



What an amazing month! Since last month's edition of *Turtle Tracks*, we have had multiple events! The cover reveal and book launch for *The Adventures of Surf Dude: The Dog of Ochlockonee Bay*, by Zelle Andrews! Not one but two book launches for *Nobody Kills Uncle Buster and Gets Away with It*, by Susan Koehler! And the book launch for *Betsy and Bernie: Eco-Guardians*, by Abby Hugill with illustrations by Cody Paddack!

Many thanks to Tracy and Mark at Marker 11 for hosting the Surf Dude events. They provided a lovely space in the store where Surf Dude fans could see the beautiful cover designed by Elizabeth Babski of Babski Creative Studios, chat with Zelle, and of course get their books signed!

NEWS FLASH: Vote for SURF DUDE in Tally Top Pet contest! Each vote costs \$1 and supports Be the Solution, a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to "end pet overpopulation and prevent the cycle of suffering for unwanted pets living in shelters and on the street." Deadline to vote is Sept. 20! Vote here: <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/tallytoppet/entries/324317>



Zelle Andrews at the book launch for *Surf Dude*. (Photo by Sarah Andrews, used by permission.)

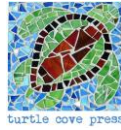
A special thank-you to Sally Bradshaw and her amazing team at Midtown Reader for their ongoing support of Turtle Cove Press authors! To safely accommodate Susan Koehler's fans, the book launch for *Uncle Buster* was split into two events in one day. Both events were well attended, and Susan was high energy throughout. That's what being a teacher for 30-plus years does for you!

The following week, I was back at Midtown Reader for Kidtown Story and Craft Time with Abby and Cody. This dynamic duo, like the titular friends in *Betsy and Bernie*, are eco-guardians who tag-teamed a reading of their book. After-wards, the kids had fun making flower bookmarks and getting their books signed by the author and the illustrator. The book is part of Abby's Girl Scout Gold Award project that also includes building a pollinator garden and a bat house at Maclay School, where she is a senior this year.



ABOVE LEFT: Shelby Koehler and Susan Koehler at book launch for *Uncle Buster*. ABOVE CENTER: Flower bookmark craft project at book launch of *Betsy and Bernie*. ABOVE RIGHT: Cody Paddack, Sally Bradshaw, and Abby Hugill at the book launch for *Betsy and Bernie*

JOIN THE CELEBRATION! Both Suzan E. Zan and I are finalists in the Royal Palm Literary Awards! Suzan's recognition is for her collection of poetry, *From Suffering to Salve: My Journey to Happiness*. My manuscript, *The Claddagh*, is a finalist in the unpublished middle-grade category. See more details in the Calendar below.



HEARTH AND SOUL TO FEATURE TURTLE COVE PRESS AUTHORS FOR IN-STORE EVENTS.

If you've never been to Hearth and Soul (<https://hearthandsoul.com/>), you should check it out. This boutique shop is a "gathering place and shopping experience." Set up to feature every room in your home, Hearth and Soul highlights local authors in their "Library." On September 26 at 1PM, Susan Koehler and Zelle Andrews will be the featured authors in a middle-grade book club event. They will talk about their new books, *Uncle Buster* and *Surf Dude*, and of course sign copies! Both books tie in to National Family Day as "Family Read-Togethers."

POETRY WORKSHOP CANCELLED; NEW WORKSHOP SCHEDULED. Suzan's poetry workshop scheduled for Sept. 18 at the AHA Gallery in Havana was cancelled due to an insufficient number of responses. Never fear, though! Hearth and Soul in Tallahassee will be hosting Suzan for a poetry workshop on October 24. More details soon!

DID SOMEONE SAY AUDIOBOOKS? Yes! I am in the process of producing several Turtle Cove Press books as audiobooks through ACX. First up is *Blue Rock Rescue*, which will be followed by *Dahlia in Bloom*, *Uncle Buster*, and *Surf Dude*. Other books in the Turtle Cove Press catalog will follow.

Here's a look at what's happening this month (and next) for Turtle Cove Press authors!

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 26 | 1PM – Middle-Grade Author Event featuring Zelle Andrews and Susan Koehler. Zelle and Susan will discuss their books, *The Adventures of Surf Dude: The Dog of Ochlockonee Bay*, and *Nobody Kills Uncle Buster and Gets Away with It*, respectively.

WHERE: Hearth and Soul, 1410 Market St., Tallahassee, FL 32312

OCTOBER 16 | 7PM – Royal Palm Literary Awards Ceremony. Since the Florida Writers Association conference, where the awards ceremony usually takes place, was cancelled due to COVID, FWA is taking the RPLA ceremony virtual and inviting everyone to join the celebration for free! **Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86139213876?pwd=S1IyRWhtcEJlGN1VVVlanpWTUhfDz09>; **Passcode:** 230341

OCTOBER 24 | Poetry Workshop featuring Suzan E. Zan, author of FROM SUFFERING TO SALVE: MY JOURNEY TO HAPPINESS

WHERE: Hearth and Soul, 1410 Market St., Tallahassee, FL 32312

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

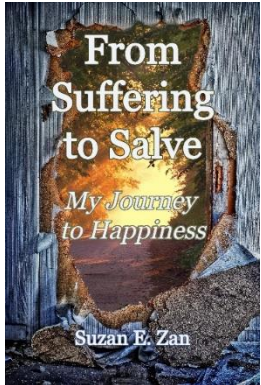
SEPTEMBER | National Literacy Month.

SEPTEMBER 30 | 11:45PM EDT – Seven Hills Contest. Deadline to submit an entry! Details at tinyurl.com/7hills2021.

OCTOBER | National Book Month.

OCTOBER 04-08 | Holy Comforter Book Fair. Susan Koehler will be at the Book Fair on October 5 with both DAHLIA IN BLOOM and UNCLE BUSTER. Holy Comforter Episcopal School, Tallahassee, FL.

Have a safe and happy September! Enjoy the hints of Fall weather!



Our new family member, Pilot, at the Bay



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