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DEDICATION

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:13)

I always started with this bible quotation when I told the awe-inspiring story of Maximilian Kolbe. To my mind, that quotation summed up the man, and said it all. He was a Polish Catholic priest and Franciscan Friar. Throughout my life he has been my inspiration and role model. This book is dedicated to his unfading memory. He perished in 1941, under truly appalling circumstances, in a World War II starvation bunker, in the Concentration Camp at Auschwitz.

He was just 47 years old. He freely volunteered to die in place of a fellow prisoner, family man Francis Gajowniczek, a man he didn’t even know. Years later I had the honor and privilege of meeting this man Francis in Rome, as we celebrated the beatification of the now “Blessed” Maximilian.

Maximilian Kolbe has inspired millions of people, and has been declared a Saint by the church. His whole life was an extraordinary song of love and commitment: a perfect illustration, and shining example, of what this book teaches:

With love, firm resolve, wisdom and perseverance anyone, in their own unique way, can achieve greatness, and scale the heights of human love and kindness.

I also dedicate this book to all of you who are following your own path to human greatness. May you find value, help and inspiration in what I have written.

Thank you,

Gerry McCann, 2013

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