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Professional History:

Published novelist and game maker | 2001 – Present

Owner and founder of Severed Books | 2012 – Present
Founder / Owner

Narrow House Press (publishing) | 2003 – 2013

Education History:

Bachelor of Fine Art
Maryland Institute College of Art
Baltimore Maryland
1997-2001

Internship
The Contemporary Museum
Baltimore Maryland
2000-2001

Grants, Awards, and Acknowledgment:

Ennie Nomination (x3) for for Sickest Witch (best game, best rules, best RPG related product) 2026
Ennie Nomination for Small and Boss Party Miniatures 2025
Maryland State Art Council Grant for individual achievement, fiction 2015
Best of Baltimore – “Best Fake App” for www.getkidnapped.com, 2013
Maryland State Art Council Grant for individual achievement, poetry 2011
Mary Sawyer Baker “B” Grant, 2011
Maryland State Art Council Grant for individual achievement, fiction 2010
Maryland State Art Council Grant for individual achievement, poetry (highest honors) 2007
Served on the Baltimore City Paper Poetry Contest panel 2006
Served on the Baltimore Office for Promotion and the Arts poetry and fiction panel 2006
Second Place Baltimore Writers’ Alliance Poetry Contest 2004
Maryland State Art Council Grant for individual achievement, poetry 2003

Publications:

Sickest Witch Seducer’s Song
Severed Books, 2026

Sickest Witch Core Rulebook and other adventure books
Severed Books, 2025

Party Backstory Generator
Story Creation Guide

Severed Books, 2019

RPG World Building for Beginners
Educational Guide
Severed Books, 2017

Two Girls book 2
Fiction, novel
Severed Books, 2017

Two Girls book 1
Fiction, novel
Amazon's Kindle Press through KindleScout.com, 2017
Audio Book – Punch Audio LLC

The Last Book of Baghdad
Fiction, novel
Civil Coping Mechanisms Press, 2016

So Say the Waiters book 3
Fiction, novel
Severed Books, 2014
Audio Book – Midnight Treehouse LLC

So Say the Waiters book 2
Fiction, novel
Severed Books, 2013
Audio Book – Midnight Treehouse LLC

The Heads of My Family, My Friends, My Colleagues
Full length book of poetry
Newlights Press, 2013

So Say the Waiters book 1
Fiction, novel
Severed Books, 2012
Audio Book – Midnight Treehouse LLC

Falcons on the Floor
with Haneen Alshujairy
Fiction, novel
Publishing Genius, 2012

MLKNG SCKLS
with Haneen Alshujairy
Fiction, book of short stories
Publishing Genius, 2009

Secondary Sound
Full length book of poetry and fiction
BlazeVOX Books, 2008

Silver Standard
Chapbook of poetry
Newlights Press, 2006

Literary Work Featured or interviewed in/on:

Essay “Shoot and Cry” by SUNY Buffalo Professor Jim Holstun in the journal Cultural Critique, 2019
Comic, Clerics, and Controllers, 2019
Full Metal RPG, 2016, 2017
The Inner Gamer, 2016
Tabletop Radio Hour, 2016
The Daily Mail (UK), 2013
Vice Magazine (NYC), 2013
10 Best Reads of 2013 by The Baltimore Sun
Best of Baltimore, City Paper (fake app) 2013
The Baltimore Sun, cover of Arts and Entertainment section, 2013
b Magazine - cover feature, 2013
The Colorado Review, 2013
Cobalt Review, 2013
Delphi Quarterly, 2013
NPR (WYPR) 2012, 2010
American Book review, 2012
Los Angeles Review of Books, 2012
The L Magazine (NYC), 2012
The Rumpus, 2012
The Collagist, 2012
Frontier Psychologist, 2012
Maryland Morning, 2011
Baltimore Magazine, 2011
MICA Alumni Magazine, 2011
The Mark Steiner Show, 2010
Urbanite Magazine, 2010
Dark Sky Magazine, 2010
City Paper cover feature, 2009
Big Other, 2009
Cover feature, Baltimore City Paper 2008

Published in Journals:

Loch Raven Review, edited by Raphael Alvarez Winter 2013
Collagist April, 2012
Stamp Stories Anthology, Mudluscious Press, 2011
Consequence Magazine, spring 2011
Nano Fiction, summer 2011
Dark Sky Magazine, summer 2011
Phoebe, winter 2011
Everyday Genius, 2010
Big Lucks, 2010
Lamination Colony, 2009

Curatorial and collaborations:

Baltimore LED Haiku, 2014
www.getkidnapped.com with designer Phil Cashiola, 2013
Co-Curator of the Baltimore Museum of Art, Franz West symposium, 2010
Written piece for Baltimore Museum of Art's new audio tour, 2010
Al-Mutanabbi Street broadside with Newlights Press
International exhibit shown in San Francisco, New York City, Baghdad, and elsewhere.
Permanent collection is now housed at the Iraqi National Library in Baghdad.
MLKNG SCKLS broadside with Newlights Press.
As part of a literary broadside series with authors John Yau and Brian Evenson.

Teaching experience:

Independent workshops 2017 – 2019
Guest Speaker / Teacher at Poly Prep in Brooklyn, New York - 2018
Bright StARTS with Game Changers RPG, 2017
Guest speaker for the Maryland Writers' Association, 2013
Baltimore Museum of Art fiction and poetry workshop, 2011
Guest speaker appearances in the classroom:
Goucher College, Maryland, 2011
University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2010
Maryland Institute College of Art, 2009
The Art Institute of Charleston, South Carolina, 2009