

CWC MT. DIABLO BRANCH

Writers Table : April 14, 2018

There are Many Paths to Publication

Andrew Benzie

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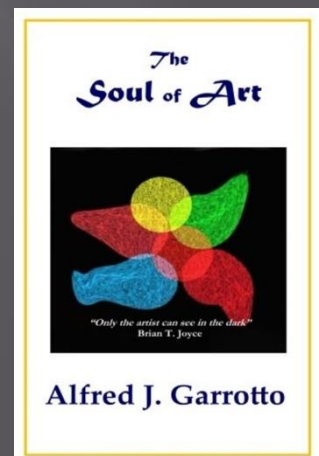
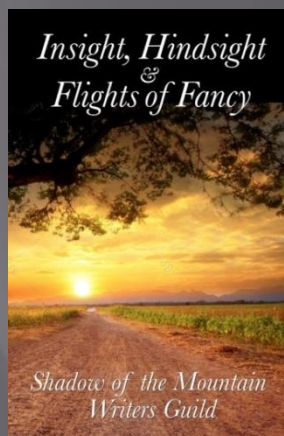
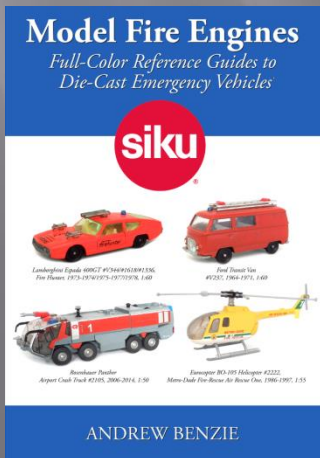
Robin Gigoux

Novelist & Anthologist...

with a focus on realism often delivered with humor, as in the anthology.

Al Garrotto

Spirituality



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The Work

Model Fire Engines

Full Color Reference Guides to Die-Cast Emergency Vehicles

This series of beautiful paperback books present author and long-time collector Andrew Benzie's extensive collection of die-cast model fire engines and emergency vehicles. Each book focuses on a specific manufacturer and each model is featured in full color. Manufacturer information, years produced and scale sizes are included along with photos of model fire stations, boxes and catalogs.

These wonderfully designed books will appeal to collectors, firefighters and children alike.

The Author

Bay Area native Andrew Benzie has over 25 years' experience in the design business. He has worked for both corporate art departments and as a freelance designer for his own company *Andrew Benzie Creative Design (ABCD)*. In 2010 he established his own publishing company *Andrew Benzie Books* to help authors design, publish, and market their books in both softcover and eBook formats. Andrew also plays bass and drums with a variety of local Bay Area bands.

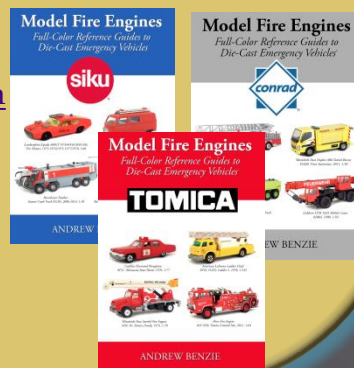
Professional: I am a designer, publisher and marketing consultant, and have also produced my own series of books. I am prepared to talk about aspects of the writing, design, publishing and marketing of my series of books, as well as the over 50 books I have published for other authors.

The Platform

- **Area(s) of Expertise:** Design, Publishing, Marketing
- **Key Points:** Published over 50 books, many for CWC members
- **Title:** Owner, Andrew Benzie Books and Owner, Andrew Benzie Creative Design (ABCD)
- **Brand Tagline:** *Delivers creative solutions to meet your graphic design, print, publishing and marketing needs.*
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Writers Table : Robin Gigoux

The Work

CHRONICLES OF AN OCCUPATIONAL PROSTITUTE, A NOVEL and *INSIGHT, HINDSIGHT & FLIGHTS OF FANCY*, AN ANTHOLOGY
CHRONICLES IS A NOVEL THAT COULD HAVE BEEN A MEMOIR; *THE ANTHOLOGY* IS A COLLABORATION OF 11 AUTHORS.

The Author

Robin Gigoux has been a member of CWC, Mt. Diablo Branch, since 2006, and a member of Shadow of the Mountain Writers Guild since 2014. In addition to her debut novel, *Chronicles of An Occupational Prostitute* in 2017, she has four short stories in the 2018 anthology, *Insight, Hindsight & Flights of Fancy*, both self-published. The *Diablo Gazette* published columns by Robin in March and April this year, earning her bylines in both cases. Her humorous review of *Feast of The Seven Fishes*, published by the Contra Costa Times, garnered compliments from columnist Nicholas Boer. Letters to editors have been published in newspapers on both coasts.

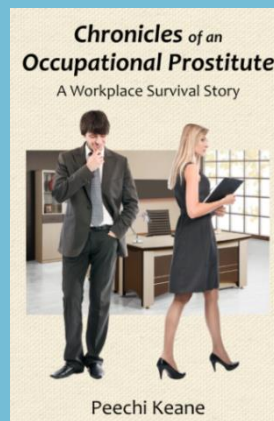
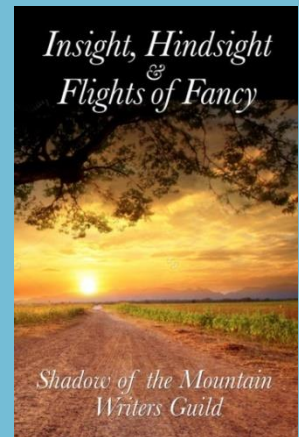
The Platform

- **Area of Expertise:** Marketing
- **Marketing Tip:**

*People need to know about you and your book(s) to buy them.
Market, market, market.*

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Writers Table : Al Garrotto

The Work

Nonfiction--*The Soul of Art; The Wisdom of Les Miserables: Lessons from the Heart of Jean Valjean; Adult-to-Adult* (3-book Catholic spirituality series).

Fiction--*There's More: What Happens at the Instant of Death?* (novella); *The Saint of Florenville; Circles of Stone* and its sequel, *Down a Narrow Alley; I'll Paint a Sun; Finding Isabella; A Love Forbidden*.

Poetry -- "Love Emeritus"

The Author

I love the creative process. It leads to self-discovery and, yes, redemption for whatever negative stuff has marred our experience of life in this world. Since we write to make sense of our life experiences, the slings and arrows of growing to adulthood -- and surviving it -- form the raw material of our writing. The goal? To find that rainbow of Joy at the end of each creative endeavor and in the body of our career endeavors.

Professional: Been There, Done That, What's Next?

Tagline: *Never stop learning . . .*

I've commercially and independently published books, written magazine and newspaper articles, and dabbled in poetry (whenever the muse strikes). What have I learned? How to write publishable fiction and nonfiction. How to help other writers hone their craft. Along the way, I discovered my own definition of "success."

The Platform

- **Area(s) of Expertise:** Writing, editing, public speaking, workshop presenter
- **Key Points:** I can't believe that I have authored 12 books, 3 (unsold) screenplays, and some random poetry, since I did not begin writing professionally until I was 45. My only professional award is CWC MD's 2001 Jack London Award
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