

2019 Fort Worth BookFest Author Interview Series



... with **Alan Livingston**, author of his Fort Worth family's memoir... *Intersection with History: How My Family Crossed Paths with JFK and Oswald* ... and the inspirational novel *Gabriel's Creek*. His will be releasing his new historical adventure novel, *Bogeys: Armistice*, during the Fort Worth Book Fest.

Where is your favorite place to read?

In an overstuffed recliner in our bedroom, a nice escape from spending so much time in my home office.

What is your favorite book to give an adult or a child?

Gifting books is a task worth tailoring to fit individual interests. For adults, I'll first give my own books, especially *Gabriel's Creek*, which speaks to us all on several levels. For fiction lovers, I find classic noir novels hard to beat, like *Double Indemnity* or *Shoot the Piano Player*. Non-fiction, beyond my *Intersection with History*, incredible stories like *Unbroken* and *The Greatest Game Ever Played* do the trick. Little ones get *Little Golden Books*, and as they grow, I hope they'll be interested in the many books of Jack London.

What books do you return to most often, whether passages or whole?

Texas' Freddie Steinmark's book *I Play to Win* remains a timeless read. Books of poetry bring moments of pleasure, from *The Norton Anthology of Poetry* I grew to enjoy in college, to my Robert Frost anthology, and poetry books of fellow Las Vegas authors. Like many writers, Stephen King's *On Writing* is at my fingertips in my office with good reason.

What is the last book that had you reading past your bedtime?

The Last Man on the Moon by Eugene Cernan.

Who made reading important to you?

Without question, my mother, Emma Dee Livingston (Mrs. Clyde I. Livingston.) A teacher for many years before I was born, most notably at Ridglea West Elementary, she instilled in me a love for reading as both an essential tool for learning as well as a vehicle to escape for travels which fueled my dreams. My dad's attention to current events had me in newspapers every day from the time I was very young. I still spend too much time on my phone's news apps today. I blame him.

BONUS QUESTION: What is your favorite book set in the southwest?

Such a tough question. While an expected answer may be the books of Larry McMurtry or Zane Grey, or contemporary titles like Stephen King's *11/22/63*, I'm going with a Fort Worth book I love by Bud Shrake, *Billy Boy*.

Author Bio

Charles Alan Livingston is a native of Fort Worth, Texas now living in Las Vegas, Nevada. Publishing under his middle name, he is the author of the inspirational novel *Gabriel's Creek*, the historical memoir *Intersection with History*, and the historical fiction *Bogeys*. A graduate of Fort

Worth's Western Hills High School and an alumnus of the University of Texas at Austin, he enjoyed a long career in the hospitality industry until turning to writing in the past decade.

Although the author's work crosses boundaries of genre, a common thread is a unique depth of relationships and introspections of his characters, their emotions, and points of view. While writing fiction in novels and short stories is his primary interest, he also has written one non-fiction book. *Intersection with History: How My Family Crossed Paths with JFK and Oswald* is truly Fort Worth history in a family memoir. His personal interests in aviation and golf often play a role in his fictional accounts.

This fall, Livingston debuts his historical novel series, *Bogeys*. Two Allied aviators find friendship, love, and purpose amidst the active final days and aftermath of World War 1. The first book in the series, subtitled *Armistice*, begins this early-Twentieth century saga.

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