

# McSorley My Dad And Me - A Heartwarming Tale

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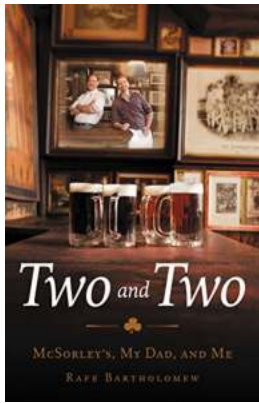


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In this captivating tale, we delve into the heartfelt journey shared by McSorley, my father, and myself. It is a narrative that spans generations, depicting the indomitable human spirit, the love between a father and son, and the unyielding power of resilience.

### **A Vivid Retrospection**

Picture this - a quaint Irish village, nestled amidst rolling green hills, with its cobblestone streets enhancing the town's rustic charm. It is within this serene backdrop that the enchanting story of McSorley and I unfolds. My father, a sturdy man with wise eyes and a gentle smile, served as my guiding light throughout my youth.



## Two and Two: McSorley's, My Dad, and Me

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### A Simple Life

Mcsorley was a man of simple pleasures, content with the little joys that life had to offer. He taught me the value of hard work, instilling in me a strong work ethic that continues to shape my life today. We would spend countless hours together, toiling in our garden or fishing by the nearby river - those were the moments when life felt truly magical.

### Lessons Learned

Through our shared experiences, Mcsorley imparted invaluable life lessons that have stuck with me throughout adulthood. He taught me the importance of compassion, empathy, and understanding. His wisdom, which he gained through the trials and tribulations of his own past, gave me the tools to navigate even the most challenging situations.

### A Journey of Resilience

Mcsorley had faced his fair share of hardships; he had weathered both personal and societal storms that threatened to dim his spirit. Yet, he emerged stronger, a

testament to the resilience inherent within the human soul. His unwavering determination to provide a better life for us served as a beacon of hope during the darkest of times.

## **An Unbreakable Bond**

As I reflect upon our shared journey, it becomes clear that the bond between Mcsorley and me was unbreakable. We laughed together, cried together, and celebrated the milestones that marked our lives. Our experiences shaped the very fabric of my being, influencing the person I am today.

## **The Legacy Lives On**

Although Mcsorley is no longer with us, his spirit lives on within me. I carry his teachings in my heart, drawing strength from his memory during challenging times. His presence continues to inspire me, reminding me of the incredible power of love and the importance of cherishing those precious moments spent with loved ones.

## **In**

Mcsorley My Dad And Me is an enchanting tale that explores the depths of human connection and resilience. It serves as a reminder of the profound impact our loved ones have on our lives and the lasting legacy they leave behind. This heartwarming story will leave you reflecting on your own relationships and cherishing the moments that truly matter.

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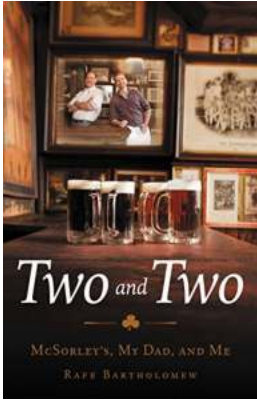
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A deeply stirring memoir of fathers, sons, and the oldest bar in New York City.

Since it opened in 1854, McSorley's Old Ale House has been a New York institution. This is the landmark watering hole where Abraham Lincoln campaigned and Boss Tweed kicked back with the Tammany Hall machine. Where a pair of Houdini's handcuffs found their final resting place. And where soldiers left behind wishbones before departing for the First World War, never to return and collect them. Many of the bar's traditions remain intact, from the newspaper-covered walls to the plates of cheese and raw onions, the sawdust-strewn floors to the tall-tales told by its bartenders.

But in addition to the bar's rich history, McSorley's is home to a deeply personal story about two men: Rafe Bartholomew, the writer who grew up in the landmark pub, and his father, Geoffrey "Bart" Bartholomew, a career bartender who has been working the taps for forty-five years.

On weekends, Rafe Bartholomew would tag along for the early hours of his dad's shift, polishing brass doorknobs, watching over the bar cats, and handling other odd jobs until he grew old enough to join Bart behind the bar. McSorley's was a place of bizarre rituals, bawdy humor, and tasks as unique as the bar itself:

protecting the decades-old dust that had gathered on treasured artifacts; shot-putting thirty-pound grease traps into high-walled Dumpsters; and trying to keep McSorley's open through the worst of Hurricane Sandy.

But for Rafe, the bar means home. It's the place where he and his father have worked side by side, serving light and dark ale, always in pairs, the way it's always been done. Where they've celebrated victories, like the publication of his father's first book of poetry, and coped with misfortune, like the death of Rafe's mother. Where Rafe learned to be part of something bigger than himself and also how to be his own man. By turns touching, crude, and wildly funny, Rafe's story reveals universal truths about family, loss, and the bursting history of one of New York's most beloved institutions.



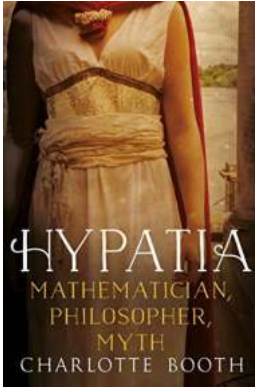
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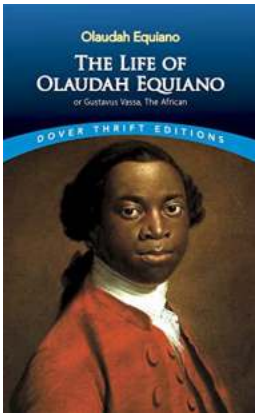
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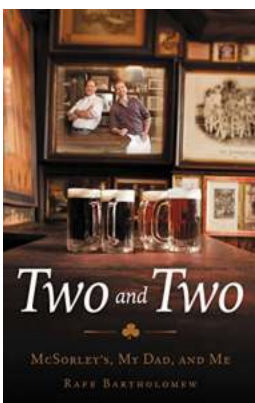
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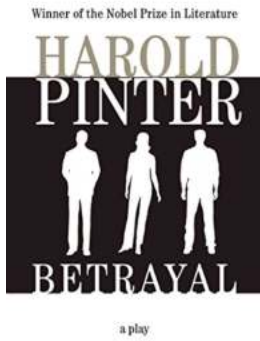
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