

# Turtle Tracks

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## ***Turtle Cove Press Will Be Busy in 2023!*** ***Three Book Launches Scheduled for April-May*** ***Queen of the Clouds Takes Off on April 26***

Taylor C. Phillips will be at Midtown Reader (1123 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee) at 7PM on April 26 for the launch of *Queen of the Clouds: Joan Merriam Smith and Jerrie Mock's Epic Quest to Become the First Woman to Fly Solo Around the World*. Two women. One goal: To be the first woman to fly solo around the world. In 1964, the world of aviation, like so many other professions, was dominated by men. Geraldine "Jerrie" Mock, an Ohio housewife, took up flying as a hobby. Joan Merriam Smith was a commercial pilot—one of a handful of professional women pilots at the time—who dreamt of completing Amelia Earhart's equatorial route. That these two women from such different backgrounds embarked at

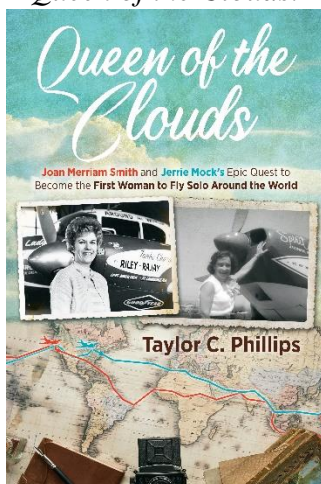
virtually the same time to set the same world record is only part of the story. And their story is truly fascinating. Author Taylor C. Phillips interviewed Jerrie Mock multiple times at her home in Quincy, Florida, and also spoke with Joan Merriam Smith's widower at his home in Prattville, Alabama. Phillips' research has uncovered previously unknown information that sets the stage for an adventure that flies straight out of the pages of history.



Taylor C. Phillips  
Photo by Debbie Bass

### **Cover Reveal!**

Here is the first look at the cover of *Queen of the Clouds!*

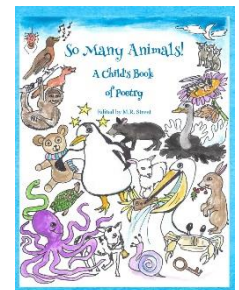


Thanks to Elizabeth Babski of **Babski Creative Studios** for designing this beautiful cover!

### ***So Many Animals!*** **Coming to Midtown Reader** **for Kidtown Story Hour**

*So Many Animals! A Child's Book of Poetry* will be the featured story at Midtown Reader's Kidtown Story Hour at 10AM on Saturday, April 15.

With 37 poems by 15 authors and Barbara Psimas' wonderful coloring book-style illustrations, to color in, this book will be an enjoyable introduction to poetry for young readers. Following a reading of several of the animal poems in the book, M.R. Street will lead a fun bookmark-making activity.



Cover art by  
Barbara Psimas

## ***Charlie's Song, Susan Koehler's Anticipated Sequel to *Dahlia in Bloom*, Launches May 6***

**WHEN: May 6, 3PM WHERE: Midtown Reader, 1123 Thomasville Rd.**

A surprise visitor can really disrupt the lives of a family of tenant farmers, a fatherless boy, and a circle of 10-year-old girls. In this sequel to *Dahlia in Bloom*, the Harrell family is visited by Mommy's brother, Ennis Cain. Banjo in hand, the self-proclaimed traveling troubadour offers music and hope to Lothian Mill and lifts Dahlia's brother Charlie from illness and despair. But when things go missing from the general store, Uncle Ennis becomes the prime suspect, and the music, hope, and healing begin to slip away. *Charlie's Song*, set in 1935 rural North Carolina, is a heart-warming story about family, friendship, and the transformative power of forgiveness.

"Charlie's Song," an original composition by Susan Koehler and Heath Fowler, will be performed live at the book launch on May 6 at 3PM at Midtown Reader, 1123 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee. The song will be made available on multiple streaming outlets.



*Susan Koehler, photo by Hillary Koehler*

### CALENDAR

**FEBRUARY 4 | Panacea Community Market.** WHERE: Coastal Hwy. 98, Panacea (between the Volunteer Fire Department and the Panacea Community Garden, across from Dollar General); WHEN: 9AM – 12PM.

**FEBRUARY 12 | TWA Membership Meeting.** Join us for some romantic advice—That is, tips on writing (and publishing) romance novels! Author A.A. Chamberlynn will discuss her recent romance eBook. WHERE: Marzuq Shriners Center, 1805 N Monroe St., Tallahassee, or via Zoom; WHEN: 6:30-7:30PM.

**APRIL 8 | Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival.** WHERE: Sopchoppy Depot Park, 34 Rose Street, Sopchoppy; WHEN: 9AM – the worms go home.

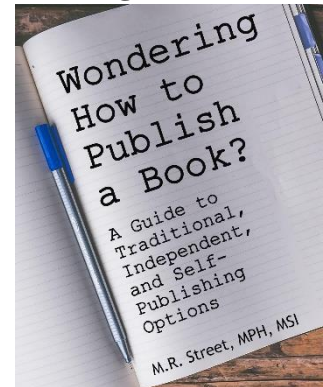
Enjoy this beautiful, busy time of year! Say a prayer for the people of Ukraine.



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## **M.R. Street's eBook on Paths to Publishing Now Available!**



This eBook provides a short overview of three types of publishing—traditional, independent, and self-publishing—including pros and cons for each. The eBook is available now in the Kindle store for \$2.99.



### **Books at the Bay!**

Come on down to the Panacea Community Market on Feb. 4! Turtle Cove Press will have award winners *Surf Dude*, *Uncle Buster*, *Blue Rock Rescue*, *From Suffering to Salve*, *Snowden's Story*, as well as the newest book, *So Many Animals!* and other terrific books for kids and families. Located in the grassy area between the Volunteer Fire Dept. & the Panacea Community Garden (across from Dollar General on Coastal Hwy. 98).