attended yoga classes, joined gyms, and collaborated with Caritas and other humanitarian organizations. However, I often found myself at odds with the practices and ideas prevalent in these groups. I always pushed my own ideas and created revolutions that were not always well received. Being excluded from these groups was a hard blow, but it also taught me the importance of remaining true to myself and my beliefs. I learned that the search for serenity requires authenticity and integrity, and that it is crucial to find a balance between respect for others and loyalty to oneself.

A Story of Revolution

I want to share with you a story that illustrates my revolutionary spirit and my quest for serenity. During a yoga class, I realized that certain practices and teachings did not resonate with me. I decided to speak openly about my ideas and propose alternatives that I believed were more effective. However, my frankness and determination to stand by my beliefs created tensions in the group. I was excluded from the class, but that experience taught me the importance of staying true to myself. I learned that serenity is not found by conforming to others' expectations, but by following your own path and finding a balance between your own beliefs and respect for others.

The Art of Relaxation

Relaxation is a fundamental aspect of finding serenity and balance. I have discovered that dedicating time to relaxation, through practices like yoga, deep breathing, or simply pursuing a hobby, can help reduce stress and restore a sense of calm. Relaxation allows us to recharge our batteries, relieve tension, and live more peacefully and harmoniously.

Reflections On Serenity

Reflecting on my quest for serenity, I realized that it is an ongoing journey that requires practice and dedication. Serenity is not something achieved finally, but rather a state we must cultivate day after day. I have learned that finding serenity requires a balance between body and mind, and that practices like meditation, exercise, relaxation, and connecting with nature can help us achieve this balance.

The Importance of Awareness

Mindfulness is an essential component to finding serenity and balance. I have discovered that living mindfully, paying attention to what happens around us and within us, allows us to live more harmoniously and serenely. Mindfulness invites us to be present in the moment, to accept who we are, and to find beauty in simple things. I have learned that cultivating mindfulness requires practice, but it brings a profound sense of peace and fulfillment.

The Value of Time for Yourself

Taking time for yourself is essential to finding serenity and balance. I have discovered that carving out moments of solitude, reflection, and self-care allows us to recharge our batteries and regain a sense of balance. I have learned that self-care is not a selfish act, but an act of love and respect for yourself. Time for yourself is a precious opportunity to find serenity and cultivate inner well-being.

In this chapter, I explore my quest for serenity and reflect on the practices that have helped me find balance between body and mind. I invite you to seek your own serenity, to practice meditation, exercise, relaxation, and to connect with nature. Every day is an opportunity to cultivate serenity and live in harmony with us and the world around us. Finding serenity is an ongoing journey, and every step along the way brings us closer to a fuller and more fulfilling life.

POSTSCRIPT

If you have made it this far, congratulations. You have read a book written by a mind that does not work "as it should." But tell me: who decided how it should work?

If you felt uncomfortable, it is because you recognize something within yourself. If you felt relieved, it is because you realize you are not alone. If you felt nothing... well, it is time to ask yourself some questions.

This book was not written to please. It was written to disturb, to ignite, to open. And if it hurt even a little, then it did its job.

Introduction

We live in a world that rewards performance, speed, and conformity. But what happens when the mind decides not to participate? When does it refuse to run, to obey, to pretend?

Soul Commuter is the story of a mind that chose to be outside the system. Not out of rebellion, but for survival. Not for fashion, but for truth.

This postscript is my way of telling you: do not try to understand everything. Try to feel.

The Day I Spoke to God… And He Apologized

It was not a prayer. It was an argument. I was sitting on a rock, in the middle of nowhere, after yet another emotional breakdown. I had lost everything: my job, my love, my sanity. And instead of asking for help, I screamed. I screamed against God, against the silence, against the idea that there was any meaning. And then… he answered. Not with thunder, not with miracles. But with a voice inside me that said, "You're right. I'm sorry." I am sorry for making you so sensitive. I am sorry for leaving you alone among normal people. I am sorry for not foreseeing that your mind would suffer so much in a world that does not understand it. It was not a vision. It was a surrender. From that day on, I no longer

sought redemption. I sought truth. And I understood that even God, if he exists, is in crisis.

The Bench of The Forgotten

It was an ordinary afternoon. I sat on a bench in a suburban park, seeking silence. Next to me, a man with a long beard and shining eyes. He asked me if I had a pen. I gave it to him. He wrote on a crumpled piece of paper: "Conscience is the luxury of the poor." Then he told me he had been a philosophy professor, that he had authored essays, that he had taught people how to think. But a divorce, a depression, a series of bad choices had brought him there. "I'm not a bum," he told me. "I'm just out of touch with time." We talked for hours. And when I left, he left me that piece of paper. Today I keep it in my wallet. To remind me that dignity has no home.

Curriculum Vitae: Unusual But True

Subject: Application for the role of Authentic Human Being. Experience: – I have failed more times than the system allows. – I have loved without guarantees. – I have experienced existential crises without asking permission. Skills: – I can be silent. – I can recognize beauty in chaos. – I can say, “I don't know.” Goals: – I do not want to be productive. I want to be present. – I do not want to be judged. I want to hear. Attachments: – None. My scars speak for themselves. Signature: Ferdinando Frega, soul commuter.

The Daughter Who Taught Me to Breathe

One night, my daughter asked me, "Dad, why do you cry when you think?" I did not know how to answer. She hugged me and said, "Then think less." From that moment, I began to breathe with her. Seeing the world through her eyes. To understand that love is not just protection but also surrender. She did not save me. She taught me not to want to be saved. Every time I feel lost, I think of that phrase. And I breathe.

The Day I Begged with A Smile

It was an experiment. I had lost my job; I was tired of pretending. I took to the street with a sign: "I don't need money. I need a look." People walked by, confused. Some ignored me, others insulted me. Then a little girl came by. She gave me a candy and said, "I will see you." That day I understood that poverty is not just a lack of money. It is a lack of recognition. And that asking, with dignity, is a revolutionary act.

Epilogue

There is no end. Just a new station.

The mind outside the system is not a mistake to be corrected, but a voice to be listened to. This book does not close a circle. It opens a spiral.

If you have read, if you have heard, if you have trembled—then we are already on a journey together. And if you have

not recognized yourself in any of it… it is time to start writing your own.

Ferdinando Frega Commuter, outside the system, but inside every word.

FOR THOSE WHO COME AFTER

Do not look for Ferdinando Frega among the neat lines of his biography. You will not find him in his academic titles or professional roles. It is not a resume; it is a crack. It is what remains when everything else collapses.

He was made of contrasts: lucidity and delirium, silence and scream, compassion, and fury. He wrote as if one breathes underwater: with urgency, with pain, with beauty. He did not ask to be understood, he asked to be heard.

He was not a teacher, but a witness. He did not offer answers, but rather ignited questions. He lived on the margins not out of aesthetic choice, but because there he found truths that the center could not tolerate.

Ferdinando Frega was not looking for readers. He was looking for accomplices. Souls that are not satisfied. Minds that do not bend. Hearts that do not pretend.

If you have come this far, you have not read a book. You have crossed paths with a human being. And in some secret corner, you have met yourself.

COMMENT

This book was not meant to be read. It was meant to be felt. Every page is a confession, every word a challenge, every silence a suppressed cry.

You will not find solutions or consolations here. You will find a mind that has chosen to tell its story outside of codes, protocols, and systems. And if you recognized even a fragment of yourself, then perhaps you too are a soul commuter.

CONCLUSION

The end is not a closure. It is opening.

This book does not conclude anything. It leaves open wounds, questions, and possibilities.

The mind outside the system does not try to return. It seeks to build a new space. A space where pain is not a defect, but a form of knowledge. Where fragility is not to be hidden, but shared.

And if you have come this far, you are looking for that place too.

REFLECTIONS

Authoring this book was like walking on broken glass. Every word hurts. Every sentence demanded courage.

But I have learned that the truth is never comfortable. It is necessary.

We live in a world that demands us to perform, be silent, and adaptable. I chose to be loud, fragile, and out of shape.

Because only those who leave the system can truly see how it is made.

THANKS

To my daughter, who taught me the meaning of the word "root." To my mother, who saw everything and chose not to look back. To those who loved me even when I was unlovable. To those who left me because they taught me to stay. To those who read, listened, discussed, and criticized. To those who experienced something similar and had the courage to speak out.

And to myself. For not giving up. For writing. For holding on.

THEMATIC COLOPHON

This book is titled *"Commuter of the Soul."* It is not a title chosen for its own sake, but to describe an internal movement: that of a mind traveling on the margins of the system, never quite stopping, never truly belonging.

The subtitle, *"The Mind Outside the System,* is a declaration of intent. Here you will not find normality, nor consolation. Instead, you will find a voice that has chosen to share its story without asking permission.

The author signs his work as Ferdinando Frega, a pseudonym for Ferdinando. A choice that protects and reveals, separating the man from the character while allowing them to communicate. Ferdinando is the name he writes, Ferdinando is the one he feels.

The genre is hybrid, like the mind that created it: autobiographical narrative, existential reflection, social commentary. There is no linear plot, but an emotional journey. There is no moral, just many questions.

The main themes run through bipolar disorder, poverty, spirituality without dogma, fatherhood as an anchor, writing as therapy, marginalization as strength, resilience as a choice. Each chapter is a station, each station a confession.

The book is structured into ten thematic chapters, preceded by a preface that provokes rather than introduces, followed by an epilogue that relaunches rather than concludes, and a

postscript that disturbs rather than consoles. Because this book was not written to please. It was written to ignite.

The format is both paper and digital. Because the world must be tangible, but also able to travel.

The publication is still pending, publisher or platform, it does not matter. What matters is that the book finds someone ready to read it not with their eyes, but with their skin.

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Ferdinando Frega is a registered and protected literary identity.

EDITORIAL LETTER

Dear Ferdinando,

It has been a rare privilege to accompany you on this journey. Your words are not simple stories: they are glimpses of truth, fragments of the soul, confessions that do not ask for forgiveness but offer understanding.

Through your pages, I walked alongside a man who never stopped searching, even when the world seemed to have stopped listening. You lived intensely, with the courage to always be yourself, even when the price was high. You transformed pain into language, loneliness into a bridge, fragility into strength.

Your authenticity is disarming. Your ability to reflect, connect, and tell stories without filters is a rare gift. You have found beauty where others see only ruins, and you have chosen to share it with those who have the courage to read between the lines.

You are a man who has faced his shadows fearlessly, who has acknowledged his mistakes and transformed them into lessons. Your passion for writing, music, cooking, and community reflects a life lived with intensity and meaning.

Ferdinando, you are a necessary voice. Keep writing, living, disturbing, illuminating. The world needs minds like yours: outside the system, but within the truth.

With love and admiration, **who loves you.**