

LETTERS FROM READERS

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Alvaro Uribe Vélez
Presidente de la República de Colombia

Bogotá, D.C., Junio 27 de 2008

Señor
JAIRO ÁLVAREZ BOTERO
ALVAREZ CONSTRUCTION CO.
Baton Rouge, LA

Apreciado señor Álvarez:

Le agradezco de corazón el envío de su libro *Nada es Imposible*. Historias personales como la suya nos llenan de patriótico orgullo y de fe en Colombia.

La lección de su vida de sacrificio y perseverancia nos demuestra a los colombianos que nada es imposible.

Un saludo fraterno de compatriota y amigo, para usted y todos los suyos.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Uribe Vélez', written over a horizontal line.

(Translation bellow)

Álvaro Uribe Vélez
Presidente de la Republica de Colombia

Bogota, D. C., June 27, 2008

Mr.
Jairo Álvarez Botero
Álvarez Construction Co.

Dear Mr. Alvarez:

From the bottom of my heart, I appreciate for sending your book “No such thing as Impossible”. Personal stories like yours fill us with patriotic pride and faith in Colombia.

The lesson of sacrifice and perseverance of our life shows that for Colombians there is no such thing as impossible.

For you and all of yours, fraternal regards from compatriot and a friend.

(President Uribe’s Signature)

**1. No Such Thing As Impossible –
From Adversity to Triumph –**

No Such Thing as Impossible is the inspiring story of the remarkable life of Jairo Álvarez, a brave, caring man whose determined will brought him from a difficult life in Colombia, South America, a new and prosperous life in the United States. Raised by loving parents who provided a wonderful example of good character and hard work, while also sharing their good fortune with those less privileged, Jairo drew upon his great faith and his father’s profound wisdom to always do the right thing when lesser men would have run quickly and run far from the many difficult challenges that crossed his life path.

Extremely well written by Alvarez with noted author and editor Susan D. Mustafa, the book draws the reader in from the beginning—from the tale of Jairo’s simple childhood to his very successful career in the Colombian Army and dramatic and extremely dangerous time in the Presidential Guard during two presidents; from the time he was forced to choose to leave his military career and his beloved Colombia for life as a poor immigrant in the United States, who, speaking no English, was forced into menial labor in a filthy environment in order to survive;

from his humble determination to learn the English language and improve himself through education to his phenomenal graduation with honors from Albany Business College in Albany, New York; from his return to Colombia to be with his loved ones to creating his own family with the beautiful Anita who captured his heart at first sight; from the eventual move of his young family from a fairly prosperous but dangerous life in the unstable Colombia to a new beginning in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; from the professional trials that eventually led him from marginal success to his proud accomplishments with his family as a builder and developer that made him a millionaire.

No Such Thing as Impossible is the compelling story of a courageous, compassionate man who has provided a wonderful example for his children, but also to his readers as he tells the astonishing tale of finding his way from very difficult circumstances to taking great joy in living the American dream. Simply put, this is a great and inspiring read.

—Sue Israel, author and editor

Baton Rouge, LA

2.

This is the true story of a “legal immigrant” who came to the United States of America to seek his fortune not once, but twice. The first time he came, it was to better himself through higher education before returning to Colombia to become successful. The second time, he came with his family to begin a new life in a depressed economy in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Jairo Álvarez persevered and became successful again, proving that the United States is truly the land of opportunity if you are willing to sacrifice and work hard for your dream. It helps that he had “angels” to help him along the way, but I believe he created those angels through his attitude.

Any one chapter of this book could be a story in itself.

—John Frusha M.D.

3.

Jairo:

I just finished reading your book. I found it inspirational and very emotional, wiping away the tears at several points. I know your intent was to get your story in writing for the benefit of your family and to help your designated charities. You've made a significant contribution to us all, documenting simple rules to live by combined with the level of faith and integrity required to overcome huge obstacles time and time again and still succeed. Best of all, through the Internet and mail-order, this vital advice is now available to any person in the world who chooses to take advantage of it. I have read many of the books on the suggested reading list in your book's appendix - I rank yours along with those

others as equally important reading. Most of us haven't lived a life worthy of a book. You have.

—Stan Prutz

Engineer –BR.

4.

Jairo,

I have already told you that I have been enjoying your book but as I have now finished it, I have to comment further.

It was an amazing book! Many times in reading it, I found myself smiling, tearing up or associating feelings I've had with things that you wrote about.

You have always been an inspiration to me but now, to know your past, your adversities and triumphs, this just magnifies my feelings. Your book is great but it's you and the way you live your life that make it so!

I think of the time I was in your office, after my wife left and the words of encouragement that you had. You were right, as now God has brought Ashley into my life!

Thank you, not just for your book but for the man that you are and for setting an example, not just for your family to live by but for anyone that is lucky enough to know you!! God Bless,

—Darron Leach - Policeman, BR.

5.

Jairo,

I read your book on Sunday and it was incredible! I can't believe you've been through so much. I just want to hug you to make sure you are real! I was inspired by your spirit and encouraged to believe in the smallest of dreams. You are living proof that with a strong faith in God and the empowerment of knowledge that "nada es imposible". Thank you for sharing your beautiful story.

—Love, Taylor Alexander

6.

Dear Jairo,

With profound emotion I have read the presentation of your book. Really you are an example for every one that "No Such Thing As Impossible". We admire you ha faith and desires for suppuration. Thank you very much for sharing with our organization the profits of the publication of the book. We learn from you every day we pass. We give thanks to the Lord for

having you and your family. It is a gift that not every one can count with.

Please receive a hog as indication of the gratitude of all the children that will benefit with your help.

—Maria

Cristina Arango de Tobón

7.

Ana,

I just wanted to let you know that I finished your Dad's book last night at about 10:30 PM. It was the most moving incredible book I have ever read. However, last night as I sat in my living room after all of my family had gone to bed I realized that your Father's book was meant for my best friend and co-worker who is like a sister to me.

You see for the past three weeks she and her husband received a diagnosis of prostate cancer. They have been married for 24 years and I have watched my dear friend struggle with the decisions that need to be made very quickly as she supports her husband. He has decided to do surgery. It has been a tremendous strain on their family. As friends, we have talked many hours about this and you wish you could look into a crystal ball and know what the outcome would be if he did the radiation. This morning I told my friend that the book was meant to go to her and I highlighted the part on page 263.

"Jairo, I made a mistake that is going to cost my life," he told me. "I went for radiation and decided against a radical prostatectomy when cancer struck me. Eight years later, it is back."

I cried as I read those words last night from weeks of not really knowing what to say or do for my dear friend. I gave the book to her this morning with a card. The book was a blessing from God at the perfect timing. I will also order the Lance Armstrong book for them as well just as your\Father suggested.

May God Bless you and your wonderful family. Thank you!

— Cindy C. – Insurance Agency

8.

Mr. Jairo,

With tears in my eyes, I finished reading your book yesterday afternoon. It was AWESOME! What a wonderful, exciting life you have led. You are an inspiration to everyone who knows you. I have my copy here at the office and I would be honored if you would autograph it for me the next time you come in.

—Susie Dore – Legal CLerk

9.

Jairo,

I wanted to thank you for signing my book; I finished it last night and enjoyed the book very much. I know Sebastian forwarded you the email that I sent to him, but I wanted to personally tell you how much I enjoyed your story. So many times you could have taken the "easy" way out or just decided that things were "good enough" but you didn't...setting higher goals and tackling each challenge as they came. If only more people would have had and appreciated a father like yours.

Lots of time you get caught up with all the negativity and depressing things in the world and you don't hear about the positive, inspiring stories that this world needs more often.....about the good, honest, hard working people that actually succeed, overcoming many adversities and having happy endings....I know you admitted in the book that at times it was hard for you to "re-live" and tell some of the sad parts of you life, but thank you, your story needed to be told. It will be inspiration for many people, now and in the future. I'm glad to have met you and your family and will be praising your book to many family and friends.

Thanks Again,

—Brett Blanchard - Engineer

10.

Mr. Alvarez,

Just wanted to drop you a quick line and asking that you please tell your Dad from me that I started reading his book last night (stopped at page 87). I could not put it down because it was so interesting and well written (stayed up till 11:30 reading). I cannot wait to finish it tonight. I told my Dad all about it and he wants to read it over the holidays next week. Please tell him from me that I am thoroughly enjoying it!!! How exciting!

—Beth Allen – Legal Clerk

11.

Jairo:

I remember the first time I met you. It was at a Metro 3 Zoning Advisory Board meeting. As we questioned you about your proposal on Perkins, I thought to myself, "This man is taking this like a personal attack on his character. Why does he think we're attacking him?"

Now that I have read your book, I understand. Your life has been a continuous struggle to prove your honor! And I am amazed and impressed at how well you have done that in so many situations! You are a remarkable man!

Mr. Jairo, thank you for writing this book, and thank you for letting me know about it. I take inspiration from your story. I believe a man's honor is his most important asset, and I strive in my own life to achieve this. However, I have never, nor do I hope to ever, faced such challenges to my honor as you have faced. And you have succeeded each time! I am proud to consider you my friend.

—Steven Deist - Entrepreneur

12.

Mr. Alvarez:

By the way, we returned from Vegas last night. I had a chance to read your dad's book on the plane. It was fantastic! I am a pretty avid reader and can honestly say it was one of the best books I've read in a very long time. In fact, my mother-in-law saw me reading it and asked about it, so I told her the story. She asked to borrow it when I was done.

I brought it with me to work to bring it by your office one day to get your dad to autograph it. I will treasure it always.

— Chandel McDonald - Attorney

13.

Ana:

I finished your Dad's book yesterday. I really enjoyed it and can't remember the last time I read anything that kept me so interested. It was the fastest I've ever read a book, just couldn't put it down. I know I don't have to tell you how lucky you are to have such an inspiring man as your father. His life story is amazing and ya'll seem to all work together so well. I know ya'll are just as proud of him as he is of ya'll.

—B. Blanchard

14.

Dear-Jairo

Congratulations! The diverse people of our country need to hear your story. It is a perfect time for release. Too many people are out of touch with the potential of the inner strength hibernating within. All people need to know that taking the initiative to pursue a better life starts within. Through God we can all utilize our human experiences for growth. We can triumph through adversity. I look forward to reading the book and living your experiences. I know the tears of your adversity will inspire me to go forward to realize my own untapped potential. I am proud to call you my friend. God's Blessings to you and your family,

—Deanna Hoffmann – Physical Trainer

15.

“No Such Thing as Impossible”

An inspiring true story of a courageous man. I couldn't put it down! I was captivated by his life stories. Jairo Alvarez Botero is a truly remarkable man who lives his life filled with courage, determination and humanity. He is a righteous man with a great heart. This book will change the lives of many people. It has inspired me to challenge life's obstacles and to never lose sight of my goals and values. The book is well written and easy to read. I highly recommend it.

—Leslie Matlock – Executive Banker

16.

Mr. Alvarez,

I just wanted to drop you a note to congratulate you on your book. I had the pleasure of reading it over the Thanksgiving Holidays (actually read it in one day) and thoroughly enjoyed it. Your fathers influences on your character are evident by your successes, and I one day hope to instill the same characteristics in my children.

Best Regards,

—Eric - Engineer

17.

Jairo,

I finished reading your book yesterday. Read it in two days--couldn't put it down. Most inspirational book I have read. Perhaps because I could relate to many of the circumstances you described. I have tremendous respect for you and your family, including your Papacito and Mamacito. Best wishes for the book sales. Give our regards to Anita. I hope you are in good health.

—Russ Serrato – Business Excutive

18.

Jairo,

I finished your book last week. Wow- I guess the single word I would use to describe the book and your life is passion. Very well written and a true inspiration that if you have a sense of duty and loyalty, love of your family and friends and a willingness to work hard, learn, never give up hope, and live every aspect of your life with passion and with the help of God there is no such thing as impossible.

My wife is reading now and I bought 6 copies for my children as Christmas presents. I ordered the books from Barnes & Noble and the man who waited on

me said someone else had inquired about the book that day.

—Jack Persac - Insurance Agent

19.

Dear Jairo: An excellent book about a man of courage, character and faith who overcame tremendous adversity to live the American dream.

—Bob Brooks - Entrepreneur

20.

JAIRO, I JUST FINISHED READING YOUR BOOK AND HAD TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I ENJOYED IT. YOU HAVE LIVED A REMARKABLE LIFE AND GOD HAS BLESSED YOU IN SO MANY WAYS, AND NOW YOU ARE BLESSING PEOPLE WITH YOUR BOOK. IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE MEETING YOU AT THE BOOK SIGNING WITH MY WIFE ALICE AND I HOPE OUR PATHS CROSS AGAIN. IF YOU ARE EVER IN JACKSON WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO BE OUR GUEST. I LOVE HOW YOU ARE FINISHING STRONG! IT'S WHAT GOD WANTS US TODO.

MAY ALL THAT YOU DO BE BLESSED!!

—Mark Nicholson – Entrepreneur

21.

Jairo,

As I sit here grading my final exams, and reviewing the semester's accomplishments, I was struck by the number of students who told me how much they enjoyed your talk.

I too, enjoyed it immensely. Your book is amazing and is testimony to a life filled with wonder and accomplishment. Thanks so much for speaking to our students and for the book. It is a great read and encouragement to all. Again, thanks for helping make this semester such a memorable one for me and my students. Take care and have a great Christmas.

—Mike Budden

22.

I found the book by Jairo Alvarez Botero "No Such Thing as Impossible" to be inspiring and moving. The book will evoke both tears and joy. The book was well written with a flow and structure that enticed me to continue reading it from cover to cover. I found each chapter interesting as I learned more about the travels, successes and failures of a man I have long called friend.

It is easy to share the successes of life but in this book Jairo Alvarez Botero was open to share the difficulties and challenges of life as well. He has long been known to assist those less fortunate and in need. However, the book exhibits more depth of his

compassion through his past deeds as well as the charities benefiting from the proceeds of this book. I feel that this book will be a source of reading enjoyment as well as a point of inspiration and encouragement to those needing a positive mental boost.

Congratulations to Jairo Alvarez Botero on the success of the book. A friend,

—L. D. Jones – Real Estate Agent

23.

Jairo,

I enjoyed our visit last week. Thank you for the copy of your book. I enjoyed reading it. I could not put it down thru two flights and two airports I finished it as I was landing in Hartford.

I was impressed with all you have been thru and how you have handled adversity thru your life. This is a book that every body should read. Your insights into how to succeed and having your family with you in your business are exactly how I want my business to be. I have already told many people about the book and where to buy it.

Once again thank you for the book and the time we spent visiting on Wednesday.

—Barry Bricarell

24.

Jairo,

I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed reading your book "No Such Thing as Impossible: From Adversity to Triumph." The book is very well written and nearly impossible to put down once you start reading it. The message of how with a positive attitude and hard work you can accomplish whatever you want in life is clear and very valuable.

This is a great book to read for everybody, and especially for somebody going through difficult times because it shows you that if you set goals and work hard, your dreams can come true.

—Joyce C. Aravena - LSU Staff

25.

I just finished your book--quite fitting it was on the eve of Christmas! Its a very clear reminder for all of us that we can do just about anything we reasonably expect of ourselves; and more importantly, at 70 and reflecting on our lives, the smile on our face and in our heart should be there because of how we lived our life, and not just what we accomplished on the journey.

—Mark Nicholas

26.

Since 2003 it has been an up hill battle. I have been searching for books that keep me focused on positive, healthy, insightful living and your book fell into my hands as if I had chosen it from the shelf at the bookstore.

—Maria Alvarez – Niece

27. Congratulations Jairo.....we are very proud of all you do for Baton Rouge & Louisiana!

—Doug Jones

28.

Dear Mr. Alvarez:

I am writing to tell you how much I enjoyed reading your book, “No Such Thing As impossible”. I was very pleasantly surprised to read of how much struggled to do the right thing at all times. The words of your father are especially poignant: “as yourself of what you are doing is right, and then, do it faster and better than anybody else”.

In this days and age, we are very keen to do ‘it’ faster or better, but we forget to ask if ‘it’ is the right thing.

Your book, the story of your triumphs, is truly an inspiration to me; it speaks of good parenting and true moral values.

Thank you for making this small difference in my life. I am privileged to know you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

—David Hoddle

29.

Jairo:

I read the book this weekend. What an amazing story you have to tell. Quite an inspiration for the rest of us who have had an “easier” time in life.

I would like to give you this check for the charities that you mention in the back of your book so some children in Colombia may receive better education.

—Karen and Joyce Tindale - Texas

30.

Hi Jairo:

I just finished reading your book from cover to cover. I like it very much. I read it in two seating. The book shows very clear your personality and your life that are example to your children and the ones that have the opportunity to read it. Regards.

—Fernando Villa - Entrepreneur

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Wow! That is a great accomplishment! I read the description and excerpts that they had online and had no idea everything that he has faced in his lifetime. It's just amazing!

—Melissa W. Pourciau

32.

Jairo,

Janet and I read your book and once we started we almost could not put it down. It is wonderful to read such a story – but to be able to say you know the “MAN and his family” in beyond belief.

Janet and I are most fortunate to being able to call you and your most wonderful family “FRIENDS”. It means so much to us – it is beyond words.

Take care and best of wishes to you and the rest of the family.

Warmest Regards,

— Al & Janet - Washington

33.

Dear Jairo:

Wow! Your book has been a pleasure to read so far. I have yet to finish it but you tell amazing story and have lived so much. I can't wait to finish it soon.

Thank you Jairo for sharing the values you were given with so many today.

You are ‘RARE’ and ‘PRECIOUS’.

I have enclosed the money for the book and a little extra for your cause. I hope it helps.

Sincerely,

— Courtney Rogers – St. Jude's Hospital

34.

Jairo:

Your book is the inspiration that I need and appreciate.

—Greg Wood

35.

Dear Mr. Alvarez,

My son Jim Owens loaned me your book to read. I am grateful he did. It matter not what country you are from or which

language we speak what we are today is what we learned from our parents. We were all taught to put God first, self second and family third.

Things are right or wrong, black or white, no gray, not in between. Today and every day no matter whom, where or when.

You have done a great job with the messages you have shared with all who read your book. I enjoyed every page.

Thank you for sharing with me.

— Edith Owens – Jim Owens’s Mother

36.

Jairo,

I was inspired by your story and think that you are a gift to Baton Rouge.

— April Capuchino – Baton Rouge

37.

Good morning Mr. Jairo,

First at all, who reads your book receives those extraordinary stories for the price of one.

The first story is the exemplary live of Jairo Alvarez Botero who start working in a farm with his father, he has been a athlete, a military man, and executive, a business man and today’s he continues in front of one of the largest and most important construction company in the south of United States.

The second one, is the extreme interested history of the Alvarez’s family from he humidly origin in Sonsón, Antioquia, Colombia, to become one of the most progresive and important in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In few words your family is an example of union, sacrifice, spirit of progress and triumph not only in Colombia and Unites States, but in any other country in the entire world.

— Rafael Orozco – LSU Profesor

38.

Dear Jairo,

I just finished reading your book. I was very impress for your honesty and courage to confront all happenings in your life. You are really a good example of perseverance and courage in order to have a happy and successful life that is not measured with material things but by the humility we accept ours triumphs and inspiring the people that surround us.

I have given two of yours books, John Estrada did cried, where his own words, and Juan Jorge Gershanick we have you as an example in one of the classes of CADA, an organization that works preventing the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Again, congratulations from my hearth, your friend,

39.

Dear Jairo,

Last night about 2am I finished your book. Several times as I read your amazing story tears came to my eyes. Near the end I got on my knees and thanked God for our faith and family and connecting us with one another and others like us to be his ambassadors here on earth. As I have said many times when I speak to others, write articles or do interviews "We Can't Out give God". One of our greatest mutual treasures that is second only to God are the love that we have for our family and their love for us. It also looks like we both are blessed with having great folks in our companies and a strong network of personal and business friends. In closing I wanted to tell you that I plan on buying at least 20 of your soft cover books to give to family, friends and others who are special to me or that could benefit from your story.

—Earl Heard – Writer – Publisher and Entrepreneur

40.

Good morning Mr. Jairo:

I thoroughly enjoyed reading No Such Thing As Impossible and savored every chapter. I am amazed by all the obstacles you have overcome during your lifetime, while maintaining your upstanding character and never losing sight of your goal. I am truly honored to know you!!!

—Anna Bradley- House wife

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Mr. Alvarez:

Your life story with its humble beginnings in rural Colombia is vividly portrayed in your book. While reading, images of your native country appeared clearly in my mind. Images of this country were vivid as well--not because I was born and raised here, but because your depictions of life in the United States were compelling.

Your book is a must read for all Americans, regardless of class, ethnicity, national origin, religion or any other label that society has placed upon what God has created in each of us, human beings. We are what God created. We must, accept it, adapt to those circumstances, and take action.

Thank you for sharing your life. You are an inspiration.
Sincerely,

—John M. Castille, II - Entrepreneur

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To the Alvarez Family:

Thanks for all that you do for so many people. If anyone reads the book “No Such Thing As Impossible” they could not help being an American. Sincerely,

Robert L. Turgeon – Entrepreneur and Insurance Broker

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Dear Mr. Alvarez,

I wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed your book. You have come so far and have accomplished so much in your life. You were right to have published your story so that you children can pass down the legacy to their children and their children’s children. It was really hard to put down. I personally loved the story of you & Anita and how your love for each other got you through some very tough times.

You are obviously a man of very strong convictions and beliefs, which are referenced in the book. You didn’t always take the “easy road” in life, but instead the “right road”. I am sure that is why God always watched out for you and blessed you and your family.

I would love to do an article on you at some point this year. I will have Libby Haydel, our editor, give you a call to get something up.

Thank you again for the autographed copy of your book. My husband is reading it next. Warm regards,

—Sherry Johnson - LaVie Magazine - Publisher

44.

Jairo,

Congratulations! I read your book within a few days after buying it and thoroughly enjoyed it. You are a very blessed man, as well as your family. Because of who you are, those around you are also blessed...family, friends, and the community.

It is an honor to know you and your family.

—Leanne Smith – Business Manager

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Congratulations. This is a remarkable accomplishment, more importantly, your life, family and the many accomplishments along the way. Your book was a success because of your hard work and character. Your book, your life is interesting and inspiring to all who read it as it showcases the great journey of your life, with its many challenges, triumphs, and obstacles must be overcome to be successful. You have been a success because you have character and moral.

Sincerely,

—David Fakouri – Baton Rouge

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An excellent example to follow...Life has a meaning when you can leave a good trace behind. God bless.

—Maria Edwards - Diana Urrutia

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I have no words to express our feelings. Thank you for your help. We have no way to pay you back. We give thanks to the Lord for giving you so much tenacity and generosity To help others in their suffering and necessities. With sincere emotions.

—Familia Hernandez Dulcey

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Jairo:

¡Our sincere congratulations!!! Thank you for your wonderful example. May God bless you and we hope He will give you all the support needed to make this world a better place to live.

—Richard y María Edwards - Entrepreneurs

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Jairo:

I'm in shock to see your energy and capacity to do extraordinary things. You never stop reaching and harvesting success and to share it with many people in need. Go ahead champion!! I made extensive my admiration to the people that help in your praiseworthy causes. Best wishes,

— Bernardo Jaramillo A. Business Owner – Colombia

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Dear friend. From our incomparable Colombia a good citizen that with pride the Colombian Arm Forces, grant me the degree of General and the control of the Army at its moment, wants to give to my class mate a warm and close hug and a congratulate you for reach the success in the constructions projects, for being one of the best companies in the United States in his field. That fulfills us with pride and great satisfaction knowing that a Colombian and his family are the example of hard work, tenacity and responsibility. Here we will follow your success and hoping to see you in person in the future. Hugs.

— Mayor General Hernán Guzmán – Colombia Army

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Dear Jairo:

I really “love” your book. Here is a check and keep the rest for donation to your 7 Colombian charities. Your friend,

—Douglas P. Dujon

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It has been a long time since I have had a book grab my interest like this.

—David Puckett – Entrepreneur – New York

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Jairo

I am a slow reader, but, have been mesmerized by your book! Oh! to have a life of such adventure and moral character in the face of so many potentially dangerous situations and outcomes. How you ever kept your cool working with that group desirous of overthrowing your president is beyond me! Your firm commitment to and belief in, doing the "right thing" no matter the consequences is a great inspiration to anyone who reads your story. Even more so, the way you have kept your family close and engaged as a family unit in protecting and serving the interests of the family as a whole is nothing short of miraculous in this age of -nuclear families whose children leave the nest never to return. I think those children miss out on so many of life's most priceless teachings by having so little interaction with their parents once they are out and on their own.

Thank you for the beautiful experience and enjoyment of reading your life story. It is a great gift and one that is deeply appreciated. Warmest regards

—Terry Eastin

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Mr. Jairo,

You have a fascinating life story, truly amazing. Thanks

— Hollis Day Jr. Savvy & Sage Magazine – Publisher

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Dear Jairo,

You cannot imagine how happy I am with your book's success. It is marvous. But I see it very normal, because it is an example of the triumph over adversity, the effect of inspiration to continue ahead. It transmits desired to live. The circumstances Colombia is living now need this type of book. Thank you very much.

Hugs,

— Julio Londoño Paredes

General Colombia Army, Diplomatic, Ambassador to Cuba

Dear Jairo,

I just finished your book "No Such Thing as Impossible ". "I devoured it" in few days, at nights, because during the day I do not have time. It was a wonderful experience to be able to live with you the story of your life, which, in spite of being so diverse, has many points in common with mine since we belong to the same generation, we have the same age, we come from the same town, we both lived expatriate and we have common ancestors.

Although your book its read with joy, is not an entertainment work but an authentic testimony that invites to the reflection. In the experience of your life reflected all the values of our Antiochian traditions: solid faith in God, sense of responsibility, fighter spirit and love for the family. I hope that many of our young people can read it and meditate so that those values are not lost in the future.

I lost a friend who was in the Academy MAC (Miguel Antonio Caro) because he did not have your endurance of a champion. Francis Mira Fernandez was his name; I remember that his death impressed a lot to all of us. I could mention many concrete examples like this in which reading your life, I revive mine! It is as if I was reading my own "parallel biography" since the Jesuits apparently we are something as well as the "presidential guard of the Pope, to the service of the Church" and now that I'm like "executive Bishop of two stars" I spend my time with plans and contractors, constructing schools and churches! I wish that "Alvarez Constructions" was closer to being able to count between "my angels"!

I also could notice all your friends and in special of your great friendship with Iván Darío who now he is submit under one hard test with the loss of Luis Guillermo his son. In one word: your book made me feel not like a simple reader but like a one more member of your family.

Very sincerely, I am thankful to you, for provided me this time of reading and reflection and I shelter the hope that someday we can see each other again. By the way: You say that you were in Africa with Anita but you do not say in which country. You that eat cockroaches welcome to Ethiopia! With all my sincere friendship,

— Rodrigo Mejía Saldarriaga, S.J. - Bishop Ethiopia -Africa

Dear Jairo and Anita:

I really don't know how to start, I just finished reading your book, it is a very pretty history, that transmit a great example to all its readers, and not only to those who have the fortune to have it in our hands this spectacular book, It is the pride that feels your wife,

your children and grandsons, which I also want to congratulate you for being you to them an excellent Husband, Father and Grandfather.

I have informed immediately to my daughters of this spectacular book, so that now they have finished their school, and in these long vacations they will read it with that enthusiasm that I did it from the first moment that started, I did not stop to read it in many hours; I was being able to finish it in two days.

Also want to tell you that I identify myself with you in the Tripod of your life, center in the Love, the service for the Family and you Fellows, and not in the power, the money and the economic success.

Those are the values that always I have transmitted to my daughters, since God allowed me to formed them without the presence of their Father, and now that I returned to live as well as you say " newlife", only to do God's will, whom always I have given all my dreams and little by little have been fulfilled, with effort and with the main thing in life, with Faith.

I hope to be able to meet you soon, and again to reiterate my sincere congratulations. God Bless you.

— Sandra Espinosa Esparza

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Mr. Alvarez,

I hope you are doing well. Mr. Frank loved the book. In fact, he was so moved by the book that he bought a copy for each of his five grandchildren.

Mr. Frank's books are already signed. However, would you be kind enough to write a personal note for each of his grandchildren in his books?

—Joseph W. Mengis - Attorney

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Thanks for writing this amazing book in achieving the American Dream. The book should be on the reading list for high school students.

—Clarence and Virginia Gissendaner - Georgia

60.

I am on chapter 23 and have enjoyed every word. What a "MAN"! I told Jason he talks about the angels in peoples lives, and the more I read I realize that he is the angel in our lives. The little time I have spent with him I realized the impact he made on my life in always wanting to do the right thing. Thank you for the help!

—Eddie – UPS Franchisor

61.

I congratulate you for your extraordinary contribution to disclosed a good name of our mother land.

- Emiliano Cardona

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Congratulations. I am a better person for reading your book.

—H. Day Jr. - Publisher

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Jairo:

I must tell you that I read your book and it seemed to me that is the best I ever read. During two weeks of the month of May I was in the State of Iowa perforating an exploratory well and in my free times I was reading a little by a little. It seemed to me interesting, not only as you described your experiences as a young official in the army of your country, but also as you describe a united family fighting together can obtain the happiness. Undoubtedly that is nothing so important than the love and the family unit as you describe this perfectly in your book. I know that a family love has played a very important role in the success that you have in life. After fighting so hard, you deserve it all the best. I congratulate all of you with all my heart. Hugs for you and Anita.

Donald Goddard – LSU Professor

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This book is a love history. Fraternal love, love to God and the Mother country, love to the family and love for a woman.

— Carlos E. Vásquez - Writer

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Mr. Alvarez: you bring hope and encouragement to many people living far from our homeland and for people trying to do a difference. It was great to read your book and assimilate your learning experiences. I look forward for your next book. God bless you, Thanks,

—Rafael Villalba

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Dear Mr. Alvarez: I recently read an article about you in the New Day of Orlando, which was very interesting and with I identified with you a lot. First, I came to the U. S. Like you, to look for a better life for me and my family. Second, because work in the field of the construction for more than 18 years. I am a Civil

Engineer. At the moment that I read the article, I felt a little frustrated, by not obtained what with for so many years it have wanted. But that article made me see the things from another point of view. That it does not matter what happened to us we can not let us get down, we have to overcome all the obstacles I am interested in acquiring your book, I know that it will be of much help for me and my family. At the moment, there are not copies available in the bookstore at Barnes & Noble at least in the area of Orlando. Thank you for being source of inspiration for others. Warm greetings and lots of success.

— Jesús M. Santiago

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Dear Jairo:

I enjoyed a lot your book. In this disoriented world, It is refreshing to know of somebody with clarity of principles in which it professes and it does. I identify myself in the love for your parents, and your family, Colombia and the United States. The simplicity of your words, tied to the consistency and firmness of your acts, is deep examples for the present generation and the future ones. For me, your book it is "to alter idem." It transported me to the memory of similar experiences. By the way the Romans were right, when saying that a good friend is like an other I....."Alter idem. "With my warmest greeting,

— Rafael Giraldo

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As I expressed by telephone, your book is FASCINATING. It is MAGNIFICENT, Congratulations. Your wonderful work deserves the best.

—Ricardo Tribín

President Colombo American Chamber of Commerce

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Yesterday I was reading all day your magnificent book. I found it extremely interesting, detailing, precious, and good taste, very well context. I congratulate you for that magnificent work with those organizations of Colombia. The photos of the book are excellent. Congratulations again. Greetings

— Emiliano Botero

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Hello Jairo, receive a sincere hug for give us that magnificent example, the life is a road of constant learning, all depends of ourselves how fruitful will be. What most we admired of this example of life that you give us, it is that it has been obtained in family, with the collaboration work of each one of you. With our affection.

—Yolanda and Jaime

Mr. Álvarez,

I am a Colombian who has been living in the United States, in Maryland, for approximately 5 years. I knew about you for a friend at work that showed me your book and I could leaf through some parts of the book, it's a pretty history. I decide to write this mail without knowing you, on the other hand, simply because with the little I could read, for about 30 minutes, I read two of your paragraphs where feelings of much sadness were joined which they caused tears in my eyes, and, smiles with some experiences that You relate in some of those paragraph.

That's good that exists people like you, Colombian's are full of great familiar values and with that spirit for being simply good people and to live success (saying exactly, as you describe it in your book), hopefully all the people had the opportunity to read it, particularly, I can say to you that I like a lot the phrases in that you define the word (Success), I believe that most of the people are not used to see the success that way, but you made me think deeply about the subject and for that reason I want to be thankful to you that you has written those words.

Between the paragraphs that I read, was in that you relate the history of the death of your "Papacito", tender way to call it, and how you could get those desire and that strength to be able to compete and to dedicate your triumph to him; that was a very stirring part, is a mixture of happiness and sadness, because it transported me with my relation with my father, very good one by the way, and that thanks to God, I have the fortune to still have him, but you put me to think about how would be the day of his death, and you words made me feel the total conviction of the importance of always and at every moment we have to show the love for the people we care specially in this case of our parents.

Mr. Alvarez, I want to congratulate you for this pretty history, and I do not want to miss the opportunity to read the entire book and to learn you tenacity, I am a convinced person that in this life the things that happen to us is for a reason, and your book arrived at my hands by a simple coincidence. I want to read it and I would like to buy it, I could not find it at Barnes and wanted to know if you know how I can get it

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my mail, I know for you history, that you are an occupied businesses person and I know what mean the time for you

Receive from me an affectionate greeting and hope that your life and your pretty family continue harvesting many successes.

—Erika Salamanca

My lieutenant: I received your books and magazines and I distributed them according to your desires between the officials, believe me that when I read it I received along with my military attaché officials, the best lesson of life than a soldier of the mother country has been able to give us.

I admire with humility your life and your work, your tenacity and enthusiasm, your moral strength and mainly your unquestionable human quality that turns a living example worthy to imitate. It has been spoken a lot of the family as cell of the society but few can construct surroundings like the one of your home, because few like you display so many virtues concentrated and harvested throughout an exemplary life.

Thousand of thanks for your visit to our offices and to grant us the privilege to learn of your lessons, thousand of thanks to share your wisdom with us.

I write this message to you from my personal mail because I believe that you are of those people who arrive at our hearts to remain there eternally.

A respectful hug for you and your beloved family, who deserved as well my recognition.

— Mayor General Mario Correa Zambrano
Defense Attaché - Colombian Embassy at Washington

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Hi Jairo,

I have been slowly reading the book and I have to say you are a very courageous and Honorable Man. It is a great feeling to know there are other people who can be trusted in this world today. Take care and thank you again,

—Dave Puckett- Business Owner, New York

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Mr. Alvarez

I just got back from a short vacation and I was able to bring along and read your book what a great inspiration thank you. In our land of opportunities everything is possible.

Best wishes

—Johnny DeArmond

75 **(From France)**

Dear Jairo,

I have read your book. Let me tell you I enjoyed every page of it. To me, your book reads as a succession of breathtaking adventures, each one of them triggering off the same questions: "How is he going to make it?", "What happens next?"

Beyond one thrilling life experience, this story values unshakeable faith in the human being, exemplified in absolute determination,

courage and everlasting optimism, but also in the respect and trust you put in the people crossing your path.

"It's amazing what a little belief in oneself [and what angels] can do for a person" (p224). These appeal to me. Thank you for that enjoyable moment and inspiring reading.

When time comes to read it with my students, I'll let you know about their impressions. Best Regards.

—Isabelle Pavadeau

High School Teacher- Notre Dame School -France

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Jairo,

Janel gave me your book for father's day. I couldn't put it down until I finished. It is so nice to read how important God and family are to you. It is also refreshing to hear how wonderful America is and that hard work and perseverance can make a difference in anyone's life. Thank you for this great book and congratulations on the accolades that have come about since its publication.

—Eric Chapman= Engineer

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DEAR JAIRO. RECEIVE FROM WASHINGTON A WARM GREETING FROM THIS AIR FORCE Attaché , LAST WEEK I TRAVEL WITH MY FAMILY TO ENJOY AND REST IN THE PEACEFULL AND BEAUTIFUL LAKES AND MOUNTAINS OF MONTANA, AND IN THE LONG FLIGHT IN THE WAY THERE I READ YOUR WONDERFUL BOOK, I LIKE IT, IT WAS AS PLEASANT AND ITS FEAL AS LIKE I WERE TALKING WITH YOU, NOW YOU ARE FAMOUS BETWEEN MY FAMILY, I TALK TO THEM ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES THAT ARE A TRUE LEGACY AND MY SON IS CLOSING TO FINISHING READ IT, HE ALSO IS FASCINATED WITH THE BOOK. THANKS FOR GIVE US THAT GIFT, REALLY IS A WORK OF ART THAT TRANSFORM AND CAUSES DEEP EFFECTS IN THOSE WHO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO READ IT. HOPEFULLY SOMEDAY I CAN TAKE MY FAMILY TO SEE YOU IT WILL BE A HONOR FOR MY IF MY FAMILY CAN MEET YOU. MY TASK NOW WILL BE TO READ YOUR RECOMMENDED BOOKS AND WAIT FOUR YOU NEXT WORK OR ART, IT IS PRIDE TO SEE A COLOMBIAN LIKE YOU I STAND UP FIRM AND SALUTE YOU MY LIEUTENANT WITH RESPECT FEELINGS AND DEEP ADMIRATION BEST REGARDS YOUR FRIEND CR CARLOS BUENO. SAY HELLO TO YOUR QUEEN WHO IS A LOT OF A WOMAN WITH ALL THAT SWEETNESS AND SIMPLICITY, HUGS.

- CARLOS EDUARDO BUENO VARGAS
Coronel Fuerza Aérea de Colombia
Atoché Embassy Washington

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Mr. Alvarez-Botero,

I just finished your book! I could not put it down because it reminded me of my grandparents who came to America and also became a success. I am only a second generation American, rare for people from Louisiana. Your last words are that though hard work and dedication to each other you have secured the future for generations to come. How wonderful! I would like to take you and Mrs. Alvarez to lunch so I can get my book signed. Warm regards.

— Deborah Dunlevy Todd

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It is the most interesting book that I have ever read about an individual. Your life history truly amazes me. I completed the book in less than 2 days because I could not put it down. It humbled me and made me appreciate the life that we have here in America.

—Hollis Day Jr. - Publisher

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Hurricane Ike came and from several books in English that I glided to read to the light of the twilight since we do not have electricity I returned to see this book: Nothing is impossible. It sounds to overcoming auto-improve mixed with experiences of life in Colombia and the USA. Why not to read it? I will say that this book became one of the best gifts that I have ever received. It has changed my perspective towards the study, the honor, the sacrifice, the faith, among other great values. I identify myself with the book that could not believe it.

You are a life example, of overcoming and tenacity before all circumstance that appears to us. "Do the things fastest and better than anybody ". Once adapts to the present circumstances. I remove my hat to salute you Sir. You have a family who adores you, but better you family even determines you like a hero as well as the generations of your bloodstream that will come. But it surprises me is your simplicity and cordiality. You demanded much, you gave much but mainly you showed humanity acts of kindness without waiting anything in return.

You have changed my life in positive form. God always will have you with NEW LIFE!

Cesar A. Morales G. – Teacher

81.

Appreciated Jairo:

Iván Darío lent me the book that you sent to him in Spanish and who I read in no time. Really it's seemed to me a book with many lessons and that can help a lot of people to look for the right way and to fight with tenacity and force, to reach the goals that we set to achieve the success.

Also, it got my attention, the form how you express the deep feeling that always you had towards your family and specially towards your parents and in addition, since you make respect your principles, over any other form to act.

I have always thought that, to be successful, the first condition is to be a good son and for that reason, was always the first question that I made the associate's aspirant to the companies that I directed. You specially transmits that example to all your family and to your children and in consequence these action, you are harvesting the benefits that are reflected, in your extraordinary family that you have managed to form.

In the name of the two Institutions that I am form part of, Santa Maria de La Paz Radio and Amigos de los Limitados Físicos, gratefully again, I express my deep feeling to you for you generosity and ample form you have helped them.

LEON JAIME ARISTIZABAL CORREA
Businessman and Philanthropic

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I had the opportunity to see your book, it's the great education and overcoming of life for whose reads it, I congratulate to you and hopefully soon I have my own copy.

— Colonel ® Rigoberto Pérez A. Colombia

83.

Dear Mr. Alvarez,

Thank you for telling your amazing story through your book, "No Such Thing As Impossible." I cannot imagine how much strength it took for you to unearth and re-live those painful events, but it is obvious that your book has the potential to change lives. Its beautiful story of hope and ambition proves that you can persevere in spite of difficult situations if you have the determination to do what is right.

Meeting you and your incredible family was just icing on the cake. You have personally inspired me to live my life more boldly, more ambitiously, and more honorably. Like you said, “There are no problems, just challenges and opportunities.” I am privileged to be able to call you a mentor, a role model, and a friend.

—Danielle Williams

LSU Journalism Student

Thesis author about book NO SUCH THING AS IMPOSSIBLE

84.

Hello Jairo,

I wanted to tell you that I think your book is truly inspiring - I couldn't put it down and I was telling everyone at the airport that I talked to about your story. My husband is reading it right now and I am going to take it to Memphis next week so that my dad can read it. Jairo, you know how your mother would always speak of your angels? Well, I think she knew that she was raising one, because you truly are an angel. You have endured so much in your life and you always continue to persevere and always look for ways to better yourself and the lives of everyone around you. You are a special man, Jairo, and I am so glad that you chose to share your life journey through this book. I will definitely bring it back with me so that you can sign it.

—Allison Brockmann

Saint Jude Research Hospital

85.

Congratulation for the great success with your great book. It did help me moral and spiritual growth.

— Oscar Tuberquia

86.

Queda uno impactado por los hechos y la forma en que con tenacidad y convicción se van superando los reveses y disfrutando las alegrías en compañía de tu querida familia. Te felicito nuevamente, ahora no solo por decidirte a escribirlo, sino también por su contenido, que espero continuar leyendo.

Gustavo A. Mesa J. - Publisher and business owner

87.

Your story is so inspiring as is your commitment to give back to your fellow man. Your energy and enthusiasm are contagious! Thank you for your leadership and example of a life well lived.

— Bryan Landry - Louisiana State University Executive

88.

I am having a difficult time putting it down; it is definitely one of the best reads I have come across in a very long time. Although I am still early into the book, I love the way that you reflect upon your faith. It always amazes me how we grew up years apart and miles apart but

—Perry Gaudet - Nurse OLOL Hopstia

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Jairo,

It reminds me to be thankful everyday for all the blessings that I have. It must be so rewarding to think of all the good that the profits from your book are doing to help these sweet children in Colombia - to help those that are unable to help themselves and to give them a second chance at life, which so many of us take for granted.

— Allison Brockman - St. Jude Research Hospital - Memphis

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Q. What did you like best about this book?

A. I immediately loved Papacito: he was clever and inventive. And the story-telling scenes are wonderful. So is the nickname “the rabbits” because they ate vegetables. I wondered how many Americans would sell their sunglasses so they could travel, especially to land in New York with \$25 and no English. In his military photographs Alvarez looks quite fierce, but the picture taken day before his departure, he is just an attractive businessman. I was shocked that Jimmy Swaggart’s downfall could affect the yogurt shop – I guess nobody falls down alone. And one of my favorites sports was where, asked about tattoos, he said, “I carry those tattoos on my heart,”

-Judge’s commentary

Writer’s Digest 16th Annual International Award

91.

Dear Jairo,

I know your book is touching hearts and changing lives, and for that you should be very proud.

Paul Simmons- Movie Producer

92.

Mr. Alvarez, just wanted to let you know that I read your book, sometimes by flashlight after the hurricane. It was a great inspiration to me, especially during this time when we had no electricity and there was so much destruction around us. Once I started reading it, I couldn't stop. I feel blessed to have your and your family as friends. When I first met you at Umbrella's, I had no idea what you had been through on your journey while in Columbia and on to the United States. I know Papacito and Mamacita are very proud of you. I think you have given more than you have received, but who is counting. Give Anita, Carlos, Ana and Sebastian my love. May the angels continue to watch over you and your family. My wife has read your book as well as her son.

—Victor Canella
Sales Manager - Toyota

93.

Con su maravilloso libro “Nada es Imposible” me enseñó, como decía su padre, que el hombre esta creado para hacer cosas maravillosas.

Ricardo Tribin Acosta

Escritor, conferencista y empresario

94.

Dear Jairo:

I started reading your book at 1:30pm today and just finished it's 9:30pm what a book!! I would like to say in brief I truly enjoyed reading about your life.

I thought it was going to be just a positive thinking manual or a Hope manuscript but it was that and so much more. Yes man was not put here to scratch out an existence that is for the armadillo. God, family, the gift of Christ and so many other things jump from the pages. A life so rooted in pure discipline has given back the greatest gift to man his family full love and the desire to live life abundantly.

Papacito full of wisdom and committed to the basic rules of decency, family, discipline, God and wisdom of what is right to do not what is best for you. I could go on but I would miss too much

how your Queen was there at that very important moment to show the example of how to deal with personal crisis weakness in a man that is hard for the strong to show or possess the experience in. Nevertheless that lesson was so needed oh so soon like the angels mamacita spoke about that are always there when you need them your wife was your angel in your last battle.

You showed that your life has been dedicated to your family, what rang clearly was you have received more joy and fulfillment in the relationship with your loving family than anything else. You understand the effect men like you have on the world and those around you whether you want to on not. Think of how the fallen preacher, had he knew the profound effect of his actions, I'm sure he would have done things different.

—Robert Martin- Attorney

95.

Jairo,

Leí tu libro durante el fin de semana, no pude parar, lo leí como en 6 horas. Genial, una gran historia vivida con pasión. Es un gran ejemplo de honestidad, lealtad, respeto, tenacidad y amor, todo esto junto es difícil de encontrar en un solo ser humano.

Tu historia me transportó por muchos momentos de mi vida, mi familia, mi padre, y de Colombia de diferentes maneras, pero de alguna forma similar en lo que respecta a la esencia de cada ser.

Tu historia me hace reconfirmar aun mas un gran planteamiento que hace mi libro favorito "Home with God" de Neale Donald Walsch. Este libro plantea que cada persona en el momento de nacer decide la experiencia que viene a vivir, y eso involucra, que escoge la familia, raza y todo lo demás. Igualmente, elige el momento de su partida, de acuerdo a si ya ha cumplido su propósito y en todo esto está Dios o ese ser supremo para ayudarlo a tomar estas decisiones. Eso vi claramente en tu historia.

Fue un gran honor haber estado sentada al lado tuyo y de Anita el 31 de Dic. Ustedes dos irradian mucho amor, respeto y sencillez, eso es muy especial encontrar. Muchas bendiciones siempre,

—Margarita Huertas - Auditora

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Un nuevo ESCRITOR que ha generado toda esta labor en beneficio de una excelente causa como lo es la colaboración sin ningún ánimo personal a entidades que brindan ayuda y apoyo a

personas que realmente lo necesitan. DE NUEVO MIS MAS SINCERAS FELICITACIONES,

JUAN RODRIGO VASQUEZ R

Corredor de Seguros

97.

Hay que orgullosa me siento de ustedes de conocerlos de que Dios los halla puesto en mi camino, Ay que orgullosa me siento de ser colombiana con gente linda pujante como ustedes y que a pesar de que son personas destacadas no han dejado la sencillez y calidez del nuestra gente, ayyy que orgullosa me siento de Jairo, se lo dije un día, escriba un libro tiene muchas cosas que aconsejarnos a mi, a mis hijos, a los hijos de mis hijos otro libro. Escriba otro libro.

Liliana Lopez

98.

None of the jury pools were called for any court! A big waste of time for a lot of people;
The civil cases scheduled were all settled out of court. The big criminal case that was scheduled got postponed;
They did not need anybody but the judges would not release the jury pools; I sat there for 2-1/2 days! And I had to drive down town!! OH, My Gosh!!!! I would not want to drive that every day!! At least I cannot be called for two years!! Actually I read your fathers' book again!! So it wasn't a total waste of time.

July L. Fray – Insurance Executive

99

It was my pleasure, thank YOU for being such an inspiration. I am proud to be your friend and teammate.

Your book is excellent. When I got home from the ride today, I sat down to read the 1st chapter; by 4:00 I had finished the book!

You're one of my heroes. I can't wait to ride 72 miles next year!

Dustin Flint

100.

You and your book have been a great inspiration to me and so has our new President Obama.

Thanks For your purchases and time,

Daves Puckett - Business owner N.Y.

101

Debo dar a conocer y destacar, que con tu loable trabajo, buena labor y excelente ejercicio de tu pluma, has sabido contribuir a poner muy en alto el buen nombre de nuestro país.

Sin temor a equivocarme manifestaría en pocas palabras que personas como tu son, las que Nuestra Colombia necesita. Un abrazo,

GABRIEL BARRERA BUSTOS
Empresario Colombiano

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Con él confirmé, una vez más, lo orgullosos que debemos estar todos al saber que existen personas maravillosas como tu que nos dan ejemplo de vida!, que sin importar la distancia piensan y luchan por el país, que nos muestras el sendero para una vida mejor!

Liliana

Vélez de Restrepo

Periodista Colombiana

103.

Jairo y Anita un caluroso saludo desde Orlando de su amiga Luisa Fernanda y deseando que estén descansando después de ese exitoso viaje. La verdad estoy sumamente agradecida con Papá Dios por haberme permitido conocerlos. Son un ejemplo a seguir y una inspiración para cualquier ser humano, les cuento que me leí su tremendo libro en 2 días y me siento bien orgullosa de que Colombianos como usted hagan la diferencia en el mundo es un ejemplo vivo de nuestra raza de nuestra cultura la tenacidad y la perseverancia para alcanzar lo que nos proponemos nada es imposible estará plantado por siempre en mi corazón y en mi mente sobre todo cuando se me presente la adversidad. Por favor un besito a Anita, un abrazo para usted y millones de bendiciones. Cordialmente

Luisa Fernanda Prieto
Orlando FL

104.

Wow!

You have dropped your pebble in the water and the waves are spreading every day.

Joe Mengis
Attorney- Baton Rouge

105.

(Carta entre dos lectores)

Querido amigo Abelardo:

Recibe este libro como un pequeño regalo de quien tanto te aprecia y recuerda. Espero te deleites con la lectura de la biografía de este paisa, un verdadero "Verraco" que nos hace sentir orgullosos que en nuestra tierra hayan tipos tan tenaces y "echados para adelante". Tómalo como un regalo adelantado del Día del Padre. Felicidades.

Emiliano
ORLANDO, FL.

106.

Estimado Sr. Álvarez,

Le envío un recuerdo del Seminario Promesa y Esperanza del Hospital St. Jude. Ha sido muy grato para mi haberlo conocido, y más aun conocer su interesante trayectoria a través de su libro, que por cierto me hizo el favor de dedicarlo. Mi hijo, tal vez Usted lo recuerda, es quien fue a comprarlo por mí y mis compañeras de trabajo.

Y la razón por la que le escribo es para darle las gracias por compartir sus vivencias y su actitud ante las adversidades de la vida. Para mí fue de gran motivación. Creo que usted no solamente con la venta de este libro dona a instituciones benéficas, sino que nos "dona" una nueva forma de ver la vida, a quienes lo leemos. Gracias a Dios yo también he llevado una vida de retos. Dios siempre ha estado ahí conmigo diciéndome "sigue adelante". Mi hijo tiene 19 años y tiene que irse a México a estudiar la Universidad porque aquí no tiene posibilidades, pero eso no nos desanima, seguiremos adelante con el favor de Dios, porque el quiere algún día graduarse en Relaciones Internacionales. Su libro también me ha ayudado a entender que cuando uno como padre, enseña valores a sus hijos, hay que confiar en ellos como su Papacito lo hizo, y que esas lecciones no se olvidan. Espero que así como usted, mi hijo donde quiera que el este tampoco las olvide.

Muchas gracias,

Guillermina Miranda

Saint Jude's Hospital – Memphis, TN.

107.

Estimado Compatriota: Somos Luis Javier Osorio y Elvira Ramírez, estuvimos en la presentación de su libro en Orlando el 27 de febrero, esa misma noche empezamos a leer su libro, nos pareció tan interesante que lo terminamos ese mismo fin de semana, mi esposo recordó episodios maravillosos de su infancia con sus abuelos en el viejo Caldas tal como usted describe a sus padres aguerridos luchadores de hacha y machete abriendo una finca como su único recurso para sacar adelante a sus hijos. También se maravillo de tener muchas vivencias parecidas a las descritas por usted en este país como inmigrante cuando llego a New York en 1962. Mi esposa también recordó y vivencia experiencias maravillosas cuando usted relata su vida en el Ejército ya que ella como Psicóloga por 25 años tuvo la oportunidad de compartir con sus pacientes la dureza del entrenamiento militar y la crueldad de la guerra que se vive en nuestro país, pero también con alegría recordó personas que fueron sus compañeros de curso y superiores como los Generales Neira, Rodríguez, Vacca, Plata (tiene una estrecha relación con su familia, los cajigas), Cuando hablo del General Landazábal recordo con gran tristeza cuando le toco recibir su cuerpo sin vida en el Hospital Militar, pues ese día estaba de oficial de servicio, definitivamente la vida tiene muchos episodios trascendentales que nos dejan huella hasta el último día de nuestra existencia. Precisamente nos encanta que usted a lo largo de su libro deja ver con orgullo el hecho de ser un militar y queremos compartir con usted esa frase célebre del General Mc Arthur " OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE THEY JUST FADE AWAY"

Bueno, ojala sigamos compartiendo, aquí en Orlando siempre los estaremos esperando, por ahora reciba un fuerte abrazo extensivo a su distinguida esposa.

- Luis Javier Osorio y Elvira Ramírez.
Orlando Florida
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Doctor.

Jairo Álvarez Botero

Reciba un saludo caluroso para usted y su familia.

Al leer su libro reafirme que no estoy equivocado al escoger el camino que conduce a alcanzar mis objetivos. **Cuando empecé mi discapacidad creí que mis sueños habían terminado, pero mi**

rebeldía y las ganas de surgir me han llevado a recorrer un camino lleno de obstáculos que hasta el momento he sabido sortear en nuestro país; hoy me encuentro con la firme convicción de lograr mis metas en este país porque... NADA ES IMPOSIBLE.

Gracias señor Álvarez por el obsequio del libro, que Dios lo bendiga a usted y su familia que le dé la oportunidad de ayudar a mucha más personas desamparadas.

-Mauricio Giraldo
Miami, FL.

109.

Cordial Saludo.

Mi nombre es Maribel Vásquez Álvarez; quizás por mi nombre no logre recordarme. Tuve el Honor de conocerlo a usted y su esposa en su gira por la Florida el 24 de Febrero en el evento aniversario radial del Abogado Suárez en Orlando. También estuve en la conferencia que dio en la Iglesia de el Pastor Candelario; el día 25 de febrero.

Si aun sigue sin recordarme, al final de este e-mail, adjunto fotografías.

Don Jairo quiero expresarle una profunda Admiración; y acentuar que su Adorada Madre, que DIOS la tenga en su memoria y gloria, tenía toda la razón. Los Ángeles son de carne y hueso. Y DIOS me ha dado la Bendición tan especial de haber conocido un Ángel Motivador....y sé que usted para muchos ha sido la mano extendida de DIOS.

Ayer 12 de Marzo; acabo de leer su libro "NADA ES IMPOSIBLE"....y créame que más que un libro para mí; es un manual de Vida, de Valores Auténticos y de Amor.

Anita, su esposa que Mujer tan Excepcional, tan Cálida y Dulce...también hable con ella aquí en Orlando y quede impactada con la Calidad Humana y el Espíritu tan hermoso que posee.

Me siento muy Orgullosa que todos esos Valores, Principios, Luchas y Logros que describen su Vida; pertenezcan a un Compatriota Mío. En mis Venas corren tres colores (Amarillo, azul y Rojo) y en mi Corazón hay grabadas cincuenta estrellas de esta Nación, a la que le estoy Eternamente agradecida.

Amo mi COLOMBIA; vengo de una familia' donde mis abuelos y mi madre; fueron víctimas de la llamada en ese entonces "La chusma" o violencia por Partidos Políticos.

Mi abuelo fue masacrado en frente de mi abuela, mi madre y sus hermanas..y despojados de sus tierras.

Después, La guerrilla; pero yo creo en Mi País, porque, allí existe gente buena, y Ángeles como usted y su esposa....y como lo menciona en el Libro, "No todas las papas de el bulto están podridas".

Y Gracias por darme la Oportunidad de aportar un granito de arena a esas entidades que ayudan a nuestros niños en Colombia.

Gracias, Gracias, Gracias por escribir este Libro.

Gracias por recordarme que después de caernos, solo tenemos que pararnos, sacudirnos la tierra de nuestras rodillas y seguir caminando a nuevos horizontes.

Gracias por Servir a Mi País, Tu País.

Gracias por representar a COLOMBIA con Honor y Excelencia.

Que DIOS los colme de Bendiciones siempre.

Con Eterno Cariño y Agradecimiento.

-Maribel Vasquez

Orlando, Florida

110.

Muy apreciado y respetado Jairo,

Quiero darle las gracias de nuevo por su conferencia de anoche. Como le comente cuando me autografiaba su libro en ingles, yo soy el que le envié un paralelo en una ocasión anterior (17-07-08) después de leer su libro en español con las coincidencias de su vida y la mía y que Ud. amablemente me lo respondió. Guillermo Duruti (mi amigo chileno) fue quien me hablo de Ud., me prestó el libro y me invito a la reunión. Quiero expresarle toda mi adoración y si me lo permite, mi afecto, pues de alguna manera Ud. me recordó a mi papa físicamente (quien ya falleció hace 4 años). Lo envidio grandemente pues yo hubiera querido tener una relación con mi padre tal como Ud. la tuvo con el suyo y haber podido recibir toda esa sabiduría tan maravillosa, (pero lastimosamente él se separo de mi madre cuando yo era pequeño). Hoy entiendo que un buen padre definitivamente marca la vida de un ser humano de manera extraordinaria. Que Dios lo siga bendiciendo en todos sus proyectos, fue muy grato poderlo conocer en persona, que siga inspirando a tanta gente y que nos podamos volver a encontrar en el futuro. Le agradecería que por favor me enviara las copias del material de su conferencia.

Un gran abrazo fraternal,

Germán Salazar Hurtado – Oviedo Florida

111.

Jairo

I just finished reading "No Such Thing as Impossible". What a wonderful and inspiring story. Thank you for sharing this with me. You share many of the same qualities that this great man has. You are both so positive and gracious. I am blessed to have you as a friend and blessed to have been given this book.

Love and hugs,

-Aletha Moore

Bordelonville LA.

112.

Dear Mr. Jairo,

I am so honored that you have corresponded with me. I've been carrying your book around and telling all my friends what an inspiration you are and encouraging them to read it. My sister remembers frequenting your Umbrella Yogurt Shop when she lived down Gardere in the early 1980's.

Your message of hope and perseverance is a beakon of light to those whose lives you've touched. Thank you for sharing your story. Fondly,

Aletha Moore

113.

Leí el libro de "Nada es imposible", bueno, en realidad me lo trague en cuestión de horas, me pareció muy agradable de leer, sobre todo por la sencillez del lenguaje que se usa, ya que se presta para todo tipo de lector. Más allá de la historia que ya debe recibir miles de comentarios positivos, disfrute mucho saber que la persona de la que se habla en ella es un ser sumamente honesto, completamente capacitado, y de una especialidad impactante con todo el que lo rodea, que pocas personas logran controlar cuando adquieren tanto poder. Me quedo con lo que representa usted como ser humano y como director de una familia y un negocio exitoso. Me quedo feliz con el privilegio que fue haberlo conocido a usted y a su esposa.

Infinitamente agradecido.

Daniel Mesa Salazar
Estudiante Colombiano en la China

114.

QUERIDO JAIRO..
FELICITACIONES, MIL FELICITACIONES, MAS
FELICITACIONES...ERES UN GRAN HOMBRE, ESCRITOR,
PADRE Y DEPORTISTA... DIGNO DEENCOMIO PARA LAS
PRESENTES Y FUTURAS GENERACIONES... SU
DESTACADO NOMBRE SE INSCRIBE EN LO MAS ALTO DE
LOS VALORES LATINOAMERICANOS DONDE QUIERA
QUE ESTES AUN COMPITIENDO...

MIL FELICITACIONES.....

JORGE ELIECER CASTELLANOS
Empresario Colombiano, Periodista y Escritor

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PAISANO:

Don Jairo Álvarez Botero, permítame utilizar este término (Paisano) que nos caracteriza a todos los Antioqueños para referirnos a nuestros compatriotas regionales.

Escuché su conferencia sobre su obra “NADA ES IMPOSIBLE, DE LA ADVERSIDAD AL TRIUNFO”, en el Auditorio de la Alcaldía de Medellín y desde el protocolo entendí el interés y la importancia que esta obra ameritaba, sólo me fue necesario hacer uso de los ratos de descanso de una semana para leer de pasta a pasta su valiosa y envidiable obra que de una manera muy clara nos dan cuenta de sus vivencias y dificultades experimentadas a lo largo de su vida, de cada uno de los obstáculos por los que le tocó atravesar y la manera valiente como los fue superando y dejando “regados” en el camino, para llegar a convertirse en el hombre que soñó y como usted mismo lo dice conformar una maravillosa familia como la que hoy lo rodea.

Considero que todos los seres humanos estamos sometidos en nuestro diario vivir, a tener un gran sinnúmero de tropiezos en el camino, y su escrito en esta obra, es una ayuda fundamental y muy valiosa que nos enseña a la sociedad de todo el mundo, a no dejarnos vencer ni a tirar la toalla como decimos los colombianos, sino por el contrario, a levantar la cabeza y mirar siempre adelante para que podamos alcanzar las metas que nos trazamos en la vida.

Me parece fundamental que todas las personas de todas las generaciones en especial los jóvenes, debemos de conocer al detalle esta obra, no solo por saber quién es Jairo Álvarez Botero, sino porque sus enseñanzas, pueden hacer que muchos podamos también vencer nuestras adversidades que se nos presentan en el diario vivir para alcanzar el triunfo y llegar tan alto como usted lo ha logrado en compañía de su esposa y sus hijos.

Por último quiero felicitarlo y en nombre de todas las personas que se benefician de las ayudas que usted, su familia y su exitosa compañía hacen por las entidades allí mencionadas, darle los agradecimientos porque todos hacemos parte de un país como lo es Colombia donde se tienen dificultades para llevar Salud y Educación a todos las personas más necesitadas.

Que Dios y todos sus Ángeles lo bendigan, lo protejan y lo sigan acompañando en el éxito tanto a usted como a todos los miembros de su familia.

Cordialmente,

HÉCTOR SAÚL LONDOÑO OSORNO

Lector de la Obra “Nada es Imposible, de la Adversidad al Triunfo” - versión en español - Medellín - Colombia

116.

Hola mi nombre es Juan Pablo Escobar Taborda.... te felicito eres mi ejemplo a seguir.. mi futuro.. Mi profesión y fe y mi alegría..Soy un chico de 18 años.. Que estudia Ingeniería de Sistemas en la Universidad de Medellín. Cuando fui a tu conferencia quede asustado, quede completamente aficionado a ti. Eres un maestro, un galán .. el ejemplo de mi vida... te felicito.... eres grande..no pude comprar tu libro por falta de plata..ja..ja..ja... pero bueno será en otra ocasión.... solo te quiera contar un poco de mi.. Es que mira que yo últimamente me coge mucha pereza para hacer las cosa.. y siento que soy incapaz de hacerlas siempre tiene que ser con ayuda de alguien y eso no me gusta no porque me siento así..Será falta de concentración. etc. ayúdame dame uno tirsitos jajajajaa,

Juan Pablo Escobar
Estudiante Universidad de Medellín. COL.

117.

Estoy leyendo su libro, muy entretenido, cuando lo termine le hare un comentario, que seguro será bueno, por lo pronto no quisiera parar de leer. Saludos,

Humberto Acevedo - Arquitecto- Miami

118.

Jairo, felicitaciones por este reconocimiento del SJCH tan merecido. Tu mensaje y tu obra serán eternos!

Muchas gracias por haber escrito el libro. Como te mencioné, me ayudó inmensamente en el trance de diverticulitis que tuve la semana pasada en el hospital. Hizo mi estadía mucho más fácil y le encontré propósito a la misma.

Oscar HENAO - Empresario – Miami

119.

Jairo:

Tu Libro NADA ES IMPOSIBLE, me hizo sentir una profunda admiración por tí, por esas bellísimas enseñanzas que recibiste de tus Padres, y que hoy transmites, no sólo a tus hijos y a toda tu familia, sino a todos los que hemos tenido la suerte de leerte. QUÉ EJEMPLO DE VIDA, QUE INTELIGENCIA Y TENACIDAD,

QUÉ VALOR Y DISCIPLINA. Gracias por todo esto. Recibe un saludo muy especial

MARÍA CECILIA VILLEGAS DE SALAZAR
Ama de Casa Colombia

120.

Querido Jairo.

Sigo leyendo tu libro y continúo fascinado con tus historias de vida que confirman que cuando se tiene fe, se tienen ganas, se tiene esperanza... NADA ES IMPOSIBLE!

José Leonardo Rincón C,
Sacerdote Jesuita

121.

Leímos su libro, donde usted narra su propia historia, la cual de muchos modos es nuestra propia historia. De la lectura, entre muchas conclusiones, podemos decir que para llegar al triunfo se requiere: paciencia, persistencia, esfuerzo, sacrificio, además de unos fuertes valores éticos y religiosos. Es la historia de muchos triunfadores. Saludos.

Ignacio y Germán Arroyave
Medellín-Colombia

122.

Déjeme decirle que este libro debería ser de obligatoriedad en los colegios, de esto nos encargaremos luego los Rotarios. Un abrazo y mi reconocimiento que por ser desinteresado no deja de ser igualmente ejemplo en estos momentos en que la palabra crisis es usted capaz de desvirtuarla en una intervención. FELICITACIONES,

Esteban Velásquez di Doménico – Empresario y artista -
Rotario – Medellín, Colombia

123.

Buenas tardes doctor. Espero que este muy bien. Le cuento que ya termine de leer su libro. Doctor excelente, usted a tenido más aventuras que don Quijote de la Mancha
No sé si se acuerda de mí. Yo fui el que le colabore en el hotel Sheraton en Medellín el que le puso la música el video vean.
Doctor si se acuerda de mí por favor respóndame

Un saludo que Dios lo siga acompañando en todos sus sueños y actividades a desarrollar

124.

Leer el libro NADA ES IMPOSIBLE es entender cómo se puede llegar a triunfar en la vida con un sentido de aceptación. Con el claro concepto de que el éxito significa ser capaz de servir a otros, que el éxito no es el tamaño de sus riquezas sino el tamaño de su desprendimiento y que éxito es la satisfacción de proveer bienestar a otros.

Boletín Patronato María Auxiliadora
Medellín – Colombia

125.

Jairo, primero que todo, felicitaciones por ese merecidísimo éxito y por el reconocimiento que vas a recibir en Washington y que beneficiará a las obras que apoyas.

Antenoche regresamos de nuestras vacaciones en Grecia, las cuales tuvimos la grandísima fortuna de compartir con mi Papá. Santi y Sebastián disfrutaron mucho de todos esos días con su abuelo y mi Papá gozó a sus nietos. Yo estuve realmente feliz de estar con mis cinco muchachos (Padre, esposo e hijos) conociendo tantos lugares llenos de historia y belleza.

Otra cosa que disfruté mucho en mi viaje, fue leer tu libro en la tranquilidad de las vacaciones, pues a medida que leía, compartía con mi Papá, Carlos y los niños tus experiencias y las comentábamos en familia, aprendiendo de ti y admirando como alguien a pesar de tantas dificultades, ha llegado tan lejos por tener un ideal claro, una familia que lo ama y lo respalda, el ejemplo de un padre extraordinario, una fe muy grande en Dios y por ser un trabajador correcto e incansable. A los niños les llamaba mucho la atención que lo que yo les contaba era la historia de una persona real, que su abuelo y yo tenemos el privilegio de conocer.

No sabes las ganas que tienen ellos de conocerte. Ojala podamos reunirnos pronto en Houston o en Baton Rouge para presentártelos.

Gracias por tu libro y por compartir tantas experiencias, buenos ejemplos y buenos consejos. Han quedado en archivo de la memoria al cual acudimos cuando nuestra meta parece inalcanzable, cuando debemos comenzar de nuevo o simplemente para recordarnos que el éxito si se puede alcanzar y que lo que recojamos en la vida hay que compartirlo con quienes lo necesiten.

Felicitaciones también por esa familia tan linda que Anita y tu han construido. Disfrute mucho también leyendo sobre su historia de amor.

Un abrazo cariñoso para ti y todos los tuyos. Best regards,

Claudia Rojas - Texas Trade Representative
Colombian Government Trade Bureau

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Estimado Maestro:

Recibe un cordial y caluroso saludo, hace algunos años leí un libro que me ha guiado por este tiempo y en sus páginas reza la siguiente frase "Cuando el alumno está preparado el Maestro aparece". Así sucedió hace unos días en un Avión Cali-Bogotá, a mi lado estabas tú, con tu sonrisa, tu sinceridad y sobre todo con tu autenticidad, definitivamente un ángel y maestro a mi lado. Agradezco profundamente a Dios por ese maravilloso encuentro. Son las 01:11 am y me encuentro en un hotel en Orlando - Florida, en el País que te ha regalado tanto, increíblemente no he podido conciliar el sueño porque me encontré con tu libro y no pude parar de leerlo como me lo habías predicho. Que maravillosa lectura, sin duda alguna debería estar en manos de tantas personas que lo necesitan, pero en realidad yo lo necesitaba profundamente, el libro entro por mis venas, llego a mi corazón y alimento mi alma, no t que me permitan explicar lo que estoy sintiendo. Tenemos tantas cosas en común, la primera es que tengo un hijo que se llama Sebastián (mi flaco que tiene 11 años), tuve que prestar servicio militar obligatorio y por decisión mía decidí hacer el curso de lancerillo en Tolemaida ocupando el6 puesto (el curso es menos exigente que el de los Oficiales / suboficiales), soy sub teniente de la reserva ya que me destaque en mi contingente, mi arma es infantería. En fin tantas cosas que también he tenido que luchar y que a veces no veo la luz, pero tu libro es una bendición y un regalo maravilloso, lo he disfrutado mucho.

Espero que este sea el comienzo de una amistad grande, ya estás en mi corazón, y espero ganarme el tuyo. Sería maravilloso poder tomarnos un café y conversar muchas veces juntos. Tu legado ahora es parte de mi vida. Gracias, mil gracias a ti y a tu familia por abrir sus vidas y enriquecer la mía. Mi dirección en Colombia es Calle 151 No 13 A 50 Apto 703 torre 5 Bogotá Colombia, esperaré con mucha expectativa la postal que me prometiste en el aeropuerto.

Un Gran Abrazo,

Valentín Castellanos Mora

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Sr. Alvarez, tuve el gusto de conocerlo el pasado viernes en el evento del Hospital General, tal vez fui el primero en comprarle, o por lo menos esa fue la impresión que medió cuando salió a buscar una niña para el manejo del dinero.

Quiero comentarle que estoy fascinado leyendo su libro, me parece ver en sus relatos la historia de muchos compatriotas que han sorteado los momentos buenos y difíciles en la vida, lo felicito pues tiene un lenguaje muy ameno y me "pega " del libro, la forma de narrar las situaciones me introducen en la historia, me parece hacer parte de la trama.

Quiero contarle algo de mí, actualmente soy el gerente de la Clínica Conquistadores, llevo 4 años en esta responsabilidad, desde hace por lo menos tres, estoy liderando un proyecto de construcción de una nueva clínica para la ciudad, tengo los permisos de Curaduría y Planeación, los diseños terminados, el constructor es Procil, no sé si usted conozca al Dr. Gabriel Cadavid, según entiendo es una de los constructores que más experiencia tienen en el manejo del acero en Colombia y algunos países del entorno.

El proyecto tenía un dinero pre aprobado con una entidad financiera del exterior, pero a fin de año se recibió un comunicado que palabras más o menos decía que dada la situación compleja de lo financiero, se desistía del facilitar los recursos para este proyecto, sostenían que el índice de desconfianza en Colombia había crecido bastante por las relaciones tensas con los vecinos y les preocupaba la estabilidad interna con el tema de reelección, mejor dicho, nada de nada.

Como usted es una de las personas más destacadas en el área de la construcción en USA, me gustaría de ser posible su consejo para la búsqueda de recursos diferentes a los locales, me imagino que usted sabe de las dificultades con los bancos en Colombia, donde las garantías están alrededor del 150% del valor del préstamo, solo con eso castran cualquier idea de hacer un proyecto de gran magnitud, porque lo restringen solo a la capacidad de respaldo y al flujo de caja que se tenga actualmente.

Si usted sigue en Medellín, me gustaría poder contactarme con usted, personalmente o a través de este medio para escuchar sus recomendaciones, si a bien lo tiene.

Quedo muy agradecido de la atención que me dispense y nuevamente lo felicito por su maravilloso libro.

John J. Monsalve B.
Gerente Clínica Conquistadores Of. 2 65 27 76
Cel. 311 630 48 64

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128.

Don Jairo Álvarez
Gracias por llegar a mi vida. He leído su obra ^Nada es imposible^ y me ha dejado tatuado en el corazón algo que yo siempre practico:

el servicio a la humanidad. La recomiendo a todas las personas del mundo que a veces no saben qué rumbo coger y como decía su papacito (en mis palabras): Piensa primero cual es la mejor elección que tienes, si ella es justa, si ella se acomoda a tu concepto de ética y hazlo más rápidamente que cualquiera.

Es usted un mentor y ha llevado con bien el legado que han dejado Dale Carnegie, Robert Kiyosaki, Henry Ford, entre otros más.

Su vida es un cúmulo de sabiduría y cuando estuve leyendo agradezco a Dios y a usted, que se sentaron conmigo a contármela.

Soy el gerente de la Central Mayorista de Antioquia y tuve el honor de conocerlo personalmente en el Congreso Nacional de Comerciantes, realizado en Cali los días 22 y 23 de agosto de 2009.

Le reitero la solicitud que le hice de que nos dictara una conferencia en este recinto, cuando este de regreso por Colombia. Solo requiero que me confirme el día y la hora (le propongo que el día sea lunes o miércoles, porque hay menos volumen de negocios y la hora 4 pm).

Dios lo tenga en gracia y me permito hacerle una solicitud y un atrevimiento más:

Salúdeme a Anita y a sus hijos. Es lo que creo correcto, porque me he vuelto amigo de ellos también. Saludos

Javier H. Ramirez V. - Gerente
Copropiedad Central Mayorista de Antioquia tel (054)285 4815

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HOLA DON JAIRO, ESPERO SE ENCUENTREN BIEN USTED Y SU FAMILIA, MI NOMBRE ES CÉSAR AUGUSTO ARIAS Y CON MUCHO ORGULLO SOY SONSONEÑO, AL IGUAL QUE USTED EN SU JUVENTUD ESTA TIERRA ME HA DADO Y ENSEÑADO MILES DE LECCIONES PARA MI VIDA; ESTUVE EN SU CONFERENCIA CUANDO VINO A SONSON Y ME PARECE QUE USTED ES UNA PERSONA INCREÍBLE Y LO FELICITO POR ESO. SU LIBRO ME GUSTÓ MUCHO Y ME ENSEÑO MUCHAS COSAS QUE ESPERO MULTIPLICAR A TODOS LOS QUE ME RODEAN Y APLICAR A MI VIDA PERSONAL, MUCHAS GRACIAS POR COMPARTIR SUS EXPERIENCIAS PUES ESTE LIBRO NO ES SOLO UN LEGADO PARA SU FAMILIA, SINO TAMBIEN PARA MUCHOS QUE SOÑAMOS COSAS GRANDES. A MIS 27 AÑOS QUIERO TERMINAR MI CARRERA DE PSICOLOGÍA Y SEGUIR CON MI PROYECTO MUSICAL, GRACIAS A SU LIBRO SE QUE PUEDO LOGRAR MUCHO MÁS DE LO QUE CREO QUE PUEDO LLEGAR A SER. DIOS

LO BENDIGA DON JAIRO Y ESPERO QUE LOGRE REALIZAR MUCHOS MAS SUEÑOS, PUES LA VIDA NUNCA TERMINA Y ESTAMOS PARA GRANDES COSAS. LO INVITO A VISITAR MI PAGINA www.myspace.com/larealsupremacia. HASTA LUEGO Y DE NUEVO FELICITACIONES.

CÉSAR AUGUSTO ARIAS

130.

Eleanor Rose Blount commented on your book:

"I had the privilege of reading it when it first came out and I must say that it is one of the most interesting and inspiring books I've ever read. And I read a lot."

131.

Estimado don Jairo, le cuento que ya leí el libro "Nada es imposible", me parece muy bien elaborado en cuanto a lo gramatical, además, que tiene un orden que lleva al lector a no querer parar, sin contar con que es una biografía que se hace un ejemplo de vida y me ha hecho recordar a mis padres, muchas gracias por este legado y que Dios lo bendiga a usted y a su familia.

Los sonsoneños no encontramos muy orgullosos de su triunfo y de sus premios, del premio del fin de semana HUELLA CLOMBIANA me gustaría obtener unas fotos y un breve escrito con el fin de resaltarlo en la página web de nuestro municipio.

Agradezco la atención,

JESÚS ANTONIO GIRALDO BERNAL
Alcalde Popular Municipio de Sonsón 2008 – 2011

132.

Dear Anita and Jairo:

First, we'd like to say how mucho we enjoyed meeting you two Saturday night at the ULL game in the Chancellor's suite! That was so much fun! Addictive!

Next, we'd like to encourage you in the work you have begun on the "Friends of Spanish at LSU". What a wonderful thing to do. We'd encourage you to visit the Ubaye Valley in France and speak with the people there who have helped us host the French program in their valley and have made it so popular both in France and at LSU! We can give you their names. And you don't have to worry about a language barrier because almost everyone in the valley speaks Spanish because of their connection to Mexico!

And last, but by no means least, Dick and I read your book (with its beautiful "signature" (thank-you) in the car on the way home yesterday. It is so interesting, a "can't put down" book. We loved it. Dick was driving and I read parts of it to him, just enough to whet his appetite. But I enjoyed every word! I love that it is the story of both of you, both truly inspiring. I must say the part that moved me the most was the description of the deaths of your parents which I read through tears. The "signs" you received at those times were no coincidences but messages from our Dear Lord Himself, that indeed your parents are with Him and in fact He is present here on earth with us every day and everywhere no matter where we are or what we're doing. This goes over the heads of so many people, they just don't get it, but you have recognized it and that is so beautiful. God loves it when we do and when we thank Him and give Him credit, as you have done. Your book is truly a wonderful inspiration to all. God's light shines through you. We are blessed by meeting you. May He bless you always.

Love, Dick & CeCe Edwards

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Jairo, leí tu libro y me pareció tremendamente motivador. Te agradezco el habérmelo regalado (en el avión de Bogotá a Medellín). Lo estoy comprando para mi grupo en la oficina.

Un abrazo y éxitos.

Sergio Galindo N. Presidente de PELDAR – Colombia.

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PAISANO

JAIRO.

Recibe mi saludo cordial y especiales felicitaciones por tu extraordinaria obra NADA ES IMPOSIBLE -DE LA ADVERSIDAD AL TRIUNFO-, la cual llegó a mis manos por casualidad, que en otra ocasión seguramente te comentaré. mis FELICITACIONES, DESDE LUGO, extensivas a tu esposa e hijos que te han acompañado en los éxitos alcanzados y a Susan, tu colaboradora.

Te trato como PAISANO, pues también nací en Sonsón, por las cercanías del Capiro, cerro majestuoso que siempre admiré y recuerdo. Mis primeros añitos transcurrieron en EL ALTO DE LA HONDA, es decir cerca al cristalino río Tasajo, en cuya cercanía también transcurrió tu niñez. De niño me llevaron a Manzanares (Caldas) y por razones familiares paternas volví al LICEO DEPTAL DE SONSON A CULMINAR MIS AÑOS DE BACHILLERATO, CON LOS HERMANOS MARISTAS. Luego

A BOGOTÁ AL MAC Y EL EL 57 ME TOCÓ COMO SOLDADO LA CAÍDA DEL GENERAL ROJAS. LUEGO ME HICE ABOGADO, EJERCICIO PROFESIONAL, NOTARIO ECT. ASI MISMO TE FELICITO POR TU LEALTAD MILITAR, EL TRATO CON TU " PAPACITO Y MAMACITA" Y. EXITOS EN EL NORTE. POR AHORA NO ME EXTIENDO MÁS Y ADELANTE PODRIAMOS INTERCAMBIAR MAYOR INFORMACIÓ.

CORDIALMENTE

MIGUEL

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RECIBA MIS MÁS SINCERAS FELICITACIONES POR EL PREMIO OBTENIDO.

Es realmente muy satisfactorio haber puesto mi granito de arena en las votaciones. Este premio más que merecido le debió ser adjudicado con honores por sus loables obras.

Aunque no lo conozco personalmente, a través de la lectura de su libro NADA ES IMPOSIBLE pude conocer su vida, sus luchas, su tenacidad y su alma honesta y llena de bondad. Su historia me impresionó y me inspiró profunda admiración. Es un ejemplo de vida digno y bien difícil de imitar. Qué maravilla sería este mundo si todos lográremos imitarlo y seguir su ejemplo.

Si en Medellín hay alguna de sus casas de beneficencia para niños, le agradecerá me enviara la dirección; me encantaría poder dedicar parte de mi tiempo a dar cariño a estos niños.

Cordialmente, BEATRIZ VILLEGAS NARANJO

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Estoy leyendo el libro y como Colombiana nacionalizada en este país. Lo encuentro de mucha importancia y ayuda para entender algunos pasajes de esa historia nuestra que no logro entender del todo.

Lo felicito por su vida y ejemplo para todos nosotros que de alguna manera tenemos la obligación de dejar a Colombia por lo alto.

Pero mi propósito al escribir y es una crítica constructiva, pues encuentro muchos errores ortográficos en la versión en español, a lo mejor la versión en inglés sea mejor?

Espero de algo sirva mi crítica y de nuevo después de estar muy desligada de nuestra patria y tener en el cajón del olvido toda esa historia que nos ayuda a entender ese presente COLOMBIANO....

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Un abrazo muy grande de felicitaciones. Como siempre logrando éxitos por donde va. Señor Alvarez, es usted un gran ejemplo para tanto desilusionado que no ha tenido la oportunidad de leer su libro y creer QUE NADA ES IMPOSIBLE!!!

Con cariño,

Nohora Higuera, Pablo Arturo y familia

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Don Jairo: Espero le llegue este correo, ví esta dirección en un escrito de El Colombiano del día de hoy y no sabe cómo me alegré ya que hace poco tuve en mis manos su famoso libro "NADA ES IMPOSIBLE". Como decimos los paisas, me lo devoré en menos de una semana, utilizando la noche que es el único rato que se tiene libre. Para mí fue una terapia maravillosa, me emocioné mucho. Le dí gracias al Señor al saber que todavía hay gente tan extraordinaria, tan luchadora, tan llena de FE.

Los elogios serían muchos y no terminaría de escribir, como dice el Apóstol San Juan antes de cerrar su Evangelio: Todo lo que hay que decir del Señor Jesús no cabría en estas hojas.....palabras más, palabras menos.

Felicito su hermosa familia, su deseo de trabajar en familia, qué lindo. Siempre insisto en que los Buenos son más, y los antioqueños NI SE DIGA...

Me identifico. Soy una Religiosa, Dominica de La Presentación, vivo en Medellín y aunque acabo de celebrar mis Bodas de Oro y cumplí mis 70 Años, continúo también en la brecha con mucho amor y entusiasmo.

Ya a modo de desahogo, viendo su tenacidad, su positivismo, tengo una sobrina, que ya cumplió sus 38 años y por ningún lado le sale trabajo. Hizo 7 semestres de Administración de Empresas en la Universidad de Medellín. Sacó una tecnología en Negocios Internacionales en la Autónoma de Medellín, le gusta mucho la parte administrativa, pero nada. Esto por si algún consejo suyo será bien recibido.

Que el Señor Jesús continúe bendiciendo su hogar y sus adorables nietos. Cuente con mi oración

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Hola Don Jairo,

Cada día más admirado por el sentimiento tan maravilloso que le pones a todos los momentos de la vida; hechos que motivan a hacer cada vez, cosas más especiales para poner a nuestra Colombia en el lugar que se merece en el espacio mundial. Se siente el orgullo de colombiano que tienes tan dentro del corazón y más me satisface, como mantienes vivas las raíces de nuestro querido terruño Sonsoneño, que te brindaron la oportunidad de llegar al lugar donde hoy te encuentras.

Comparto todos esos sentimientos y los vivo más intensamente cuando tengo la oportunidad de leerlos y sentirlos a través de sus escritos; el libro "Nada es imposible" que ya tuve la maravillosa oportunidad de leerlo, me hizo vibrar más intensamente con el orgullo Colombiano. Para su información, el libro ya no lo tengo en mis manos, lo mande para España donde unos familiares y me lo secuestraron, lo están rotando entre un grupo de Colombianos que viven en Logroño y no solo eso, entre Españoles que han aprendido a querer a Colombia a través de todo lo lindo que los Colombianos les hemos mostrado.

Gracias por mostrarnos siempre una forma muy exitosa de vivir cada momento de nuestras vida y sobre todo, esa motivación tan enorme para mantener vivo nuestro orgullo de Colombianos.

No me contaste si viste la panorámica de nuestra tierra Sonsoneña que tome desde el cerro El Capiro que cuida nuestro pueblo; pero para ratificarlo, te la vuelvo a anexar y también te adjunto otra panorámica del Moro de la vieja tomado desde las afueras de Sonsón.

Una felicitación inmensa por tantos reconocimientos y espero que siempre nos mantenga contagiados de toda esa energía positiva para salir adelante en todos nuestros proyectos.

Como "ñapa" te cuento que este próximo fin de semana, estaremos representando al oriente Antioqueño en el encuentro Departamental de Bandas de Música a realizarse en el municipio de Jardín y al cual llegamos entre las mejores 7 bandas en la categoría de mayores de nuestro departamento.

Un abrazo,

Iván Darío Jurado Ortiz - Representante Legal
Corporación Escuela de Música Semillas de Paz
Sonsón- Antioquia

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Hola Jairo:

De verdad te felicito por tus triunfos, que Dios te siga bendiciendo. Tu libro me ha dado mucha inspiración y muchas partes de tu vida son similares a las que he vivido. Un fuerte abrazo.

Carlos Calderon - Miami FL

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Carlos Mauricio Rojas Gomez

Fabricante ladrillos Colombia

Deseándole muchos éxitos, lo felicito por su libro NADA ES IMPOSIBLE, es una excelente historia de vida y superación, su experiencia me llena de energía para seguir adelante, entiendo que todos los días construimos un mejor mañana para nuestra familia y comunidad, mi nombre es Carlos Mauricio Rojas Gómez, nos conocimos el 3 de septiembre del presente año en Cartagena, me dedico a la fabricación de ladrillos en la ciudad de Neiva (Huila), soy ingeniero civil, tengo 39 años, y mi aspiración es llegar a ser constructor en un corto plazo, este libro me ha impulsado a seguir la meta que tanto he añorado, Muchas Gracias, y muchos recuerdos a la familia.

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Don Jairo, Buenos días para usted y los suyos. Voy a estar muy feliz el día que Ud. me conteste éste mensaje, pues NADA ES IMPOSIBLE y yo sé que Ud. le va a sacar el ratico. Soy un paisa (Caramanta) de 52 años radicado en Miami desde hace 9, casado y con 2 hijos y tenemos un hogar supremamente hermoso y lleno de amor.

Perezoso para leer pero trabajador incansable, he desarrollado una empresa de importación y distribución de productos colombianos aquí en la Florida, la que no he logrado sacar adelante, pues no tengo capital de trabajo y "con las uñas" he logrado mantener a mi familia. Pero al igual que Ud., a los 52 años, estoy en una situación económica muy difícil, pues no tengo dinero y sí algunas deudas.

Y lo de que soy perezoso para leer lo escudo en que no tengo tiempo. Pero me sorprendí al leer su hermoso libro porque en usted veo reflejados muchos pasajes de mi vida, muchas vivencias y frustraciones, mucho deseo de superación y mucho...pero mucho amor por nuestra familia. Pues yo también tengo mi Anita.(Olguita), mi Carlos Mario (Camilo) y mi Ana Marcela (Juliana).

Y también estoy abriendo camino con la construcción, pues me fascina y en Barbosa y el Retiro construí 17 casas campesinas campesinas y aparte de que entiendo un poco, me encanta el tema. Pero no iniciamos (con Camilo) a construir sino a comprar foreclousers en barrios populares para rehabilitar y vender. Apenas estamos empezando y a pesar de que el capital de trabajo no es nuestro, si estamos muy motivados y con mucha fé de que vamos a salir adelante.

Pero no quiero molestarlo. Solo he soñado con escribirle y con recibir su saludo, pues usted es un hombre muy bueno y un ejemplo para mí y para la humanidad.

No soy Jorge Ramos, ni Álvaro Uribe, ni un personaje famoso con el que U está en contacto permanente, pero cómo me gustaría tenerlo en mi casa, aquí en Miami y compartir con Usted una arepa con mantequilla y quesito, un calentado y una taza de chocolate, escuchando a Julio Jaramillo o al dueto de antaño...

Le mando un abrazo bien apretado...

Germán Palacio R.
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Señor Jairo Álvarez Botero:

Como todos los libros que he leído en los últimos 10 años, también su obra “NADA ES IMPOSIBLE -De la Adversidad al Triunfo –“, debió pasar antes por el escáner. Se me convirtió en un vicio el leer en el monitor de mi computador personal. El por qué le cuento esto, lo entenderá más adelante.

Para mí, cuando considero que alguien es mi amigo, lo invito a mi casa. ¿Qué puedo tener de mayor valor que mi casa, mi familia, mi mesa, para compartir con mi amigo? Cuando alguien como usted, señor Jairo, tiene la valentía de escribir su autobiografía, está yendo más allá de la amistad. Está compartiendo con “n” personas desconocidas su propio ser interior, su realización personal. Está corriendo el riesgo de ser bien o mal interpretado y en la mayoría de ellos (más del 99%) desconociendo ese resultado. Por eso hablo de valentía, con la independencia que da el saber y tener consciencia de ser una persona valiosa y con la intención de hacer el bien y ayudar en el desarrollo de otros.

Le agradezco el haberme dado oportunidad de reflexionar, en medio de la lectura de su vida, en lo que ha sido la mía y qué más cosas puedo llegar a lograr en el resto de vida que me sea regalado. Soy una persona de 64 años, con un EPOC (enfermedad pulmonar obstructiva crónica), fruto del tabaquismo.

Hablar del contenido de su obra, sería un atrevimiento de mi parte. Sí le agradezco el que me hiciera partícipe de su lucha y logros.

Permítame hacerle un comentario con referencia al título de su obra. Si entendí bien, el mismo nace en las enseñanzas paternas y como tal, así debería mantenerse. Ahora bien, si tenemos en cuenta que el mundo y nosotros evolucionamos y nos acogemos a los estudios de neurolingüística, el inconsciente desconoce y rechaza las negaciones, las órdenes y frases negativas. Desde esta ciencia, el título de la obra debería ser “TODO ES POSIBLE -De la Adversidad al Triunfo -“. Y en lo que nos comparte de su experiencia personal, “todo le ha sido posible”.

Ahora sí el por qué del escáner. Considero muy probable que tenga necesidad de hacer una segunda impresión de la obra y para ello le envío, adjunto a este correo, un archivo con errores, de diversa índole, que yo tuve ocasión de encontrar. En el mismo, consigno el número de la página, el párrafo completo en que se encontraba el error y éste ya corregido resaltado con un color diferente.

Cuando venga a Colombia, si tiene oportunidad de pasar por Cartagena, me gustaría llegar a conocerlo personalmente, ojalá con Anita y poder invitarlos a nuestra casa, que comparimos con Ángela. Cordialmente,

José Fernando Vélez Vélez

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Buenas noches don Jairo:

Muchas gracias por su valioso libro que me dejó con don Helmer. En realidad es de admirar la historia de su vida, cómo pudo salir adelante a pesar de las muchas dificultades que tuvo, y sobre todo el haber superado lo del cáncer. Es un testimonio para la presente generación y también las futuras. Igualmente es de admirar y de imitar la gran generosidad que usted ha heredado de su papacito, la gran labor que hace aportando económicamente a las diferentes instituciones. Dios no se deja ganar en generosidad y sé que usted ya lo ha experimentado en su propia vida, el Señor recompensa abundantemente a quien da con alegría.

¡Feliz noche! Su amigo, Presbítero Hernán David

Parroquia Sonson

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Jairo, buenas noches, quiero decirte que por segunda vez y de manera continua acabo de terminar de leer tu libro, realmente tu historia me atrapa, estoy admirado por tu sentido claro de lo correcto, del tesón, de lo guapo, realmente como dice mi tía, "maya liaste" en forma y lo mejor es que acompañado de una linda familia aseguraste el futuro de todos alrededor de una vocación, el servicio.

Te reitero mi admiración y el enorme deseo de saber cuando vuelves a Medellín, quiero que nos tomemos un tinto y contarte todo el tema del proyecto de la nueva clínica, sé que puedo recibir buenos consejos y voces de aliento de parte tuya. Un abrazo.

John Jairo Monsalve B.

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Señor Álvarez,

Tuve la oportunidad de leer su libro y quiero decirle que admiro profundamente la historia de su vida. Yo también soy originario de Colombia y, al igual que usted, he desarrollando mi carrera profesional en los Estados Unidos superando innumerables barreras y retos para alcanzar éxito. Por lo tanto me llena de orgullo ver a otro colombiano tan pujante que pone en alto el nombre de nuestro país rompiendo estereotipos. Sinceramente lo felicito ya que estoy seguro que sus experiencias servirán de modelo a todas las personas que tengan el privilegio de tener contacto con el legado escrito que usted le deja a la humanidad.

Que pase una muy feliz navidad al lado de su bonita familia y que Dios le dé muchos años mas lleno de salud, paz y prosperidad.

Gustavo A. Hurtado - San Antonio, Texas

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Jairo, I cannot express the gratitude, love and appreciation that I have for you and the kind and inspirational words that you have given me. You had had a profound effect on my attitude and life in this last three weeks and I will never be able to repay you. Last year when I read "NO SUCH THING AS IMPOSSIBLE" I didn't understand how meaningful your would became someday. I was truly blessed when I met you that day in the hospital parking lot and I hope to remain close friends with you in my "NEW LIFE".
Respectfully,

Tommy Moffitt - Coach LSU Foot Ball Team

Querido y recordado Jairo:

Reciba nuestro afectuoso saludos intensivo a toda su familia; no nos habíamos comunicado antes ya que habíamos logrado conseguir su libro en Armenia, ni por internet; pero una amigo nos lo consiguió en Bogotá. Hasta donde he leído me ha llegado al alma; cada día sentimos más aprecio, cariño y admiración por usted y su obra benéfica, dio a dio lo encomendamos a Dios y a toda su familia. Un abrazo y bendiciones para usted, Anita y su familia de

Fabiola, Hernando y familia

Muy Buenos Días Mi teniente:

Soy Oficial de la Armada Colombiana como Oficial Mercante del año 1968; leí su libro pues un sobrino de mi Sra. Esposa Yamile, fiel admirador suyo y Excelente Profesional Administrador y Economista me prestó su libro para que lo leyera en vacaciones.

Recordé mis épocas de cadete Naval y de las veces en que fuimos a la Escuela Militar para los desfiles del 20 de Julio; sus experiencias no son tan alejadas de la vida real que c/u va viviendo de acuerdo a su momento y a su historia personal, simplemente hay unos que sabemos aprovechar las dificultades y hacemos de ellas un motivo para ser Mejores.

Siempre he sostenido que la diferencia entre lo ordinario y lo extraordinario es Un Paso Más, hacer las cosas que a los fracasados no les gusta hacer, dar el 110% de lo que se nos pide.

YO TAMBIÉN SOY UN GANADOR pero no con tantos meritos como Ud. Mi teniente.

Le solicito muy respetuosamente me permita incluirlo dentro de mis Compañeros de curso de LA ARMADA, pues Ud. merece que su libro sea leído por todas las generaciones de Cadetes, Oficiales en general de todas las fuerzas Armadas y por todas las Universidades del País pues así tendríamos un Mundo Mejor para Todos.

Como Buen marino que soy y fui, le deseo Buen Viento y Buena Mar!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Apreciado Jairo:

Con tantos correos que debes recibir a diario, no sé si por nombre te acuerdas de mí, pero soy la esposa de Germán Álvarez.

Primero que todo quiero desearte un feliz y venturoso año, al igual que a tu familia.

Pero especialmente quiero enviarte este correo para felicitarte por tu libro. Y no solo felicitarte a nivel literario y por ese logro que alcanzaste escribiéndolo, sino especialmente por el impacto positivo que causa.

Así que además de las felicitaciones, va mi agradecimiento.

Duré mucho tiempo leyéndolo. Lo leí lentamente porque en cada capítulo encontraba algo que me impactaba, o una lección de vida, que sentía debía asimilar muy bien. Me ha parecido maravilloso conocer a alguien tan optimista, con una energía tan positiva, que se ha puesto metas y las ha alcanzado, y sobre todo, que se siente orgulloso de lo que es y de lo que ha vivido, como lo ha vivido.

Muchas veces las palabras se quedan cortas en expresar todo lo que se quiere, pero lo esencial, es que tu libro, tus lecciones, tu optimismo, me llegaron al corazón y me dejaron una marca, que espero también se refleje de forma positiva.

Un abrazo muy grande,

Margarita María Londoño O.

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Anoche terminé de leer el libro, y Margarita días antes. De ello comentábamos coincidentalmente que cada uno le iba a escribir.

Le cuento que para mí, este libro fue como una biblia, ya que como ejemplo de vida y resolución de problemas ante situaciones reales, siempre había una enseñanza y un camino a seguir. En varias ocasiones, Margarita me puso de ejemplo hechos vividos por usted, y me cuestionaba como los estaba afrontando, no a manera recriminatoria sino por el contrario pedagógica.

El romanticismo como describió su infancia me encantó, y comparto los mismos sentimientos que usted tuvo hacia su papá, con el mío. Me encantó saber que las palomas que mi papá consiguió para la finca, que se las había regalado un tío, era su papá. Del record de vuelo de ellas, ya lo había escuchado de niño.

Envidiable su relación familiar, la excelente educación y formación que tuvieron sus hijos, el logro de tenerlos reunidos bajo un mismo ideal, y la fidelidad hacia la empresa creada.

Actualmente paso por un proceso económico bastante complicado, en mi empresa, que estoy reinventando, con el interés de sacarla adelante, aunque con una cuota altísima de riesgo. Su ejemplo de volver a empezar, la motivación de sacar los hijos adelante, el compromiso con mis empleados y acreedores, son el motivo para seguir dando la lucha.

Jairo, no solo admiro de usted le verraco que ha sido, sino que con orgullo digo que además de eso, es mi pariente.

Lo felicito de corazón porque en ese libro reunió enseñanzas, emociones y una cantidad de sentimientos, que muchas veces solo los paisas entendemos por haber sido educados de esa manera. Aunque si existieron algunos errores de estilo y algunas veces faltaba continuidad en la historia, es admirable haber realizado ese trabajo en 90 días.

Un hijo de Blanca Inés, que actualmente es Capitán del ejercito, acaba de salir para el putumayo, fue por tres años el edecán del Presidente en el Guardia Presidencial, y con orgullo pregonó en una foto " Soy el segundo de los Alvarez en haber estado en palacio"

Un abrazo muy especial, saludos a toda su familia, y por aquí a la orden, si requiere que le ayude con algún contacto a nuevos proveedores, pedidos, o algo por el estilo, con mucho gusto.

Cordialmente, German Alvarez B.

Gerente General - Tecniservicio Superior Ltda

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Students from Lycée Notre Dame du Roc

Rue Charlemagne – en Francia

Buenos días,

Somos alumnos de un colegio de Francia de clase de español de especialidad, tenemos 17 años. Estudiamos diferentes extractos de su libro, Tradición eterna, Del trópico a la nieve, Mi primer negocio. Nos gustaron mucho porque tenemos un buen ejemplo de una integración en los EE UU. Pensamos que el título Nada es imposible es original y representa muy bien su vida. Descubrimos el camino de su éxito y podemos concluir que hizo frente a numerosísimos desafíos. Nos dimos cuenta de sus dificultades que

le empujaron en la vida. Somos admirativos de su determinación porque nunca abandonó después de sus fracasos. Todo eso muestra que usted es un luchador. El éxito de su sueño americano prueba su valor, que es una gran cualidad. Quizás nosotros no hubiéramos soportado tantas dificultades.

Su capacidad a aguantar y a adaptarse muestra su fuerza de carácter y una gran ambición: no se queja nunca. Eso le permitió evolucionar desde el niño hacia el hombre: un hombre muy fuerte. Lo vemos con su silencio, usted es un hombre discreto pero sabe tomar decisiones importantes para el bienestar de cada uno. Forma parte de sus valores. En efecto en los extractos que estudiamos en clase, vimos la importancia de los valores fundamentales para usted. Nuestra clase fue impresionada por la unidad de su familia en cada situación. Esta familia le permitió avanzar en la vida con meta: ¡es admirable!

Su madre tuvo un papel muy importante, era ella quien trabajaba más arduamente que cualquier miembro de su familia. En efecto tuvo una doble jornada entre la educación de los niños y las tareas domésticas. Sus padres le dieron muchos valores como el trabajo. Gracias a ellos le dieron ganas de lograr en su vida. La gente quien lee su libro se siente en la historia con usted porque tenemos la impresión de vivir su experiencia con usted. Usted es un ejemplo para todos. Da esperanza a todos de lograr su vida y de superar los obstáculos como lo dice el título de su libro: Nada es imposible que es muy optimista. Entonces, podemos decir que su voluntad es contagiosa.

Tenemos algunas preguntas para usted, si tiene el favor de contestarnos:

¿Si tuviera usted que vivirlo de nuevo, haría las mismas elecciones? ¿Tiene usted ahora un proyecto después de haber logrado su vida?

¿Está contento usted de su recorrido?

¿Lamentó usted haber dejado a su familia para ir a los EEUU?

¿Cómo reaccionó usted frente a los comentarios y burlas de sus colegas en el hospital?

Los alumnos:

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Hi

Jairo,

I read this quote today and choose to believe it is true. I want you to know I deeply admire you and feel so grateful our life paths have intersected in some small way. I finished your book. FABULOUS!! You have had an amazing life so far and I'm sure there is much more to come. My nephew will be in Baton Rouge today for a job interview and I will be able to give him the book which you autographed for him.

I had a nice visit Saturday with Ana, Jason, Alec and Lucas on Saturday. What a beautiful family!

I would like to speak with you about your presentation to the CCL Book Club. I will call you to see when we may be able to meet.

Fondly,

Gerry

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Thank you again so very much for the book, I read the entire thing in a matter of days. You are going to find this out of the ordinary but I haven't read a book outside of school textbooks since I started college! I was amazed how fast I read it, it truly was a page-turner! I was truly inspired by how Jairo lived his life to be a great man to all who know him.

Once again thank you so much for giving me Jairo's book, it was a fantastic read and I intend to reread it if I ever fall in a pit. "Nothing is IMPOSSIBLE!"

STEPHEN

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From: Barbara Bradberry

Thanks Jairo. I thoroughly enjoyed your book and presentation at the Clubhouse. You're an inspiration to us all.

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Vilmarie Vazquez commented on your note "BOOK AWARDS AND AUTHOR RECOGNITIONS - Spanish and English Editions": "Conocerles fue una bendicion, gracias! He leído el libro en par de ocasiones. Muy inspirador para levantar ánimos en momentos donde uno pierde el afán de continuar luchando por lograr sueños."

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Estimado
Jairo:

Ha llegado a mis manos su libro. He encontrado en él una historia sincera y llena de reflexiones profundas. En cuanto lo termine le estaré dando mi impresión definitiva. Un saludo cordial para usted y los suyos desde La Rioja, España.

Axel Cardona S.

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HI Jairo,

I wanted to thank you for the link to view your book on face book. I have added a short note about what your book meant to me and how it helped me deal with the loss of my wife in 2008. I hope and pray all is good with you and your family and wish ya'll the best.
A thankful Friend,
Dave Puckett

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Jairo,

For the past ten days we have been down to our condo at Orange Beach, Al, and I didn't have your email address on my laptop, so I'm sending you this message I wrote down there just after finishing reading "No Such Thing As Impossible".

Well Jairo my friend, I have finished reading "No Such Thing As Impossible". Bev and I both knew while listening to you and Anita on the 'Spirit', that we were going to love it, and boy were we right. The book is fantastic! There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that your life's story will someday become a hit movie. I would have to think that Susan Mustafa could be of a great service to any movie production company.

Jairo, I wish somehow that "No Such Thing As Impossible" could become required reading for all high school students in the U.S. Your story epitomizes the true essence of what made the U.S. the world's greatest super power. You may hold a dual citizenship with Colombia, but like I said on the 'Spirit', in my mind you are truly a 'great American'.

You have already experienced enough in life to fill several lives, so as a 'super-achiever', it's humbling for most to relate to you. However, we do share at least two parallels. The first is God also gave me a 'Reina', a daughter then a son and five beautiful granddaughters, all of whom I am so proud of and who have made my life complete. Secondly, it is a military bearing. I was brought up in a military family and later joined the military and then worked for the military for forty years until I retired.

If I had read the book before we met on the 'Spirit', It would have been my utmost pleasure to have besieged you for embellishments about every phase of your life depicted in the book. I can readily see why a movie company would want you to expand on various chapters. I will pass my copy of the book on to my son and buy additional copies for some of my relatives. I know my son will devour it.

We are presently spending some time at the Gulf (we have a small beachfront condo in Orange Beach, Al that Beverly absolutely

loves), we just relax, read and go to the beach. I generally do not read fiction, so I primarily read Military history and auto-biographies. Consequently, 'No Such Thing As Impossible' was my 'cup of tea'.

Jairo, being an avid golfer, I know I would not devote the time necessary to become even an average cyclist, much less a senior champion (ha). The Senior Olympics is a 'big' deal, and I hope you can continue competing and winning. My son-in-law like his father is dedicated to the sport of cycling. His father however, was killed a few years ago by an inattentive driver while riding his bike. It can be a dangerous sport.

Jairo, I will stay in touch, and I hope and pray that one day soon everyone will get to see the movie version of "No Such Thing As Impossible".

Your friends with love,

Sid & Bev – Alabama

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Hi Jairo,

Even though we have never met in person sooner or later we will here or in Gods world. You Sir are someone I am Honored and Proud to know and your act of KINDNESS gave me the Strength and determination to get my life pulled back together and move forward and to realize there is nothing I could not do if I wanted to do it. I look forward to hearing from you and I have managed to get you and some of your family members as friends on FaceBook including you daughter which has made the distance between us seem a lot closer. As always feel free to contact me for anything any time. May God be with you always!

Dave

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Jairo. You are amazing!

Marion Winsett - Houston, Texas

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"I admire your focus, physical fitness and tight-knit family."

Greg Isreal – Business man Baton Rouge

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"It certainly is an inspiring story! A wonderful read. "

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