

GREATNESTS®

You Don't Have To Be Famous To Be Great



**True Stories of How Family, Faith, and Fortitude
Generated Greatness**

Throughout history, the intersection of deep-rooted faith, family support, and unyielding fortitude has forged paths to “greatness”. This book contains true stories and highlight individuals who who’s faith, family and fortitude contributed to their greatness.

True greatness is often characterized not by worldly status, wealth, or power, but by the depth of one’s character, the quality of their service to others, and their personal integrity.

While society frequently measures greatness through visible achievements like fame or material success, many philosophical and spiritual perspectives suggest that “true” or “objective” greatness is found in the quiet, consistent, and often unseen acts of a well-lived life.

As you read and absorb these authentic, touching and insightful stories, you might both *laugh* and *cry*. This paradox often occurs when you encounter things in “others” which reflects similarities in your life --- similarities in the level of faith, the support of family and the grit and fortitude that helped to forge “greatness” in your life.

In other words, the joyful tears and laughter that many of us experience when we are unexpectedly reminded of the *GreatNest*® from which we were blessed to launch our life’s journey.

So, go ahead. Indulge in reading all of these special stories of *greatness*. You will be reminded of the unique combination of *faith, family* and *fortitude* that has illuminated the path to *your life’s greatness*.

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“GREATNESS”

From a 2018 speech delivered by Ervin (Earl) Cobb during his 48th High School Reunion.

“If you can recall all of the major circumstances in your life when someone reached out to you and said I need you, and without hesitation you showed up.

I believe that you will be remembered as being great.

If your church or your community ask for your help and even though at the time you may have had so many others tugging at your time and your energy but you still gave all that you could give.

I believe that you will be remembered as great.

If regardless of the differences and conflict with certain people in your life including some family members who may have deserved to hear every bad word that could come out of your mouth, instead, you found a way to publicly have nothing but kind words for everyone.

And, If you made it a habit to under promise and over deliver.

And, if you have always felt comfortable in your skin.

And, if you have consistently found a way to include others in your victories.

And, if you have focused on solutions and not blame, if you seek, as well as, share knowledge.

And, if you have warmly and deeply been appreciative of the kindness and the benefits received from others.”

Then, I believe that you will be remembered as being great.”

ABOUT THIS NEW BOOK



Earl Cobb and his wife, Charlotte Grant-Cobb, have been married for over 40-years and throughout their professional careers they have been passionately engaged in using their love for reading and their commitment to helping others become the best they can be. Together they have published twenty books and over 100 articles —all sharing lessons-learned to benefit others.

In their forth coming new book, “GreatNests,” the Cobb’s goal is to affirm a lifelong belief , that is, “*you don’t have to be famous to be great.*” The excerpt, titled, “Greatness,” from Earl’s 48th High School Reunion, captures the reasoning for their belief.

In reenforcing this belief, they share, “Our life experiences have proven that *even though none of us choose our birth family, it is the **Family** that raises us, the **Faith** we develop along the way, and the personal **Fortitude** we all maintain throughout our lives that becomes the primary source of our **Greatness.**”*

As Charlotte puts it, “*True greatness is generated within the homes or **neests** that build the critical foundations for a great life and each of them are unique. Our literary goal in **GreatNests**, is to showcase as many of these **neests** as possible.*”

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR STORY

In “GreatNests,” the Cobbs offer you the opportunity to join them, and be a significant part of this universal affirmation. You will have the opportunity to submit a short story which captures the uniqueness of the “nest” you ascended from and share how your family, faith and fortitude contributed to your greatness.

You will also have the opportunity to win the \$3,000 grand prize if your story is accepted for publication and chosen as the *best of the rest.*

THE 3-STEP SUBMISSION PROCESS

1. Visit the book’s development website @ <https://richerlifellc.com/greatnests2026> You will find manuscript submission details, story guidelines and, from the website, you can request some pre-submittal coaching.
2. Submit your completed manuscript for review and acceptance.
3. Obtain and sign a Collaborative Publishing Agreement.

*****PLEASE NOTE: The manuscript submission deadline is June 30, 2026*****