

... I WORKED ALL SUMMER and saved money to buy an old used car, and took the time I had before I turned 16 to fix it up. My dad and I found an old Buick at one of those roadside car lots. That day had to be one of the best days of my entire life... The other day when I came home after basketball practice, I looked out in back to check her out. To my surprise, my car was not there. I asked Mom where it was and she very casually said, "Oh, your dad took it up town and put it on a punch board." When it finally sank in as to what she was saying, I was so shocked I could hardly respond. When I finally asked her why, her response was unbelievable. She said, "Well, we have been giving you lunch money for school so we thought you owed it to us."



A Vital Story for Anyone Who Has a Direct Influence on Children

This is the true story of Lee, a “fat, throwaway kid” born into financial and emotional poverty as the child of an alcoholic father. His ability to mentally “remove himself,” even in a crowd of people, was a coping mechanism Lee used to escape his painful circumstances. Though plagued with a constant cycle of disappointment and failure, Lee found in the midst of his challenges the blessing of significant people who helped set him on a better path. This unique true narrative is told through a series of meetings between Lee and an educator who saw something special in Lee at age 12 and ultimately accompanied Lee through his extraordinary journey into his adult life. *Alone in a Crowd* is a must-read for anyone who desires to make an indelible, positive impact on children.

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