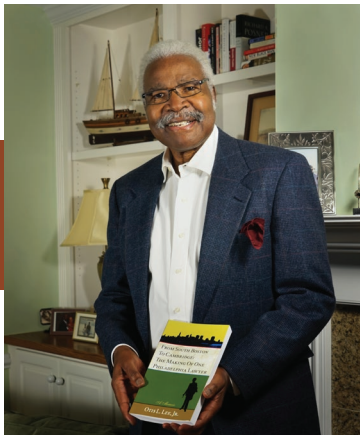




Otis Lee, *Author*

FACT SHEET

1. Otis so hungered for learning and intellect that he began reading the dictionary in high school, a practice he continues today.
2. As a boy, Otis nearly drowned in a public swimming pool. It affected him so profoundly that, as an adult, he has made the conscious choice to go swimming everywhere he visits. He has swum in Xian, Beijing and Shanghai, China; he swam in Istanbul, Cappadocia and Antalya, Turkey. He swam in Dakar, Senegal.
3. During one summer vacation during his youth, Otis picked cotton in Fitzgerald, GA in order to earn enough money for a baseball mitt.
4. When he was an attorney in Philadelphia, PA, Otis received a court appointment from the Dependency Court. It was covered in the Daily News and the Philadelphia Inquirer as the case of the Baby Thrown Out the Window.
5. Otis' heart attack in 1990 at 43 years old served as a wake up call for him. A hospital psychiatrist helped him work through his anger, self-pity and denial.
6. While on a trip to Ghana in 2002, Otis acquired his African name drawn from a dialect of the Akan tribe Nana Yaw, which translates to "chief born on Thursday."
7. This memoir began as a legacy for the author's two sons and evolved into a novel-esque coming of age story of an African-American male born and raised during the Jim Crow South.
8. Otis L. Lee, Jr. is a member of the Virginia State Bar Association, a past member of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, and a practicing attorney in Virginia for over 30 years.
9. Otis L. Lee, Jr. has been a successful real estate entrepreneur since the 1970s. Continuing a family tradition of real estate investment, he purchased his first piece of property in Chicago, IL., in 1973. He continued his real estate career in Philadelphia, Pa. from 1983 – 2016.