

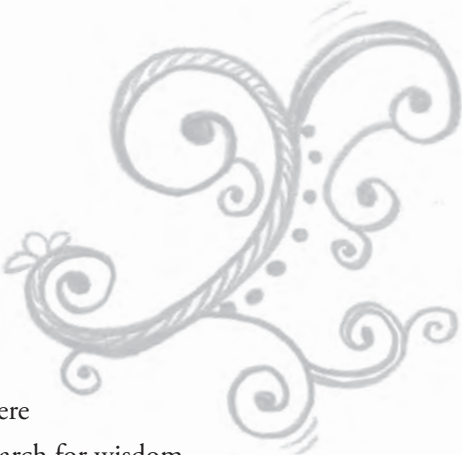
CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE



THE WISDOM
OF YOU



Dear Reader, there's only one piece of wisdom missing from this book—the one *you* can contribute. The lines provided here are for adding your voice to the ongoing search for wisdom.





FAQS FOR THE AUTHOR

Where did you get the idea for the story? I got the idea for *The King's Legacy* from some historical reading I was doing about the Middle Ages. I have always been fascinated with this time period and thought it would be a great backdrop for sharing powerful lessons.

How do you write as a blind person? As a blind person, I write by dictating to a very talented and capable person here in my office named Dorothy Thompson. Other writers and editors are always shocked that we work this way, but through twelve books and over five hundred syndicated columns, it has come to feel normal for Dorothy and me.

How do you describe things you have never seen? As a blind person, I am able to describe things I have never seen through the reading I have done. When I could read with my eyes as you are reading this page now, I never read an entire book cover to cover. But over the last twenty years as a totally blind person—thanks to a high-speed tape player and audiobooks—I consume, on average, one book each day. Reading has taken me to times and places that I otherwise would never have known.

Are the characters and lessons patterned after things in your own life? I think the characters and the lessons in *The King's Legacy* do relate to my own life. I think all writers of fiction draw on people and

experiences that they have encountered. *The King's Legacy* is a work of fiction, but great people and great lessons have presented themselves to me over the years, and I am pleased to share them in the form of this book.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jim Stovall is a highly sought-after motivational speaker. Despite failing eyesight in his teen years that ended in blindness, Jim Stovall has been a national champion Olympic weight lifter, a successful investment broker, and an entrepreneur. He is the cofounder and president of the Narrative Television Network, which makes movies and television accessible for America's thirteen million blind and visually impaired people and their families. Although NTN was originally designed for the blind and visually impaired, more than 60 percent of its nationwide audience is made up of fully sighted people who simply enjoy the programming. The network's programming is also available free of charge, twenty-four hours a day, via the Internet at www.NarrativeTV.com.

The Narrative Television Network has received an Emmy Award and an International Film and Video Award among its many industry honors. NTN has grown to include more than 1,200 cable systems and broadcast stations, reaching more than 35 million homes in the United States, and is shown in eleven foreign countries.

Stovall joined the ranks of Walt Disney, Orson Welles, and four U.S. presidents when he was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans by the U.S. Junior Chamber. He has appeared on *Good Morning America* and *CNN*, and has been featured in *Reader's Digest*, *TV Guide*, and *Time* magazines. He is the author of previous books titled *You Don't Have to Be Blind to See*, *Success Secrets of Super Achievers*, *The Way I See the World*, and *The Ultimate Gift*. *The*

Ultimate Gift has been made into a major motion picture by 20th Century Fox starring James Garner, Brian Dennehy, and Abigail Breslin. The sequel book *The Ultimate Life* is now available and is currently in development for what, hopefully, will be a sequel movie. The President's Committee on Equal Opportunity selected Stovall as the 1997 Entrepreneur of the Year.

In June 2000, Stovall joined notables such as President Jimmy Carter, Nancy Reagan, and Mother Teresa when he received the International Humanitarian Award.