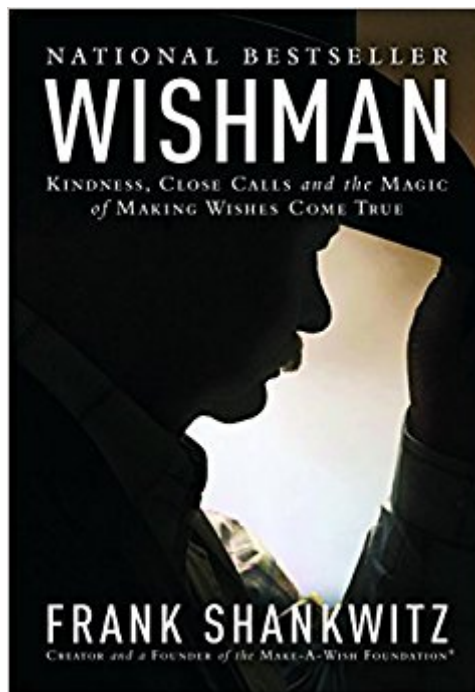


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# Wishman



## Synopsis

A story about the man who put giving back on the map and created the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The story drops into Frank's sad and difficult childhood. A childhood that was not his, but the byproduct of his mother's whims. Constantly on the move and frequently hungry and homeless, doing without was the norm. Along his journey, glimmers of kindness from strangers were extended from communities he landed in - a meal or shelter when there was neither in sight. Each of these moments of generosity laid the path for Frank to walk and to choose a life of giving - to his country and then his community. His choices eventually led to several brushes with death and a chance meeting with a dying child - all of which answered a question we all face. Why am I here?

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## Customer Reviews

Frank continues to carry the torch of giving back, travelling the world speaking about philanthropy and social responsibility, "Everyone Can Be A Hero". He resides in Prescott, Arizona with the love of his life, Kitty.

"Someday, when you have something to give to somebody, make sure you do." This life lesson was given to a young Frank Shankwitz from a man who became his mentor. In fact, throughout his very difficult childhood and while overcoming tremendous hardships as an adult, Frank was often lifted by the kindness and generosity of others. At every turn, when he needed it the most, help seemed to come from someone and from somewhere unexpectedly. It's as if Frank Shankwitz was being

guided by Providence to walk the path of the Wishman. And indeed, he was. But it was the compassion and generosity he'd witnessed by strangers joining together to make a difference in another little boy's life that made Frank's destiny clear to him. Shortly following that boy's death, Frank knew deep in his soul why he was here. "I listened to my soul, which continually led me right back to my heart, where the answer had always been." In that moment, Frank began a 36-year journey granting the wishes of more than 350,000 kids with life threatening medical conditions and counting. Thank you Frank for sharing your inspiring story and thank you for all you have done for the Wish Kids!! Matt Gersper Founder, Happy Living[...]

As I read his story, I began saying to myself, "Wow, this gentleman found what we're all looking for - his passion." Eternally kind and optimistic, you'll read about a man that had an idea, got his friends and advisors to join him and just went for it on the first donation to his cause of a mere fifteen dollars. The Make a Wish Foundation has helped more than three hundred and fifty thousand kids around the world, that want a wish, or two fulfilled before they pass away. The world needs more Wishmen, men of kindness and integrity. The world needs more men just like Frank Shankwitz. Review from Michael C., Pacific Grove, CA

We don't have to look far to find something to be angry or upset about, especially in our current political climate. This pull toward the negative and destructive is almost like the pull of gravity, if you don't make an active effort to resist, it will pull you to the ground and keep you there. This is why I think it's important to surround yourself with positive, inspiring people, and look for the pure, the just, the noble and the good. I think it would be tough to find many people who have not heard of the Make A Wish Foundation, whose mission is to provide wishes to children with life threatening illnesses. The last couple of days instead of filling my mind with posts from social media, I have read the book "Wishman" about Frank Shankwitz, the founder of this incredible foundation that has provided wishes to over 350,000 children in the United States and throughout the world. As the book describes Frank's childhood and his journey to where he is today, it struck me that he had many opportunities to curl up in a fetal position and claim that life was unfair to him because it was. He faced situations, and circumstances that many don't have to face, and as I was reading I thought, hardship can make you a bitter person or it can make you a better

person. *Wishman* tells the story of a kid who, through hardship learned gratitude for the kindness of others, and describes the tough road he traveled to a place where he could give much more than gratitude to those who need it most. I highly recommend everyone take a break from the anger and drama of social media to read this book. In it you'll find how a 10-year-old with nothing to give took to heart the words of his father figure, Juan Delgadillo when he said, "Someday, when you have something to give and grew up to form a foundation that today, every 28 minutes grants a wish to a sick child." "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy •meditate on these things. - Philippians 4:8

This is a true feel good story. A youngster with little in the way of material goods or family stability beats the odds and changes a little bit of the world for the better. Frank Shankwitz, blessed with a strong work ethic, a great moral compass, and an excess of compassion, successfully rose from a "Grapes of Wrath" beginning to become the head of an international non-profit organization purely oriented toward making the lives of terminally ill children happy for a few more days, the "make a Wish Foundation". Along the way he experienced many traumatizing and uplifting events which shaped his desire to help the children of the world. "Wishman" is an easy and entertaining read that will leave you with your own wish . . . I wish the world had more Frank Shankwitzes and his friends.

Wishman is a fantastic book! It starts out with the struggles that Frank experienced as a boy, which made him into the man he became. It was interesting that Frank joined the United States Air Force to be an Air Traffic Controller, but was redirected to Security Forces which setup his career as a Trooper with the Arizona Highway Patrol. That is where he met Chris, the inspiration for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Learning how this global foundation got its start makes you realize it only takes one person to make a difference. This is a great book that everybody should read.

If you want to know how the Make-A-Wish foundation got its start and the man behind it all, this is the book for you. Very heartwarming!

A truly inspiring story of a man who chose to make the most out of his struggles. We can all learn a great lesson from this incredible man's journey!

One of the best books I have read in a very long time. God bless the Make-A-Wish foundation and Frank Shankwitz!

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