Author’s Note

This book spans a period of two years, starting from its inception to its realization.

_The Millionaire Story: From Rags to Riches_ is the brainchild of two vastly different and unique individuals, drawn together by a like-minded will to excel beyond the constraints of working life. Like its title suggests, the idea for the book was born in a humble university canteen, and brought to life by the efforts and perseverance of its creators.

This book is a compilation of the autobiographies of twelve successful self-made millionaires in Singapore. In full colour and containing previously unreleased photographs, the reader will embark on a journey to unlock the secrets of success of prominent entrepreneurs and uncover the personal values that they fell back on in the face of failure. It is the wish of the authors to inspire all aspiring entrepreneurs to greater heights and to guide them onto the path to success.

All the stories contained in this book are true, condensed from anecdotes that our featured entrepreneurs have kindly shared, and are sincere reflections of their way of life. Learning lessons have been provided at the end of each chapter, to facilitate the reader on the teachings that each story serves to convey.

The cover design is a portrayal of our belief in life: a slow gradual ascension towards success. Although we have modelled our book after a motivational and inspirational journey, we lay no claim to being experts in this field.

The authors would also like to take the opportunity to dedicate this book to their readers, and wish them every success in their entrepreneurial journey.
It is with great pleasure and honour that I am penning the foreword for this book.

The Millionaire Story: From Rags to Riches is a highly anticipated book of twelve successful entrepreneurs who started from humble beginnings but have overcome overwhelming odds to achieve their station in life today. These individuals were born in different countries, belong to different races and hail from all walks of life. However, all of them have something in common: they have ventured out of comfort zones, seized opportunities and strived for their dreams.

Having gone through the same trials and tribulations myself, I can attest that sacrifices are always necessary for one to achieve success. Sacrifices can manifest themselves in the form of quitting a comfortable job, working eighteen hour days without off days and even spending less time with your family. Sadly, the concept of delayed gratification is still not well-received among 80% of the working population. Besides personal sacrifice, essential ingredients of success also include determination, strength of will and a positive mindset.

These stories instill in us the motivation and inspiration for calculated action. It prepares us for the long and winding road of entrepreneurship. It also dispels the myth that only rich people can afford to be entrepreneurs. However, it also assures us that with hard work and effort, one can achieve his or her goals, as long as one puts his or her mind to it. The achievements of these entrepreneurs are living proof of that.

In a rapidly evolving society where the chasm between the rich and poor is continuously widening, I strongly encourage readers to seek direction and purpose in their lives, set goals for themselves and work towards achieving these objectives.

The authors have gone to great lengths in obtaining and condensing the stories of these luminous individuals. This book is a culmination of their perseverance and effort in unlocking the secrets of success of the featured entrepreneurs. Many hitherto unknown emotions and facts about these entrepreneurs beckon within the pages of this book.

I hope you will enjoy the book, as I have. Remember, the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.
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