

Sweet Odyssey – A Must Read True Story

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The legend of King Arthur is one of courage, valor, and loyalty; it is a story of heroic actions in the face of extraordinary odds. *Sweet Odyssey* tells a similar tale, but with one important exception. *It is true*. Its main protagonists, young “King” Artur Santos and his father Idario, are real-life heroes; made of flesh and blood. In *Sweet Odyssey*, you will learn that the challenges faced by the mythical King Arthur pale in comparison to those overcome by one courageous young boy and his family. *Sweet Odyssey* will teach you how real heroes think and act, drawing on deep reserves of integrity, resourcefulness, and perseverance in the face of almost unimaginable obstacles. Perhaps more importantly, *Sweet Odyssey* will teach you something about love; all who read the story of young Artur and his remarkable family will come away with a deeper understanding of the love that binds us to one another, and the sacrifices it entails. In my work as a physician, I am sometimes moved deeply by the sacrifices parents make on behalf of their children, and often by the selfless courage of the children themselves. These children teach us something different, more penetrating, than all the facts we can glean from medical textbooks. They teach us the true meaning of *compassion*.

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Short Biography



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