

ROBERTO CLEMENTE, JR.

BIOGRAPHY

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the first seven years of Roberto Jr.'s life were spent between Puerto Rico and Pittsburgh, PA. After his father's untimely and tragic death in a 1972 plane crash while taking relief supplies to Nicaragua earthquake victims, Roberto Jr. became his father's voice and the spokesperson for the family. He has continued to carry on his father's legacy, including playing professional baseball for the Philadelphia Phillies, San Diego Padres and Baltimore Orioles. After a series of injuries, Roberto Jr. returned to Puerto Rico and established the RBI Baseball Program, aimed at enhancing interest and participation in sports, with a particular emphasis on disadvantaged children. Robert Jr. also established the Roberto Clemente Foundation, bringing the goodwill to the country and world by aiding at-risk youth, disaster relief, and promoting global service leadership. The foundation today is one of the most admired foundations in the country, both in and out of baseball--- utilizing the humanitarian spirit that Roberto Clemente left for the world to follow. Throughout the last 30 years of the foundation's existence, Roberto Jr. and the team have helped thousands of children and their families.

My Father's Legacy & My Own: An Afternoon with Roberto Clemente, Jr.

Roberto recalls the moment the flight bringing his father home from the 1971 World Series victory and voted MVP touched ground. There was a loud eruption of the 100,000 people waiting to rush the plane to welcome the man who at the pinnacle of his career, and he spoke to them in their native language on national television, galvanizing the global Latino community.

Sit tight for an unexpected account of the loss of his father and his innocence taken away two months later. Roberto shares the horrific events entangled in a story of powerful moments in life, such as meeting every president of the US since Jimmy Carter. The end of his father's life was the beginning of an amazing journey that will touch every hot topic in our current society.

Roberto's personal accounts bring light to the situations we are all talking about today. He brings a fresh voice to the conversation. He is bringing painful truths about his life and society with humility, empathy and understanding of the many different industries and communities he has been a part of. Roberto believes that he has been chosen to go through this spectacular journey and share it with the world to provide motivation and inspiration in every aspect of our lives