

This, In Part, Is Me



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Part #1

Forward

"I see you based on my interpretations of how things are when we are together. As memories of how things have been between us in the past weave in, out and around, my awareness changes".

"You change. I see you differently from time to time. But there is always an underlying element that is you".

"How do you see me?"

"Our lives touch, but do not merge. What we give to or learn from each other is always less than we choose and different from what we intend."

"There have been instances of intensity in my life when I have been able to write, to draw, to create. I respect people who can sustain these activities."

"Following is a selection from my efforts. They have been my therapy, my communication and my way of sharing. There are other things scattered along the way. You will read them based on your interpretations and memories of how things have been when we have been together. They will be flavored by your own experiences."

The preceding comments were included in a collection of my stories given to my children a quarter of a century ago. My daughter Vicky had asked that I leave my stories to her in my will. She wanted to have a link to me and the people who helped form the family in which she lived. I decided not to wait and gave her and her siblings a collection of what I had then. Now it is time for an update.

Memories are not linear. They don't spring out at you in perfect order of when the events occurred. That is how they are arranged in this book, random and some times surprising.

Not all of the stories are funny or uplifting. Some of them were difficult to include. They are here because I want you to know that even when people have bad times in their lives, things do get better. This has been true for me; it will also be true for you.

For my family, my friends and my friends yet to be, I have written [This, In Part, Is Me](#).

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