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### PROFILE SUMMARY

Friendly, dedicated writing professional with extensive experience in digital and print media, story ideation, structure, narrative design, character development, and pitching. A Swiss Army knife for analysis and rewrites focused on clear communication, collaboration, and inclusivity.

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| ● Setting Sun Productions              | Lummi Reservation, WA | Production Assistant |
| ● <i>KIMI</i> (Steven Soderbergh film) | Seattle, WA           | Actor                |
| ● Self (screenplays)                   | Bellingham, WA        | Screenwriter         |
| ● Blackthorn Press                     | SD/Bellingham, WA     | Author               |
| ● The Examiner                         | San Diego, CA         | Columnist (politics) |
| ● The Anthony Robbins Companies        | San Diego, CA         | Editorial Assistant  |
| ● The Community Times                  | San Diego, CA         | Columnist (film)     |
| ● Self (novels)                        | Swiftwater, PA        | Writer               |

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

#### **HONORS & PUBLICATION**

- TSL Free Screenplay Contest - Quarterfinalist - *astrofungus!* - 2024
- Top 10% of all projects on Coverfly, Top 10% of Thrillers - *Fire Drill* - 2023
- Academy Nicholl Fellowships - *Fire Drill* - Top 15% (2021, 2022), Top 20% (2020)
- Austin Film Festival - *Fire Drill* - 2nd Rounder - 2020, 2021
- Coverfly Red List Top 20 - *escapegoat* - 3/10/2022
- 2016 CityBeat Magazine Fiction 101 Award Winner, *Generation Gap*
- Author of 2015 novel, *Catsear*

- 2004 NaNoWriMo Finisher, *A Fistful of Knives*
- 2003 Moonlight & Magnolia Award Winner for Short Fiction, *Diseased*

### **MISCELLANEOUS - RESEARCH / EDITING / PROOFREADING**

- Film Reviewer, Article Editor at The Community Times - Contributor at The Examiner
- Distributor at Blackthorn Press - print and digital book sales through online markets
- Academic research papers, novels, short stories, essays, online articles, product reviews
- Professional transcription, correspondence, speech preparation
- Austin Film Festival 2022 - Volunteer Crew

### **RESOURCES**

- AI-enhanced editing and research
- Bellingham Script Studio, IMDbPro, WriterDuet, Coverfly, Zoom, Final Draft
- First Aid / CPR / AED card, driver's license, passport
- Flexible availability - travel / commute, remote / virtual, freelance, contract
- Fully vaccinated / boosted

### **ADDITIONAL INTERESTS**

- Music Educator and Concert Recitalist (piano) - 30+ years' experience
- Video game and animation writing, branching narrative stories, tall tales
- Classical piano, acting, gaming, extreme terrain snowboarding, fly fishing, hiking, books, camping, travel, movies and tv, environmentalism, racquetball, Kendo, backgammon

### **EDUCATION**

Pocono Mountain Senior High School - General Diploma, Westminster College - Double Major in English and Music Composition (2 years), San Diego Mesa College (2 years)

