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## Chapter I 15 1955 – 1966

A background to my parents and a description of the first eleven years of my life. The first instance of many of one of my favourite activities, travel. How five years at a boarding school affected me, how Calcutta affected me, and how what became the main reason for my life started, unknown to me at that time.

## Chapter II 65 1967 – 1979

The formative years. Finishing my education and the start of my working life. Starting with helping the local milkman at 14 years old, through Selfridges, the Royal Opera House and on to working for Queen and Freddie Mercury.

## Chapter III 127 1979 – 1992

My education was greatly expanded by my time with the aforementioned Mr. Mercury, particularly the value of true friendship. A journey through some of the time I spent with one of the world's musical geniuses.

## Chapter IV 1992 – 2001

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Talking about the darkest period of my life after Freddie left us, the time I was really lost to the world outside. Putting into practice some of the skills I learnt during Freddie's illness and eventually going back to some of my roots, owning a small hotel in Torquay, Devon. At the end of this period I made an amazing discovery, which I followed through with hardly a backward glance.

## Chapter V 2001 – 2020

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How I have tried to give back and repay some of the wonderful experiences I have had during the course of 65 years. Being involved with the project that I am most proud of up to this date, the TFA Project (Titanic, Freddie, AIDS) where my business partner and great friend travels to schools anywhere in the world to make teenagers, 13 and upwards, aware of the dangers of the still present HIV/AIDS pandemic.

## Chapter VI

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This should be viewed as the album booklet to accompany the tracks that are included with this book. Milan Devinne approached me, asking if I could write lyrics! After initially declining his offer the results are here for all to hear. Reflecting on Freddie's thought and feelings, also in one instance, mine, the songs take you through a journey of emotions experienced during my years with Freddie.