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your life is a book worth reading

You're a successful man. You've experienced things in life that other mortals can only dream of. You've travelled the world, made wheelbarrows full of money, met incredible individuals; you've triumphed and learned from your failures. You have a story to tell.

But along the way, you haven't had time to jot down your escapades or the secrets to your success – and we don't blame you. Who has the time?

Peter O'Brien runs a Toronto-based company called Thomas Memoirs (www.thomasmemoirs.com), which helps people, well, write their memoirs.

"I am always amazed at how few people leave a record of their life to their children and grandchildren," he says. "Other than photo albums."

If you aren't the talkative type, \$3,000 will get you a 16-page memoir vignette. If you like to blab, you can also have a 40-page memoir or corporate history written for a basic cost of \$10,000. The price includes all background meetings and interviews, transcribing and editing the copy, integration of archival material, writing and editing of all text, image selection, custom page design and pre-press and printing and binding. The process takes anywhere from a minimum of two to four months.

The finished memoirs are printed on acid-free paper by Coach House Press and are usually published as a limited run of about 25 copies. The final product looks good enough for display at the Smithsonian.