

Bader Field Book Reviews:

An expert in the business of buying, selling, and caring for fine art, author Carl David presents *Bader Field: A Journey of Love, Forgiveness and Acceptance*, a personal memoir about his relationship with his loving father, whose sudden passing from a coronary at the age of fifty-eight left forced twenty-four-year-old Carl to quickly take the reins of the family art business. Beset by his own grief over the loss of his father (and the previous loss of his brother to suicide), the responsibility of helping his frail mother, and the monumental task of running a business, Carl had to draw upon everything his father taught him to stay afloat. A story of adaptation, determination, and (sometimes) learning tough lessons the hard way, *Bader Field* is nonetheless inspirational and highly recommended.

Inspirational and highly recommended, July 11, 2009

Reviewed By Midwest Book Review (Oregon, WI USA)

In *Bader Field*, Carl David portrays a beautiful story speaking about the love and inspiration he received from his father who passed on when Carl was only 24 years old. It is an emotional story of the trials and difficulties to continue even when the going is rough and one thinks he cannot go forward.

Sam David, Carl's father was an extraordinary individual who was not only an inspiration to his family and children but also in the art world. It was an honor to meet Sam David in this memoir.

Sam David guided Carl in his young life and gave him elemental tools to use. The tools and the guidance are what have helped Carl to get through the loss of his father, to hold the family together, bring up his children and continue to make the family art business thrive.

With *Bader Field*, Carl David has given the readers lessons, wisdom and the elemental tools for life survival and shared them with his readers. It's a good book to read.

Bader Field, July 10, 2009

Reviewed By Leigh Ann Lemire "ilia" (Scottsdale, Az)

Carl David takes us on a trip through his life following the unexpected death of his father at the age of 58. Through flashback, we get to know his life and the impact his father had on him. The David family has owned an art gallery in Philadelphia for four generations and Carl fears that as he teaches his sons the business, will he be able to pass on the wisdom that this father gave him. "*Bader Field*" named after a small airport in Atlantic

that holds fond memories for the author, is a truly inspiring book about personal growth and the strength to let go of the past and live our lives.

Fascinating, May 28, 2009

Reviewed By grumpydan (Andover, NJ United States)

The Field Family has been on the Philadelphia Art World for four generations. The author, Carl David is from the new generation and his book tells us the emotional story of love between father and son. The father lost his life to a massive heart attack when he was only 58 and this propelled Carl, then 24, was thrust into the business at the head of the line. He had just entered the business three years before; Young Carl not only has to take care of the family business but also of his mother whose health was fragile. Carl had lost his brother to suicide some eight years earlier so everything rested firmly on Carl's shoulders. He had to take the family business to the next generation as well--to his own children when they came into the world.

The intricacies of the art world are beautifully explored here and Carl David knows this field well but there is more than art here. We get a look at the modern family and information about flying small planes. The book is named for Bader Field in Atlantic City, the oldest airfield in the nation. Our story begins and ends here. It is a drama of human emotion full of large and loveable characters. We see the effects that a suicide has on a family and what it takes to move past that. There is a great deal of love and inspiration in the book. This is quite simply a beautiful book.

The Family Business, April 27, 2009

Reviewed By Amos Lassen (Little Rock, Arkansas)

"Bader Field" by Carl David wins Honorary Mention in Non-Fiction/Memoir Category in Reader Views Annual Literary Awards!

"Bader Field" (Nightengale Press, 2008) was selected as the Honorary Mention in Non Fiction/Memoir category of 2008 by Reader Views Annual Literary Awards - Reviewers Choice. The annual awards were established to honor writers who self-published or had their books published by a small press, university press, or independent book publisher.

"Reader Views reviews more than 2,000 books per year from budding authors who have worked hard to achieve their dream of being published," Reader Views Managing Editor Irene Watson says. "Our Annual Literary Awards recognize the very best of these up-and-coming authors, all talented writers who we know have very promising writing careers ahead of them."

The Reader Views Annual Literary Awards are granted in fiction and nonfiction categories, as well as regional, global and specialized, sponsored categories. The entries are first read and judged by Reader Views reviewers, all avid readers with a wide range of experiences, considered experts in the respective fields. The second line judges make the final decision.

"Bader Field" Wins 2009 Reader Views Honorary Mention, March 5, 2009
Reviewed By Carl David "Arlyn David" (Philadelphia, PA USA)

Mr. David has written a story of love and inspiration in memory of his father who died in 1973. It is also of his journey and healing through many trials in his life when he thought he could not go on.

There are very few individuals who come into our lives for a short period of time that leave a lasting impression on us. Sam David, Carl's father was one of those special individuals. From the time he was a teen until his death he was an inspiration to all and one of the world's greatest authorities on art. His uncanny ability to acquire masterpieces and know trends coming in the art world before anyone else did earned him respect and love.

As a young boy Carl David was in awe of his father. Not only did his dad take time to be with and guide Carl, he let him make his own choices without interference. He taught his son how the art world worked, how to choose quality pieces and how to work hard and still enjoy life. One of his father's greatest passions was flying.

Prior to his father's sudden death, Carl's brother Bruce killed himself. His father was the one who found him hanging in the 4th floor of the studio. Carl's parents were never the same. Bruce and Carl were very close and he had great difficulty trying to answer "why."

Married now with two grown sons, Carl David has worked in the art field for years. His sons now help with the family business. He has taken the time, as did his father to teach his sons about life. It is rare, that as teenagers, children take what a parent says to heart. The author, Carl David, has done that and through his writing of "Bader Field," he has given readers the same wisdom his father gave him.

A wonderful inspiring story, January 7, 2009

Reader Views "www.readerviews.com" (Austin, Texas)
Reviewed by Carol Hoyer, PhD, for Reader Views (1/09)

I had the privilege of serving as the developmental and copy editor for this book. The author, Carl David, is a skilled writer with a superb story.

Bader Field has the drama of human emotion stirred by true events that bring lovable characters to life. Plus, there are interesting historical facts intertwined throughout the telling.

I was not familiar with the art world that is common and everyday life for the David family, but I learned things in this book that caused me to better appreciate all art forms around me--even the art of life itself. I also learned quite a bit about flying twin-engine airplanes, which is a huge love the author shared with his dad. The book is named after the airfield that launched Carl and his dad to the skies where they enjoyed hundreds of flight hours reveling in their distinctive father-son bond.

Even though the book follows a chronological time line, each chapter has an embedded memory or flashback that lands us in the middle of an exciting, tragic, or educational event. Whether a childhood winter moment as the David boys take their dad for the sled ride of his life; or the account of how a famous piece of art was acquired; or the bygone days of the Depression Era when Sam and Flora first met--this book details a heartfelt journey that demonstrates the healing that comes from letting go of the past and living only for what is before us in this moment.

Bader Field allows a reader to see the inside impact that the self-inflicted death of a loved one has on an entire family and how much spiritual strength it takes to move past such devastation.

After reading Bader Field, you will feel as if you have known the David family all your life. You may even feel like part of the family and be tempted to refer to Sam David as "Pop." He might even visit you in spirit!

Art Dealer, Pilot, and Family, October 28, 2008

Reviewed By Yvonne Perry "Writers in the Sky Creative Writing (Nashville, TN)
