

# Little Giant

The world separates doers from dreamers.  
This unforgettable true story celebrates those rare few  
who are both.

*“A fountain of inspiration about living adventurously and on your own terms.” -  
William Parkhurt, New York Times bestselling author of True Detectives*

*“It was inspiring to feel the author’s own transformation happening  
throughout...reminded me of Tuesdays with Morrie. -Paul Millerd, author of The  
Pathless Path*

*“This book feels like something cooked up in Hollywood. Well, the ‘feel good’ is  
certainly there, but the story is very real...it’s for the dreamers in all of us.”  
BookTrib*



Two decades ago, David Putnam and Yair Lichtenstein walked away from careers in law and marine science to open a tiny surf shop on the sunny shores of Aruba. No retail experience. No formal business plan. Just a shared vision of building a life they wouldn't need a vacation from.

In *Little Giant: The Story of Aruba's Surf Shop and the Rebels Who Built It*, Marcia Heath captures how these two trailblazers transformed a humble storefront into a beloved community hub while keeping their entrepreneurial passion (and friendship) alive. Blending memoir with biography, Heath discloses how their unconventional mindset and courageous choices inspired her to live a happier, more creative life.

*Little Giant* gives readers a hopeful alternative to the post-pandemic hustle culture. At a time of epidemic loneliness, this engrossing narrative reveals how Bula Surf Shop's cofounders placed their friendship and work-life balance over a pure profit motive. In a “bigger is better world,” here are two friends who built something remarkable by choosing to define success on their own terms.

Thanks to an international funding partnership, including the Aruba Tourism Authority and Qredits, *Little Giant* is being made into a documentary. The film is scheduled for release in 2025.

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