

Dedication

This book is dedicated to the thousands of children
who have read my story books promoting principles
for successful living and are now today's youth.
I desire everyone to have a bright future.

Teen Success In Career and Life Skills

About the Author

Carl Sommer, a devoted educator and successful businessman, has a passion for communicating values and practical learning skills. As a successful businessman and educator, Sommer is eminently qualified to impart to students the principles necessary for success in an increasingly complex world.

Following his passion, Sommer has authored books in many categories. His works include: *Another Sommer-Time Story*™ series of children's books, read-alongs, and videos that impart values and principles for success for children; literacy programs dealing with reading; technical books; and a video math program from addition to trigonometry (see www.advancepublishing.com for the latest information about these programs).

During the Korean War, Sommer served in the Marine Corps. At age 40, he became a New York City public high school teacher. To become certified, he attended Oswego State University, City College of New York, and New York University. Sommer then became an assistant dean of boys in a high school with 3,600 pupils where he counseled students and parents.

As Sommer taught, he witnessed firsthand the many deficiencies of the educational system and began to investigate. His research led him to work as a substitute teacher at every grade level in 27 different schools in all of the boroughs of New York City. After identifying the problems and needs of America's students, he proceeded to craft solutions. His exhaustive ten-year study, including a one-year leave of absence from teaching, led to his first book published in 1984, *Schools in Crisis: Training for Success or Failure?*

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Across the nation, Sommer appeared on radio and television programs, including the nationally syndicated Oprah Winfrey Show. He has served on the Texas State Board of Education Review Committee and taught a Junior Achievement economics course at Prague University, Czech Republic. The International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, England, has nominated him for International Writer of the Year.

Sommer is the founder and president of Advance Publishing; Digital Cornerstone, a recording and video studio; and Reliable EDM, a precision machining company that specializes in electrical discharge machining. It is the largest company of its kind west of the Mississippi River (www.ReliableEDM.com). Two of his sons manage the EDM company, and another son manages his publishing company and recording studios which allows him to pursue his passion for writing.

Born in 1930, Sommer has been happily married since 1955 and has five children and 19 grandchildren. Sommer likes to read, and his hobbies are swimming and fishing. He exercises five times a week at home. Don't think of him as an old man. To this day Sommer regularly does 40 chin ups at one time. For his 78th birthday he tested himself and did 46 one-time chin ups. Twice a week he does dips at his kitchen corner countertop and chin-ups on a bar between his kitchen and garage. Three times a week he works out at a home gym and does push-ups and leg raises. Five times a week he walks on a treadmill for 20 minutes. He's in excellent health and has no plans to retire.

From Sommer's rich experiences and his passion to help students become successful, he is producing many new products that promote virtues and real-life skills.