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[Intro]

Welcome once again everybody to *Success Left a Clue*, a weekly podcast where I deliver a few minutes of nuggets of gold and clues that I get from travelling around the world for everyday life.

My name is Robert Raymond Riopel and let's get into today's episode, which happens to be episode number 54, episode number 54. I am feeling blessed to be able to do what I do and again, I'm coming to you from Vietnam right now. I happen to be here during a few events. I'll be in Singapore in a couple of weeks as well doing another event and just loving being able to travel around the world doing this.

Today's lesson, today's topic is called 'Do You Judge a Book by Its Cover?' We've all been told that, we've always heard, don't judge a book by its cover. But in reality, you know we do. You know you do and I do the same thing.

I got this great reminder just a couple of weeks ago of why it's important to learn behind the scenes. Don't just judge the book by its cover. Let me set the scenario for how I learned this and how you can apply this in your life.

I ended up doing, in one of my programs, in Seattle, Washington. It was the middle of August and while I was at the program, I ended up changing my plans. I was supposed to fly home after but I ended up flying to beautiful Victoria, British Columbia to be with family. And while we were there, my wife came down and joined me as well.

We were being able to be with family and we're taking some time to be with ourselves as well. We happened to go out a couple of times, once a day to this beautiful park because Victoria's on the ocean. It's got this beautiful little piece of land that jets out. They've made it into a park. You can drive down there. People are flying kites because the wind is incredible. You can walk down to the rocks and be at the water, just lots of great things you can do there. And because it's a park, there is garbage cans all the way around.

And so, one of the last days that we were there, we had been there for quite a while, we had our animals out just relaxing, enjoying, soaking up the sun and before we load them back up into the truck, we decide we take Gracie May, our pet pig, for a walk so she can do last minute business before we load her back up in the back seat of the truck.

As we're walking along, this city worker in a truck comes along and he's got a flatbed truck with a big boom on it, a crane boom. We see him from a distance that he's using it to empty the garbage. We don't see how he's emptying the garbage just that he's doing it. It was interesting because my wife Roxanne says, "Why does he need a truck like that to empty the garbage?" And me, being smart like aleck as I am, I automatically said, "Oh, it's probably because he's union."

And look, I have nothing against union. Some people are going to get pissed off from that statement, whatever. My opinion is just my belief. Unions have a place at one point and there's still some good they do but unfortunately, they don't do as much good as they used to and some people just use them for the system. That's all I'm going to say on it.

I made this smart aleck comment and we kept walking, talking to people who wanted to come up, meet Gracie May. We're always educating people on different things especially when it comes to what a pet pig is like and stuff like that.

As we get closer, we see that the guy is the worker is talking to someone else and I see the person look into the garbage can. And so, I was like, I said, "That's interesting." They are big garbage cans. They're about five feet round and so they're fairly big. As I get close, I look down at the garbage can and all of a sudden, I understood. I understood why he needed the crane. Because when I then looked at his truck, I totally understood.

It wasn't like a normal garbage can where it's two or three or four feet tall and it has garbage bag in it that he can just easily remove. Maybe because it has heavy garbage so it is harder. So that is why I originally made the comment and that is why he needed a crane. But this particular garbage can actually went 20 feet deep in the ground. It wasn't just surface level. It was actually 20 feet deep. And the bag was 20 plus feet in size. So of course, he needed this crane to be able to haul that whole bag out. And sure enough, across the deck of this truck, he had one of these garbage bags that was full, packed full of garbage laying on that.

And so, I knew, coz I was blown away. And I was curious now. And so, I wanted to have a conversation with the guy in it and I just said to him, I said, "Hey! How is it going?" I said, "That's quite a unique way of doing things." He said, "Yeah." I said, "Wow!" I said, "Look, I am going to let you know. I made this kind of smart aleck comment that you need a crane because you were a city worker and or union worker." And I said, "I apologize. I was judging kind of a book by its cover and was being a smart ass." So I apologize for that. Now that I see why he needed it, I said, "That's pretty ingenious." I said, "How often do you have to empty these coz obviously it is a big park."

He goes, "Yeah, this garbage can in the park is the busiest." He said, "So this one, we have to empty about every 5 weeks." 5 weeks. Every garbage can in that park can go for up to 6 months without having to be emptied. And again, I am like, "That is brilliant. Brilliant." Coz instead on a park like that, if they had a regular garbage can, they would have someone staff to be coming and emptying it. Some of them twice a day. At least once a day for almost single one of them.

But here, the one was able to go 5 weeks. The other 6 months because of the design they made it. And of course, I pulled out my phone coz I knew this would be a podcast episode. Because isn't this what we do in life? We judge books by the cover. We look at it and we make determinations. We come to conclusion based on what we see. But until we really, really, really take a look at it, you will never know.

It is the same as one of my podcasts, talking about side A where we look at our life but we compare our life to other people's greatest hits and wonder why we're miserable. But until we look at inside their book and find out what their journey was like, what they went through, we don't know. We don't know. We're just judging the book by the cover.

So what a great reminder from me to not do that, to be conscious of not doing that. And I encourage each and every one of you to do the same thing. Don't judge a book by its cover. Be willing to get into, if you notice you do, then be even more curious to find out kind of back story. You look at someone you instantly don't like them. You don't know their life. You haven't walked in their shoes. Get to know them if you are really interested in why they're the way they are. If you're not, then look, own it as your projection, as your crown that you're projecting on them.

Don't judge the book by the cover. So that is the episode. That is what I want to get out for today. Episode number 54. Do you judge a book by its cover?

Thanks again everyone who's been listening and following us on our podcast. Again, please let people know about it. Share it. Go to our website for the transcriptions. If you haven't ordered my book yet, please do go to Amazon. You can order it there. And I look forward to having you on the next episode.

So for Success Left a Clue, episode number 54, this is Robert Raymond Riopel. Always live with passion.

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