



# TUMBLE BLOCKS

Dedicated to the “rough & touch” folks that just don’t know any other course...like my youngest, Brian Wesley Rainer, who seemed to be more than any and all of us could handle.

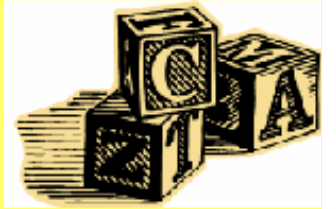
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# Introduction



What does it mean, “**Tumble Blocks**”? It is about that little feller, Brian Wesley Rainer, that knows no limits and has no boundaries; he is the kind that can start-it – and then dash off to find something else. There is little silence and practically no peace when he is at his prime. Yes, this storybook is dedicated to him for, he may be last in line, but he is going give his all to be first at whatever he can – or cannot – do. Rough & Tough or by similar words...

# When you're tough on...



Zig Ziglar is a motivational speaker; I actually saw (and heard) him some years ago at a symposium; and above all, he is a youthful, energetic man. A committed Christian and retired salesman, life began for him in the deep south (Elba, AL) in the Great Depression; but he did not give-up...and maybe his environment made him tough: the second youngest of twelve children, he learned how to be tough!

“When you're tough on yourself, life is going to be infinitely easier on you.”  
- Zig Ziglar

# Tough Competition



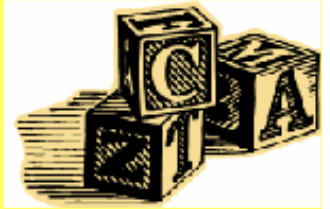
Walt Disney is perhaps the most recognized name in the entertainment industry by virtue of the industry bearing its name. I distinctly remember Sunday nights when I was a kid; the anticipation of Walt Disney productions with the customary introduction by the man himself.

Described as a folk-hero of the 20<sup>th</sup> century who have deny the contribution that he made to kids, minds and the imagination in all of us...

“I have been up against tough competition all my life. I wouldn't know how to get along without it.”

- Walt Disney

# When the Going gets Tough...



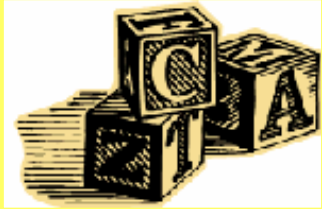
Joseph P. Kennedy is probably best remembered as the father of JFK – the President of the U.S.

His background and bio is not altogether a noble one as he had many dealings and underhanded work to include the political aspirations for some of his children.

Of all the prominent, political family, I like Robert Kennedy the most; but you have to respect this quote so often used...

“When the going gets tough, the tough get going.”  
- Joseph P. Kennedy

# Taking-on BIG...



Orson Welles is considered as one of the most accomplished dramatist of the 20<sup>th</sup> century according to sources. An actor, writer, producer and director of radio and TV, he may be best known for such films as *Citizen Kane* and radio programs as *The War of the Worlds*.

Though he was an American, he was voted the greatest film director of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by the British Film Institute.

“Nobody who takes on anything big and tough can afford to be modest.”  
- Orson Welles

# Not Everybody wishes You Well



Dan Rather was a news anchor and reporter for many years. An interesting story (about one who writes and reports stories) is that his rise to stardom came while reporting on a hurricane – in the eye of the storm. This “rather” courageous act gained him recognition by a national news network and, as for the rest of the story, well...

“A tough lesson in life that one has to learn is that not everybody wishes you well.”  
- Dan Rather



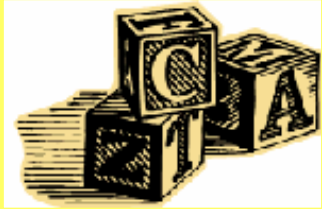
# Making an Imprint



Rodney Dangerfield

“I came from a real tough neighborhood. I put my hand in some cement and felt another hand.”

- Rodney Dangerfield



# From Tough to Tender

W. C. Fields

“Madam, there’s no such thing as a tough child – if you parboil them first for seven hours, they always come out tender.”

- W. C. Fields



# A Puppy for Rough Times



Dan Quayle

“The other day the President said, I know you’ve had some rough times, and I want to do something that will show the nation what faith that I have in you, in your maturity and sense of responsibility. He paused, then said, would you like a puppy?”

- Dan Quayle



# What Shapes our Ends?

William Shakespeare

“There’s a divinity that shapes  
our ends, Rough-hew them  
how we will.”

- William Shakespeare

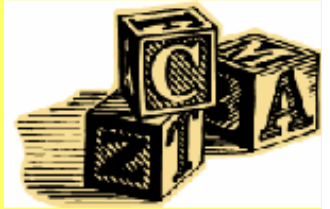


# Polishing the Soul

Daniel Defoe

“The soul is placed in the body like a rough diamond, and must be polished, or the luster of it will never appear.”

- Daniel Defoe



# Rough on Rough

Mike Tyson

“It was him getting rough and  
me getting rough back.”  
- Mike Tyson



# Being a Father can be Rough



Wilhelm Busch

“Becoming a father is easy enough, but being one can be very rough.”

- Wilhelm Busch



## ...Enveloped in Darkness



Jules Verne

“This forcible abduction, roughly carried out, was accomplished with the rapidity of lightning. I shivered all over. Whom had we to deal with? No doubt some new sort of pirates, who explored the sea in their own way. Hardly had the narrow panel closed upon me, when I was enveloped in darkness.”

- Jules Verne

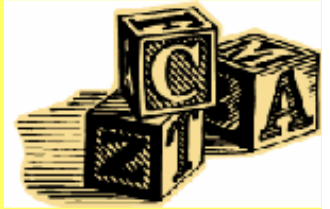


We are all...



C. S. Lewis

“We are all fallen creatures and  
all very hard to live with.”  
- C. S. Lewis

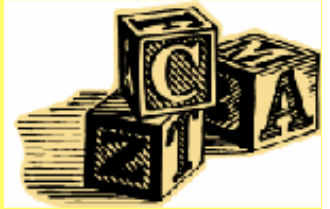


# Learning from Failure

Colon Powell

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”

- Colin Powell



# Change is Hard Work

**Billy Crystal**

“Change is such hard work .”  
- Billy Crystal



# Applying the Best of Ourselves



Vince Lombardi

“The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.”

- Vince Lombardi



# Learning as We Go



Mark Twain

“When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around, But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.”

- Mark Twain



# Enslaved by Choice



Voltaire

“It is hard to free fools from the chains they revere.”  
- Voltaire