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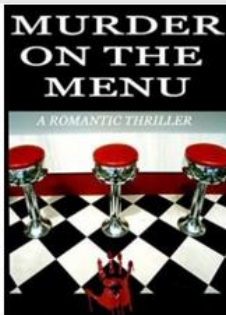
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Who wrote this book?
(See page 2.)



Looking for local help to
publish your book? (See page 9.)



Are you in this WLOV
photo? (See page 12.)

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Message from Your Newsletter Editor

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Last month's newsletter contest asked you to identify pictures of four famous writers. Only one person got them all correct (see page 10).

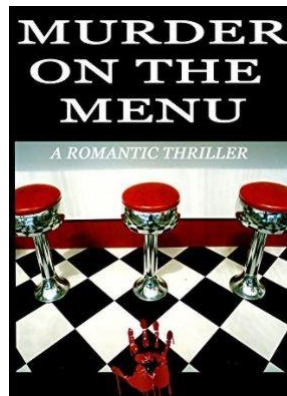
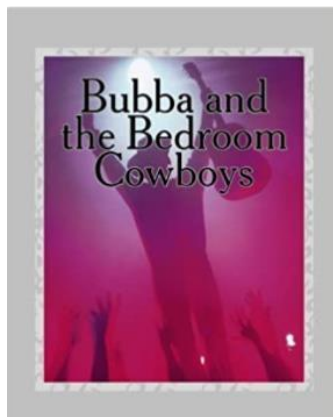
My goal with these quizzes is to prompt you to scan the whole newsletter, to find items that might interest you. What? Not every item grabs your attention? How about this one -- the just announced Lake Sumter Author Fair, where you can sell your books at the Waterfront Inn (see [page 7 for info](#), [page 17 for author application](#)).

A goal of this month's quiz is to entice you to scan our extensive book catalog, and add your recently published book(s). So, this contest asks you to identify the WLOV author from the cover alone; names removed, of course.

If the book title is not familiar, all you need do is go to the WLOV book catalog, put in the title, and the whole cover should appear. www.writersleagueofthevillages.com, click on "Books". EASY! In fact, I'm going to make it even EASIER. Here is the list of authors in alphabetical order.

Rita Boehm, Michael Doyle, Rick Greenberg, Paula Howard, Dan Kincaid, John Mallon, Barbara Miller, Nancy Pflum, Bill Pullen

If you don't associate a name with a cover title, go to the catalog. Yes, you can also go to Amazon, but the catalog has them all in one place. It's so easy, I am putting in 9 covers. **NINE! Spread throughout the newsletter.** Start with these two.



All newsletter readers are eligible. The first 3 people who send in the correct author for each cover will win. Win what? To have any book featured prominently in next month's newsletter. You must state the title of the book with the author. Hint (sort of): None of the books are mine.

Be sure to scan Upcoming Events on the next page. A lot is happening in the next two months. In addition to our general meetings with great presentations, there are: books signings (March 8, April 12), Mystic Story Night (March 21), B&N Meet the Authors (April 9), a new Author Fair (April 24), the WLOV FUNraiser (April 29), and a reprise of a talk I gave at our January general meeting on self-publishing (April 1, at the Philosophy Club).

Upcoming Writing-Related Events

Thursday, March 3, 6-8 pm – Wine and Words, Riverbend Rec Center, 1883 Corbin Trail, Wildwood, FL. Bona Hayes and Barbara Rein will be speaking.

Tuesday, March 8, 11 am – 2 pm – Book signing at All Booked Up, Colony Plaza, by Leigh Court, Steve Camp, and Cas Castell. books are for sale in the store.

Wednesday, March 9, 9 – 11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center. “How to Edit,” presented by Bona Hayes. You will learn terminology, how to do it yourself, and what to expect if you hire an editor. For newbies and experts alike! Q & A to follow.

Monday, March 21, 6 – 8 pm – Short Story Night at Mystic Ice Cream Café, Route 466a, Fruitland Park. Submit a short story according to the criteria on the next page. Come and hear all stories read by a professional reader.

Friday, April 1, 4 – 5:30 pm – Philosophy Club, Lake Miona Rec Center. “The Good News and Bad News about Self-publishing.” Larry Martin, WLOV Newsletter editor.



Saturday, April 9, 2 pm – Meet the Authors at Barnes & Noble. Authors whose books will be sold for the new quarter starting in April.

Tuesday, April 12, 11 am – 2 pm – Book signing at All Booked Up, Colony Plaza, by 3 authors whose books are for sale in the store.

Wednesday, April 13, 9– 11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center, “Genres, Book Blurbs, Tag Lines” presented by Penny Thomas.

Sunday, April 24, 12-4 pm – Lake Sumter Author Fair, Waterfront Inn, Lake Sumter Landing. See pages 7 and 17 for details.

Friday, April 29, 6 to 8 pm – “FUNraiser” for WLOV Scholarship fund. Laurel Manor Rec Center. \$20 per person. Sign up at <https://WritersLeagueOfTheVillages.com>

Wednesday, May 11, 9– 11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center, Presentation by member Jack O’Brien about his experience in writing “The Roundabout Way.” Q & A to follow.

Join a FUNraiser!
to Benefit our Scholarship Fund
Comedy Mindreading and ESP Show
Mentalist Mark Stone amazed Johnny Carson, Oprah & Regis Philbin when he appeared on their TV shows and he promises to amaze you too!
Friday, April 29, 2022 6 to 8 PM \$20/person BYOB
Laurel Manor Rec Center, 1985 Laurel Manor Dr, The Villages
Reserve Your Seat Online:
<https://WritersLeagueOfTheVillages.com>

ALSO... Writing Videos from Great Courses, via Zoom: Thursdays at 3 pm

WLOV members receive an email to sign in before 3 pm **Thursdays**. Hosted by Paula Howard, past president of WLOV. Any questions about these videos, please email WLOVwriters@gmail.com.

Short Story Night at Mystic Ice Cream – The Details



Special Announcement!

Short Story Night at Mystic Ice Cream Café

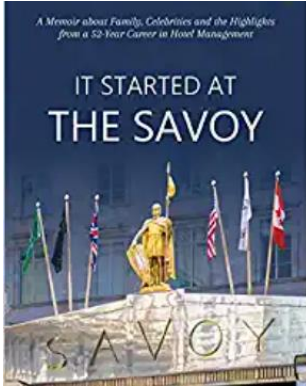
Route 466A, Fruitland Park, Florida

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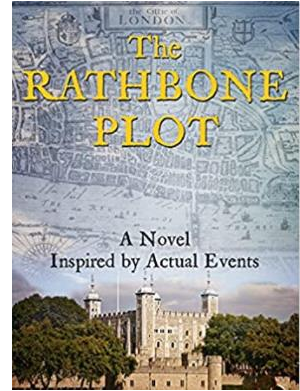
ENTRY CRITERIA

- OPEN TO:** Current Members of Writers League of The Villages
- SHORT STORY:** **UP TO 1,500 words maximum** Write a Short Story OR Choose a Section of a book you wrote OR resurrect a story you wrote in the past in one of these Categories:
- CATEGORIES:** Humor Mystery Thriller Romance
- SUBMISSIONS:** **Friday, March 4, 2022** Midnight. **No exceptions to deadline.**
- SEND TO:** ShortStoryNight@gmail.com **Use Word format and attach to email please.**
- NOTIFICATION:** You will be advised by **March 10, 2022** if your story is selected to be read
The selected Short Stories will be read by Professional Readers!!
- BE PREPARED:** **IF** your short story is selected, Submit a **100 word maximum** intro to your story and a brief biography of yourself by **March 13, 2022** to ShortStoryNight@gmail.com
- PUBLICITY:** Short Story Night at Mystic Ice Cream will be publicized on our website:
<http://writersleagueofthevillages.com> & Facebook too

Invite your friends and neighbors to Mystic Ice Cream for Short Story Night for great fun, wonderful entertainment and Ice Cream!
- BRING:** Your brochures and/or business cards if you want to promote your publications
- TAKE NOTE:** of **DATES** in this flyer if you plan to enter a Short Story, if yours is selected!
- MEMBERSHIP:** WLOV has membership openings . . . friends can join that night . . . \$20 yearly dues!



Name the author for each of these books. See page 2 for contest info.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT
Linda Keenan

GOOD DAY TO WLOV WRITERS & READERS

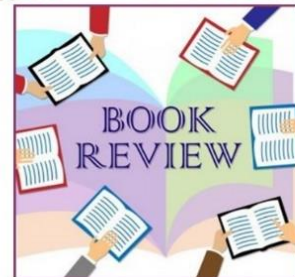
Let's Declare the Merry Month of March WLOV Book Review Month!

What does that mean? Well, it's an entire month when members focus on reading, reviewing and sharing reviews of other members' publications. New and old publications. New and old members' books. It's easy. Go to our website: <https://writersleagueofthevillages.com>, click on BOOKS and look over the choices you have. Order a book from Amazon in the format you prefer OR ask the author if they have a signed copy for you, OR borrow a book from our Library table at our March 9th meeting at Laurel Manor (9 to 11 am). Our Librarian will not have all our members' books, but he has quite a few. By the way, you may want to add your own book to our Library table available at monthly membership meetings.

Write a Brief Book Review in 3 Easy Steps

1. **Introduction:** Author, Title, Genre
2. **Body** of your review, write: a. What the book is about; b. Is the story believable? Why or why not? c. What is your favorite part of the book? d. Were you surprised by any happening in the book, or what made you happy, sad or angry?
3. Would you **Recommend** this book? Why or why not and who is the book recommended for? (e.g., readers of science fiction, romance, comedy, etc.)

All Authors Love YOUR Review



TALK IT UP AMONG WLOV MEMBERS & TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TOO!

Once Written, it's Time to Share Your Book Review!

Here's how: Go to Amazon, choose the book you read, click on Review. Then highlight 1 to 5 Stars (5 for I loved it) & Write your Review. Amazon will let you know when it's posted.

AND/OR

You can email your review to the author of the book you read and reviewed. If you don't have their email address, request it from: wlovwriters@gmail.com and you'll get a reply.

Stay Inspired to Write, Read, Review & Share,

Linda



Barnes & Noble Update

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Wonderful news! Our WLOV/local author bookshelf in Barnes &

Noble is in an even better location than it was last month. As you can see from the picture, the bookshelf was shifted forward and is literally at the edge of the check-out line. So...anyone waiting on line has an opportunity to review our books.

To date, we've sold 58 books for this quarter. We have 30 more days. I don't think that 75 is too high a goal, do you? If you haven't yet visited the store to



check out our selections, you're missing a great opportunity to find a variety of exciting, humorous, educational, timely, and impactful books – all written by fellow talented WLOV members.

We are continuing to advertise in the Daily Sun. Our next ads will be in the March 1st and March 15th editions on the Club Connection page (see page 14 for a picture of this ad).

NEXT QUARTER: A new group of authors will be featured starting in April. Mark your calendars: Our next Meet the Author event will be on April 9th at Barnes and Noble starting at 2 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: You must be a current member of WLOV to be a part of our author events (whether here or All Booked Up), so if you haven't yet paid your 2022 dues, now's the time. You can do it online at www.writersleagueofthevillages.com.

Lake Sumter Author Fair Announced

Author Registration form is on page 17.

In concert with the Waterfront Inn located in Lake Sumter Landing, WLOV member Vince Roberts is sponsoring the Lake Sumter Author Fair. This is not a WLOV-sponsored event, but does present an opportunity to sell your canceled Expo 2022 inventory – at a great, central location: Lake Sumter’s Waterfront Inn.



WHERE: Waterfront Inn, 1105 Lake Shore Drive, The Villages. There will be two cash bars, including a wine and beer bar.

WHEN: Sunday, April 24th from 12 – 4 pm

PRICE: \$50. Per table (regardless of size)

REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE: April 1, 2022

Payment: by check made out to Vincent Roberts

Submit to: Vincent Roberts, 16390 Southeast 9th Court, Summerfield, FL 34491 - along with your completed Registration Form ([see Appendix](#))

CONTACT INFO: Questions? Contact Vince Roberts @ vmr6t3@gmail.com or 352-454-2451

All Booked Up, Colony Plaza

WLOV Books for Sale During March 2022

Arranged and managed by Bill Pullen, (352)430- 3006

Fiction – (3 books)

“Ripple Effect: Because of the War” by Jenny Ferns

“The Darien Chronicles – Objects for Reflection” by Steve Camp

“Rock Star” by Leigh Court”

Children’s – (1 book)

“Round Eyes” by Ginger Sanders

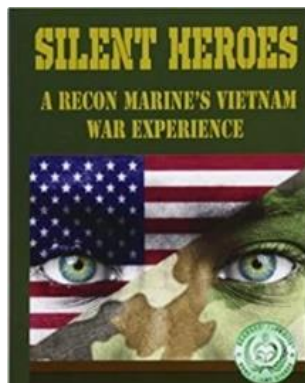
Non– Fiction (memoir/self-help or Inspirational) – (1 book)

“Cosmic Readings for Hatha Yoga” by Joan Ragona–Suarez

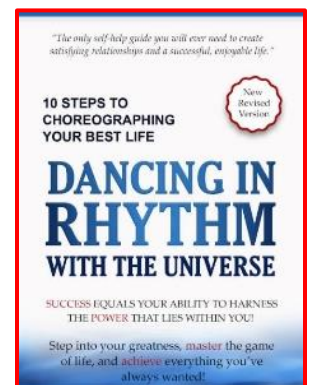
Non– Fiction (other)

“Cubby the Wonder Dog” by Vincent Cas Castell

NOTE: See book-signing dates in [Upcoming Events, page 2](#).



Name the author for each of these books. See page 2 for contest info.



FWA Writing Contests – The Details

- There are two open writing contests sponsored by FWA for adults; the submission period for each started Feb 1 and ends April 30.
- To enter either contest you need to be an FWA member. You can sign up at <https://www.floridawriters.org/>
- For the **Collection contest**, a book of short stories FWA publishes every year, you can submit two short stories, each no more than 1200 words. The stories must be based on the theme of the year, which for 2022 is “thrills and chills.” There is no fee for entering, but you must be an FWA member.
- For the **Royal Palm Literary Awards**, there are over two dozen categories you can enter. However, each individual is limited to five submissions Your work may be published or unpublished. There is a fee for each submission, which goes up the closer you get to the April 30 deadline. Note also that FWA stops accepting entries when the total submitted exceeds 550. Click link below for full submission categories and guidelines.
<https://fwa.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2022%20RPLA%20Guidelines--Adult.pdf>

Royal Palm Literary Awards

Royal Palm Literary Awards (RPLA) is a prestigious writing competition that recognizes extraordinary writing in 28+ genre categories for adults and 4 for youth and provides objective and constructive written assessments to all entrants.

- For two of the last three years, the top book award winners in RPLA have been WLOV members. The “Top Book of the Year” award was won by Mark Newhouse in 2019, and by Barbara Rein in 2021. Also, in 2019, Rita Boehm won the “Children’s Book of the Year” award.

Other Writing Contests

- The Florida Authors and Publishers Association contest is accepting entries until April 30 2022. Info at www.myFAPA.org. You don’t have to be a member to enter.



- Winning Writers has 4 contests a year at www.winningwriters.com. They also provide a lot of info about other contests, etc. via their emails.
- Find other writing contests at <https://blog.reedsy.com/writing-contests/>

Need Local Help Publishing Your Book?

By Larry Martin, drlarry437@gmail.com



There are a large number of publishing companies for the self-published author. Some are legitimate, some are outright scams. The worst are the ones whose business model is NOT to sell books to the public, but ONLY to sell services to the author. They mark up your book to a ridiculous price, then offer to sell copies back to you at a “discount.”

Before you sign on with any self-publishing company that is new to you, review these two websites.

<https://selfpublishingadvice.org/>

<https://www.sfw.org/other-resources/for-authors/writer-beware/>

An alternative is to use a local company, a place where you can meet the principals involved, go over details in person if desired. The following local people/companies offer services to help get your book in publishing shape, such as editing, formatting, and/or cover design. They have two things in common. 1) They are all local, i.e., located in Sumter, Marion, or Lake counties, and 2) They have been used by one or more of our club members to get their book in publishing shape. This list is NOT advertising, no payment has been made (or will be made) to get on this list, and it is not to be construed as an endorsement of any company or service. It is simply a listing of services available locally. If there are other businesses that fit these two criteria, please let me know.

Hallard Press – Editing, Design, Publishing

Website: <https://hallardpress.com/>

Principal: John Prince, Villages resident

Email: Info@HallardPress.com

A Howard Activity LLC – Editing, Design, Publishing

Website: <https://www.paulahoward.com/>

Principal: Paula Howard, Villages resident

Email: Paula@paulahoward.com

Newhouse Creative Group – Editing, Design, Publishing

Website: <https://newhousecreativegroup.com/>

Principal: Mark Newhouse, Villages resident

Email: Mark@Newhouse.net

Sea Hill Press – Editing, Design, Publishing

Website: <https://www.seahillpress.com/>

Principal: Greg Sharp, Leesburg

Email: info@seahillpress.com

Dan Traynor – Cover Design, Illustrations

Website: <http://www.dantraynor.com/>

Principal: Dan Traynor, Ocala

Email: danieltraynor66@yahoo.com

Winner of the February Newsletter Contest – Dick Domann

The four famous authors pictured in the February newsletter were Stephen King on page 2, Charles Dickens on page 5, Agatha Christie on page 6, and Toni Morrison on page 10.

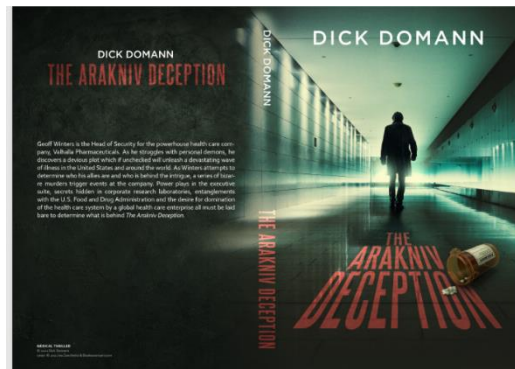
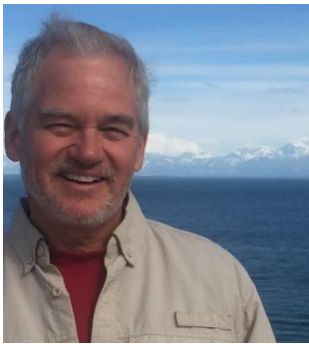
Dick's book promotion for this newsletter is

The Arakniv Deception

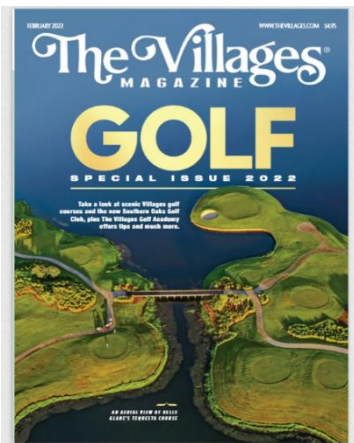
Medicines are supposed to heal, not harm.

<https://www.amazon.com/Arakniv-Deception-Pharmaceutical-Thriller-ebook/dp/B09HR5F391/>

Geoffrey Winters, Head of Security for Valhalla Pharmaceuticals, discovers an insidious link between the companies' newest drug, Arakniv, and a global plot designed to create a stranglehold on patients. The unexpected death of Valhalla's CEO forces Winters and his colleagues down a path of deadly intrigue as they unravel the knot that is the Arakniv Deception.



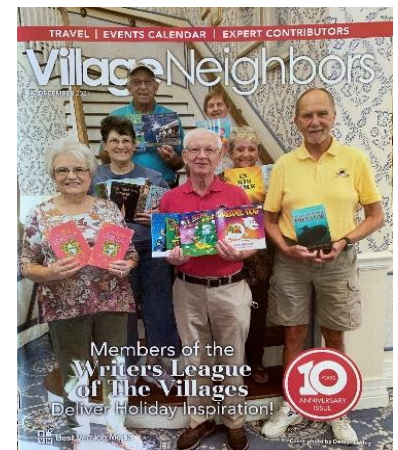
Local Magazines featuring WLOV Authors



Two local "glossies" feature WLOV authors in almost every issue.

The Villages magazine is delivered with *The Villages Daily Sun* newspaper. Most months there is a featured WLOV author, an arrangement created and managed by WLOV member Dan Kincaid.

Village Neighbors magazine is mailed to your home. For the past six years it has featured a column by WLOV founder Mark Newhouse, titled "The Writing Bug." Many of Mark's columns focus on WLOV writers, and he is always looking for ways to promote our authors. If you'd like to



be featured in his column, email him at mark@newhouse.net. Also, let him know if you'd like to be a guest columnist

February 9 General Meeting

Largest turnout ever

Eighty-three people attended the February 9th general meeting at Laurel Manor Rec Center. After the business portion of the meeting, at which new members and new books by members were introduced, Phyllis Walters and Ron Markland (pictured below) presented talks on “Writing True Crime and Murder.” The books shown in their photos are available on Amazon.

The 23rd Day – by Ron Markland

<https://www.amazon.com/23rd-Day-happen-again-until-ebook/dp/B0796YHW5P/>

Wives Who Kill – by Phyllis Walters

<https://www.amazon.com/Wives-Who-Kill-based-stories/dp/1736206125/>

The finale of this meeting was a new WLOV member photo, on and around the stairwell of Laurel Manor. See next page. This new photo now replaces the previous photo on our website’s home page.



February 9, 2022 – Laurel Manor Rec Center

This picture, with comments by Villagers, is also posted on “The Villages, Florida’s Friendliest Hometown” Facebook page, at

<https://www.facebook.com/thevillages/photos/a.1267768489934873/5142296315815385/>



New Books in WLOV Book Catalog

Below is a list of books added to the catalog since the beginning of the year. If you have recently added a book to the catalog, and it is not on this list, please email me the title at drlarry437@gmail.com.

To view the entire catalog, go to www.writersleagueofthevillages.com and click on "Books."

To place your new book in the catalog, send the cover, a blurb and Amazon link to WLOVwriters@gmail.com.



The Great Outdoors – Dan Kincaid
The Commodore and the Powder Monkey: The War of 1812 – Mark Barie
Silly Me! A path to self- acceptance– Steven Howard
Mugs, Jugs, and Hugs: Keeping Busy with the Busbys – T. Michael Doyle
Bubba and the Bedroom Cowboys – T. Michael Doyle
Our Parkinson's Disease Instruction Manual – Edmund Smith and Jane Masterson
DOC! The adventures of a Navy Hospital Corpsman – Hugh Sullivan
Dancing in Rhythm with the Universe – Barbara Miller
Deliciously Low Fat: Second Edition – Geralyn Vilar
Life After Melanie – Geralyn Vilar
Flanigans in Amenia: The Irish Famine Immigrant Experience – Nancy Flanigan Schultz
The Roundabout Way – Jack O– Brien
From the Boulevard to the High Road – Larry Phillips
Transforming George Washington - Gil Hudson
Try Again – Richard Betz
The Forbidden Fruit – Tina Scott
The Arakniv Deception – Dick Domann
Out of Italy – DL Havlin
Softball in the Villages' Community – Dan Kincaid
The Great Outdoors – Dan Kincaid
West Virginia Romances: Vol. I and II – Dan Kincaid
One Spring Day – Geralyn Vilar
Terror in Cairo – Mel Harrison
The Roundabout Way – Jack O'Brien
From the Boulevard to the High Road – Larry Phillips
It Started at the Savoy – Bill Pullen
From the Flames of Cimbri – Ron Miller
Memorable Film Noir Movies of the 1940s and 1950s – Gary Koca
Phantom of the Beach – David L. Maurer

WLOV's Ad Campaign for Our Authors' Books

This ad appears on Tuesdays, twice a month in the Club Connection section of *The Villages Daily Sun*. It promotes our authors' books in both Barnes & Noble and All Booked Up.

Club Connection

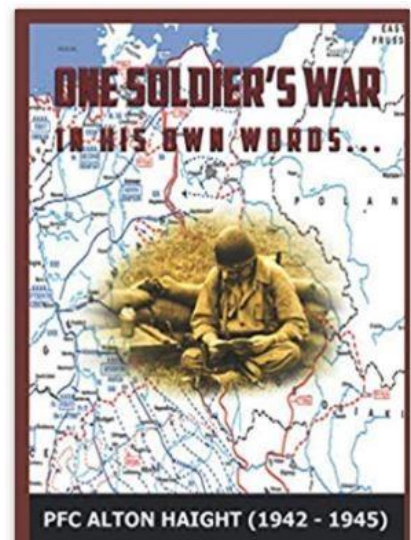
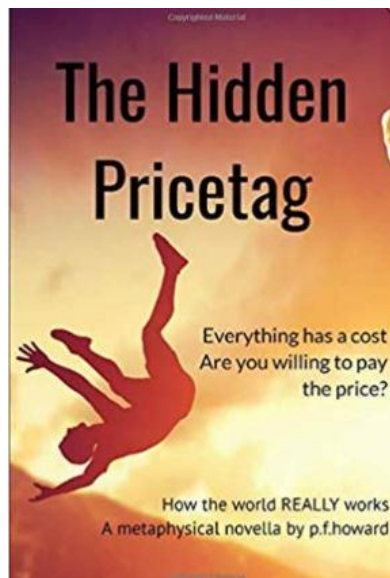
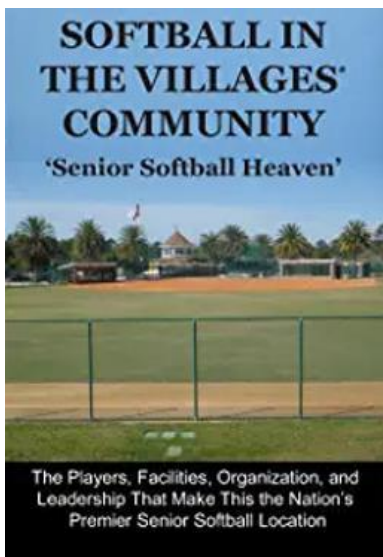
EXCITING NEWS!
Award-winning local authors are featured at
Barnes & Noble in Lake Sumter Landing™
and All Booked Up in Colony Plaza
Self-help to Sci fi - Memoir to Mystery -
Baseball to Biography
THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
SUPPORT LOCAL AUTHORS
VISIT THESE STORES
ASK FOR THE LOCAL AUTHOR SECTION
WWW.WRITERSLEAGUEOFTHEVILLAGES.COM

WATCH FOR NEWS ABOUT UPCOMING MEET THE AUTHOR EVENTS

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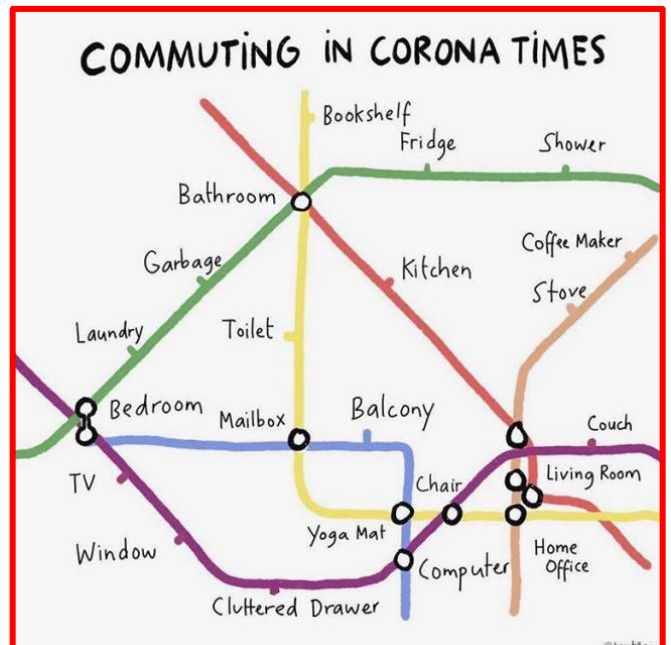
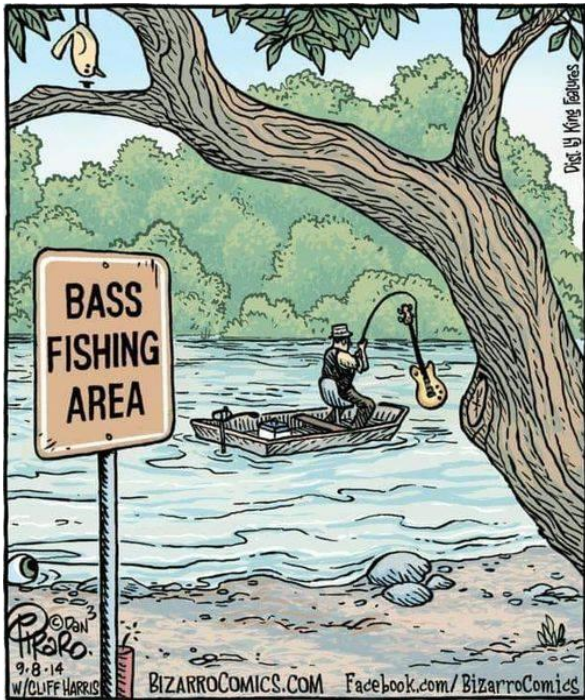
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Name the author for each of these books. See page 2 for contest info.

Cartoons



How to keep all the **cookies** to yourself:



So today, in church,
a guy in a dress tried to drown me

And, I kid you not,
my family just stood there
taking pictures!

liturgy.co.nz



your honor,
clearly my
client is not a
flight risk

The kids won't move
back home if **they**
can't find it.



Appendix to March 2022 WLOV Newsletter

LAKE SUMTER AUTHOR FAIR REGISTRATION FORM

Please accept my registration for the Lake Sumter Book Fair, Waterfront Inn, 1105 Lake Shore Drive, The Villages, Fl

Event Date: April 24th from 12 – 4 pm

Registration close date: April 1, 2022

AUTHOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

APPROX. NUMBER OF BOOK TITLES TO BE SOLD: _____

GENRE/S _____

WHAT SIZE TABLE DO YOU NEED? 3 FT? 6FT?

ANY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OR HEALTH LIMITATIONS?

PRICE \$50. PER TABLE (regardless of size)

PAYMENT: BY CHECK TO VINCENT ROBERTS

SEND TO: Vince Roberts, 16390 Southeast 9th Court, Summerfield, FL 34491

CONTACT: @ vmr6t3@gmail.com or 352-454-2451

NOTE: Event may be limited to the first 50 authors due to size constraints.