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#### **DEDICATION**

This book is dedicated to the women in my life: Ophelia, my intrepid and munificent mother; Barbara Jean, my thoughtful and always responsive sister; Anya, my cheerful and beautiful daughter; Teri, the trusted friend and eternal voice of reason; Diane, the selfless life guide to me and countless others, and Soukvilay Symoungkhoun; my lovely and caring soul mate.

To: Mom, Beej, Anya, Teri, Diane, and Kai,

"For your unconditional love and devotion, this book is dedicated to you."

Forever grateful that you are in my life; and loving you always,

Carl "J.C." Pantejo

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### **Preface**

Many of the story's details originate from my own tumultuous, personal life and experiences in the military. I spent nearly 24 years in and out of the military. I've earned, then lost, or given away all my personal wealth (and belongings) many times; usually coinciding with the advent of multiple marriages and divorces. Believing that school was too boring, I dropped out of High School early; only to earn an A.A., B.S., and MBA in less then 4 years much later in life – while working full-time as a Navy/Marine Corps Medic. In spite of a fear of heights and deep water, I free-fall parachuted out of airplanes and performed diving ops in very deep, open ocean water. I came to Thailand 11 months ago for a week's vacation, fell into a teaching job, and have never left!

In search of a better philosophy and system to get wealthy, I stumbled onto the book "The Science of Getting Rich," by Wallace D. Wattles. Unfortunately, the book was written in 1910 and both the language and examples were hard to identify with. Nevertheless, its tenets completely resonated with me. I wanted to internalize, to really "own" the principles contained in the book. So, to personalize the process in a way that would stick, I decided to write a modern story about it; a story that incorporated the concepts of "The Science of Getting Rich" using contemporary language and an existing backdrop. In this way, I knew I could ingrain the concepts into my psyche; while creating something that would help others discover the same powerful ideas.

Novices will easily learn "The Science of Getting Rich" through the edutainment of this book. And veterans

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of this subject will find the heartwarming anecdotes and examples refreshingly original.

Using today's language, "My Friend Yu – The Prosperity Mentor" thoroughly explains the timeless, Universal Laws of getting incredibly happy and wealthy. When obeyed, these Universal Laws never fail to result in manifesting great riches. "The Science of Getting Rich" is tightly woven into the plot of this intriguing, romantic, and funny story.

The setting for this narrative is in modern Thailand. The main character is named Juan Carlos "J.C.," an Asian-American English teacher who is forced to hunt for a new job. A half hearted inquiry into a possible employment opportunity results in a chance meeting with a billionaire named "Yu." They become friends. Eventually, Yu decides to teach J.C. the Science of Getting Rich.

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