

Acknowledgments

This book is intended to represent, in a small way, an acknowledgment of the achievements of people with brain injury and their families. Some of those who sought assistance from Dr Ted Freeman after the Australian healthcare system effectively discarded them are described in the book. They are intended to be a representative selection of the people who sought his help over two decades. Some achieved remarkable results; others were much less spectacular. Some failed to improve; others died suddenly and unexpectedly, often after making good progress. An unknown number of young victims of motor vehicle accidents lacked a family able to intervene on their behalf and may spend up to five decades in aged-care institutions.

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