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Book Title	Book Topic	Book Abstract
<b>Guy Hard</b>	Transgender person	It ain't easy being a guy in today's world, especially when almost every single piece of identification you carry loudly proclaims the opposite. Will trans-identified people cause the downfall of computerized society by creating un-resolvable database errors when 'M' stands not only for 'Male', but also for 'Mother'? These and other fascinating questions for enquiring minds will be weighed, measured, and mocked accordingly.
<b>Healing from Childhood Sexual Abuse</b>	Childhood sexual abuse	I am willing to share my story of childhood sexual abuse and healing. I am also willing to hear and honour your story or the story of someone you know. I can also talk about types of healing therapies, family dynamics as well as suing my abuser for my therapy costs. I am willing to go where your interests take us.
<b>The Greatest Risk in Life is Not to Risk at All</b>	I have traveled to more than 20 of our world's poorest countries to serve the poor and protect our planet	"The Road Les Traveled" is my story of my real life experiences, in my decision to take real risks to challenge myself to do the two most important things in life: to help the poorest people in our world, and, protect our natural environment. I lived on skid row in Edmonton. I did some long wilderness solo expeditions. I competed in the Ironman Triathlon. For more than 20 years I have guided wilderness river expeditions across Canada's Arctic. I coached Beckie Scott, Canada's first Olympic Gold Medalist Cross Country Skier. I am a humbly defeated candidate in six federal elections, en route to becoming the Prime Minister of Canada. I moved to Quebec to learn French and coach. I almost died of cancer.
<b>Adopted, Addicted, Decades Lost</b>	The battle of addiction	Knowing I was adopted did not stop feelings of abandonment, low self esteem and the pain which arose from these. Being reunited with my biological family was not enough to ease the pain. So drugs, alcohol and sex were my way of medicating myself, stunting my emotional growth in my mid-teens until my early forties.
<b>If These Walls Could Talk</b>	Story of CLC (now Augustana)	If these walls could talk... After 83 semesters of teaching, as well as founding and co-directing significant student programs, some of the highlights, lowlights and wonders of CLC, CLUC, AUC and AUG will be shared. This Living Book is a living repository of the laughter and tears of the Augustana years.

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<b>I Was a Hungry Billionaire</b>	Escaping war	Surviving the '93 Serbian hyperinflation is one thing, however to survive March 24, 1999 to June 11, 1999 in Belgrade was more challenging due to NATO bombing. I just happened to be born there and experienced that "thing" along with millions of other peaceful men, women, kids and babies.
<b>Six Feet Under</b>	Funeral director	Six feet under, thats right no one comes out of this life alive. The life and times of a funeral service professional.
<b>How Does She Do It?</b>	Single Mom, full-time student	Ever had more than one job while going to university full-time? Ever had to do that while raising two kids on your own? This book discusses the struggles of a young mom of two and the hardships she has endured while also finding time to study, keep a high GPA, be a mommy and maintain sanity.
<b>Memoirs of an Emptied Brain</b>	My brain tumour	After unknowingly walking around with a brain tumour, 'Fred', for 30 years, suddenly everything changed, or did it? Delve into the pain, shock and joy of the discovery and unknown that are all part of the exploration of who you are and apparently always have been (at least since Fred joined me while I was in diapers).
<b>Scary on the Outside</b>	Autistic teen	I have grown up being a high functioning autistic and will discuss some of my challenges. I also get noticed because of the way I look...but not in the way you would think.
<b>Judge Not?</b>	Provincial Judge	Many years as a lawyer and then as a Provincial Judge could make you cynical and closed, or, as in the case of this Living Book, grow a deep compassion for humanity and its many struggles. From hardened criminals to first-time offenders, this judge has handed down sentences in the hope that life for others would take a turn for the better.
<b>One Little, Two Little, Three Little Indians</b>	Discovering I am adopted native	My Human Book will share the experience of discovering as an adult that I was adopted and that I am Native.
<b>WHAT??? I Can't Hear You... Now I Can</b>	Deaf	I grew up deaf and have worked and coped in the hearing world using a hearing aid. And then, I got a cochlear implant...