

My book is published and the opinions are out. And the opinions are unanimous. "I SEE YOUR FACE BEFORE ME, A Father's Promise" does not disappoint. The story of Willowbrook is told as it really was and is presented in a fair, direct and unvarnished manner. More importantly, we learn why Willowbrooks cannot provide adequate care and are never the answer. The old system has been altered through love and tenacity. "I SEE YOUR FACE BEFORE ME" tells you what you need to know with unadorned clarity. You get the truth whether you like it or not.

Readers have stated the following:

"just beautiful and insightful and important for it's historical record."

"the response has been terrific, as it should be. It really is a remarkable book."

"deeply moving and very helpful for future parents and advocates."

"I truly enjoyed the book. It really touched me."

"It is beautiful, and the pictures are .. well, there's just no word for it. But anyway, the book, the cover, and most of all what's inside are all incredible and if you can get it noticed or reviewed by the right people, I think it could really go far. Your book is a tremendous accomplishment and could really change people's perception about institutions and why we have to continue to fight them in all their various forms."

"I didn't want to put down. I am writing to express my gratitude in sharing his story, chronicling his experiences as a father, attorney, and an advocate on the behalf of those who cannot do so for themselves. What an inspirational story, and what courage it must have taken to share it with the world! Thank you to you and the whole family for allowing me to remotely share your journey."

"You captured every emotion possible. Thank God there were people, such as yourself who stepped forward and blazed a trail that I know I could never have imagined. Your strength and stamina are unbelievable and my only regret is the fact that I never met you before this. I know I was a fighter at one time; but, never to the extent that you personified; your relentless energy did not let anyone or anything deter you from the justice that you were seeking for so many."

“Hard to read & hard to put down. Sad & compelling.”

“is smart, informative and passionate, and quite blunt. It was an easy read because Murray used a very straightforward style of prose. --- he was an ardent and effective advocate ---. His drive for community living set in motion a generation of success. The forceful use of the Willowbrook Review Panel pushed the state to increase funding, staffing and framed a commitment to community living --- it had a profound effect on public policy. --- by reading Murray’s book we learn what it takes to drive public policy and I fomenting a social revolution. --- Murray’s love for his child is emotional and compelling. Murray was indeed one of the warriors of the Willowbrook wars and we are indebted to him for writing this book.”

“Finally I wanted to thank you for encouraging me to read I See Your Face Before Me. I found it riveting-truly could not put it down. It was compelling, passionate, raw. I felt like I got to know Murray and his family as well as the parents and lawyers who fought NYS so ferociously for so long.”

“Book was wonderful. Loved it ...”

“I found your book an absolute page turner - it is brilliantly done, and really important on lots of fronts, I thought. First, of course, it is an accurate record of what happened - and that always comes best from someone like yourself who was at the centre of the Willowbrook class action and subsequent closures. But it is also a fantastically humble and self-deprecating account of your own role, and of course an equally lovely picture of your daughter as a true human being (not as a medical entity).”

If you have yet to read Murray’s book, read the feature article written by Kathryn Carse of the Staten Island Advance dated February 8, 2015 and the letter of former Commissioner Arthur Webb of the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities on the website below. Its relevance cannot be disputed.

I SEE YOUR FACE BEFORE ME, A Father’s Promise

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Thank you.

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