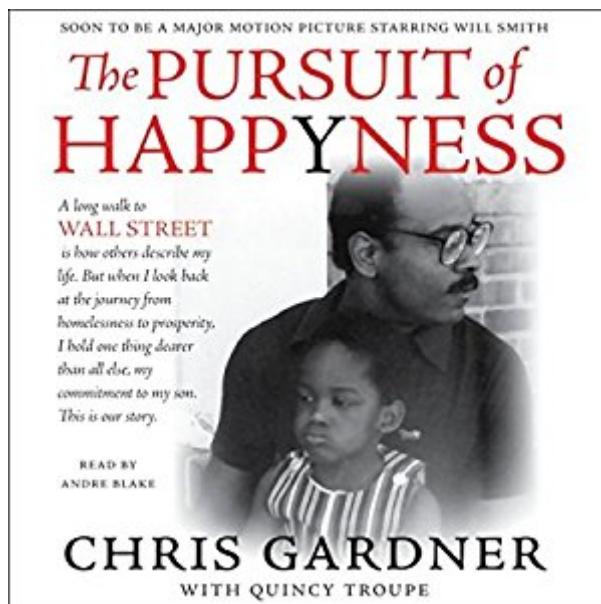


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# The Pursuit Of Happyness (Abridged)



## **Synopsis**

The astounding yet true rags-to-riches saga of a homeless father who raised and cared for his son on the mean streets of San Francisco and went on to become a crown prince of Wall Street. At the age of twenty, Chris Gardner arrived in San Francisco to pursue a promising career in medicine. However, he surprised everyone and himself by setting his sights on the competitive world of high finance. Yet no sooner had he landed an entry level position at a prestigious firm, Gardner found himself caught in a web of incredibly challenging circumstances that left him part of the city's working homeless with his toddler son. Motivated by the promise he made to himself as a fatherless child to never abandon his own children, the two spent almost a year moving from shelters, "HO-tels", and soup-lines. Never giving in to despair, Gardner makes an astonishing transformation from being part of the city's invisible to being a powerful player in its financial district. Here is the story of a man who breaks his own family's cycle of men abandoning their children, a story that appeals to the very essence of the American Dream. Read by Andre Blake -- This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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I saw the movie twice before I read the book. It took me all of 3 day to read it! It's a fascinating tale of a single-parent black male aspiring to become a renowned stock broker on Wall Street. Along the way, he encounters bigotry, homelessness, physical and mental abuse, and a plethora of other

obstacles. The book is an entirely converse version of the movie starring Will Smith and his son Jayden. If you want the real story, take several days to read this enthralling story. Especially gripping was how Gardner recounts in graphic detail how he was raped by another black man when he was in his early teens. Gardner also intersperses elements of hilarity throughout this tale too like the time he and his wife were at the beach when another women walked by and his hormones arrested his better judgment. If you like rags-to-riches stories please purchase this book. Not only does Gardner's story resonate with us "PSD" black males, it will appeal to everyone. After all this is a story not about black and white but GREEN!

Wonderful book.

This is such a great book. I have never read a hole book and this one I couldn't put down

Boring. Very racial comments. Didn't finish book due to this

Great book. Mr. Gardner gets very personal about his life, mixing the good with the bad. He tells a very real story that I find encouraging, not just for kids dealing with what appears to be insurmountable odds, but also for anyone in any situation. Chris Gardner makes you feel that you can do anything, if you work hard and not give up. Can I give this book 10 stars?

Loved every letter of the book! Makes me want to meet him in person ! Well earned Mr. Gardner !

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