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## *The Love It Takes, the extraordinary influence of Louis Tomlinson*

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I grew up along the beaches of Orange County, California back when Irvine was still orange groves. I got married too young, had a couple of kids and several cats, and then got divorced. I've moved too many times and experienced so many things I feel I've lived multiple lives in one lifetime. I have more stories in my head than I have time to write down, but I often try, usually in the middle of the night.

Being a bit of a technology nerd, I moved to Silicon Valley-San Francisco Bay Area. From there I got into marketing and eventually started my own public relations company in advanced technologies. I've been writing stories for many years and published a book about my three-month road trip with my (then) 12-year-old son titled: *Nirvana, Nintendo, and Notable Detours*. I've been working on my book *Essays After a Lot of Tequila* for nearly three years. Why is it taking so long? That's a long story that involves a fall from a ladder during the pandemic, a shattered elbow and arm, and two years of recovery.

After working with numerous tech companies and executives, I was a bit disillusioned and tired of the industry and what I had to learn and unlearn. I decided to go off on my own in 2014 and started by taking a long break. I bought a big SUV and a 14-foot brand new trailer and traveled the USA for nearly two years. Alone. It gave me the time to figure out who I was versus what I wanted to be and discovered there was a big difference. When I got back, I had decided to work only with people who inspired me so that I could give a voice to them.

When I'm not trying to finish one of my writing projects, I'm either reading or painting. I've been an artist since 2001 and at one time gallery represented in Palo Alto, California and Santa Fe, New Mexico. I'm an eclectic reader of mostly nonfiction. Recent favorites include *The Creative Act* by Rick Rubin, *Breaking Twitter* by Ben Mezrich, and older favorites including *The Fourth Turning* by William Strauss and Neil Howe, and all the Anthony Bourdain books.

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