

Meet the Author
Showcasing Tri-State Authors

Cabell County Public Library
February 7, 2004
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Ralph K. Baber

The Last of Rose Summer
One Thorn is Too Many
(by Fay Harbison, edited by Ralph Baber)


Ralph K. Baber is a graduate of Huntington East High School and Georgia Tech. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1977. A participant in the Wildacres Writers Workshop and the University of Iowa Novel Workshop, he is a member of both the West Virginia Writers and the Highland Lakes Writers groups. He is presently at work on a second novel featuring police lieutenant Vern Halsey.



Garrett Belcher

World Record Watches
The Most Complicated Wristwatches
The Costliest Watch Bands

Garrett Belcher grew up in rural Wayne County and graduated from Ft. Gay High School and Marshall University. He has lived in San Francisco for 25 years only recently returning to the tri-state area. His interest in watches is also reflected in his collection, which includes such prestigious brands as Patek Philippe, Vacheron Constantin, Piaget, Jaeger-LeCoultre, IWC, in addition to slightly cheaper brands like Rolex, Omega and Longines.



Debbie Burton

Alligator Annie

Deborah Rose Burton lives in Southern Ohio and is a graduate of University of Cincinnati. She now serves as the Assistant Treasurer for the Symmes Valley Local School District however writing is her passion. In addition to *Alligator Annie*, Deborah has had articles and poems published.



Michael Brown

Good Afternoon Miss Dietrich

Michael Brown has been in the professional entertainment business for over 25 years. Originally from southern Ohio, he graduated from Chesapeake High School and majored in theater at Marshall University. Most recently, he served as Entertainment Coordinator for Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. His first book, *Good Afternoon Miss Dietrich*, is based on his personal experience with Hollywood screen legend, Marlene Dietrich.



James E. Casto

Cabell County

Cabell County is part of the Images of America series published by Arcadia. James E. Casto is associate editor of The Herald-Dispatch and a longtime enthusiast of West Virginia heritage.



Bob Fietsam

Paper Movies

Paper Movies is written under the pseudonym Max Morteman; it fits into the horror-fantasy genre.



Danny Fulks

Tragedy on Greasy Ridge

Danny Fulks grew up on a farm in southern Ohio and taught school in Gallia and Franklin counties. He has a doctor's degree from the University of Tennessee, is Professor Emeritus at Marshall University and currently serves as an adjunct professor at Ohio University in Ironton. His stories have appeared in numerous publications including, The MacGuffin, Goldenseal, Timeline and Now and Then, and his collection, *Tales Along the Appalachian Plateau* was published in 1995.



John Patrick Grace

The Life Writing Class

John Patrick Grace, Ph.D., is CEO/Executive Editor of Grace Associates/Editors & Publishers and Executive Director of Publishers Place, Inc. He also directs the Life Writing Tutorial currently in session at St. Timothy's in the Valley Episcopal Church in Hurricane.



Frances B. Gunter

Barboursville
Golden Horseshoe I
Golden Horseshoe II

Frances Gunter taught history and humanities in Cabell County schools for more than 30 years before retiring. Her Golden Horseshoe books are mysteries written for middle school students that are used to familiarize young readers with West Virginia history. The books are widely used in Cabell County schools.



Lynn Hartz

And Time Stood Still
Club Fed: Living Inside a Women's Prison

Ms. Hartz makes her home in Charleston, WV.



Constance Hayden

The True Art of Survival

Constance Hayden, D.O., is a retired neuropsychiatrist who lives in Huntington. She was medically educated in Limoges, France, in Lewisburg, WV, and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. She served as a U.A. Army psychiatrist and then had a private practice in Huntington that also functioned as a research center.



John A. Hunt

White Witchdoctor

John A. Hunt was born in South Africa and attended medical school at Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg. For 16 years he worked as a surgeon at Baragwanath, a 2500 bed hospital in Soweto. *White Witchdoctor* is a recounting of those years. In June 1976, Dr. Hunt transferred his practice to the United States after witnessing the bloody student-led protests and riots in Soweto.



Patricia Simms Harrison

From Innocence to Reality

Patricia Simms Harrison was born in Charleston and graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School and Marshall University. She later earned a master's degree from Marshall and an Ed.S. in foreign language education from UK. In 1983, she received a doctorate from Marshall and WVU. She and her husband have lived in Huntington in the same house since 1949.



Jan Loudin

Whispers from God

Whispers from God is Jan Loudin's first book of Christian poetry.



Llewellyn McKernan

Short & Simple Annals
Wild Sweet Notes
Backcountry

Llewellyn McKernan is a poet, children's book writer, and teacher who has lived and worked in Huntington for over 30 years. She has a master's degree in creative writing from Brown University and a master's in English from the University of Arkansas. Her poems have won 59 prizes in state, regional and national competitions. Her work has been published in over 20 anthologies and 66 state, regional and national journals.



Don Daniel McMillian

Images of America: Huntington

Images of America: Huntington is the first in a trilogy about the history Huntington. In addition to this book, Daniel earlier published *Huntington: Spaces of Splendor*.



Tom Pekar

The Hybrid Race

The Hybrid Race, published in 2001, is classified as spiritual science fiction. Mr. Pekar makes his home in Barboursville.



Justine Rutherford

Rough Lumber

Justine Rutherford grew up on a farm on Spurlock Creek, West Virginia. She graduated from Milton High School and attended Marshall University, becoming a nurse in 1962. *Rough Lumber* is the story of growing up in Appalachia during the depression.



John Schepman

Teardrops are Red

John Schepman was born in Falls City, Nebraska. He is a psychiatrist who currently has a private practice in Louisa, Kentucky.



Carter Taylor Seaton

Father's Troubles

Carter Taylor Seaton is a Huntington native. She raised four children, completed her college degree from Marshall University, and started running in marathons after the age of 50. In addition to writing and running Carter Seaton is a certified scuba diver and a figurative sculptor.



Rose Stadler

The Confederette

Rose Stadler, MSW, is a social worker turned author. She has written over 20 books and currently lives in West Virginia.



David Lee Thompson

River of Memories: An Appalachian Boyhood

David Lee Thompson grew up in Bowen Creek, West Virginia. After serving his country during the Vietnam Era, he graduated from Marshall University with an M.A. in education. Now retired from teaching, he lives in Salt Rock, West Virginia.



Tom Wilmink

*The Boys and Girls of Simms School
Handbook for Commercial and Municipal Composting in West Virginia*

Thomas Wilmink is president and owner of Wilmink Associates, Inc., a WV based engineering and consulting firm. He retired from INCO Alloys in 1993 where he held several senior management positions. Mr. Wilmink has published numerous articles and other publications and is a frequent lecturer at WVU and Marshall University.

