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Book Program!

Author - Rob Stahl "Choice & Fate"

Meet short-story author Rob Stahl. In his debut book, "Choice & Fate" Rob drew on his inspiration from watching the Twilight Zone. "I love how Edgar Allan Poe, O. Henry, and Rod Serling all have twists at the end of their stories."

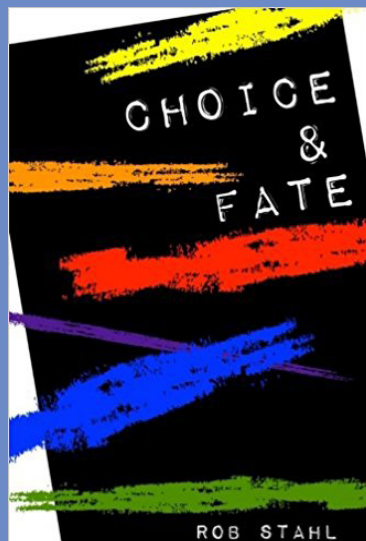


In this collection of short stories, Rob mentions that his favorite story in *Réprouvé*. "The title is French, meaning 'outcast.' The protagonist is dealing with the fate and consequences of suicide." He is currently working on turning this story into a play.

It took ten years for Rob to complete this collection, which he says was a labor of love. His advice to fellow writers is, "never give up." For Rob, he says writing "is something that I can't imagine not doing. For me, it's therapeutic."

He can't start a story until he knows the ending. He then writes the first draft long hand, and edits while putting the second draft into a document.

"Choice & Fate" is available at PJ Boox Bookstore (Fort Myers, FL), and online at PJBoox, Amazon, Books-a-Million, and Barnes & Noble. You can also contact Rob at stahlrob@hotmail.com.



From Our CEO

Timothy Jacobs



We are excited to relaunch our quarterly newsletter. This first reissue is packed with information.

Growing up in the New Haven area of Connecticut, I remember many a trip to the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History. I was in awe looking at the massive dinosaur bones, the exhibits of ancient Egypt, and displays featuring the birds of Connecticut. From these visits to Peabody in my early years, I developed a love of going to museums, learning, and being inspired with ideas for stories.

I never thought that my love of museums and writing would one day meet each other, but they did. In May, the American Writers Museum opened in Chicago. Besides various writing and reading halls, it features an exhibit "The Mind of the Writer," where visitors get to write their own story using various methods of writing and writing tools. This is on the bucket list for many of us at JWC. Check out a shared blogpost about the AWM on our Facebook page.

In this issue, be sure to check out our featured author, Rob Stahl and his debut book, "Choice & Fate." We also have a great program lined up for October - a horror writing class!

Be sure to look for our next issue, and Keep Writing!

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Mon: First Line - we give you the first line of a book, you tell us the title

Tues: Writing Tip

Wed: Blog/Vlog

Thurs: Question of the Week

Fri: Fun Friday meme or pic

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Boo!!!

Did we scare you?

Believe it or not, Halloween is only four months away. So, we decided to do something special. On October 14, JWC will be hosting a horror writing class. Early registration is \$49 (\$59 after Aug. 31).

The class will include: hand-outs, a special guest speaker, tips on writing horror, and an anthology of horror stories-including YOUR STORY!!!

More details on the class coming soon!

Be sure to follow us on Twitter (@Jacobs1776Tim) where we'll be tweeting a daily horror writing prompt at midnight.

Writing Picture Prompt

For a fun writing exercise, try writing a paragraph about the picture from the point of view from the children who left behind their bicycles. Then, write a paragraph of them finding their bicycles 40 years later.



Childrens' Book Program

Has your child written and illustrated their very own story? If so, we can turn their story into a book, just like we did for seven-year-old Cody (pictured above). Through this program your child will learn the ins-n-outs of how a book is put together and the inner workings of publishing a book. It includes 25 copies of their book upon completion. If you're local to southwest Florida, we can even arrange a book signing for your child. Contact JWC today for more info.

5 Ways to get Writing

•**Journal Writing** – Let yourself go. Jot down thoughts, ideas, explore events, and emotions.

•**Freewriting** – Without stopping, write for 10 or 15 minutes. Let your mind wander. Don't pause to reread, criticize, or edit.

•**Brainstorming** – On a blank piece of paper, begin to list

anything and everything pertaining to your subject. Once you have finished brainstorming, begin to group your ideas and look for connections.

•**Clustering** – Similar to brainstorming, you explore your topic. On a clean sheet of paper write your topic in the center of the page.

Next, begin to surround your topic with ideas and details.

•**Journalistic Questions** – Ask the six basic questions of who, what, why, where, when, and how. In-depth questions can provide a great deal of information on your subject and suggest ways of shaping your ideas.

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