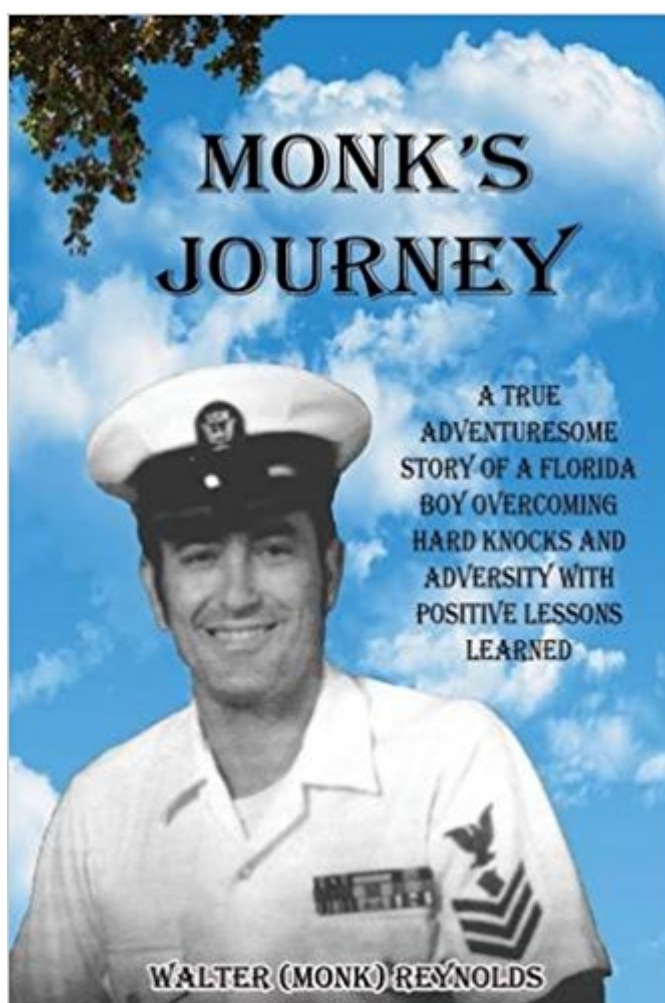


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# Monk's Journey: A True Adventuresome Story Of A Boy Overcoming Hard Knocks & Adversity With Possitive Lessons Learned



## Synopsis

This is a true story of a little boy growing up in rural Florida 75 years ago and of his endurance of poverty, abandonment and abuse until he finds a way out in the military service. From age four on, he realizes that if he is to survive, he must cope with repeated abuse. Yet his intelligence and good humor guide him through his troubles and we celebrate with him as he enters adulthood and achieves success. It is an inspirational story of the strength of the human spirit and should be read by all who face hard times. He survived brutal physical and emotional abuse from the age of three. That was in 1939, when times were different, but not so different from today for some readers. You will see him abandoned by family members who no longer would or could care for him. You will see him hunt and kill alligators at age 10, shoot and kill squirrels and rabbits to put food on the table. You will see him struggle to please his step father, doing the chores before going to school. You will see him catch raccoons and other animals and sell them to farm laborers for money. And you will see that he wasn't allowed to keep the little money he earned. He joined the Army at age 17 and later, the Navy, which led him to a fine and honorable life of many adventures and successes

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5 Stars! "Heart-wrenching childhood. Easy Read. Captivating story, very hard to put down! Read in two nights before bedtime. Highly motivational! What an inspiration Walt is to all that have known him! The only thing I can add to the end is," And They Lived Happily Ever After!"

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A true story of the manner in which a young person endures so many hardships early in life and continues to see many positive sides of it. This book will take the reader through Monk's formative years. He lived with many different relatives and more than earned his 'keep' by taking care of cows, pigs, horses and even poaching 'gators' during the night. And, yes, he was abused both physically and mentally and to this day carries the scars of those days. In 'Monk's Journey', Walter finally escapes his existence and joins the US Army at the age of 17. After serving his three years, he eventually joins the US Navy and stays until he is transferred to the Fleet Reserve in 1979. For me, this is a story of a young man with a positive feeling around him. It tells of his journey overcoming much adversity and always by maintaining a positive attitude. His water glass was 1/2 full instead of 1/2 empty. Try and imagine yourself in his shoes at an early age. Then, how would you feel about your life? Would you be full of pessimism or optimism? Well, Walt, my Navy CPO hat is off to you for overcoming your 'biscuit-stealing, boot-legging, gator-poaching' days~! Well done, Shipmate and may there always be fair winds and following seas throughout your future days. Highly recommended.

As an extremely busy person I am very picky regarding what I choose to read. This story had me hooked within the first two chapters and I read it very quickly. The start of this young man's life was so sad and disturbing that I had to keep reading and hoping for a happy ending for all that he had to endure at such an early age. A lot of people, I believe, would have turned out differently than this man did. Please do yourself a favor and read this story. You will be glad that you did! I am!

After hearing so many good things about this book I decided to purchase it. I can truly say I was blown away by this true story in "Monk's Journey". I could not put this book down! This book is amazing! Thank you Walter for sharing this magnificent story with the world. I am now a fan of your books and can't wait until your next journey is revealed. GF

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Walter takes you on a bitter sweet journey of life lessons and how it shaped him into the positive productive person that he is today. His adventures will have you crying one minute and laughing the next! I look forward to reading more of Monk's Journeys.

Monk's Journey by Walter Reynolds shows pieces of his soul. His life journey will make you laugh, while those about his brutal upbringing will make your heart bleed. He presents his inner child's reflection during the abuse by those who should have cared for him the most. Review written by Marc Livanos.

A wonderful, insightful and enjoyable journey with Monk, as he explores life as a young child, then, utilizes lessons learned during those times to achieve and enjoy a successful career and a meaningful life.

A real American story of life, setback and salvation. Personable and a good read I felt like I was taken along for a look into his life and I liked it.

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