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-RODRICK NABÉ- Author of The Art of Public Speaking

SPEAK

Like You Will Never

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Again



**A Comprehensive Workbook to Overcome Fear
and Make You a Powerful Speaker**

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DEDICATION

For my mother, Martha, who said, *"Son, you are the Rock"* and
my wife, Teddy, who said, *"Let's take a Selfie now"*

Public Speaking

Public speaking made me nervous when I was in school
Getting up in front of class, I always lost my cool
I memorized my speeches and really knew them well
But between my brain and lips, things just didn't jell

Here are a few examples with embarrassing details
"Saving whales," I meant to say instead of "waving sails"
And when one wants to talk about "battle ships and cruisers"
His audience will likely laugh at "cattle ships and bruisers"

It shouldn't be as hard as jumping a high hurdle
To say "hypodermic needle" not "hypodemc nurdle"
And certainly, one understands that a "well-oiled bicycle"
Will last a whole lot longer than a "well-boiled icicle"

During school it seemed likely I'd been "wasting two terms"
Still, a whole lot better that "tasting two worms"
So, compared to public speaking, writing is the "fun part"
More dignified that expounding on the latest "pun fart"

-Alan Balter-

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FOREWORD

Effective speaking is part of life's success equation. There are a lot of people with wonderful potential who died as beggars because they fail to communicate the great ideas they had in life. Improving your speaking skills and ability will open opportunities for you to realize your dreams faster than ever before.

When I first read this book, I realized that in my life as a speaker, I have never come across such a comprehensive manual for developing speaking skills as this book. In a very clear and simple way, Peter has packaged the book in such a way that everyone who reads it, despite his or her background will be able to become an effective speaker.

"SPEAK Like You Will Never SPEAK Again" is a must-read for everyone who wants to have solid skills in public speaking.

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May God bless you abundantly.

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**“In Some Respects, a Speech Is Like a Love Affair. Any Fool
Can Start One, but to End, It Requires Considerable Skill”-
Lord Mancroft**

INTRODUCTION

It started in my dream. Sure. In my dream. I was tiresomely asleep. And deep in my sleep, I felt the darkened monster standing beside my bedside. In a low, heavy and scratching tone, I heard it said, *“Imagine that you have been given the only opportunity to speak in front of an audience under the condition that your mouth will immediately be shut after your speech, and you will not open it again, how would you say what you would like to say to leave a legacy?”* I was shocked. I was sincerely shaking, sweating, trembling and I felt myself shouting in a fearful tone. I struggled. At the deep end of my battle, I sensed a shadow of this monster walking out, feeling the heavy steps fading from the bedroom. It slowly disappeared. I was still sweating, forcing myself to wake up. After some harsh trials, I managed to open my eyes. In the middle of the quiet night, I pushed myself out of the wet bed. I woke up and spent a few minutes sitting on it, thinking.

Deep in my thought, I learned that God wanted me to use such a night to start a journey towards searching for myself. Then I thought of doing something. I thought of doing something about public speaking before getting back to sleep! I believed that He wanted me to speak up and make my voice heard to the entire world before it's too late. In midst of the quiet night, I set my bare feet on the floor, walked in a zigzag through the corridor in a sleeping mood, straight to the bookshelf which was in the corner of my study room. It took me almost fifteen minutes of searching before realizing that the bookshelf had no any book relating to public speaking. I felt disappointed! The painful feelings of disappointment pushed me straight to the darkened sitting room and I silently sat on the black sofa.

Holding a pillow in darkness, I started to think again. I thought and thought and thought! In the middle of my thinking, I felt the voice inside me telling me to use my skills to change the world, but I still did not believe it was possible. Sure, I did not know whether to pick up a pen and write could be the logical way of changing the world. I kept on thinking. And finally, I felt my mind resonating more than once with words that inspired me to write this book. Sure!

Inspired by Beverly Cleary’s words that “*If you don’t see the book you want on the shelf, write it*”, I got off my feet, switched on the light and straight went to the study room again! Driven by Louis L’Amour’s philosophy that “*The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on*”, I switched on the light, found a pen and a notebook and started writing! This book is my speech! The quiet night dream awoke the passion inside me and anonymously found myself hidden in the study room for at least two hours of that midnight, thinking of a concept to write about! And from that night, I had my heart close to the books, busy learning about public speaking. Since that night my mind has been haunted by the desire of learning and sharing knowledge about public speaking. I was so hungry for writing to change the world and this book is the vital product of that dream.

Life and experiences have taught me since then that every human being is created and born with an ability to deliver a wonderful speech in front of others. This notion stands against the popular myth which reveals that it is only great speakers who are born, not made with the ability to speak in public. In this aspect, not every human being is a public speaker. Not at all. It is only for talented people and the rest are born to be the listeners.

Is it true that the basic skills of organization, preparation, and delivery are the innate behaviors of certain people?

This popular myth suggests that power and authority of uttering