

*To my grandmother,
wherever her eyes glow of light*

*To my mother,
for transmitting me her incommensurable love and joy*

*To Emma,
for showing me since the beginning that strength,
effort and passion can come together for making of this
exciting journey an invaluable one*

To my family and friends, for their support and love

*“It is in vain to say human beings ought to be
satisfied with tranquillity: they must have action;
and they will make it if they cannot find it.”*

Charlotte Brontë, *Jane Eyre* (1847)