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P R E F A C E

The Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous, was written between the years 1977 and 1981. Over this five year period, a movement grew from a few members to include thousands of N.A.'s from the United States, Australia, Great Britain and parts of Europe.

The workers who produced the work were ordinary people except in one respect: they were all addicts who had found recovery through the Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous. They found among their growing ranks whatever talents, skills and resources were required to complete the task at hand.

This story is a tribute to the perseverance, faith and recovery of all those who contributed what they had to offer to collect, compile and review the Basic Text. As is often the case with such works, the times, the methods and the miracles get lost as time goes along. Their story deserves to be told.

N.A. is a spiritual, not religious, program of recovery from the disease of addiction. Even so, it is unusual for the spiritual interworkings to surface in a visible manner so that new members and non-members can take a look into this remarkably simple and effective way of life. Without the bonds of selflessness and a sincere commitment to the idea that recovery ought to be available to any addict seeking recovery, the work would have been doomed from the start. As it was, the strain and tensions had all to be consistently overcome to carry the work forward to completion. Telling this story may help with future works of this nature for the benefit of those who suffer.

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DEDICATION

"Dedicated first to the members and Spirit of N.A. without which the subject of this work would not have occurred. Secondly, to Robyn without whose courage, faith and support the current work could not have been done. Thirdly, this work is dedicated to my two sons who have paid a heavy price for the works of their father."

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