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Amelia Island Writers

FEBRUARY 2025



"WHERE THERE IS LOVE, THERE IS LIFE." Mahatma Gandhi

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, MARCH 25, 2025, 3-5 pm
Story & Song Center for Art & Culture

Voices of Diversity with Multicultural Authors



AMELIA ISLAND WRITERS RECEPTION

Join us at The Book Loft on **Thursday, Feb. 20th - 4-6PM** for an author reception celebrating local authors right at the kick-off of Amelia Island Book Festival! Guest speaker will be award-winning author Kevin Powers! Kevin is a National Book Award finalist for his Novel *The Yellow Birds*. His most recent novel *A Line in The Sand* received editorial praise from the New York Times, *The Washington Post* and other press around the world. To learn more about Amelia Island writers please visit their website:

<http://www.ameliaislandwriters.org>

Join AIW for this fun, dynamic presentation.

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Story & Song Center for Art & Culture

Writing for Young Readers with Shutta Crum

Award-winning poet and author Shutta Crum will discuss the important elements of writing for young readers—from childhood to almost adulthood. This includes looking at the techniques used in writing children’s books, as well as four crucial elements that every book for a young reader must have--the 4Hs: heart, hurt, hope, and humor. (Applicable to any writing we do!) She will also dip into what’s happening with poetry today. Q & A, and handouts.



Shutta Crum is the author of three middle-grade novels and fifteen picture books, as well as three poetry chapbooks for adults. All traditionally published. Her books have made Bank Street College lists as well as state award lists. *THUNDER-BOOMER!* was an ALA and a Smithsonian Magazine “Notable Book” of the year. She is also the author of two nearly wordless books *MINE!* and *UH-OH!* both published by Alfred A. Knopf. Of *MINE!* the N. Y. Times said, “a delightful example of the drama and emotion that a nearly wordless book can convey.” In 2005 she was invited to read at the Easter Egg Roll at the White House. Her books have won nine Royal Palm Literary Awards - Florida Writers Association. Currently, she writes and publishes "**The Wordsmith's Playground**," a monthly newsletter for writers. For more info: <http://www.shutta.com>

**Amelia Island Museum of History - Third on Third
Friday, Feb. 21, 6 pm with Vic DiGenti,
Florida Writers Association Regional Director**

Vic will present - from his book - *James R. Anthony: The Banker Who Shaped Florida's History* at the Amelia Island History Museum's monthly Third on Third program, Friday, Feb. 21, 6 pm. This is Vic's latest biography, recently published. He has devoted many years to helping area writers, and is group leader of Ponte Vedra Writers. Program details at the museum's website:

<https://ameliamuseum.org/3rd-on-3rd/>



Vic Di Genti, guest speaker
at the AIW January program

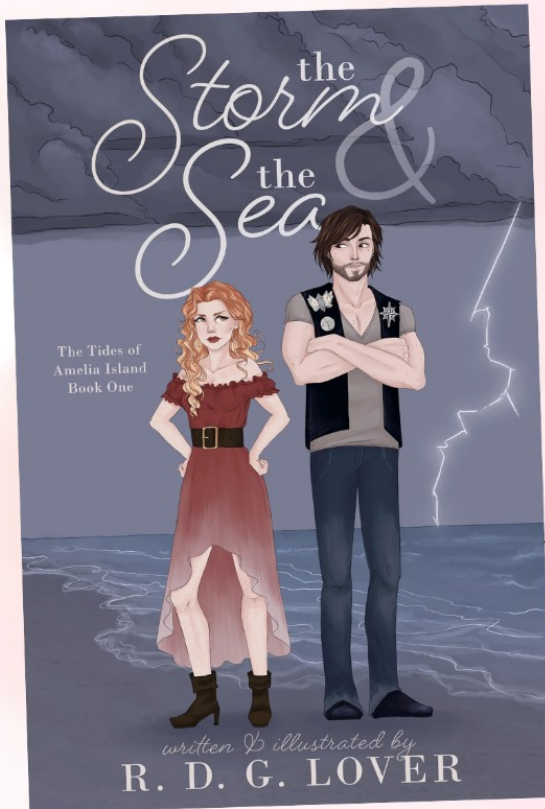
Vic started us off this new year by providing us with ways to save history through writing and publishing in various genres. We were introduced to his ghostwriting, trends, topics, and more. Find out all about it at Vic's website and blog:

<http://www.windrusherhallpress.com>

Member News

You're invited!

VALENTINE'S DAY BOOK LAUNCH & SIGNING



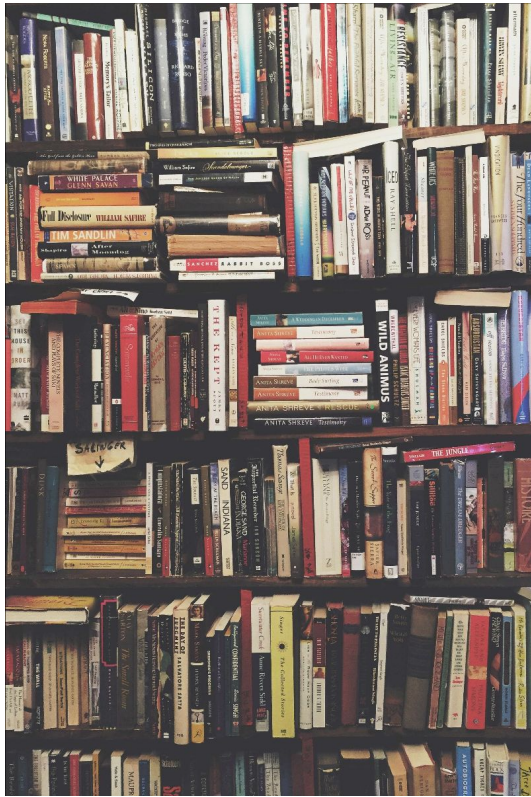
Amelia Island now has its very own romance novel! Join us at The Book Loft on February 15th from 1-4pm to meet the author and grab an autographed copy.

R. D. G. Lover will be hosting a giveaway for ONE FREE COPY at the signing. All you have to do is sign up to her newsletter! The giveaway will be announced at 3:45pm, February 15th.



In this small town romance, Katrina has to decide if she will give her ex-boyfriend Corbin a second chance after he shows up by coincidence in the cozy beach town of Amelia Island—where Katrina moved for a fresh start.

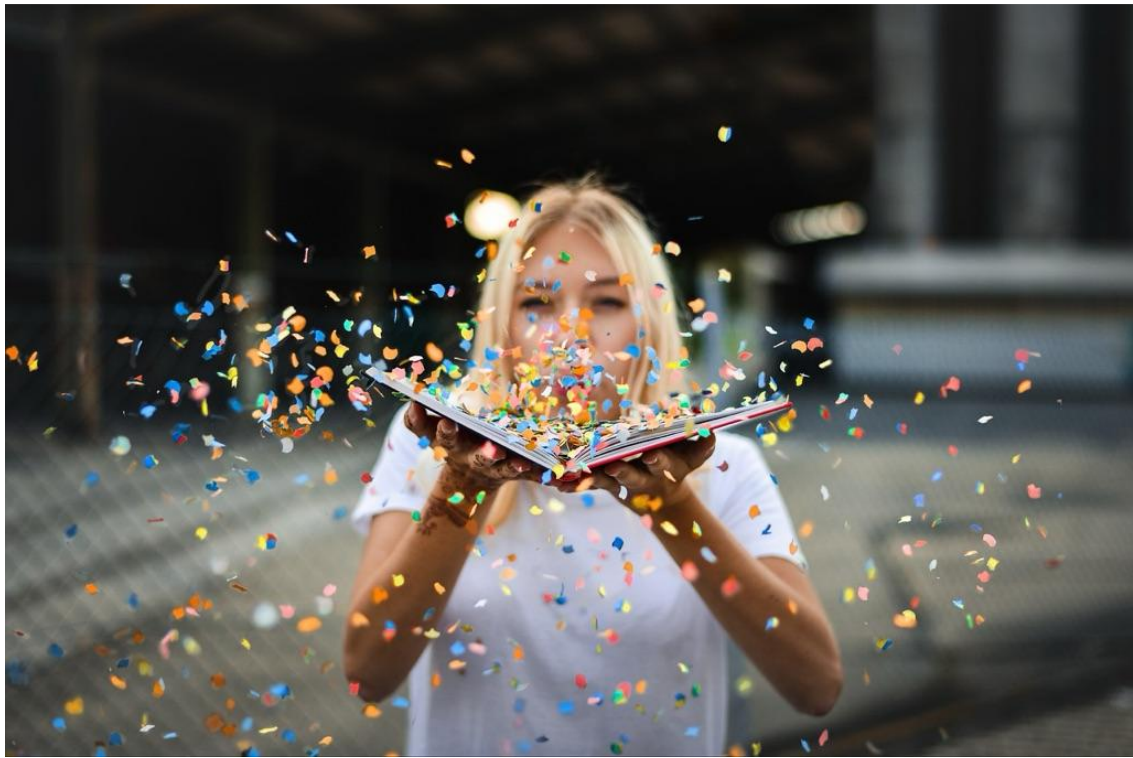
This novel is illustrated by the author. More about Rachel's approach to her work, and her diverse style: <http://www.4pocalypsearts.com>



We know, love, and appreciate our local bookstores, Story & Song and The Book Loft. But did you know about **The House of Vinyl**? You can get lost for an afternoon, browsing hundreds of books, records, baseball cards, and much more.

The House of Vinyl also has a section dedicated to local and Florida authors. Do drop in! This family business is located in the two story yellow house at 131 South 8th St., Fernandina Beach (corner of 8th and Beech)

Opportunity - Literary Indulgence



Register early to showcase your work and/or attend Jacksonville's Literary Indulgence Festival. The date is Saturday, June 28 to bring readers and authors together to celebrate the magic of books:

<http://www.literaryindulgence.com>

2025 Amelia Island Book Festival Events

Honorary Chair Kevin Powers and Celebrity Authors

Visit the AIBF website for more details:

<http://www.ameliaislandbookfestival.org>

2025 Festival Gala

Friday, February 28, 2025,

6:00 pm Ritz Carlton Amelia Island

4750 Amelia Island Pkwy, Fernandina Beach

Cocktail attire suggested.

Author Breakout Sessions and Author Expo

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Fernandina Beach Middle School
315 Citrona Drive, Fernandina Beach

**AIW will be hosting a Student/Adult Short Story Workshop during the Author
Expo
from 2-2:40PM**



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