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Dedication

This product is dedicated to my wife, Jane, for her love and support, to my mother for her power of positive thinking, and to my daughters, Melody and Amanda—remember that Communication is a gift; use it wisely to speak your mind, respect and help others, create lasting relationships, and to contribute something positive to the world.

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