

# Turtle Tracks

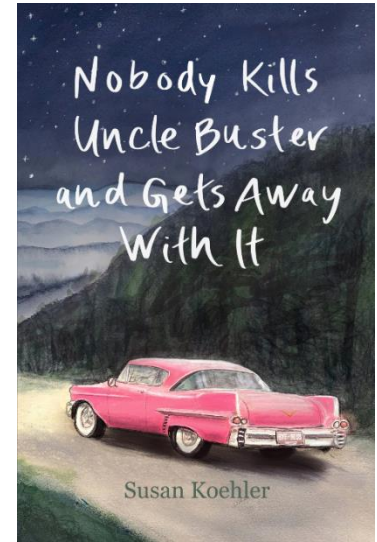
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## *Children's Book of the Year!*

Susan Koehler had me doing the double happy dance Saturday night when she texted me the news from Orlando. She was at the Florida Writers Association's Royal Palm Literary Awards. Not only did *Nobody Kills Uncle Buster and Gets Away with It* earn FIRST PLACE in the middle-grade fiction category, it earned BEST CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR! Congratulations, Susan! You rock!



## **Children's Poetry Anthology Event at Midtown Reader**

*So Many Animals! A Children's Book of Poetry with Coloring Pages* (Turtle Cove Press, 2022) will be featured at Midtown Reader during Kidtown Story Hour on April 15, 2023! With 37 poems by 15 authors and wonderful illustrations by Barbara Psimas which young readers can color in, this book will be a fun introduction to poetry.

## **Share Your Book News!**

Do you have news to share in the next issue of Turtle Tracks? Contact [editor@turtlecovepress.com](mailto:editor@turtlecovepress.com) with your author event, writing awards, and other news/ information to share with your fellow TCP authors! Don't forget photos!

## **TWA Board of Directors Election**

The Tallahassee Writers Association holds its annual election of Board Members on Nov. 10. All members in good standing may vote for the Board of Directors. If you would like to run for an office, please contact Bob Gibbs at [bobg3849@gmail.com](mailto:bobg3849@gmail.com). The program that follows the election will feature **Susan Tabaka-Kritzek** with NaNoWriMo Tips and **Katie Clark** with writing prompts.

### SLATE OF OFFICERS

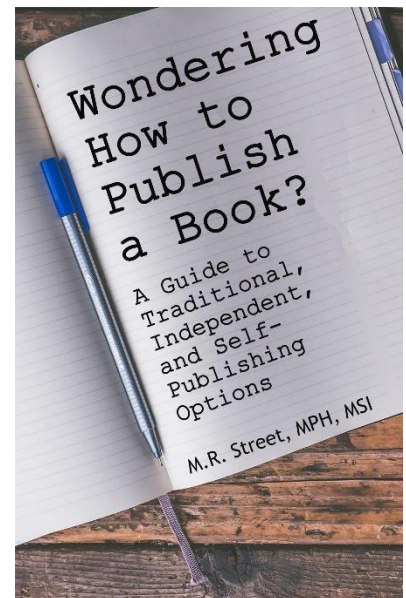
President: Doug Alderson  
Pres.-Elect: M.R. Street  
Immediate Past Pres.: Bob Gibbs  
At-Large 1: Katie Clark  
At-Large 2: NEED VOLUNTEER  
Secretary: NEED VOLUNTEER  
Treasurer: NEED VOLUNTEER

### COMMITTEES

If you'd like to volunteer but aren't ready for an officer position, consider signing up for a committee!

## **Coming Soon! Publishing 101**

I've been working on an eBook to help authors decide which path to publishing is right for them. Coming soon, this eBook will be available for \$1.99 via Amazon.





**Books at the Bay!**



Turtle Cove Press will have award winners *Surf Dude*, *Uncle Buster*, *Blue Rock Rescue*, *From Suffering to Salve*, and other terrific books for kids and families. Kids can color pages from my upcoming poetry anthology, *So Many Animals!* Come on out to the grassy area between the Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Panacea Community Garden (across from Dollar General on Coastal Hwy. 98) and enjoy the Fall weather!

**November and December Calendar & Observances**

**November is National Novel Writing Month!** Challenge yourself to write a 50,000-word novel in 30 days. Sue Tabaka-Kritzek will be at the TWA monthly membership meeting with NaNo tips, followed by Katie Clark leading some writing prompts to get your creative juices flowing! Here are some more observances – What story ideas do they inspire?

November	December
1 Authors Day; Family Literacy Day	1 Day With(Out) Art Day
5 Love Your Red Hair Day	3 Play Outside Day
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall back an hour at 2AM)	5 Bathtub Party Day, Int'l. Ninja Day
13 World Kindness Day	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance
16 Button Day	8 Pretend to be a Time Traveler Day
17 Take A Hike Day	9 Weary Willie Day
19 National Adoption Day	15 Cat Herders Day
18 Substitute Educator Day	17 Wright Brothers Day
20 Absurdity Day	18 National Twins Day
25 Play Day with Dad; You're Welcomegiving Day	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

More fun days/weeks/months at <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/>

**CALENDAR**

Here's a look at what's happening in November and December for Turtle Cove Press authors!

**SATURDAYS in NOVEMBER | Tallahassee Downtown Market.** WHERE: Ponce de Leon Park. WHEN: 10am-2pm. Sign up for a day shift (9AM-2PM) or half-day shift. Email Pat Stanford at [wordhacker.ps@gmail.com](mailto:wordhacker.ps@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**NOVEMBER 5 | Panacea Community Market.** WHERE: Coastal Hwy. 98, Panacea (between the Volunteer Fire Department and the Panacea Community Garden, across from Dollar General); WHEN: 9AM – 1PM.

**NOVEMBER 10 | TWA Annual Membership Meeting.** WHERE: Marzuq Shriners Center, 1805 N Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32303, or via Zoom; WHEN: 6:30-7:30PM.

**NOVEMBER 12 | Sopchoppy Shells and Tails (Oyster and Mullet) Festival.** Sopchoppy Depot Park, 34 Rose Street, Sopchoppy FL 32358.

**DECEMBER 8 | TWA Holiday Party.** Bring a dessert to share. Seven Hills Contest Winners will be announced. WHERE: Marzuq Shriners Center, 1805 N Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32303, or via Zoom; WHEN: 6:30-7:30PM.

**DECEMBER 10 | Fall Farm Day.** WHERE: Tallahassee Museum (aka Junior Museum), 3945 Museum Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32310.

Enjoy your holidays, and say a prayer for the people of Ukraine.



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