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## LEARNING NEVER EXHAUSTS THE MIND. —LEONARDO DA VINCI

To concerned parents:
This is the peace of mind you are seeking.
—Mehdi Toozhy

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This book is the essence of ten years of studies at three international universities. Upon entering the Danish Technical University, I began to search for techniques to improve how I learned. I always looked for students in their final semester and asked for their feedback and notes. I studied these notes carefully and managed to build a knowledge base that I put into practice in my own studies. I compiled these many years' worth of notes and observations, and it resulted in the production of this book. It is not easy to study. I have seen many students give up on their dreams because they felt overwhelmed and lonely.

I decided to write this book to encourage those who feel they can't continue because they fear they lack the talent to succeed.

I learned that you have to earn knowledge by hard work.

I am grateful to the Creator for being able to finish this work.

I would like to thank one of my great teachers, Professor Arvid Andersen from the Danish Technical University in Denmark, for his great advice and help in my journey to become an engineer.

I would also like to extend my thanks to my family for supporting and encouraging me to finish this book.

This book is for all students who seek to realize their dreams.

#### **PREFACE**

#### What is the purpose of this book?

It was written to make you realize your true potential and help you to achieve it.

The idea of writing this book came to me when I realized that if I knew in university what I know now, life back then would have been much more enjoyable. I decided to write this book so that when you have finished the academic part of your life, you don't look back and say, "I wish somebody had told me about that." Knowing is a very powerful thing, and I will help you to know.

When you start your college or university journey you will face many challenges. It is hard to find someone to tell you what to do. The feeling of information overload is overwhelming, and you may feel saturated at the very beginning. You have to live by yourself and deal with the challenges that life throws at you.

In the 10 years of my academic life I experienced three different educational systems:

- Danish
- British
- German Engineering Standard

My approach to studying at university is a combination of my many years of international experience. This book reflects the techniques that made me successful all those years.

My quest for science at an early age led me to move to Europe alone when I was a grade 8 student so I could seek new experiences. Keeping a positive mind and treating every experience as part of life's classroom enriched me and helped me to forget difficult and lonely times. My knowledge expanded with every problem encountered, and over time, things became easier and I got better at problem solving.

I decided to write this book in a way that is easy to read and with clear messages rather than writing a detailed description of study techniques that would be tiring and time consuming. I want you to think smart and consider the big picture. Once you have the main idea, looking for and researching information should be the easy part. I will show you the direction you need to take, but you have to take the steps and show commitment to ensure you reach your goal.

Whenever I use a quote from great minds it confirms my own experiences. You can apply these experiences and take comfort in knowing that you can be a successful student and also continue to be successful in your professional life. As a nature lover, I have also researched and presented you with inspiration from nature.

My motto is: "Try to learn from everyone and everything in your life journey."

In other words, try to treat everyday life as a university.

The Keys to Success at School and Beyond is a book that will help you to overcome challenges and remind you that human beings are very powerful when they put their minds into making the world a better place. Students who say that they don't have the talent to succeed need to know that they are the only ones who can help themselves. So stand up and know that hard work is even more important than talent.