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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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| ● <i>Etheric Travel</i> (short film) | Bellingham, WA | Writer-Director |
| ● 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 | Contributor (politics) |
| ● The Community Times | San Diego, CA | Columnist (film) |
| ● Self (novels) | Swiftwater, PA | Writer |

HONORS & PUBLICATION

- The Script Lab Free Screenplay Contest - *astrofungus!* - Quarterfinalist - 2024
- Academy Nicholl Fellowships - *Fire Drill* - Top 20% (2020), Top 15% ('21,'22)
- Austin Film Festival - *Fire Drill* - 2nd Rounder - 2020, 2021
- Coverfly Red List Top 20 - *escapegoat* - 2022
- CityBeat Magazine Fiction 101 Award Winner - *Generation Gap* - 2016
- Author of 2015 novel, *Catsear*
- NaNoWriMo Finisher, *A Fistful of Knives* - 2004
- Moonlight & Magnolia Award Winner for Short Fiction - *Diseased* - 3rd Place - 2003

MISCELLANEOUS - RESEARCH / EDITING / PROOFREADING

- Film review and script coverage - synopsis writing and analysis experience
- 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, Zoom, Final Draft 13
- 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 (classical piano) - 30+ years' experience
- Video game and animation writing, branching narrative stories, tall tales
- Movies, acting, gaming, extreme terrain snowboarding, catch-and-release fly fishing, hiking, books, camping, travel, 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)

