



# The Anniversary Box

A Novel by Pinehills Resident Tom Murphy

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Inspired by the love he shared with his late wife, Barb, Tom Murphy of Pinehills penned the newly published novel, *The Anniversary Box*, which was released on August 2, 2021, the anniversary of their marriage. Combining mystery and romance, the book follows the journey of a young woman who, as she is about to get married, learns that her parents created an “anniversary box.” In it, they stored 24 messages they wrote to each other each year during their 24-year marriage, and she sets out to find the missing box that holds the key to a lifetime of love.

“*The Anniversary Box* is about ideas that can serve as a road map for couples to help them think about all the great things that keep their love strong. Young people can use their thoughts as a guide, while older people can pass their wisdom onto their children and grandchildren,” shares Tom.

Tom was inspired by his wife Barb’s resiliency. A marathon runner, Barb developed non-smoker’s lung cancer out of the blue. “She fought it for six years before she passed away in 2013. We had many conversations about how to stay strong,” he said, “I put everything I learned from Barb about courage into the story.”

The theme of resiliency is central to Tom’s professional career as well. As the Director of Fordham University’s Human Resiliency Institute, he helps veterans secure employment through his Edge4Vets.org program. The pandemic considerably decreased the amount of travel from his home in Winslow’s View to New York, providing time and space for him to sit down and write *The Anniversary Box*, his third book.

In addition, Tom has exciting plans to make the anniversary box concept literally jump off the page. He will be organizing groups of Pinehills couples together to build their own anniversary boxes to share with their families.

You can learn more about *The Anniversary Box* at [www.theanniversarybox.com](http://www.theanniversarybox.com). It’s available on Amazon and additional bookstores. If you’re interested in building your own anniversary box, reach out to Tom at [tom@tommurphy.org](mailto:tom@tommurphy.org).

A portion of all book proceeds benefits the Barb’s Beer Foundation, a 503c foundation that Tom founded, in Barb’s honor, to raise funds to cure lung cancer.





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A love story

Tom Murphy

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Tom Murphy has written a beautiful and truly inspiring novel that comes directly from the author's heart. *The Anniversary Box* is that rare love story that can be enjoyed equally by both men and women. This book is a gift and a guide for all the world's lovers, and all those who believe that love conquers all.

—Nelson DeMille

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