DEDICATION

To all the A's in my life ... there is nothing virtual about your love!

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To my mother, Anna Zigurs, who recently asked me what this "dot.com" fuss was all about, providing me the challenge of explaining our virtual world in Latvian. To the memory of my father, Janis Zigurs. And to Michael Beck, with whom life is great every day.

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