



"If you have the good fortune of knowing the man, you're lucky. Peter Mercanti is a special individual. His smile is infectious and his focus on whatever you need is what truly sets him apart as a dedicated friend, and a driven business colleague. If you don't know the man, you're still lucky because you have this book. Read it from cover to cover and place it on a prominent position on your bookshelf. You will still get the benefit of becoming a virtual member of Peter's family".

DR. NICK BONTIS

— McMaster University www.NickBontis.com



Peter is a true businessman, whom I at a very young age, 9, 10, and 11, had the pleasure of working a few years with. It is great that Peter remembers my father Pat as his key mentor. I remember Dad saying to me at one time, "Peter was only guy he knew of that actually could take his place at some point in the future". Wonderful that Peter is passing on those key learning lessons from Pat on to his own children and grandchildren. To this day Peter and I reminisce about the stories and business dealings that took place over the last 50 years. Congratulation and all the best,

ANGELO PALETTA

— President, Penta Properties, Paletta International, Princess Gates Entertainment



"Meeting Peter is like gaining a Masters of Business degree without the paperwork. What a life and what a legacy for all of us to learn from. His biography will have you laughing and feeling like part of la famiglia"

CALOGERO CHARLIE AGRO

— Educator and Project Manager

About the Author PETER TASSI (From Hamilton, Ontario, Canada)
Teacher/Chaplain/Mission Worker/Writer/Fundraiser/Artist



"Of all my writing projects over the years, writing the life story of Peter Mercanti was definitely my favourite. I was educated and inspired by Peter and I made a wonderful new friend."

www.petertassi.com



"The course of my life changed when I met Peter Mercanti. Not only is he a great mentor, but he is also a great friend whose heart is immeasurable. A true leader."

JC CAMPOS

— Executive Director, Mercanti Specialty Foods Inc.
www.mamayolandas.ca



"Peter's killer instinct in business is what made him a success. But it's his heart that makes him a class act. From the moment you meet this endearing individual, you instantly feel like you've become a part of the family."

DOUG GILMOUR

— Canadian former professional ice hockey player



"A father with so many interesting layers and colourful depths becomes a father of many teachings. A read through this biography will give you a glimpse into a few I was fortunate enough to learn from."

JOE MERCANTI

— Peter's Son,
Chief Operating Officer, CHA, Carmen's Group

"This book truly captures the originality, personality, and fearlessness of my father, Peter Mercanti. It is equal parts inspiring and humorous, and it shares valuable advice on what it takes to succeed in business and in life. A truly remarkable "Made in Hamilton" immigrant story."

PJ MERCANTI

— Peter's Son, CEO, Carmen's Group

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