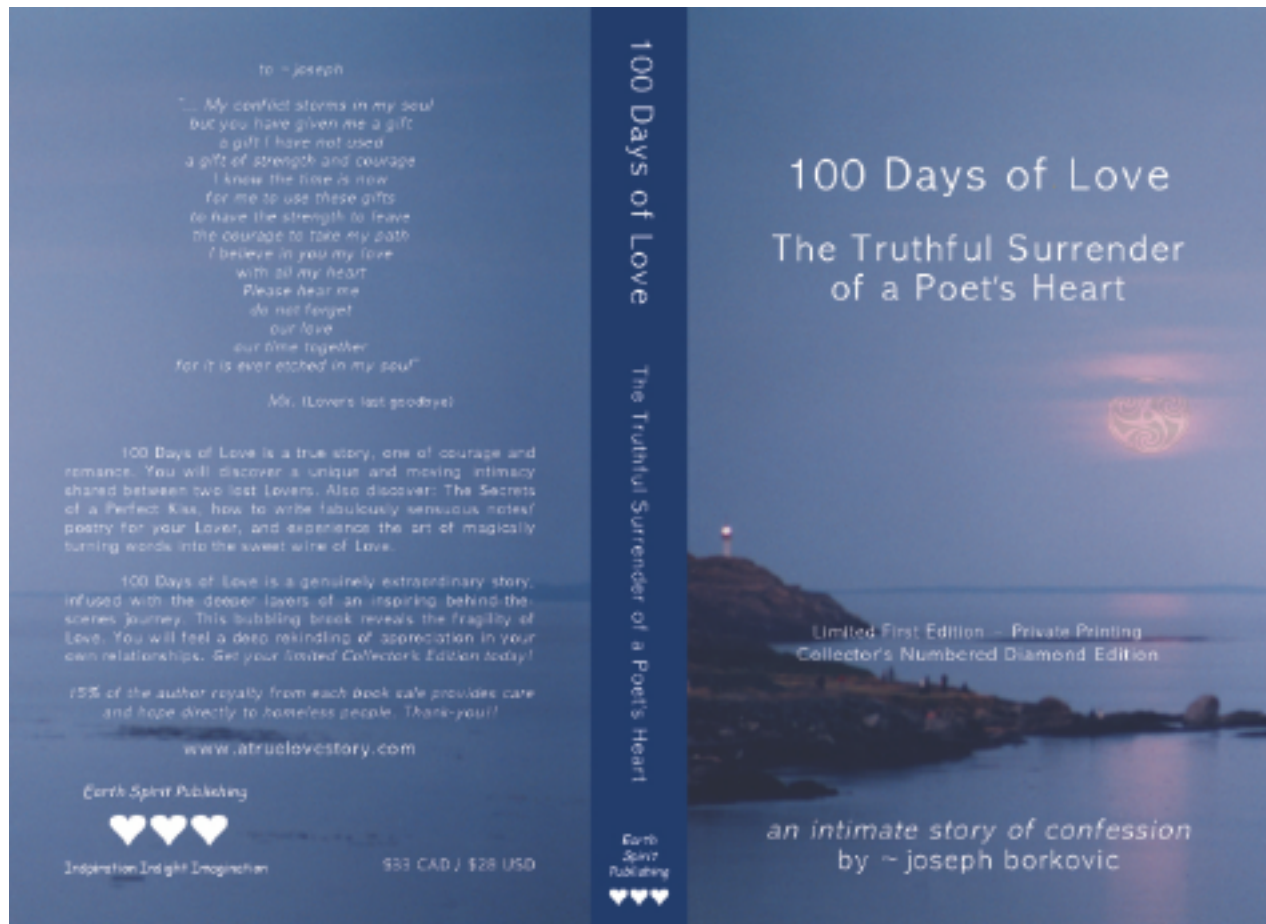


100 Days of Love,  
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*100 Days of Love is an intimate story of confession and wisdom. This book contains very rare footage into the extraordinary true life story and inspiring journey, of Vancouver Island author and gentleman adventurer, Joseph Borkovic, along with his son, Zachary.*

Quote from page 29, to help summarize the book's message, *"We must never quit or give up on ourselves, never, ever, so that our children do not give up in their own Life. We must uphold our good beliefs through personal integrity and initiative. This is how deeply we must love, for our children."*

100 Days of Love soulfully and gracefully takes the reader into the journey of a successful family businessman becoming brutally marginalized in homelessness. This story intimately portrays how father and son finally prevail through this stunning, inspiring odyssey of seven years to be here today.

Together, Joseph and Zachary have personally taken up causes close to their hearts, benefiting homeless & children's charities through sale proceeds of their book.

100 Days of Love additionally includes many fascinating, deeply satisfying layers and insights into life, wisdom, humour and heart-felt inspiration. And with a true love story, that believe-it-or-not starts with a police (RCMP) psychic, involves 189 love letters, and then moves on to the contemporary topic of succinctly identifying the most significant, emerging individual consciousness burgeoning in society today. Presented in a format that is beautifully and simply written by Joseph. Topics rounding out the book include; The Emerging Renaissance of Romance, New Experiences in Personal Integrity™, 11 Points of Inner Peace for Living with Outer Inspiration™, and The Secrets of a Perfect Kiss™ (*you may never guess what that is - and once re-discovered ever forget it, either!*)

Also in 100 Days of Love, is the documented original, unchanged true love story and love letters, that will inspire and satisfy the most romantic reader. The writings within 100 Days of Love have been recently described by book publicist, Sarah G., Victoria, B.C. as; 'A wonderful, unique voice reminding me of Pablo Neruda's writings, I just couldn't put it down...'

Author Quick Bio: The author, Joseph Borkovic, is nothing less than a true-to-life gentleman adventurer. Cutting a sometimes crazy and brave path, while experiencing life through-out devastating losses and blossoming triumphs. Forging every nugget thrown at him by life into a golden magical-door-opening key. This book reveals Joseph's deeply inspiring journey of hope and insight driven by a father's relentless passion and will to create triumph over dark adversity, for his family, and now for others.



Raised by a hard-working immigrant family, Joseph goes from a/an: awkward and bullied 'four-eyed', chubby and geeky outcast kid; to a silver and gold medal winner in decathlon and track & field in the Summer Games; a junior international rugby player and star meeting the Queen of England after playing a rugby match at the royal grounds at Windsor Castle; training

professional NHL/NFL players and triathletes for competition; to a private, erotic male dancer; after some time exploring the extent of boyhood trouble as a rogue thinker; Joseph reawakens as a peaceful and searching mystic meeting with Mahatma Ghandi's family; diving with hammerhead sharks, wolf eels and swimming with dolphins, to experiencing magic and voodoo - and then receiving the honour of a priest's title through the gifting of the traditional/custom dress of Fiji; studying with indigenous native shamans; to a highly esteemed and successful businessman flying in private jets and playing on luxurious yachts around the world; to suddenly, as a new father, suffering the devastation forced into homelessness with his 3 year old son... Joseph's book takes you on a journey into the incredible, relentless passion of the indomitable warrior spirit and will of this father fighting for Life with his son in overcoming prejudice, marginalization, hopelessness and all adversity to rebuild a life out of dirt and ashes... using a Babylonian system for freeing slaves... and that's just the beginning of this amazing and inspiring true story written by Joseph Borkovic. Yes, that is certainly not all, there is the deepest heart-felt, true love story at the core of this book... out of this love story, come the seeds of loss beautifully blossoming in triumph, and then just a few more sexy surprises...

Need a little more?...

... of course along the way Joseph loses the wonderful girl, and after the grit of rebuilding for seven years, in early 2005 Joseph suffers the deepest of financial loss, completely wiped out again. This time Joseph starts listening to the messages sent from the Great Spirit/universe and starts following his heart again. Using his street smarts to survive emotionally and spiritually Joseph turns to studying with indigenous peoples and shamans, living in the remote island wilderness, ending up in the desert at a Celtic Monastery. Renewed as a new soul - the second comeback as an author is perhaps, sweeter and even more extraordinary than the first one that begins the book, in 1998 on the street.

Now this once rejected and marginalized homeless man tells his inspiring vision to stop ignorance and family violence, and to take the story of his journey and share it with others. Joseph, in his deeply inspired cause with his son, to use proceeds from each book sale to create new hope and inspiration through homeless and children's programs. Raw, magical and real.

100 Days of Love is a 333 page biography of 7 years, climbing back from the bottom for Life & Love, heck even Oprah is involved for the end of this story.

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*The Pictorial*

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## *Expanded story summary of:*

100 Days of Love  
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*an intimate story of confession*  
by ~joseph borkovic

An inspiring, true love story involving the seven year odyssey of a father and son.

It's 1998, father and son lose their farm and are absolutely ruined financially.

Further, father and young son end up living on the street, out of an old Dodge van.

One day, destitute, father breaks down into tears, and his three year old son puts his hand on his shoulder and says, "Dad, it's okay, just pretend we're camping."

Father, has a stunning, lightening bolt moment. Out of his son's epiphany, he becomes keenly aware of a greater life force at work, listening, he changes his perspective in life, to find a way, to believe, and not to quit, so...

Based on an ancient Babylonian system, Joseph had studied, found on age-old clay tablets used by slaves to buy their way out of slavery, Joseph and his son adapted the same system to their collecting pop bottles and beer cans. Changing their own system to putting 15% aside, while homeless father & son accumulate \$480 (remember this part) to sow the seeds of their future freedom.

Now it gets crazy and interesting...

They meet a psychic, who works on murder and missing persons for the RCMP/police. On tape, she tells them a series of events that will actually transpire over the next two years. "That in two weeks Joseph will meet an angel, they will fall in love and then after healing Joseph, his angel-lover will, two years to the day, disappear into the ravages of life."

To Joseph, devastated at the time, it sounded all very surreal, somehow theatrical...

Then it happens, in two weeks, as predicted Joseph actually meets his Angel, they fall in love, and she and her daughter, take Joseph and Zachary in. Renewed Joseph takes their \$480 of bottle and can money, and selling household items, collectibles, then cars/boats/property - in eight and a half months makes over \$100,000 in cash, and goes out and buys his farm back, to move in as a family.

After two inseparable years with the Love of his life who saved these boys from the street life - as predicted by the psychic, to the very day, Joseph does lose his girl forever, but you will never guess why? (you just gotta read the book to get this part) and in a veil of secrecy in the book Joseph never speaks of, or reveals Her name... (*why?... you just gotta read the book!*)

The core of the book includes 189 stunning love letters shared between the two lost lovers in their last 100 days together... but oh, there is so much more!  
... and then book just gets better! Readers say it is impossible to put down...

This true story is wonderfully written and crafted, heartfelt and deeply inspiring.

The love letters and poems are acclaimed as some of the most sensuous and extraordinary poetry since Pablo Neruda (Nobel Prize for Literature 1971), a story & writing experience unto themselves. "Joseph writes in a wonderful, unique voice, I couldn't stop reading it for 3 hours." Sarah Grimmer, professional book publicist.

The book is infused with stunning and prophetic wisdom throughout the storytelling. The material and style are fresh and provocative.

*This book includes;*

- funny, eclectic and humourous advice for men  
*(who are made to read the book by their wives and girlfriends)*
- the book succinctly taps into and marks the launch of our next, significant emerging personal consciousness as it is increasingly reflected in today's people and society, Joseph succinctly identifies it as;  
The Emerging Renaissance of Romance, New Experiences In Personal Integrity™.

also one will find;

- The 11 Points of Inner Peace for Living with Outer Inspiration™
- The Principle of Self-Betterment™, and why it is important that, Peace Lives Here™
- How to easily & masterfully write sensuous notes/poems to your Lover, to change your life
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much more, and...

... then on top of all that, the story just gets juicier;

In early 2005, again, this successful businessman's (*unsuspecting he is about to become an author*) organic business is completely wiped out. Joseph goes traveling ends up seeing a preserved piece of Jesus' original wooden cross at a Celtic monastery in the desert. Joseph returns and ends up living in the wilderness and remote regions of Vancouver Island. Joseph and his son, Zachary come full circle, finishing the whole book themselves living in the forest and a camper van. One day little Zachary tells his dad they should use his bottle and can money - that he had continued to collect and save (untouched) for seven years, and tell their story and make a book - and they do just that!

In an extraordinary climax of the story behind the story, of this story, father & son's odyssey ends (for now) in finishing the book - with the total self-edit, layout, graphics, photography, self-research, marketing, website set up, and self-publishing of the 333 page book all-in for under \$1000, actually \$380 out-of-pocket with the paid pre-sale of the first 25 books - and you would never even know it, by the professionalism and amazing look of the book! (see book's cover on page 01) The point was to help encourage others toward their dreams, to climb for Life & Love, their own life's Mt. Everest, by showing that it is possible to do the 'impossible'.

Of course, there is one more thing (or several)...

They borrow a VW van, hand paint it, and creatively and beautifully turn it into a mobile office, The One Book Book Store, and pre sell the first 100 limited edition copies before the first printing is even available, which is October 10th, 2005.

Naturally, with this courageous and inspiring father and son team, there is one more important item - they are donating 15% of all their author royalties to homeless and children's programs, to give something back from their own good fortune. Father and son also issue the, \$1000 Street Entrepreneur Challenge™ in the book.

Oh yes, of course, one more thing right?...  
Going On Oprah.

*Blessings, Genuinely, Joseph and Zachary*



Joseph believes in kissing, perfectly (p.333 book) Joseph's phone # 250.716.5642

*Joseph and Zachary preparing the funky VW van to become the mobile office;  
The One Book Book Store*



*When I am dead it will still matter.*

## Questions for Media:

Q. What is your message in the book, 100 Days of Love?

A - *Joseph*: We must never quit or give up on ourselves or life, never, ever, so that our children do not give up in their own Life. We must uphold our good beliefs through personal integrity and initiative, and uphold others. This is how deeply we must love, for our children. This realization is the true essence of life, and a source of untold, continuing strength.

Simply believe in Life, in your own life. Encouragement requires love through self-betterment. Self-betterment™ starts with personal integrity. All great keys are forged in the honest belief of ourselves, this becomes the reflection of things we touch in life, this is the essence of the emerging Renaissance of Romance.

A - *Zachary's answer*: Never give up, you can do it. Don't get caught in the chaos of quitting. Me and my Dad are like the little engine that made it.

Q. What is the Babylonian system you used with the pop bottles and beer cans?

A - *Joseph*: The strategy for the money is not made in the actual collection of the bottles and cans, it is in what you do with each one when gathered. Each bottle and can is a seed, and if truly treated like one, can actually be used to grow a future. It is the system and that daily discipline of implementing it that is the crucial secret. So, for example, in Babylon, some slaves came to know that it was the clay tablets that were much more important than the gold, in other words, the knowledge of the principles of money was much more important than the money. Money is often lost and sometimes regained, often with difficulty. But with the knowledge of the principles of money, then can it be regained quickly, even more so than previously. So the knowledge (clay tablets) becomes much more important than the money (gold) for it can be implemented anywhere, anytime, to again, sow the precious seeds of freedom.

(*Joseph*) Shall I expand on this further? First, a question, 'Which would you rather have, the clay tablets or the gold?' *Really?*

The Babylonians used a system of constantly culling 10% to break their indentures. Knowing no matter how small that once a fissure starts, with constant pressure it will grow. Knowing that if you can live off 100% of your wages, you can live off 90%, that it is the 10% that holds the key to a different future. Zachary and I decided to cull 15%, and once we got off the street to a home base we made a new rule, that until Zachie turns 18 he will cull 85%. And interestingly enough, this is the money that Zachie offered for us to finish and publish the book, coming full circle from 7 years ago. Zachie uses his spending money to buy used books, he says he gets more for his money this way (sounds like Dad's plan of teaching his son about the mechanics of leveraging money is working...)

Q. Now how did you turn that \$480 into over \$100,000 in less than nine months?

A - *Joseph*: Besides being stupendously in love? I created another system, based on daily discipline. I read the local paper every morning at 5 am, to become familiar with the ongoing flow of goods locally. Then I created a tracking and logging system for the ads and items in a master buying book. I would keep an eye out for anything I thought would be a good deal, I could spend a lot of time here, but I'll keep it brief. I

mastered the 'critical success event'. I started to notice some peculiarities and tendencies and I used these to help drive my sales. The gain/profit is not made in the sale, it is made in the buy, and realized in the sale, this is so important. I employed an impeccable business and telephone manner, and everyone that I bought items from, I told them my story and my Dream, and they in turn came to help me by bird-dogging other items & deals for easier, and additional cash margin turn overs.

The first item I started with was phonograph, I would painstakingly collect quality items and take them to the high end antique and furniture auction, I would buy stolen bikes from the police for \$5, clean them, sometimes fix them and sell them for \$100-200 or more. Then as my cash reserves grew I would buy multiple items and host neighbourhood garage sales, and place specialty items into designated specialty publications and advertising to attract a more qualified buyer to that particular item. I then started buying larger ticket items, that had a very easy turn over, such as cars, and very, very carefully boats, and I even optioned some property based on buying with US no money down systems (Robert Allan) I learned and then reinvented them. Of course, nothing substitutes for the personal finesse of integrity, listening to, and really dealing well with each person on the journey.

Mostly, I really trusted my grandpapa's advice; that a *yes is a yes, a no is a no, and a maybe is always a no...* this made it so much easier to be in the right place at the right time, and I honed my gut instincts to the point that I knew 90% of the time if I was going to buy an item just from seeing the ad. I found the use of a reverse directory extremely useful for viewing outside items offered in the early morning hours before the seller was even out of bed. I remember several months in, one 1986 F250 Super Cab XLT diesel I bought off the retired original owner, and bidding against a car dealer for \$10,000, and the dealer was not leaving, so I offered \$500 above asking price and broke his psychological will to the deal. Well I took that truck and within 25 days sold it in a specialty truck publication to an out of town buyer for \$16,800 cash, my full asking price. I better stop now, I'm getting all excited and the old stories are starting to flow out. Ask Zachie a question...

Q. Zachary, why did you offer your dad all your saved bottle and can money after 7 years?

A- *Zachary*: I could feel it was important to tell about our story.

Q. Tell me about your funky Volkswagen van?

A - *Joseph and Zachary*: Our van has become a mobile office called, The One Book Book Store. We had so much fun hand painting the van, you see, we needed a cost efficient (cheap) office, so the van creatively became just that - and folks, especially children, just love the artwork, the flowers and the reading bee, the fire breathing dragon, and the triskele (celtic knot).

Q. Did you really publish this amazingly professional quality book doing everything yourselves for under \$1000?

A - *Joseph*: Hey, thanks for that question, part of our experiment was to write, develop, edit, do the layout and graphics, self-market and self-publish, 100 Days of Love, and create an office (van) all for under \$1000, to show others that they too can do it, and be inspired to pursue their Dreams - and we actually did that with new printing technology with a very wonderful outcome. We feel very fortunate!

Q. Tell me more about Going On Oprah?

A - *Joseph*: Yes! We have made contact and received an initial response. For the details and what we are doing see our website, [www.GoingOnOprah.com](http://www.GoingOnOprah.com) or [www.atruelovestory.com](http://www.atruelovestory.com) (active @ Oct. 17th, or so...)

Q. Are you going to run for Prime Minister?

A - *Joseph*: Zachary might.

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# 100 Days of Love

## The Truthful Surrender of a Poet's Heart *an intimate story of confession* by ~joseph borkovic

*to ~joseph*

*“... My conflict storms in my soul  
but you have given me a gift  
a gift I have not used  
a gift of strength and courage  
I know the time is now  
for me to use these gifts  
to have the strength to leave  
the courage to take my path  
I believe in you my love  
with all my heart  
Please hear me  
do not forget  
our love  
our time together  
for it is ever etched in my soul“*

*Mx. (Lover's last goodbye)*

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100 Days of Love is a genuinely extraordinary story, infused with the deeper layers of an inspiring behind-the-scenes journey. This bubbling brook reveals the fragility of Love. You will feel a deep rekindling of appreciation in your own relationships.

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## Transcription of Local Talks/Readings. (as excerpted)

I was always an awkward type, in my manners, my speech, emotionally. Guessing what each person I met could like about me. It gets to be enough. At once these 'important' things become unimportant. Any crisis will offer you that. You can soar with life. Our greater responsibility is to the dignity of Life.

We must never quit or give up on ourselves, never, ever, so that our children do not give up in their own Life. We must uphold our good beliefs through personal integrity and initiative, and uphold others. This is how deeply we must love, for our children. This realization is the true essence of life, and a source of untold strength.

What does it take for a life to come to the point that we stop treating unimportant things important?

What does it take to break with our own illusions and find our true centrepoin?

How much does it have to hurt?

How far down do we have to go?

How long do we need to suffer?

Only, until the moment...

the very moment of decision each soul must face for...

For?

For that very single moment that arises in each life of... How

... how will one choose?

How will one choose to forge the actual decision of engaging Life?

We all know of, and face this moment, these moments, neverendingly.

One must choose, or the circling chaos of Life engulfs us.

One must choose well.

Or swirl into blighting blackness.

Choose well in each precious moment.

This is the secret of Life.

This is Love.

Choosing so well.

Simply.

There is no thing else.

Believe.

Listen.

Act.

Only in this way are all things added unto One.

For Life

Love.

I was tired of living the lie of an image, one of success - for family, for friends, strangers. There is no failure in being real, indeed a new found dignity, I have seen this in the eyes of other homeless people. Not pretty, just real... and it can be funny too. It is easy to see beauty, when the eyes of your soul are clear. In all it's guts and gore my life was devastating and satisfying. Raw, magical and real. Finally, I just let go of all pretense, and then I felt no other choice but to finish this book, just as 7 years ago, I had no choice in my mind in, but my resolve to get off the street with my son, or to write every one of those love letters to Her, my love.

*"You know an Angel has come into your life when they are no longer right there beside you, and you can still feel their goodness and presence through the positive influence they have left behind, within you - for it still uplifts your heart, no matter what happens or how much time has gone past... that is how we know the Angels in our lives, that is how I know She is still my Angel."*

Take the 's' from the front of the word, 'sword' and put it at the back - and you will know today's potential new weapons for a corruption of our sacred spirits. We must be responsible. Life hangs on every word.

We must not contribute to the conditions of spiritual blight. We must allow and strive for our spirits to be free. There are certain events in Life that must be done. Otherwise we horribly suffer facing the loss of our emotional and spiritual selves. In this, is an embrace of Love, and a growing sunflower of self-esteem.

As an author, I responsibly put my whole heart and soul into sharing this shamanic dance, creating intimate encounters and new experiences within each reader.

~ joseph borkovic  
September 30, 2005