Darol Rodrock founded one of the most successful residential development companies in the Midwest—enjoying all the wealth and accolades that accompany such a distinguished position—but for years he harbored a dark secret. He tried to hide a childhood marked in ugliness, abuse, abandonment, and poverty. Shuffled in and out of orphanages and foster homes, the shadow of his past was something Darol spent his life overcoming.

Here is the history of how an abandoned little boy grew up to be an ambitious businessman and passionate philanthropist. Most importantly, here are the personal beliefs and daily practices that helped make such a dynamic transition possible.

In your hands you also hold a catalyst for change—as all proceeds help fund the focus of Darol's later years: The Darol Rodrock Foundation. The Foundation seeks to help children who are lost within the foster-care system and in desperate need a helping hand. This is a story of faith, of hope, and of healing. It's proof that the ugliest of beginnings can be transformed into something truly beautiful.

