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Local Authors’ Showcase
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Meet the Authors!

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Presenting Our LOCAL AUTHORS...

D.J. Adamson  
*Admit to Mayhem* [Mystery]  
--D.J. Adamson teaches English as an Associate Adjunct Professor at Glendale College and East Los Angeles College. She lives in Glendale with her husband and two Welsh Terriers. Website: [djadamson.com](http://djadamson.com)

Carol Archambeault  
*The Shared Meal Revolution: How to Reclaim Balance and Connection in a Fragmented World Through Sharing Meals with Family and Friends* [Self-help, Parenting]  
--Carol Archambeault was born in Connecticut as the youngest sibling in a family of four sisters and six brothers. She was raised by loving parents in a household where food and family intertwined. When she became a mother, she continued the shared-meal ritual as a way to foster development of her own daughter and son. After receiving her M.A. in human development in 2007, Carol became motivated to continue her work on shared meals to promote a universal understanding and enhance the lives of American society. Website: [www.shared-meals.com](http://www.shared-meals.com)

Alice Asmar  
*Dance of the Great Spirit* [Art, American Indian Dance]  
--Alice Asmar began painting at age 2, receiving public recognition for her window murals at ages 10 and 12. Alice was one of four in the U.S. to win a Harriette Hale Woolley Fellowship to study at L’Ecole de Beaux-Arts in Paris, France (1958-59). Exhibiting, teaching and traveling, Asmar won a fellowship to Huntington Hartford Foundation in Southern California where she made her permanent home. In 2013 Asmar won an art contest to exhibit her art work at the Foundation des Etats-Unis in the International city of the University of Paris, where her hart is now. Asmar’s art work is in thousands of collections around the world from the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. to the Art Museum in Gabrova, Bulgaria. Websites: [www.Asmar.art.com](http://www.Asmar.art.com); [www.AliceAsmar.com](http://www.AliceAsmar.com); [www.AliceAsmarinternational.com](http://www.AliceAsmarinternational.com)

Gayle Bartos-Pool  
*Damning Evidence* [Mystery]  
--A former private detective and reporter for a small weekly newspaper, Gayle Bartos-Pool has several books in print including The Johnny Casino Casebook series. She is the former Speakers Bureau Director for Sisters In Crime/LA and teaches writing classes on the Short Story, Writing a Killer Opening Line, and Writing Convincing Dialogue. Website: [www.gbpool.com](http://www.gbpool.com)

Mary Brodsky  
*Forever Forest Series:*  
*Dew Falls Lightly; Zee Works Alone; Agua Swims Away; Calli Finds Focus; Kelli Kicks it Up; Catia’s Christmas Gift* [Children’s Beginner Readers]  
--Mary (Brewster) Brodsky was born in 1956 in Burbank, California. She has three sisters and a brother. Although Mary and her siblings were not home schooled, their mother taught them more than any classroom ever could. With five children and a small budget, creative minds flourish! Mary met and married the love of her life in college. She and her husband Paul are still best friends as well as soul-mates after 36 years of marriage and two children. Mary’s grandchildren, Wyatt and Thatcher, are the true inspiration for her books. Website: [www.alwaysandforeverbooks.com](http://www.alwaysandforeverbooks.com)

Stephen Buehler  
*Last Exit to Murder* [Mystery]  
--Stephen Buehler grew up in Flourtown, PA, a suburb outside of Philadelphia. After moving to LA he found work in TV before spending many years in advertising. He now owns ReWriteDr, a story/script consultant business. His Derringer nominated story, “Not My Day” was published in the *Last Exit to Murder* anthology. He has just completed a P.I. novel, *Detective Rules*. Website: [www.stephenbuehler.com](http://www.stephenbuehler.com)

Petrea Burchard  
*Camelot & Vine* [Fiction]  
--Petrea Burchard began acting in Chicago, later continuing her career in Los Angeles. She drew on that experience to write her novel, *Camelot & Vine*. Hollywood became fodder for her humor column at NowCasting.com; *Act As If* is soon to be published in book form. Other published works include book reviews, articles, essays, and short fiction, including the story, “Portraits,” in *Literary Pasadena: The Fiction Edition*. Website: [www.Petreaburchard.com](http://www.Petreaburchard.com)

Patrick Burdine  
*The Vampire’s Last Lover* [Horror]  
--Patrick Burdine is an author and screenwriter residing in Burbank, CA with his wife and three daughters. He’s the author of several short stories including a Shell Case Shorts winner, “The Bone Carver,” and the chilling novella, *The Monitor*. Most recently he has collaborated with bestselling author Aiden James on *The Vampire’s Last Lover* (Dying of the Dark Vampires Book 1).
Terry Burka

*The Meditation Manual for Seekers* [Body, Mind & Spirit – Meditation]

--Terry Burka is a respected private meditation instructor and devotee of the ancient scriptures and teaching of our most well-known rishis. He now brings you his easy to read meditation manual without obscure symbolism. The wisdom of the world’s greatest seers and rishis, past and present, is now carefully combined and available to spiritual aspirants in one location for the first time ever. The Meditation Manual for Seekers explicitly documents the navigation of the mind during meditation and the path to personal enlightenment.

Darlene Cannon

*Dollygal, Peacock and the Serpent* [Mystical Fiction]

--Darlene Cannon is the author of two books, *The Awakening* and *Dollygal, Peacock & the Serpent*. She is currently writing the third book of this trilogy. Website: [www.bepeacelove.com](http://www.bepeacelove.com)

Paul Cervantes

*Better Golf for Women* [Sports/Golf]

--Though a California native, Paul Cervantes learned to play golf with his father on the municipal golf courses of the Midwest. He loved golf and spending those long summer days with his father. But, golf didn’t love him back, at least not well enough. Cervantes took a twenty year hiatus from golf, returning to the game at the age of 40. His latest work is a short story called “Kingdom of Dreams.” He is the co-author of *From the Hole to the Tee: A Guide to Teaching Golf to Children*, and is the editor of *The Lost Fundamental*. His current project is a historical biography of John J. McDermott. Website: [paulcervantes.com](http://paulcervantes.com)

Sun Chara

*Manhattan Millionaire’s Cinderella* [Contemporary Romance]

--Sun Chara is a multi-published JABBIC winner. She enjoys globetrotting for love while keeping tabs on Hollywood leads. Sun also loves the challenge of creating stories for book and screen. Designer frappuccinos with whipping cream and sprinkles on top make everyday a celebration!

Sherre Cook

*Caffè Americano* [Spiritual Romance]

Sherre Cook was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley. After studying dietetics in college, she decided on a a sales career in the pharmaceutical industry. Cook has always enjoyed writing and making people laugh. In 2009, utilizing prior creative writing experiences from school, the author began to write a story that would convey a subtle spiritual message and be, in some ways, reflective of her own life experiences. Facebook: caffe Americano-the novel

Brian Crosby

*The $100,000 Teacher and Smart Kids, Bad Schools* [Non-fiction]

--National Board Certified Teacher Brian Crosby is a 25-year veteran high school English and Journalism teacher at Hoover High School in Glendale. His book, *The $100,000 Teacher*, was awarded ForeWord Magazine’s Book of the Year in Education. Mr. Crosby has appeared numerous times on national TV and radio discussing education issues, and most recently spoke at the New York Times’ Schools for Tomorrow symposium. His bi-weekly column, “The Whiteboard Jungle,” appears in the Glendale News Press. Website: [brian-crosby.com](http://brian-crosby.com)

Jami Denise

*See Jayne Play* [Contemporary Romance]

--Jami Denise is an up and coming writer from Southern California. She writes Contemporary Romance, New Adult, and Erotica. She has always had a strong desire to write. From a very young age, books became her escape. She loves the freedom to express herself through her stories and share them with others. Jami is a self-professed cat lady, addicted to coffee and Monster, cupcake lip balm, and loves all things old, grungy, and fast. Website: [www.jamidenise.weebly.com](http://www.jamidenise.weebly.com)

J.A. D’Marco

*The Legend of Ice Cream Island* (Book 1) *The First Cold War* [Children’s Book]

--J.A. D’Marco is actually a nom de plume for the three creators of *The Legend of Ice Cream Island*. John Blas and Derek Shields developed the original story and characters. Robert Zappia joined a few years later and wrote the final manuscript. John and Robert met in kindergarten at St. Francis Xavier elementary school in Burbank. They also attended USC at the same time. John and Derek met working as art directors at the Walt Disney Motion Pictures Group in the early ’90s. Coincidentally, Robert also worked as a writer for Disney/ABC after college. The three formalized their collaboration for the venture in 2011. Website: [www.icecreamisland.com](http://www.icecreamisland.com)
Denise Fleck

_Don’t Judge a Book by its Cover_ [Children’s Book]
--Denise Fleck was raised by a Great Dane and has spent her life loving animals. She has written scores of articles for animal publications and is the proud recipient of the “Award of Excellence” from the Cat Writers Association and two Maxwell Medallions from the Dog Writers Association including “Best Children’s Book.” A former studio publicist, Fleck followed her heart deciding to work with animals, and after extensive training and practice, developed her own Peg First-Aid & CPR curriculum as well as a 5-month long Animal Care course for high school students (a joint effort of the Burbank Unified School District and the Burbank Animal Shelter). Denise has shared animal life-saving skills on CBS-TV’s _The Doctors_, Animal Planet and other shows and has created a line of Pet First-Aid Kits with many more books to come. Denise and her husband Paul currently share their lives with two rescued Japanese Akitas, Haiku & Bonsai. Website: [www.SunnyDogInk.com](http://www.SunnyDogInk.com)

Kimi Flores

_It All Started with a Lima Bean and An Exceptional Twist_ [Contemporary Romance]
--Kimi Flores grew up in the San Gabriel Valley and still lives in Southern California. She’s been married to her high school sweetheart for 21 years and they have two hilarious boys. Living with dyslexia kept her from her dreams of becoming an author for many years. She decided to push through her fears and published her first novel in 2013. There are no plans to stop now that she’s on a roll and loving what she is doing. Find Kimi at www.facebook.com/author.kimi.flores or [www.intertwinedhearts series.blogspot.com](http://www.intertwinedhearts series.blogspot.com)

Lorenze Font

_Pieces of Broken Time_ [Contemporary Military Romance]
--Lorenze Font is enjoying the tremendous response to her thriller, _Indivisible Line_; erotic romance, _Feather Light_; and _Hunted and Tormented_, the first two installments of the Gates Legacy series. She enjoys dabbling in different genres, focusing on angst and the redemption of flawed characters. Lorenz lives in Southern California with her husband, children, and two demanding dogs. She divides her time between her full time job as an account manager and her busy writing schedule. Website: [lorenzfont.com](http://lorenzfont.com)

Ruth Frechman

_The Food Is My Friend Diet_ [Non-fiction]
--Ruth Frechman is a registered dietitian nutritionist, certified personal trainer, and owner of On the Weigh, a successful nutrition therapy and consulting business in Burbank. Ruth is a health and wellness expert, nutrition media spokesperson, and multi-award winning author. Website: [www.RuthFrechman.com](http://www.RuthFrechman.com)

J.W. Gallo

_Pasadena to Brooklyn Via Route 66_ [Fiction / Coming of Age]
--J.W. Gallo was originally in the architectural and construction business. Through his many trips back to New York, Staten Island, and Long Island, Gallo came in contact with sub-contractors who were connected to crime families. In the process he picked up material for a book. He has just finished _My Week with Cary Grant_. Website: [www.wix.com/jwg008/Pasadena-Brooklyn](http://www.wix.com/jwg008/Pasadena-Brooklyn)

Jennifer Garcia

_My Mr. Manny_ [Contemporary Romance]
Jennifer Garcia’s lifelong love for reading and writing was put aside for many years while she made her way in the world and nurtured her young family. Originally from Boston, she currently resides in Los Angeles with her husband, two sons, and two dogs. Even though she is older, and life never seems to settle, she’s finding her way while attending college full-time in pursuit of a B.A. in English Literature. She also runs a business, and is still caring for her family. Believing she can do it all, with the help of her family, she worked on her first novel during the late hours of the night while balancing the rest of her life during the day. Her hard work paid off, as her first novel, _My Mr. Manny_, was release August 2013. Website: [http://jenniferfgarcia.com](http://jenniferfgarcia.com)

Jessica Gibson

_The Harder I Fall_ [Contemporary Romance]
Jessica Gibson is a recovering bookaholic, she’s down from four books a week to a more reasonable one. It was that love of words and creativity that made her dream about writing her first book. She credits her husband Matt for encouraging her to live her dream. Jessica and Matt live in southern California and have a serious addiction to reality TV shows. They have one amazing son who runs circles around them both. Aside from writing, she runs an online event planning business called the Release Day Diva.

Dorothea Hackenberg (Thea Berg)

_The Magical World of Sebella: Legend of Halloween_ [Children’s Book]
Even though Thea Berg was born to “human” parents, she always knew she was part of the magical world. Having grown up in a small town without much to do, her imagination ran wild, and tales of bewitching adventures filled her head. Thea currently lives in the enchanted land of Burbank. This is her second book in this series. Website: [www.TheMagicalWorldofSebella.com](http://www.TheMagicalWorldofSebella.com)
Helene E. Hagan
_Fifty Years in America, a Book of Essays_ [Non-fiction]
--Born in Rabat, Morocco, Helene E. Hagan received her earlier education in Morocco and France. She has two Master’s Degrees from Stanford University, in Education and in Anthropology. Ms. Hagan has been the President of a non-profit educational Institute since 1993 and published four books since 2000. She is currently a resident of Burbank. Website: [www.tazzla.org](http://www.tazzla.org)

LeeAnne Hansen
_Ghost Light_ [Romance]
LeeAnne Hansen lives in sunny Southern California with her husband and cats. She enjoys writing, acting and playing bass guitar on the weekends. She can be seen performing in a murder mystery dinner theater or hanging out on her boat. She is a graduate of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City and has studied art. Website: My.BookBaby.com/book/ghost-light

Audrey Harte
_Love in All the Wrong Places and All the Right Things_ [Contemporary Romance]
A self-published author of romantic and erotic fiction, Audrey Harte released her first book, _Love in All the Wrong Places_, on April 10th, 2013 and the sequel, _All the Right Things_, on February 13th, 2014. The third and final book in the Love in L.A. series, _The Winner Takes it All_, will be released soon. She is already at work on a crossover series, the Love in N.Y.C. series (Say Anything, Say Something, Say Nothing). Website: [http://audreyharte.com](http://audreyharte.com)

Erich Martin Hicks
_Rescue at Pine Ridge_ [Frontier Western]
--Erich Hicks, founder of Alpha Wolf Productions, Inc., is an acclaimed Special Effects Coordinator, Producer, and Writer, with over 20 years of experience in the entertainment industry. Mr. Hicks is the first African-American to receive a Special Effects Pyrotechnics Operators’ 1st class Masters License in the Motion Picture Industry. He has an extensive list of industry credits. As a writer, Erich’s first novel, _Rescue at Pine Ridge_, was released in December 2008. He is available for lectures on the Motion Picture Industry, and on issues pertaining to African-American culture, military, politics, and history. Website: [http://www.alphawolfprods.com](http://www.alphawolfprods.com) or [www.rescueatpineridge.com](http://www.rescueatpineridge.com)

Cheryl Holt
_Reluctant Brides Trilogy: Wicked, Wanton, and Wonderful_ [Historical Romance]
--Cheryl Holt is a New York Times, USA Today, and Amazon “Top 100” bestselling author with 37 books published. She’s also a lawyer and mom, and at age 40, with two babies at home, she started a new career as a commercial fiction writer. She’d hoped to be a suspense novelist, but couldn’t sell any of her manuscripts, so she ended up taking a detour into romance, where she was stunned to discover that she has an incredible knack for writing some of the world’s greatest love stories. Website: [www.cherylholt.com](http://www.cherylholt.com)

Johnnett Kent
_Khadijah and the Mirror_ [Children’s Fiction]
--Johnnett Kent is a former educator who saw first hand how children are trying to find answers to questions about themselves and how they fit in the world. This book addresses the issue of self love. Website: [www.boobeebooks.com](http://www.boobeebooks.com)

James S. Leitch
_Drifting Curtain_ [Fiction / Thrillers / Military]
--James was born November 4th, 1994, to Kevin and Maria Leitch. He grew up in Michigan, attending Brighton High School where he spent his time playing football, wrestling and writing. He now lives in Burbank, California pursuing his career as a writer and his role as a son and brother to his family. Website: [jamesleitch.tateauthor.com](http://jamesleitch.tateauthor.com)

Marilyn LaGrono-Amaral
_Music at the Easel Prose Poetry Paintings_ [Art / Prose / Poetry]
--Ms. LaGrono-Amaral’s career spans more than 30 years of creative endeavors in the arts. Inspired by and contributing to the multicultural milieu of New York, Los Angeles, and Europe, She has made her mark as an artist in a variety of media. Website: [http://www.marilynamaral.weebly.com](http://www.marilynamaral.weebly.com)

Wade Joseph Le Fevre
_Covenant_ [Horror/Thriller]
--Wade Le Fevre is an avid reader and intense film fan. Once he dreamed of being a screenwriter, but now he focuses on writing novels to better present his true vision. He can often be found reading a book and waiting for his next movie to start. He has published three novels. Find Wade on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/authorwadelefevre](http://www.facebook.com/authorwadelefevre)
Nancy Lorenz
*The Strength of Ballerinas* [Young Adult Contemporary Fiction]
--Nancy Lorenz currently teaches as an English adjunct at several colleges. She has worked in publishing, public relations, and network television. She studied ballet at numerous studios, including American Ballet Theater’s open classes, and continues to study for the sheer love of it. Ms. Lorenz studied acting in New York as well. Nancy recommends that you love what you do, but also to branch out to the many subjects out there yet to discover. The more you learn, the more you can bring back into your art.
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Bettyfern Bluth McNally
*I Wish to Express and Expressing My Feelings in Hawaii* [Children’s Books]
--Bettyfern Bluth McNally has lived in LA County all her life. She taught school after graduating from USC with a major in psychology. Later she received a Masters in Theology from Fuller Seminary. She has three adult children and lives with her husband in Southern California.

Elaine Moran
*How to Become a Mystery Shopper, Your Complete Guide to Secret Shopping* [Non-fiction / Careers]
--Elaine Moran has been teaching business classes at community colleges for many years. She also works as a mystery shopper. Ms. Moran has been a successful business owner, teacher, administrator, and entrepreneur. In 2000, Elaine developed a mystery shopping program which has become tremendously popular and is taught in several Western states. It has been instrumental in helping thousands get started in this rapidly growing industry. Website: www.mysteryshoppersTraining.com

Julie Musil
*The Boy Who Loved Fire* [Young Adult Fiction]
--Julie Musil writes Young Adult novels from her rural home in Southern California, where she lives with her husband and three sons. She’s an obsessive reader who loves stories that grab the heart and won’t let go. Website: www.juliemusil.com and http://juliemusil.blogspot.com

Sandra Ramos O’Brian
*The Sandoval Sisters’ Secret of Old Blood* [Historical Fiction]
--Sandra Ramos O’Brian is the author of *The Sandoval Sisters’ Secret of Old Blood* (La Gente Press, September 2012), which was awarded Best Historical Fiction and Best First Book by the International Latino Book Awards. She grew up in Santa Fe and spent summers in Texas. Before beginning her writing career she was an executive recruiter in Beverly Hills, California. Her short stories and creative nonfiction have appeared in numerous print and online journals. Website: www.thesandovalsisters.com

Rich Orstad
*The Misadventures of Katty Kat and Foo Foo Fat* [Juvenile Fiction (AR 4.9 / AR Points: 3)]
--Rich Orstad is an independent screenwriter and has completed five screenplays, including the screen adaptation of this story. He has also written a children’s picture book, which is not yet published. Rich has two incredible children, loves to hike, plays a mean saxophone, and resides in Burbank, California. Website: http://www.kattykatandfoofofat.com

Catherine Pelonero
*Kitty Genovese: a True Account of a Public Murder and its Private Consequences* [Non-fiction / True Crime]
--Catherine Pelonero is a Los Angeles author and playwright. In addition to her recent nonfiction book, *Kitty Genovese* (Skyhorse Publishing, March 2014), her titles include the plays *Family Names and Awesome Ghosts of Ontario*, both published by Samuel French, Inc. Website: www.kittygenovesebook.com

Charles C. Pettijohn, Jr. (deceased) and Adrienne Pettijohn
*Diary of a Rich Man’s Kid* [Memoir]
--Charles C. Perrijohn, Jr. was born in New York in 1918. A golf star at a young age, he grew up with parents whose associations included sports legends such as Babe Ruth and Knute Rockne; U.S. Presidents, including FDR, John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan; world leaders including Benito Mussolini, Pope Pius XII, King Edward VIII; historical legends such as Howard Hughes, J. Edgar Hoover, John Dillinger; entertainment celebrities such as Clark Gable, Bob Hope, Carol Burnett, Cher, David O. Selznick…and he met them all. Website: www.beaufortbooks.com

Travis Richardson
*Lost in Clover and Keeping the Record* [Crime Fiction]
--Travis Richardson was born in Germany, raised in Oklahoma, and currently lives in California. He has had two published novellas, *Lost in Clover and Keeping the Record*. *Lost in Clover* was listed in Spinetinger Magazine’s Best Crime Fiction of 2012. He has been in several anthologies and online zines. Richardson also directs short movies and edits the Sisters in Crime/LA’s newsletter. Website: www.tsrichardson.com
Juliana Schiavo
*The Fantastic Forty Something* [Humorous Fiction]

--Juliana Schiavo has been honored with several awards including Best Comedy Short (American Film Institute/Sony Visions). She was a semi-finalist for the Nicholl Screenplay Fellowship (Academy of Arts & Sciences) and a semi-finalist for Steven Spielberg/Kathleen Kennedy’s Chesterfield Screenplay Competition. *The Fantastic Forty Something* is her first short novel.
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Barbara Schiffman
*Living in Balance for Boomers: Secrets to Making the Most of the Second Half of Life, The Akashic Muse: Collaborating with Your Soul & the Akashic Records for Writing & Other Creative Endeavors, and others [Mind-Body-Spirit]*

--At age 21, Barbara Schiffman loaded all her possessions into a U-Haul, bid farewell to her native Chicago and headed to LA to work in Hollywood. For nearly four decades she worked as a highly-regarded script consultant, working with A-list talent and top Hollywood firms like Creative Artist Agency, Dreamworks, Harpo Productions, HBO and Miramax, to name just a few. Since 1995, Barbara’s work has evolved from developing fictional Hollywood stories to supporting real people as a Life & Soul coach to help them transform what she calls their “true stories in progress.” She is known as a leading expert, author and sought-after speaker in the area of Body-Mind-Spirit Balance. Website: [www.BarbaraSchiffman.com](http://www.BarbaraSchiffman.com) and [www.yourlifeandsoul.com](http://www.yourlifeandsoul.com)

Glenn Schiffman
*The Way I Was Taught* [Fiction / Native American]

--Raised in a border town of the Cattaragus Seneca Indian Reservation where his father was chaplain at the Indian school, Glenn Schiffman has lived around American Indians most of his life and counts many relatives among them. In 1990, Glenn produced an educational program for IBM’s Eduquest Group based on the book Black Elk Speaks. He has also written historical essays and literary reviews for Salem Press, the McGill Annual Literary Review, and the Newbury Library. A co-founder of the non-profit Western Gate Roots and Wings Foundation, Glenn counsels youth and returning veterans in collaboration with Native Elders and counselors at Home Boys Industries (Los Angeles, CA) and Wellness Works (Glendale, CA). His academic degrees include a BA in History from Knox College, an MFA in Creative Writing from San Francisco State, and a Masters in Spiritual Counseling from the University of Santa Monica. Website: [www.wayiwastaught.com](http://www.wayiwastaught.com) and [www.wayiwastaughtbook.com](http://www.wayiwastaughtbook.com)

Erin K. Schonauer & Jamie C. Schonauer
*Early Burbank* [Non-fiction / History]

--Erin K. Schonauer and Jamie C. Schonauer are an identical twin writing team whose work has appeared in award-winning publications. They both have Master’s Degrees in radio and television from San Francisco State University. Website: [www.twinpens.com](http://www.twinpens.com)

Bonnie Schroeder
*Mending Dreams* [Women’s Fiction]

--Bonnie Schroeder grew up in Burbank and, in fact, her interest in writing was sparked by the encouragement of a teacher at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. Her published short stories include “The Go-Between,” “What’s in a Name?” and “A Losing Game.” In the nonfiction arena, she has written e-newsletters for a local chapter of the American Red Cross. Mending Dreams is her first published novel, but she has more in the pipeline. Website: [www.bonnie Schroederbooks.com](http://www.bonnie Schroederbooks.com)

Lynne G. Schwalbe
*Cherished Memories* [Poetry]

--Lynne G. Schwalbe was born in Los Angeles. Now retired, she lives in Burbank. Her second book, Cherished Memories (2013) is an optimistic view of the tapestry of life—a poetic history of a loving family spanning six generations and poems of varied subjects.

Charles N. Stevens
*An Innocent at Polebrook: a Memoir of an 8th Air Force Bombardier* [Memoir]

--Charles “Norm” Stevens grew up in Inglewood, California. At 18 he joined the Army Air Corps during WWII, trained in Texas and was eventually assigned to the 8th Air Force in England – the 351st Bomb Group based at Polebrook. He graduated with a B.A. in Psychology from UCLA and earned an M.A. in English from Cal State L.A. Stevens taught English and Literature in the Montebello Schools. After retiring, he wrote three books, *An Innocent at Polebrook, The Innocent Cadet*, and *Back from Combat*. He lives with his wife, Dolores, in Monterey Park where they have resided for 42 years.

Lisa Survillas
*Project Lexi* [New Adult / Contemporary Romance]

--Lisa Survillas is an author living in Southern California. She’s married with two teenage children. Life is busy between the three sports her husband coaches, and her kids’ activities. She’s always wanted to write but couldn’t find the time until her kids grew up. Now she writes every free moment she can. Website: [www.authorlisasurvillas.com](http://www.authorlisasurvillas.com)
Susan Thatcher  
These Foolish Things [Women’s Fiction]  
--New England native, Susan Thatcher graduated from the University of Vermont and Franklin Pierce Law Center. She came out to California in search of warmer weather – and found it. Website: www.susanthatcher.com

Cory Williams  
Darkspeed Arydani [Science Fiction]  
--A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvanis, Cory Williams is an alumnus of the Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA), majoring in creative writing and graduating with honors in 1981. From there, he went to Stanford University where he majored in drama and minored in Dance, receiving a B.A. in Drama in 1986. He has performed in numerous stage, television, and Film Productions over the years, and he has written and published four novels since 2006. Cory Williams currently lives and works in Los Angeles, California.

Kaaron Williams  
A Little Bit of This and A Little Bit of That: the Bruce O’Neal Way of Doing Business [Non-fiction / Self-help]  
and 20 Cruise Tips From a Platinum Cruiser, The Cruise Contessa [Travel / Cruises]  
--Kaaron Williams is a local author and business woman, whose personal mission is “helping people get what they want out of life.” Early in life, she developed a strong work ethic, family values, and a compelling desire to help others. Kaaron attributes her business sense to her father Bruce O’Neal, a successful entrepreneur, who was her inspiration for her first book. Kaaron is a cruise aficionado, who has been on 20 cruises with her family. Since she loves to help others, Kaaron published her second book, in which she gives advice and tips about cruising. She is a senior manager at a local credit union. She is a proponent of continuous learning, and achieved a B.A. in Psychology, and a Masters Degree in Organizational Management. Kaaron lives in Burbank with her husband Randall, an artist who promotes art in local communities and schools.

Io Sol Wise  
The Paper Garden, R.E.M. [Fantasy]  
--Io Sol Wise is married and a resident of Van Nuys. He is a Substitute Teacher for the Los Angeles Unified School District. A graduate of letters from Indiana State University, he has presented readings of his unpublished works before turning to the Paper Garden. Wise enjoys photography, and rarely does he leave home without his camera. The Paper Garden, R.E.M. is his first novel.

Layne Wong  
Shanghai Love [Historical Fiction]  
--Layne Wong is a novelist with an interest in writing through a cultural lens – a widening of one’s perspective that takes into consideration influences that aren’t fully visible. A television writer, Layne works in the entertainment industry. She’s a member of the Writers Guild of America (WGA), Academy of TV Arts & Sciences (ATAS) and the American Herbalist Guild (AHG). Website: www.laynewong.com

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