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前言

Whenever I ' m asked what exactly it was that helped guide me through my darkest days not only to survive but to move past those circumstances and to ultimately attain a level of success and fulfillment that once sounded impossible, what comes to mind are two events. One of them took place in the early 1980s, when I was twenty-seven years old, on an unusually hot, sunny day in the Bay Area. In the terminally overcrowded parking lot outside of San Francisco General Hospital, just as I exited the building, a flash of the sun ' s glare temporarily blocked my vision. As I refocused, what I saw changed the world as I knew it. At any other point in my life it wouldn ' t have struck me so powerfully, but there was something about that moment in time and the gorgeous, red convertible Ferrari 308 that I saw slowly circling the lot—driven by a guy obviously in search of a parking spot—that compelled me to go and have a life-changing conversation with him. Some years before, fresh out of the Navy, I had first arrived in San Francisco—lured to the West Coast by a prestigious research job and the opportunity to work for one of the top young heart surgeons in the country. For a kid like me who ' d barely stepped foot outside the six-block square of the ' hood in Milwaukee—not counting my three-year stint as a Navy medic in North Carolina— San Francisco was the be-all and end-all. The city was the Land of Milk and Honey and the Emerald City of Oz rolled into one. Rising up out of the bay into golden glowing mists of possibility, she seduced me from the start, showing off her studded hills and plunging valleys as she laid herself out with arms open. At night the town was an aphrodisiac—with city lights like rare jewels sparkling down from Nob Hill and Pacific Heights, through the better neighborhoods and along the rougher streets of the Mission and the Tenderloin (my new ' hood), spilling out of the towers of the Financial District and reflecting into the bay by Fisherman ' s Wharf and the Marina.

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### 内容概要

在这本温馨、励志、令人落泪的自传中。

作者克里斯遭亲生父亲遗弃，继父更是脾气暴虐，克里斯发誓无论将来怎样，都要认真负责地抚养自己的孩子长大成人。

但克里斯所经历的一切艰难坎坷足以让任何人都意志动摇，在最困难时，他和牙牙学语的儿子无家可归，只能将仅有的财产背在背上，一手提着尿布，一手推着婴儿车，流浪街头，甚至寄宿于地铁站洗手间……但他始终没有放弃梦想，以幽默及毅力面对逆境，并凭借过人的智慧与勤恳的努力，终于迎来幸福的时刻——成为一名成功的股票经纪人。

本书是美国著名黑人投资专家克里斯·加德纳生平的真实写照，他用生命诠释了责任和奋斗以及如何去实现梦想，永不放弃梦想，永远奋力前行。

书名中“Happyness”的拼写错误其实别具匠心，它暗指了书中一个非常重要的场景，读者可亲自揭开谜底。

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作者简介

克里斯·加德纳(Chris Gardner), 1954年生于威斯康星州密尔沃基市的一个贫寒之家。高中毕业后应征入伍, 成为一名实习医师。退伍后进入加州大学医疗中心担任助手职位。1976年, 他在旧金山一个医学实验室担任主管, 并与他人合著了多篇文章发表在医学杂志上。一个偶然的的机会, 他

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The first person I had told in San Francisco was Dr. Ellis. If I was looking for someone to beg me to reconsider, Robert Ellis wasn't that person. Genuinely pleased for me, he went on to loan me the hundred bucks I needed for a suit to get married in, and then he shocked me even more by suggesting, "Take an extra day off." For a guy who was as obsessed with work as Buffalo Bob, that was unheard of. My next stop was the jewelry district on Market Street, where I miraculously found a diamond ring for nine hundred dollars that I bought on credit. It looked old-fashioned, with clusters of little diamonds in a flower shape and a band that turned out to be white gold. En route to Virginia on the airplane, I was so nervous carrying a diamond ring in my pocket that I had to check on it every five minutes to make sure it hadn't been mysteriously stolen during that time. It was the nicest thing I'd ever bought for anyone, and I was sure Sherry was going to like it.

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《当幸福来敲门(英文版)》：从贫民窟到 华尔街——底层黑人白手起家的商界传奇历经磨难不离不弃——单亲父亲感人至深的励志经典荣登《纽约时报》畅销排行榜第一名同名电影获金球奖、奥斯卡双料提名好莱坞最有价值演员威尔·史密斯携子同台演绎父子情深

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