

To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this mail is to briefly introduce my book. It is a true story of endurance, heroism, survival and the full strength and power of the human spirit.

Everybody is unique. I am enforced unique (in the world) because of the sheer fact that I received four kidneys from relatives (successively from my brother, father, mother and wife) during the past twenty years.

I wrote my - what others call - sensational, gripping and powerful story in: **Dancing On Sand** - *The gift of time*

More than a book about living-donor renal transplants, it reads like a thrilling novel about the inconceivability of the unavoidable. The themes that appear in my book – vulnerability, perseverance, love, uncertainty, survival, compassion and offering resistance to destiny – are universal themes. Dancing On Sand embodies not just the struggle to be *André Bek*, but the struggle to be *human*, in glory and shame, secrets and contradictions, pain and joy.

My tale provides valuable inspiration for others struggling to return to an active life after a dire illness. Dancing On Sand is an inspirational tale of hope and accomplishment where everyone can find personal meaning in.

My book received substantial attention from the Dutch media (TV/radio, newspapers, magazines) and Members of Parliament. I am familiar with the fact that the shortage of donor organs is a matter of grave concern in the world (e.g. 56.000 EU-people are on an organ waiting list. Fifteen patients die every day while waiting for an organ). In that perspective, Dancing On Sand can be also read as a political and critical statement. It brings attention to the very urgent need for organ donors around the world. Dancing On Sand received in Holland - without exception - praising reviews and enthusiastic reactions.

It is my wish to have Dancing On Sand considered for publication by foreign publishers. That is why I wrote this proposal.

My publisher will be happy to give you more information concerning Dancing On Sand.

Looking forward to hearing from you,  
Yours faithfully,

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