

PARTNER PASS

Stories, Reviews & Media Resources



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Making the most of what is still ahead.

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WELCOME TO THE PARTNER PASS

Tony Ventimiglio is an author and storyteller who draws on a lifetime of successes, setbacks, faith, family, serious illness, reinvention, and lessons learned the hard way to have honest conversations about facing the tough things in life head on.

I created this Partner Pass for podcast hosts, journalists, media contacts, speaking organizers, and others who may be interested in my stories, perspective, and the experiences behind them.

Inside, you'll find selected excerpts from my writing, reader reviews, professional recommendations, background information, and some of the subjects I'm comfortable discussing in interviews, articles, speaking engagements, and other collaborations.

My goal is simple: to give you enough to understand who I am, what shaped me, and the kinds of honest conversations I can bring to your audience.

The stories in this Partner Pass are intentionally excerpted rather than reproduced in full. If one catches your interest and you are a media, podcast, speaking, or collaboration prospect, email me and I'll send you a complimentary digital copy of It's A Glorious Day.

Just ask.

Thanks for Reading.

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WATCH TONY IN CONVERSATION

ABOUT ME



I grew up in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, just outside Pittsburgh. The work ethic, loyalty, humor and resilience I learned there have stayed with me throughout my life.

My life has taken a lot of turns. I spent decades in business, sales, finance, recruiting and leadership. I have started businesses, managed large organizations, had successes, made mistakes, lost things I thought were secure and started over more than once.

Along the way came the things that matter far more than job titles - marriage, family, friendship, faith, loss, gratitude and serious illness.

Cancer changed my life, but it did not become my entire life. It forced me to think more seriously about time, priorities, faith and what I still wanted to do with the years ahead.

In 2026, I became a published author. My writing comes from experiences I have actually lived - the good ones, the painful ones, the funny ones and the ones I did not understand until years later.

I am not interested in pretending that life is easy. I am interested in facing the tough things head on, learning from them, and making the most of what is still ahead.

Today, I live in Paso Robles, California, with my wife Andrea.

MORE ABOUT TONY

WORK WITH ME

I've spent most of my life talking with people, listening to their stories, solving problems, running organizations, helping people make career decisions, and learning from experiences I never expected to have.

Some of those experiences were wonderful. Some were painful. Many became stories.

Today, I enjoy conversations that go beyond the usual questions and prepared answers. Whether it's a podcast, interview, article, speaking engagement, or another type of collaboration, I'm most comfortable talking about real life - what worked, what didn't, what I learned, and what I'm still learning.

CONVERSATIONS WE COULD HAVE

Resilience and Adversity

Starting over after divorce, financial setbacks, career changes, serious illness, and other moments when life suddenly changes direction.

Cancer and Continuing to Live

Fear, treatment, recurrence, uncertainty, family, gratitude, faith, and continuing to live fully while dealing with cancer.

Christian Faith Through Difficult Seasons

I am a Christian, and my faith is an important part of how I understand the events of my life. I'm comfortable talking openly about my relationship with Jesus, prayer, fear, uncertainty, gratitude, and what it means to rely on faith when I don't have easy answers.

Pittsburgh, McKees Rocks and the Lessons I Carried With Me

Growing up in Western Pennsylvania, the people who shaped me, work ethic, family, loyalty, resilience, and what I call a Pittsburgh state of mind.

Work, Careers and Leadership

More than three decades in financial services followed by nearly fifteen years in executive recruiting taught me a great deal about people, leadership, careers, hiring, business, and the decisions that can change someone's life.

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CONVERSATIONS WE COULD HAVE

Family and Fatherhood

The lessons my father taught me without necessarily saying them, becoming a father myself, and realizing how much of one generation travels into the next.

Friendship, Community and Showing Up

Long friendships, unexpected acts of kindness, accepting help when I didn't want to, losing people I loved, and discovering how much the people around us matter.

Starting Something New Later in Life

I became a published author in 2026. Starting something new at this stage of life has given me another collection of stories about risk, persistence, technology, mistakes, learning, and refusing to decide that it's too late to try something different.

LET'S HAVE A CONVERSATION

I don't need every conversation to be about my books. Sometimes a story from one of them is simply where the conversation begins.

If you think my experiences, stories, or perspective could be useful to your audience, I'd be happy to talk.

Just ask.

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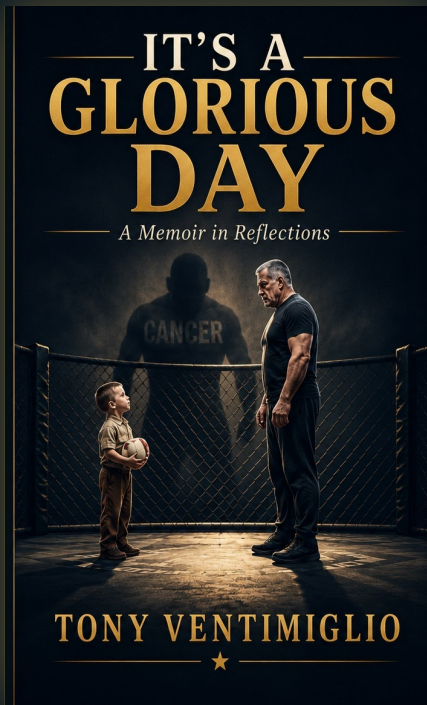
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THE BOOKS

My books grew from stories I originally wrote to make sense of life as it was happening. Some came from difficult seasons. Others came from family, friendship, work, faith, Pittsburgh, and the ordinary moments that stay with us long after they happen.

It's A Glorious Day

A Memoir in Reflections

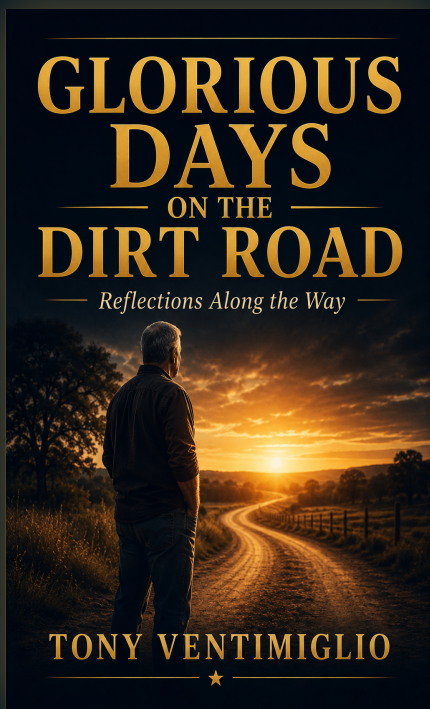


I began writing many of these reflections while dealing with prostate cancer and the uncertainty that came with it. The book became much broader than cancer. It is also about family, faith, work, divorce, friendship, fear, gratitude, perseverance, and the people and experiences that helped shape me.

I did not write it as a formula for overcoming adversity. I wrote it from inside the experience - including the questions, setbacks, doubts, humor, lessons, and moments of hope that came along the way.

At its heart is a simple belief: difficult circumstances can change your life, but they do not have to define the rest of it.

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Glorious Days on the Dirt Road

Reflections Along the Way

My second collection continues the journey, but the road gets wider. These stories reach further into childhood, Pittsburgh roots, family, friendship, faith, work, loss, gratitude, resilience, and the everyday experiences that teach us something if we pay attention.

The title reflects how I have come to see life: the road is rarely smooth or predictable. There is always another turn, another challenge, another lesson, and another reason to keep moving.

Together, the two books tell a larger story - not of a perfect life, but of a lived one.

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WHAT READERS ARE SAYING

When I published these books, I hoped the stories would connect with people. These early reviews told me they did. I'm grateful for every reader who took the time to read my work and share a thoughtful response.

GOODREADS



July 8, 2026

This book is a must read! It was quite emotional and I think I went through just as many emotions reading it as Tony must have went through writing it. I was aware of some of the content, because of his Facebook posts, but he still surprised me at the turn of every page. When I first started reading it I felt sorry for Tony, but as I continued to read I realized he didn't want pity, he wanted our kindness, love and prayers. Since we can all give that freely, we should be able to do that in abundance! I attended high school with Tony and knew him as this quiet, reserved young man. Who would have thought he had a much deeper, sensitive side. He is an inspiration to all who know him!

Like Comment ...

AMAZON

Top reviews from the United States



Steve

★★★★★ **Very inspirational book!**

Reviewed in the United States on July 15, 2026

Format: Paperback | **Verified Purchase**

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Helpful

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MORE READER FEEDBACK

The ratings summary and additional comments reinforced what I hoped from the beginning: the stories were landing with readers.

Customer reviews

★★★★★ 5 out of 5

6 global ratings

5 star		100%
4 star		0%
3 star		0%
2 star		0%
1 star		0%

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★★★★★ **Finding hope within life's toughest battles.**

Reviewed in the United States on May 25, 2026

Format: Paperback **Verified Purchase**

Tony Ventimiglio's "It's a Glorious Day: A Memoir in Reflections" started with his journal as he faced health and life challenges. Tony shares how he persevered with the strength of his faith and family. Tony also talks about life lessons he learned from his father who recovered from two heart attacks - "he'd get up; he'd keep moving; he wouldn't complain." As Tony said, "the book is for anyone in a fight." A lifelong

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"Tony grew up in a gritty suburb of Pittsburgh, PA and some of the lessons he learned obviously came from there. I'm sure it also gave him the steely determination to push through the challenges both physical and mental that life has sent his way... this is a highly motivating read to get you through those tough spots in life!"

GEORGE GREEVER

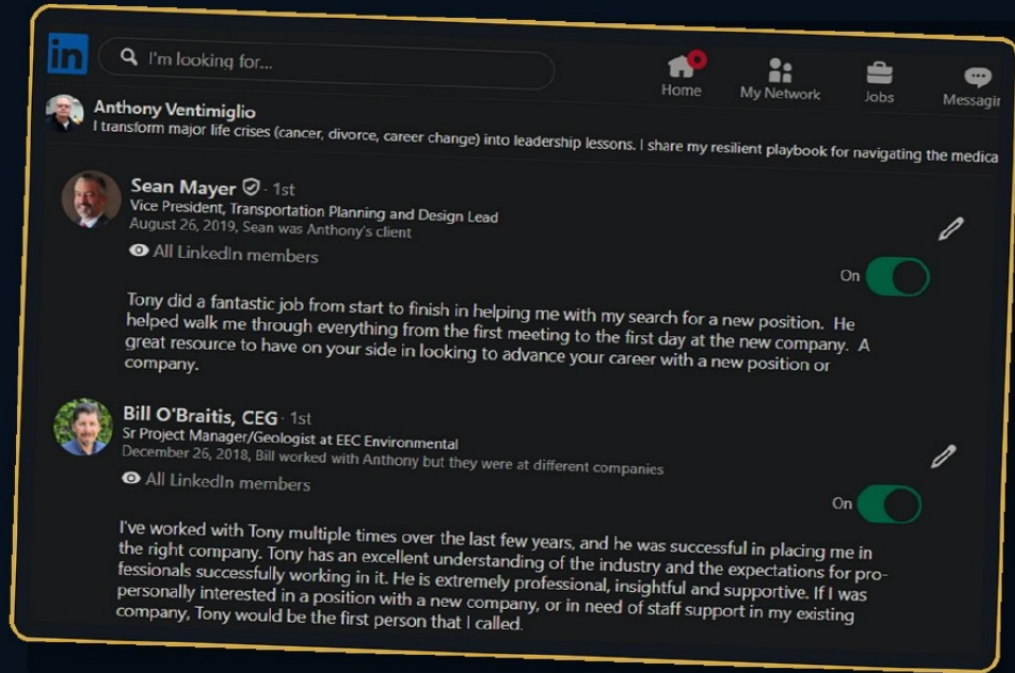
"Tony shares real life obstacles from his life that we can all relate to. How he chose to deal with them and the insight he shares is a reflection of his grit. I would recommend it for anyone who needs a push in difficult times."

SEE THE BOOKS

PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

I've been fortunate to work with talented people throughout my career. Their words say more about how I try to work, lead and help others than I ever could.

SEAN MAYER & BILL O'BRAITIS



The screenshot shows a LinkedIn profile page for Tony. At the top, there's a search bar with the text "I'm looking for...". Below the search bar, there are navigation icons for Home, My Network, Jobs, and Messaging. The main content area displays two recommendations. The first recommendation is from Sean Mayer, Vice President, Transportation Planning and Design Lead, dated August 26, 2019. The second recommendation is from Bill O'Braitis, Sr Project Manager/Geologist at EEC Environmental, dated December 26, 2018. Both recommendations are set to "On" and are visible to "All LinkedIn members".

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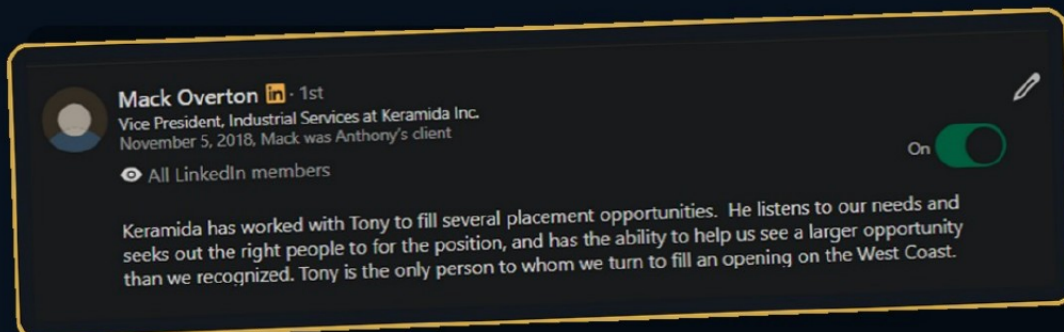
Sean Mayer · 1st
Vice President, Transportation Planning and Design Lead
August 26, 2019, Sean was Anthony's client
All LinkedIn members
On

Tony did a fantastic job from start to finish in helping me with my search for a new position. He helped walk me through everything from the first meeting to the first day at the new company. A great resource to have on your side in looking to advance your career with a new position or company.

Bill O'Braitis, CEG · 1st
Sr Project Manager/Geologist at EEC Environmental
December 26, 2018, Bill worked with Anthony but they were at different companies
All LinkedIn members
On

I've worked with Tony multiple times over the last few years, and he was successful in placing me in the right company. Tony has an excellent understanding of the industry and the expectations for professionals successfully working in it. He is extremely professional, insightful and supportive. If I was personally interested in a position with a new company, or in need of staff support in my existing company, Tony would be the first person that I called.

MACK OVERTON



The screenshot shows a LinkedIn recommendation for Mack Overton. The recommendation is from Mack Overton, Vice President, Industrial Services at Keramida Inc., dated November 5, 2018. The recommendation is set to "On" and is visible to "All LinkedIn members".

Mack Overton · 1st
Vice President, Industrial Services at Keramida Inc.
November 5, 2018, Mack was Anthony's client
All LinkedIn members
On

Keramida has worked with Tony to fill several placement opportunities. He listens to our needs and seeks out the right people to for the position, and has the ability to help us see a larger opportunity than we recognized. Tony is the only person to whom we turn to fill an opening on the West Coast.

MORE ABOUT TONY

PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

PETER CULLEN





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**Peter Cullen** · 1st
Founder of Good Seed Financial, Inc.
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As the President of our BNI Platinum Group, Tony provides leadership to all 25 members of our chapter, demonstrating how to build your business through word of mouth marketing and outstanding Customer Service. Through his leadership of California Mortgage Advisory Corp., his Company has helped many individuals restructure their finances, rebuild their business and personal credit, and get their lives and families back on track. As well, he is a great friend to me and a wonderful human being to all who meet him.

RON TREJO





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**Ron Trejo** · 1st
My account was hacked by the Chinese and all my data was deleted and changed
December 11, 2007, Anthony was senior to Ron but didn't manage Ron directly
 All LinkedIn members 

I worked with Tony for two years at Homefield Financial. One of the greatest attributes that I appreciated from Tony was his selfless willingness to help others succeed. I knew that if I ever had a question or needed help, that I could seek Tony out and get his full attention. Tony was one of the few managers that regularly walked the floor actually asking people if they needed help. This willingness to help others, along with his seemingly endless knowledge of the industry made him a great resource. I don't recall that I ever had a single question or problem that Tony ever had "to get back to me on".

ASK ABOUT SPEAKING

DIRT ROAD LESSON #1: WHEN EVERYTHING STOPS

May 12, 1993

Excerpt from It's A Glorious Day

It was a Thursday. I was doing well, I thought.

I owned a small mortgage company and had just returned from a great weekend in Las Vegas with my family. I was at my desk when someone walked in, asked for me, and dropped an envelope on my desk. I was being served. My wife had filed for divorce. I had a court appearance the next morning.

I hadn't seen it coming. I was so focused on building the business, on moving forward, that I missed what was happening right in front of me.

I decided to drive home to Riverside. A four-hour drive took eight. Highway 15 was shut down due to an accident and I sat in bumper to bumper traffic, dead still in the middle of a lane, in 100-degree heat with the engine off to keep it from overheating. Hours. Just me, the heat, and the worst news of my life sitting in that envelope on the passenger seat.

I was in a fog. Unfit to make decisions. I called my attorney from the car.

That night I went to the ATM. My card didn't work. I tried another account. Same thing. Both accounts were closed.

I had no cash.

The story continues...

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THE JOURNEY AND FAITH

November 11, 2020

Excerpt from It's A Glorious Day

I have been monitoring my PSA level for a few years, with rapid increases in the last twelve months. My latest test revealed a reading of 21+, after a reading of 11 in July. In March I had a biopsy and it was determined that I have prostate cancer. My Gleason score was 3 at that time.

I had an appointment with Dr. Perkin, my urologist, on Monday. He described the new PSA level as "disconcerting." Disconcerting is the last thing that you want to hear from your physician when discussing cancer.

The questions started, even in the fog that word created. What are the treatment options? Radiation or removal of the prostate. What about spread? I had read that PSA levels of 20+ often indicate a spread to the lymph nodes.

His reply: well, maybe not that high, but let's get another MRI and a bone scan. He thinks something didn't show during the last round. Oh boy. In the meantime — make an appointment with an Oncologist. Check. Scheduled for the 17th.

So now the money. I have high deductible insurance with a maximum out-of-pocket of \$7,500 annually. I still have \$4,500 remaining for 2020, then January 1 resets for an additional \$7,500. Kind of tough to figure that I have a "disconcerting" cancer and I'm negotiating the start of treatment options to manage money. But here we are.

So now I am reading. How much do I need to learn?

The story continues...

FAITH, CANCER & RESILIENCE

ANGELS AMONG US

July 7, 2023

Excerpt from It's A Glorious Day

Alabama had a hit called "Angels Among Us" and recently it played on my Spotify playlist. It reminded me of all the love, support, fellowship, and friendships I am lucky to have.

As I've been tested over the last few years — the initial diagnosis, the debilitating treatments, the uncertainty of it returning — my faith, courage, resolve, and fortitude have all been tested.

It's been during these times that my personal angels have always answered with demonstrations of love and support. From my wife, my daughter, friends, my church family, and my brothers and sisters at the Atascadero Moose.

Earlier this year George approached me with an offer to organize a fundraiser to help with my medical expenses.

My immediate response was to push back and refuse.

I've never had help from anyone. Needing help was a weakness.

The story continues...

WATCH TONY IN CONVERSATION

IT'S A PITTSBURGH STATE OF MIND

August 3, 2023

Excerpt from It's A Glorious Day

The last few years have been a challenge. That's what cancer becomes, especially when it metastasizes. It's a challenge to your perseverance, your state of mind, your ability to live the quality of life that you desire. It's a roadblock to meeting and loving your grandkids. But it's a roadblock that can be knocked down.

Cancer has taught me to be resilient. I've always been resilient, but not nearly to the level I am today. It's forced me to take better care of myself — exercising more regularly, improving what I eat, avoiding negativity.

Avoiding negativity is a big one. As I turn 65 I realize that if I have twenty years left, I want to fill them with as much joy as possible. If my time is shorter, joy is even more important.

My Dad taught me resilience. I watched him battle horrifically long hours and keep going. He had his first heart attack at 48 and bounced back and worked as feverishly as ever. Two jobs. The house. The garden. The cars.

Seven years later, heart attack number two nearly killed him. He couldn't return to work but stayed active around the house.

I was always awestruck by his drive.

The story continues...

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ODE TO A LIFE LONG FRIEND

June 25, 2022

Excerpt from It's A Glorious Day

Shortly before 9 AM on a Saturday my phone rang. The caller ID said it was an old friend from Pittsburgh. When I answered, his daughter Dawn greeted me. Then she told me her Dad had passed a couple of hours earlier.

Ray and I met in 1980. I was managing a finance company office and he owned an auto repair shop and ran a tow truck. The economy was rough and my company had customers with delinquent car loans, and my job included having them repossessed. I contracted with Ray.

After a car or two he told me he couldn't do it anymore — it was dangerous and his guys didn't want any part of it. I told him I'd ride along, and that was the beginning of a forty-plus year friendship.

We spent hours together in that tow truck in neighborhoods I wouldn't wander into today. We got into situations that could have gone badly and came out fine, and the trust that gets forged in those situations is a different kind than anything you build at a desk or over a dinner table. It's the kind that doesn't need to be maintained. It's just there.

I moved from Pittsburgh in 1983. My Mom passed in 1990, my Dad in 1992, and Ray was there both times — providing support, helping empty and repair the family home, just showing up the way some people do without being asked.

Through the nineties we both had our personal and professional struggles, three thousand miles apart, and somehow we always seemed to know when the other one needed a lift.

The last ten years we'd both been fighting similar battles at similar times. Diabetes. Heart disease. Then cancer.

Very recently Ray got the best news you can get — the cancer was gone.

The story continues...

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