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# Amelia Island Writers



**-UPCOMING -**

**Thursday, March 17, St.  
Patrick's Day. Our second  
Irish Open will be held, 2-4  
pm Mocama Brewery, 629  
S. 8th St. Fernandina Beach.**

**Pick up some Irish vocabulary, choose a limerick to read, bring a poem or your own short story (up to 1,000 words), Irish themed.**

**Nancy Blanton, author of historical Irish fiction, and Jim Ramage, actor and writer, will headline the afternoon of celebrating Irish heritage and culture, along with a surprise from Mollie Bork.**

**RSVP is necessary. Reserve your spot by Tuesday, March 15 by emailing Lee Ann: [jimlee.shobe@gmail.com](mailto:jimlee.shobe@gmail.com)**

**Mocama invites you to stay on for festivities and music later.**

**Tuesday, March 22, 4-6 pm,  
Story & Song Bookstore  
Bistro**

**Quarterly general meeting  
and program. A rare  
opportunity to meet Terry  
Maple, Ph.D., who has  
retired here with his wife  
Addie.**

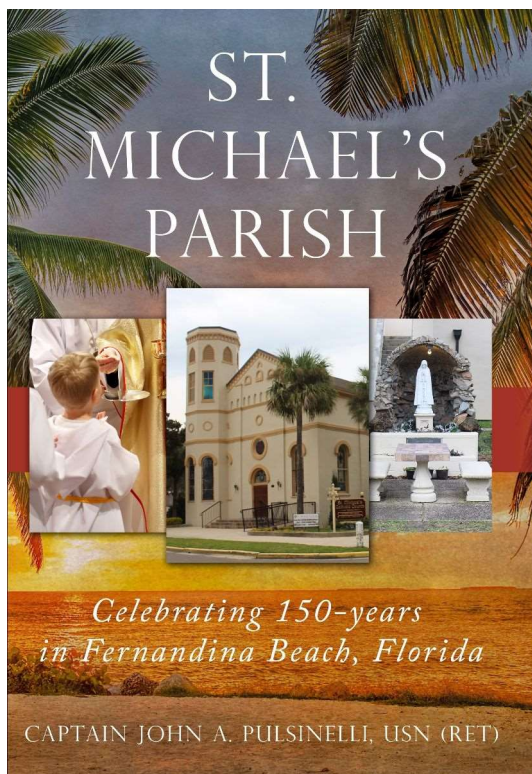


**Terry Maple's career has made a vast difference in the lives of zoo animals, their habitat, and in the visitor experience, establishing best practices on a global scale. Dr. Maple was the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement in Animal Welfare Award presented by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums in 2018. In Atlanta for 18 years, he earned accolades for transforming Zoo Atlanta from industry pariah to one of North America's premier zoological parks.**

**Facilitated by Lee Ann Shobe, we will delve into Dr. Maple's program: A Professor in the Zoo - how one man's commitment to wellness changed the life of a hopeless lowland gorilla and inspired zoos throughout the world.**

**Learn how a career influences writing that has the power to transform the world. Terry's books for sale and signing will be *Atlanta's Iconic Ape: the Life of Willie B.*, *Beyond Animal Welfare*, and *A Professor in the Zoo*.**

**So that we may plan properly, RSVP to Lee Ann by Sunday, March 20: [jimlee.shobe@gmail.com](mailto:jimlee.shobe@gmail.com)**

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**Capt. John Pulsinelli, USN (retired) has released his second book.**

**It's a celebratory year for St. Michael's in Fernandina Beach, and this book captures its rich and fascinating history through to the present. The book is available at the church parish office.**



**Recently reviewed by readers for readers -**

**Aleida Socarras may have retired in California, but we might catch a glimpse of her and her husband as they traverse the country and retirement in their RV. We remember Aleida's smile that lights up a room, and her enthusiastic participation in Amelia Island Writers. Aleida's second book has been released. *For Freedom's Sake* is a historical fiction novel showcasing impacts of the Cuban revolution. Incorporating the events surrounding Operation Peter Pan, this moving journey is an unfiltered look at the conditions in which immigrants fled the communist regime in Cuba to find a better life in the United States. Aleida's parents immigrated to the U.S. from Cuba in the 1960's, and their family experiences shape the stories Aleida writes. Aleida's adventures and blog can be found here: <http://www.adjustingtoretirement.com>**

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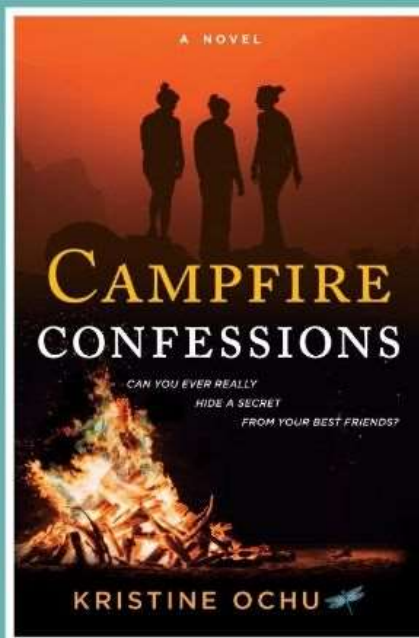
Urban. The setting is Upper Normandy, circa 1066, A crippled monk, a Viking treasure, a relic the Bible says does not exist, and much more, is buried in the emotionally charged story of *Under God's Rock*.

<http://www.TimUrbanAuthor.com>

## LOCAL/AREA AUTHOR EVENTS THIS MONTH

It's a good thing. More authors are releasing new books. More creatives are moving here. A loosely knit group has recognized the need to support one another in launches, signings, events, and celebrations. Be part of The Alchemist's Club by taking note of all author events, especially local/area authors who may not have achieved celebrity status (yet). Attend as your interest and schedule allow.

**CAMPFIRE CONFESSIONS. A NOVEL ABOUT 3 BEST FRIENDS, 3 BIG SECRETS, AND A LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURE**  
**STORY AND SONG BOOKSTORE**  
**5 PM THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022**



Kristine will engage you in a lively and interactive presentation as she shares her personal journey from World Log-Rolling Champion to Author!



"Ochu's deft storytelling skills and expert characterization combine to create a resonant tale that would prove a surefire hit with any women's fiction book club." BookLife Reviews, from Publisher's Weekly



**FREE WINE AND APPETIZERS!**  
**1430 Park Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034**  
**904-601-2118 <https://storyandsongbookstore.com>**

**Also at Story & Song:**

Monday, March 14, 3 pm. Author Georgann Eubanks, discusses *Saving the*

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Wednesday, March 30, 4 pm. Former Gator All-American and NFL player, Ben Troupe, shares how he has changed, which has in turn helped him to help others. From his trials and tribulations comes *Uncommon and Unfinished*.

<http://www.bentroupe84.com>

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Beach Library and The Book Loft



# Author Talk

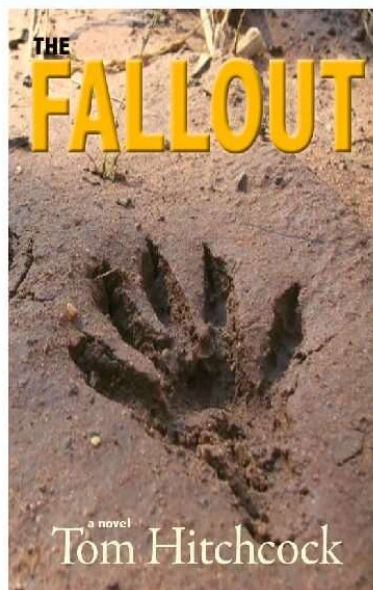


## Tom Hitchcock

**March 31st**

**4 PM**

**FERNANDINA  
BEACH LIBRARY**



Join Amelia Island author Tom Hitchcock for the story behind the story, a free ranging discussion of his latest novel, *The Fallout*.



**Nassau County Public Library System**

25 N. 4th St.  
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034 | 904-530-6500  
[nassaureads.com](http://nassaureads.com)

Under- the- sea intrigue and an Amelia Island romance make for the perfect beach read, and don't be afraid to go in the water.

**Rochester, New York calling...**

**The Bird House, a wild bird supply store, requests to stock Chip Kirkpatrick's new book due to customer demand. Featured in a**

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**Welcome Spring. An original acrylic painting for you to enjoy created by Donna Lee Overly, artist and author.**



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