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**Warren J. Anderson**--Warren is the author and illustrator of *The Snories and the Magic Dancing Shoes*. He is a Milwaukee native, a graduate of the High School of the Arts, a student of MATC, and a strong supporter of the arts.

The beautifully diverse community he was fortunate enough to be raised in fostered his love of the arts. Warren's other hobbies include, photography, audio production, videography, playing violin, and an occasional game of tennis.

You can explore more about *The Snories* at [www.thesnories.com](http://www.thesnories.com)



**Douglas Armstrong**--A former newspaper reporter, columnist and critic for *The Milwaukee Journal* in the 1960s, Armstrong witnessed the era of civil rights protests, anti-war demonstrations, and struggles for "women's liberation." These turbulent issues form the backdrop for his new mystery series beginning with *Life on The Sun*. He won the Wisconsin Writers prize for his debut novel, *Even Sunflowers Cast Shadows*

Armstrong's short fiction has appeared in a variety of magazines from *Ellery Queen* to *Boys' Life*. He lives in Whitefish Bay where he serves on the board of his local library and school district. He is a member of the Mystery Writers of America, the Council for Wisconsin Writers, and the Milwaukee Press Club. He is married and the father of four.

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**Barbara M. Britton**--Barbara, a Brookfield resident for sixteen years, was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. She loves the snow—when it accumulates under three inches. She has a nutrition degree from Baylor University but loves to dip healthy strawberries in chocolate.

Barb writes romantic adventures for teens and adults. She is published in Biblical fiction and enjoys bringing little known Bible characters to light in her stories. Barb is a member of the American Christian Fiction Writers, the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Romance Writers of America and Wisconsin Romance Writers of America.

Her novels include "*Providence: Hannah's Journey*," "*Building Benjamin: Naomi's Journey*," "*Jerusalem Rising: Adah's Journey*." Find out more about Barb and her books at [www.barbarambritton.com](http://www.barbarambritton.com)



**Liam Callanan**--Liam is a novelist, teacher and journalist. He was the 2017 winner of the *Hunt Prize*, and his first novel, *The Cloud Atlas*, was a finalist for an Edgar Award. Other books include *All Saints*, and *Paris by the Book*.

His work has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Slate*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and he's recorded numerous essays for public radio. He's also taught for the Warren Wilson MFA Program for Writers, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He lives in Wisconsin with his wife and daughters.

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**Kathy J. Jacobson**--Kathy is the author of four books in the "Noted" series: *Noted*, *On Another Note*, *A New Note*, and *Scratch Pad*. A former resident of Brookfield, she has lived in many corners of Wisconsin. She currently resides in the beautiful "Driftless Area of Southwest Wisconsin" with her husband Jeff. They are the parents of three grown children. Kathy is an avid traveler, having visited all fifty states and six continents.

She loves music, the theater, and the Wisconsin Badgers. But her true passion is writing. You can follow her on [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com) or on her Facebook page, Kathy J. Jacobson, author.



**Margaret Kasimatis**--Margaret enjoys writing in a variety of genres and has had short stories and poems published. *Not Pink* is her debut novel.

Since her "day job" as a psychology professor is time consuming, this novel has taken twelve years to reach bookshelves. Margaret is cautiously optimistic that her next story, *Beyond the Yard*, will be released in 2020.

When she is not teaching or writing, Margaret is busy traveling with her husband to visit their far-flung adult children, playing and sometimes training their goofy rescue dogs, and indulging her addiction to perennial flowers.

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**Jane Kelley**--Jane grew up near woods in Mequon, the perfect place for her imagination to roam. After graduating from Northwestern University, she performed street theater throughout the Midwest. She and her husband then moved to Brooklyn, New York, where she was inspired by their daughter to write for kids.

In 2010, she published her first middle grade novel, *Nature Girl*. In 2013, she was the Thurber House Children's Writer in Residence. *The Desperate Adventures of Zeno and Alya* was honored by the CCBC in 2014. Her most recent work is the chapter book series, *The Escapades of Clint McCool*. Other novels include *Octo-Man and the Headless Monster* and *The Book of Dares for Lost Friends*.

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**Tom Matthews**--Tom's new novel *Raising the Dad* was published in April 2018. It is a moving and brashly funny family saga about a dysfunctional clan whose patriarch returns in a most astounding way imaginable. Matthews's first novel, *Like We Care*, was published in 2004.

Matthews' began his career as a screenwriter, writing the 1997 film *Mad City* starring Dustin Hoffman, John Travolta and Alan Alda, and directed by Costa-Gavras. Matthews also wrote scripts for 20th Century Fox, Walt Disney Pictures, Warner Bros. and New Line Cinema, working with such filmmakers as Steven Soderbergh, Steve Tisch, and Lynda Obst.

As a journalist, feature writer and social commentator, he has been published in newspapers across the country. His freelance writing for *Milwaukee Magazine* earned him Wisconsin's highest press honors for long form feature writing in 2013 and 2014.

Matthews lives in Wauwatosa, WI, with his wife Pam. He is a grant writer for the Well Community programs of Aurora Health Care. Read more at: <https://www.facebook.com/tommatthewsauthor/>, [https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/362502.Tom\\_Matthews](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/362502.Tom_Matthews)



**Tom Miller**--Tom grew up in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. He graduated from Harvard University and went on to earn an MFA in creative writing from the University of Notre Dame and an MD from the University of Pittsburgh. While writing *The Philosopher's Flight*, he worked as a travel guidebook writer, EMT, and college English instructor. He's now an emergency room doctor in Madison, Wisconsin. This is his first novel.

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**Richard Ratay**--Richard was the last of four kids raised by two mostly attentive parents in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in journalism and has worked as an award-winning advertising copywriter for twenty-five years. Ratay lives in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, with his wife, Terri, their two sons, and two very excitable rescue dogs. "*Don't Make Me Pull Over! An Informal History of the Family Road Trip*" is his first book.

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