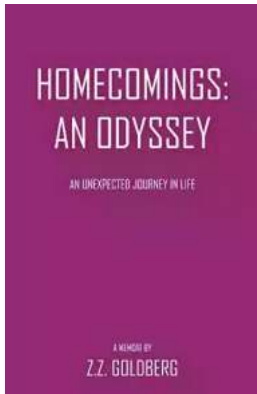


Homecomings: An Odyssey, An Unexpected Journey In Life



Welcome to the extraordinary odyssey of homecomings, where unexpected journeys unfold, and unforgettable memories are made. Homecomings have long been celebrated and embraced as a significant milestone in one's life. They symbolize a sense of belonging, nostalgia, and a reconnection with our roots that surpasses time and distance.

Imagine embarking on an unexpected journey, where the culmination of years of longing and missing loved ones leads to a magnificent emotional upheaval, set against the backdrop of familiar faces, familiar places, and familiar scents. Homecomings are a testament to the human spirit and its innate need for connection, warmth, and love.



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The Longing and Anticipation Prior to the Homecoming

The anticipation of a homecoming is like a dormant volcano waiting to erupt. The ache to be reunited with loved ones ignites a fire within, one that intensifies as the date of the homecoming draws near. Longing fills the heart, while memories flood the mind, reminding us of the shared experiences, laughter, and tears we have endured together.

As the hours tick away, a myriad of emotions surface - excitement, nervousness, and even a touch of apprehension. What if things have changed? What if we are no longer the same people we once were? These questions reverberate in our minds, blurring the line between excitement and anxiety.

Setting Foot on Familiar Ground

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The moment arrives – stepping onto familiar ground after what feels like an eternity. The sights, sounds, and smells are a mélange of the past, transporting us back to a time when life was simpler, and our worries were few. We look around, searching for familiar faces amongst the crowd, our hearts pounding with anticipation.

Hushed whispers can be heard as loved ones draw nearer, it feels almost surreal. The air becomes electric with emotion, as tears mix with genuine smiles. Embraces are shared, hands are held, and laughter dances on the breeze. Time stands still, and in that moment, everything else fades away.

Rediscovering Our Roots

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Homecomings are not simply about reuniting with loved ones, they also provide an opportunity to rediscover our roots. They shower us with stories about our ancestors, anecdotes about our childhood, and memories long forgotten. The journey becomes more than a physical one - it becomes a profound exploration of our own identity and heritage.

We gather around the old family photo albums, tracing the lines of history etched into our faces. We listen to the tales of our elders, who share wisdom garnered from a lifetime of experiences. In these moments, we realize that our roots are intricately woven into the fabric of who we are, and no matter how far we wander, home will always call us back.

An Unexpected Journey of Self-Discovery

Homecomings often lead to unexpected journeys of self-discovery. As we reconnect with our loved ones and revisit the places that shaped us, we are confronted with a mirror that reflects our growth, challenges, and triumphs.

Through the eyes of those who know us best, we gain new perspectives and insights about ourselves. We witness the impact we have had on others' lives and, in turn, the profound influence they have had on us. In these moments, we come to understand that our journey in life is not solely an individual one, but a collective adventure shared with the people who love us unconditionally.

Embracing the Present, Cherishing the Future

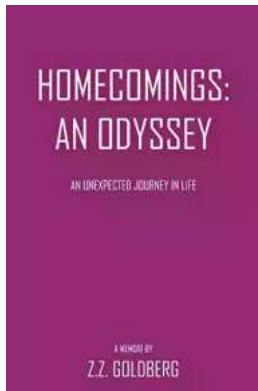
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As the homecoming draws to a close, and we bid farewell to our loved ones once again, a bittersweet feeling lingers. But this time, it is accompanied by a renewed sense of gratitude, a deeper understanding of the importance of connection, and a commitment to cherish the present and embrace the future.

Homecomings teach us to appreciate the fleeting moments shared with loved ones, to build bridges that withstand the test of time and distance, and to hold

onto the memories that bring us comfort when our hearts yearn for home.

The odyssey of homecomings is an everlasting journey, one that transcends time and space, weaving together the tapestry of our lives. It reminds us that no matter how far we wander, the pull of home is magnetic, and the embrace of our loved ones is the ultimate destination.



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The fifty-six year old family secret has been exposed and now I get to finally meet my long lost sister who was given up at birth and adopted by the owners of the CopaCabana!

Years of hoping and searching are now coming to a climatic beginning, as my brother and I are waiting for our newly found sister to open the door so we can come home to each other and share our lives...but wait! Questions fill my head... what if we don't like each other? What if she rejects me for coming from a poverty stricken, drug smuggling, hippie background while she was raised in the limelight of the Copa with servants? How will our new sisterhood relationship affect the strong existing relationship I have with my two brothers, who have survived,

thrived and persevered our lifelong struggle from the effects of our mother who was in and out of mental institutions while my brothers and I got shuffled back and forth to foster homes and orphanages? Will we have anything in common? How do I share all those turbulent years of attempted suicides by our mother? How do I shatter her fantasy of what our mom was really like?

I will go back to our mother's beginnings and describe how she grew up in the 1920's and 30's and was an alcoholic at age 15 yrs. old and how her promiscuous lifestyle caused her family shame and embarrassment for the struggling Brownsville, NY Jewish family.

She'll learn that her sister spent her youth trying to do everything to not turn out like our mom and made choices that took her through the hippie daze of the 60's in the flower power capital of the world, winning a precedent court case against the city of San Francisco, asked out by Wilt Chamberlain, being an international drug smuggler, traveling and living in Europe, driving from Amsterdam to Nepal, experiencing fifteen years of life in Hawaii and giving birth in the jungle without a doctor, owning and operating a successful property management business while being friends with George Harrison on the island of Maui.

But most important, we'll all learn how miraculously our sister was found and the last promise that was made by our aunt to our grandmother, to 'find the missing daughter'.

This "Homecoming" culminates in four incredible, emotional days with all of the siblings together under one roof, processing all the emotions, speculating on the theories of what took place all those years ago, finding so many similarities and at the same time discovering the undeniable resemblance, of our returned sister, who looks like our mother!

This odyssey spans from 1908 through 2001... Two sisters who love each other dearly and continue to 'make' new memories and experiences and create a family who has been returned to each other.



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