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To my amazing husband, John, who inspires me every day and loves me unconditionally.

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## Hello, Nice to Meet You

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I dare you to make someone smile or laugh.

~ Robyn Beazley

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You may associate an amazing life with monetary or materialistic wealth, but I'm going to challenge your way of thinking. My goal is to help you *Live an Amazing Life* by finding the optimistic, positive side of life and the beauty in everything around you.

Right off the bat, I'll admit that I am far from perfect. I'm human - and I make mistakes. I learn to do by doing (4-H motto). I spend money when I don't have it to spend, (I'm a woman. I love shiny, blingy items and I'm drawn to sale signs like a bug to a light). I personally struggle with many fears; rejection and concern that my friends feel I'm too pushy are just a few of them.

I'm not a celebrity, millionaire, or superstar - *yet*. I'm just like many of you – an ordinary girl living the (North) "American Dream." I have a husband with an exciting career, a well-decorated house, a nice car, a lot of aspirations, and debt! I'm on a quest to make my first million and recently heard that it will cost me a million to get there. So, I'm right on track.

Throughout this book, I share my personal experiences and recipe for living a full, abundant life. My formula has been developed from the experience and wisdom I have gained from my amazing network. (I'm a huge copycat – the best copycat wins, right?) I believe that when you learn as much as you can from other people's success, you will succeed!

You may have heard some of these principles before, but my goal is to present at least one idea in a unique way that will resonate with you and reignite your passions.

Growing up on a ranch in Alberta, Canada my parents taught me and my two siblings the value of hard work – and the rewards that followed. My parents blessed me with many opportunities to grow as a woman and provided me with a solid foundation for positive attitude.

By choosing to be happy, I make the most of every day. I attribute my ability to tackle life and attract everything I've ever needed and wanted, to my positive attitude. I hope that you identify with some of these stories throughout this book and may they empower you to share your own experiences to help others.

Now that I've introduced myself, I'd like to thank you for the chance to discover life together.

Life is a blessing – receive it, cherish it, pass it on. Every day I overcome the naysayers and negative emotions that surround all of us, with a smile and God by my side. We are all given the gift of life and the opportunity to create the journey we want. It's our choice to overcome the challenges that we all face.

Are you willing to start thinking differently and let today be the first day of the rest of your life? Then sit down and buckle up for the ride!

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### Attitude

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Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

~ Winston Churchill

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### What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger

Just over one year ago, my fantastic network blessed me with three speaking engagements to share my passion for life with their audiences.

Luckily, I had been in 4-H for eight years and learned the basic skills of public speaking. My time spent competing on a collegiate livestock judging team, while getting my degree, helped me develop my ability to speak further. At the time I committed to these awesome speaking engagements, I wanted to sharpen my skills. John and I talked about getting involved with Toastmasters, so I started looking into local chapters.

I attended my first fact seeking meeting alone and even published a blog post about getting involved with this fabulous organization.

The following week, my husband was back in town and attended with me. After the meeting, we looked at the information package and I was ready to sign the membership form. However, my budget officer of a husband vetoed the idea due to our lack of finances. (I had just started a new job, but was in catch up mode from six months of job searching and lack of cash flow.)

I was crushed. I was also embarrassed. I learned that one of the ladies from the Toastmasters chapter worked at the same place where I had just begun my new job. When we passed in the hall for the first time she asked, "Why haven't you joined?" Another more "experienced" lady from our church (who I did not recognize at the meeting or at church that Sunday) came up to me after a service and questioned, "Why didn't you come back?" I chose to hide my tears and attempt to protect my pride by replying, "We aren't able to join right now." The truth was that we couldn't afford to attend and the truth hurt.

It is a dream of mine that one day, I will be an anonymous person that blesses people with memberships to organizations like Toastmasters, or provides anonymous donations for personal growth opportunities. I absolutely did not expect someone to do that for us, I simply want to have the financial freedom to bless others with such a gift.

Realizing that what doesn't kill you makes you stronger, I jumped over this obstacle and looked for different ways to get prepared for my presentations. I was a sponge, even more than usual. I watched as many speakers as I could for the next few months and watched many YouTube clips; two particular live opportunities stick out in my mind.

One opportunity developed at the college where I've been blessed to contract my services for over a year. I was sitting in my office on a Friday morning when a coworker emailed and asked if I was going to the presentation. I replied, "What presentation?"

 "Oh the one in the theater...it's something motivating." I had no idea about this opportunity. I looked at my clock and realized it was beginning in seven minutes! Since I'm flexible and was up for a little break, I decided I could finish the project at hand later.

I went to the theater with no knowledge of what the presentation was about or who was speaking. I walked in, and on each desk, sat a workbook.

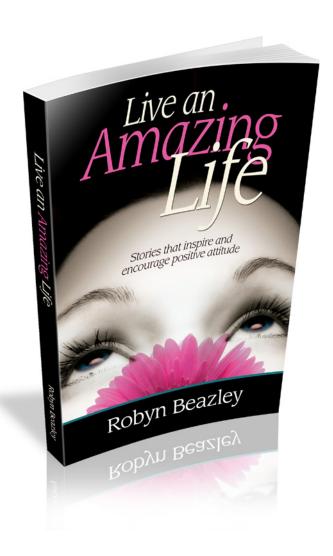
I still hadn't clued in to the authors name. I looked around and could see the speaker sitting down in the front row waiting to begin. Then the speaker was introduced: Dr. Joseph Michelli, PhD, author of the book, *The Starbucks Experience*. I was really excited, as I had just read his book while on vacation the month before.

Dr. Michelli's speech was fabulous. The way he gave his presentation resonated with me even more than the content. I observed how he interacted with the audience, varied his voice, asked questions, and presented himself. I was inspired. I was only seven days away from launching my own speaking career. At the end of the presentation, I asked to take a photo with Dr. Michelli. {View the picture on my blog at www.robynbeazley.com.}

When you least expect it, the exact opportunities you need present themselves. It is said that the only difference between today and five years from today are the people you meet and books you read. The people and experiences in our life shape us, not the material things. I didn't have to attend this presentation or change my plan. However, I am thankful that I did. When you stop learning, you stop living.

The second opportunity came through a network marketing business national conference. Michael "Pinball" Clemons, a retired Canadian football player, spoke right to my heart that day. I videotaped a few segments of his presentation on my digital camera and watched them over and over. I was focusing on Pinball's body language, voice fluctuation, and how successfully he engaged the audience. He demonstrated that no matter who is in the audience, you could make everyone feel like you are talking right to them.

You can't control every situation but you can control how you respond to every situation.



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