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THE GRAND LIFE – PART 1 by Patrick L Griffin OAM

Since reading Part 1 of 'The Grand Life' I've almost come to know Patrick as a friend. It's true, we've never met and whilst our education and careers couldn't have been more different, I feel we are kindred spirits.

'The Grand Life', Part 1, is an honest, frank and detailed description of Patrick's formative years, sprinkled liberally with a wide variety of glorious (and sometimes eye-opening) anecdotes which range from poignant through to thoroughly hilarious. In spite of his parents' best intentions, Patrick wasn't educationally stimulated whilst at public school. Consequently, on paper, his academic achievements amounted to very little and, reading between the lines, it's obvious that his teachers had written him off as far as a successful 'mainstream' career was concerned. On the other hand, his entrepreneurial spirit, which he developed in parallel with his schooling, together with a remarkable sprinkling of good luck, launched him on a voyage of success in the very demanding hotel industry – a career in which he excelled and which gave him great pleasure.

If I was to sum up Part 1 of this remarkable memoir, I'd say that it would be a paradigm for the curriculum of a masters' degree in the university of life.

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