



Happy Fourth of July! Several years ago, when I volunteered to help Gen. Lawrence Snowden publish his memoir, the General said he hoped that the experience would boost my publishing career. Today, Turtle Cove Press is a hopping independent publishing company with multiple award-winning authors! I am very proud to be working with each and every one of you. You are certainly keeping me busy, and I love it!

CONGRATULATIONS to Susan Koehler on a successful Cover Reveal for **NOBODY KILLS UNCLE BUSTER AND GETS AWAY WITH IT**. The Cover Reveal was hosted online by Midtown Reader on June 12. Liz Talbert emceed the event, which featured both author Susan Koehler and cover artist Shelby Koehler (Susan's daughter). There were 23 participants on Zoom and at least 31 views on Facebook Live. If you missed it, or would like to watch it again, here is the link: https://youtu.be/j_imkx2t0m0.

MORE CONGRATS! Suzan E. Zan is a finalist in the Florida Authors and Publishers Association's (FAPA) Presidents Awards. The awards ceremony will be held at FAPA's annual conference in Orlando. The conference is July 30-31, and the ceremony is July 31. Good luck, Suzan!

BREAKING NEWS: Surf Dude, the Carolina Dog who is the inspiration for Zelle Andrews' upcoming novel, has found a home! After years as a vagabond, being cared for by a dedicated group of people but never letting anyone get too close, Surf finally agreed to let a nice family share their home with him. This was an amazing development, since the dog would never allow anyone to touch him. He would occasionally sniff someone's hand or foot, but he now allows his family to pet him and even put a collar and leash on him. All Surf's fans are thrilled at this new chapter in the dog's life. With thunderstorms and fireworks looming, Surf couldn't have picked a better time to "retire" from his nomadic lifestyle.

Here's a look at what's happening for Turtle Cove Press authors!

CALENDAR

JULY 24 | 10AM EDT – Cover Reveal for BETSY AND BERNIE – ECO-GUARDIANS, by Abby Hugill, illustrated by Cody Paddock. More details coming soon.

WHERE: Online via Midtown Reader

Call to pre-order the book (hardcover or paperback): 850.425.2665 (BOOK)

JULY 31 | 7-9PM EDT – 2021 FAPA President's Book Awards Celebration

Suzan E. Zan is up for an award for her poetry collection, **FROM SUFFERING TO SALVE: MY JOURNEY TO HAPPINESS**

WHERE: Orlando Hilton Buena Vista Palace

For more information: <https://myfapa.org/fapacon2021/>

AUGUST 7 | 12PM EDT – Cover Reveal for THE ADVENTURES OF SURF DUDE: THE DOG OF OCHLOCKONEE BAY, by Zelle Andrews. The beautiful cover was designed by Elizabeth Babski, and it captures both the novel's warmth and the dog's indomitable spirit.

WHERE: Marker 11, 1349 Coastal Highway, Panacea, FL 32346

Call to pre-order the book: 850.817.0132

AUGUST 21 | 11AM EDT – Book Launch1 for UNCLE BUSTER

WHERE: Midtown Reader, 1123 Thomasville Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303

We are anticipating a big crowd, so if you are unable to attend at 11AM, we'll do it again at 2PM! Call to pre-order the book: 850.425.2665 (BOOK)

AUGUST 21 | 2PM EDT – Book Launch2 for UNCLE BUSTER

WHERE: Midtown Reader, 1123 Thomasville Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303

Call to pre-order the book: 850.425.2665 (BOOK)

AUGUST 28 | 10AM EDT – Book Launch for BETSY AND BERNIE – ECO-GUARDIANS, by Abby Hugill, illustrated by Cody Paddock. This book is part of the Gold Award project for author Abby Hugill. The Gold Award is the Girl Scouts' equivalent of the Eagle Scout designation. Abby also designed a garden for pollinators at Maclay School. Abby will read the book at Kidtown (Midtown Reader).

WHERE: Midtown Reader, 1123 Thomasville Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303

Call to pre-order the book (hardcover or paperback): 850.425.2665 (BOOK)

SEPTEMBER 04 | 12PM EDT – Book Launch for SURF DUDE

WHERE: Marker 11, 1349 Coastal Highway, Panacea, FL 32346

Call to pre-order the book: 850.817.0132

SEPTEMBER 18 | 1PM - 4PM EDT – Poetry Workshop featuring Suzan E. Zan, author of FROM SUFFERING TO SALVE: MY JOURNEY TO HAPPINESS

WHERE: AHA Gallery, 307 N. Main St., Havana, FL

Price \$35 – includes copy of Suzan's book; or \$25 without the book.

Snacks, pens, and notepads will be provided. Call 850.566.8675 to pre-register. Limited to 12 participants. A flyer is attached – please post it on your social media platforms!

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 8 | 6:30PM EDT – Tallahassee Writers Association Monthly Meeting, featuring Sheree Renee Thomas, award-winning short story author. Online via Zoom. Details at www.twaonline.org.

JULY 15 | 6:30 PM EDT – Literary Reading Salon & Open Mic Night at 621 Gallery.

The 621 Literary Salon is a space for writers at every stage of their journey to gather, share, and connect. All are welcome to submit! Pieces range from short stories, songs, poems, chapters, and more. The 621 Gallery aims to foster a community between students of FSU, FAMU, and TCC as well as the general population and encourages risk-taking and vulnerability. Submissions are due the weekend before the Salon, so check it out this month and plan to participate next month! We are always looking for new authors and audience members to strengthen Tallahassee's writing community.

WHERE: 621 Gallery in Railroad Square

AUGUST 31 | 11:45PM EDT – Seven Hills Contest, Deadline to submit an entry! Details at tinyurl.com/7hills2021.

Have a safe and wonderful month of July. Let creativity ring!



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