

The Rake: The Lesson of Forgiveness and Letting Go

Local Mississauga Resident Peter Whelan Publishes His First Children's Book



MISSISSAUGA, Ontario Feb. 22, 2016 – Local IT guy, Peter Whelan, spent the last 30 plus years managing other people's computer issues. Through this he learned something very valuable; people demand perfection, and at times can be unforgiving. To help his clients overcome this hurdle he relayed the story of his childhood, where he had the misfortune of stepping on a rake.

As a young boy he began to have a grudge against this rake for being 'in his way.' The thought of having a grudge against an inanimate object may seem ridiculous, but how many of us are guilty of holding on to grudges for silly things.

"When someone was outraged by a computer not working the way they thought it should, I would sometimes take them aside and point out that they were acting like a 3 year old who stepped on a rake," says Peter.

This story helped his clients realize the bigger picture, so much that one day he decided to turn this into a children's book entitled, The Rake.

Peter reached out to freelancer.com to find an illustrator to help his vision come to life. After two years and a chance encounter he then teamed up with a local publisher, Upon A Star Books to release his book.

"It's my hope that more people start removing the 'rakes' from their lives and start giving others the benefit of the doubt, leading to a world with few angry outbursts," says Peter. "Hopefully people will take the time to understand one another more."

The lesson of forgiveness is for all ages, but Peter packaged his book in such a way that children can easily digest the lesson of the rake and apply it to their daily lives.

Copies of his book are currently available on [Amazon](#) for \$15.00.

Watch his full book trailer here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUE1tOPCVFs>

For more information about the book visit: www.TheRakeBook.com.

About the Peter Whelan:

Peter Whelan has worked in the Information Technology (IT) field since 1984. He believes IT is all about people. As a programmer, he learned that computers are unforgiving, requiring perfect instructions. As a manager, he saw that people could also be unforgiving, demanding perfection, even when it hurts themselves and others.

Peter is also a proud new father and lives happily in Mississauga with his wife, Annie.