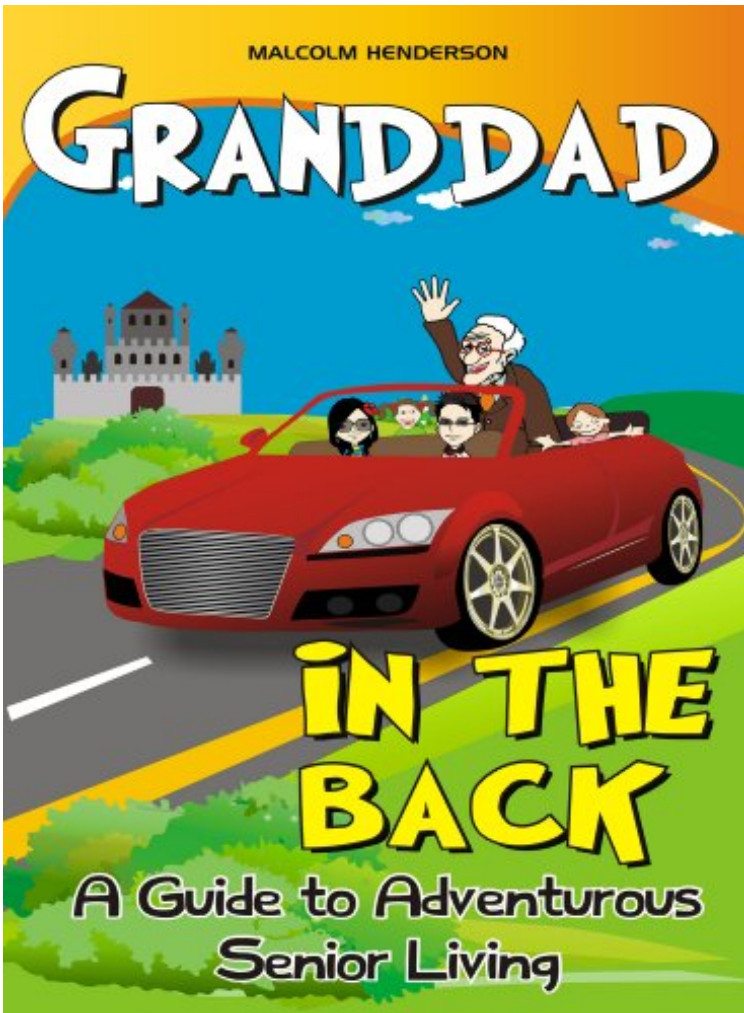


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have a thing about French coffee drunk in France from large bowl-like cups while dunking fresh croissants. I had more refills than was sensible in the half hour before our departure. An hour up the autoroute I realized I could do with a bathroom break. When a sign announced the next stop in 26 kilometers, I suggested we stop. Sorry, Malcolm! It is too soon to stop Richard decreed. We will stop at the following one in 76 kilometers. We shot past the stop at high speed. I managed to last out only by reliving a freezing afternoon in Morton Bay, Queensland, when I was a guest crew-member on a yacht competing in a sailing race with no opportunity to take a leak. It was sheer will power that had saved me on that occasion and I managed to muster the same once again but at a cost of agony of mind and body. It was at the rest stop that I devised my Rest Stop Strategy. Out of parental ear-shot, I made a deal with the girls. On receiving a dig in ribs from me, one or both, it didn't matter which. I would call out in an urgent voice Dad, please I must go pee pee now! Each successful stop was rewarded with a chocolate bar or ice cream of choice. Having found the means for taking control of the frequency of rest stop breaks, I set out to devise a War on Aging training course and enrolled myself as its first student. Maintaining control, not over others, but of your own life, is key to getting maximum satisfaction out of each day spent in life's finale which can be the highlight and climax of the whole show. * Like yourself, enjoy being with yourself and forgive yourself for your past sins and follies * Work to eliminate whatever stresses you * Maintain maximum reasonable independence * Do a good turn to somebody each day.

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Biographie de l'auteur Born in England in 1933, a graduate of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst before serving as an infantry officer in Hong Kong, Cyprus, Kenya, India and Germany. Left the army in 1968 to become an art dealer in London, where he also helped moderate trade unionists win election battles against extremists. Emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1976 and owned an art gallery in Georgetown, Washington, D.C. Came to Panama in 1997. Author of three other books related to Panama: Dont Kill the Cow Too Quick, an account of his experiences during his first six years of living in the Bocas Archipelago: " Innocents Overboard , a novel advocating a change from domination to partnership in all relations from within the family to relationships at the international level. Superstitions, Priates, Ghosts and Folklore of Bocas del Toro, Panama. A non-conformist, whose lifestyle is a mix of the Gringo and Latino/Caribe cultures, it troubles him not that he is

thought to be poco loco (a little mad) by both sides of the cultural divide.