

# DL HAVLIN

**AWARD WINNING AUTHOR OF QUALITY HISTORY AND  
MYSTERY/SUSPENSE**



## **Author DL Havlin**

DL Havlin is an unretired businessman who has traveled a large portion of the world, having visited over 100 countries. He managed offices in places like London, Singapore, Frankfurt, Acala, Spain and many more. He has visited the jungles on the Sepic River in New Guinea, the Buddhist temples in Bangkok and the Babi Yar Monument in Kiev. In his travels he has discovered that humans have very similar appearances, but their cultures make them as distinct as visitors from another planet.

He's been writing 30+ years. DL writes historical, literary, women's mainstream, and suspense/mystery novels. He has ten books published. The latest is "The Grave With Greener Grass", following "Turtle Point" and "Out Of Italy", the Iron Lady mystery/suspense series.

He is represented by the Seymour Agency. TouchPoint Press and Taylor & Seale are his current publishers. His books, manuscripts and short stories have won 14 awards, including five Royal Palm Literary Awards from the Florida Writers Association.

### **PRESENTATION AND SEMINAR FEES`**

Contact [PLady2016@gmail.com](mailto:PLady2016@gmail.com) or ask for Jeanelle when phoning 239-283-3975 to request DL Havlin as a guest speaker, present a seminar or workshop for your conference, writing/reading group, or organization.

The cost is \$75 per hour, plus his actual travel expense if greater than 100 miles from Bokeelia, Florida. The amount of this cost is provided to you in advance for approval.

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# BIOGRAPHICAL PRESENTATIONS

(With Florida connections)



## Here come the Generals – Florida Boys James & Roy

Two of WWII's important generals were Florida men.

**General James Van Fleet** commanded units in battle in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World Wars and in Korea. His career included being the head football coach at University of Florida. He commanded the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry regiment on D-day at Utah beach....



**Marine General Roy Stanley Geiger** is best known as the only Marine General to command an army sized force in battle. That battle was one of the best known and famous for its ferocity, Okinawa. Few know he was the father of the Marine air arm during his 40 years of distinguished service.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



## Above and Beyond – Two of Florida's Medal of Honor winners

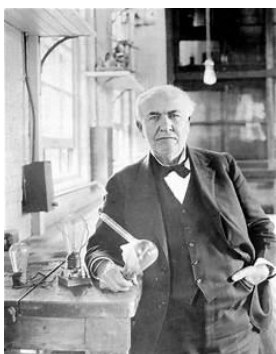
Courage is where you find it...High in the skies over the Pacific...or...slogging in the muddy mountains of Italy.

West Palm Beach graduate **Commander David McCampbell** was the US Navy's most famous "Ace" in the Pacific in WWII shooting down 34 Japanese planes and Commander of the Air Group on the carrier Essex. He set a record for shooting down 9 in one day.



**James Henry Mills** born near Mulberry Florida was often called the "Sargent York of WWII." His single-handed exploits in a battle defy any movie writer's duplication. When called to be decorated, his fear was he would be court-martialed for losing his rifle during the battle. His life of hardship is a sobering tale of how some of our bravest fare.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



## Edison in Florida – One the world's greatest inventor's life in the Sunshine State

When Edison looked for a place to spend his winters in 1885, he chose Ft. Myers on the lower Southwest coast. His selection wasn't based on the weather or ease of access. It was based on practical reasons...reasons tied directly to his research projects. His selection had a major impact on those projects and an impact on the future of the area. Learn how SWF became a magnet for famous industrialists, financiers, and other famous individuals. Edison's unique personality and mind are important to understand what sparked his genius.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



### **Rising Above – The Jacqueline Cochran Story – Never heard of her?**

This panhandle born girl rose from obscurity to be a giant in aviation and in business. Though not receiving the publicity that Amelia Earhart is accorded, she accomplished much, much more in a life filled with triumphs and heart break. At one point she held every woman’s aviation record, was instrumental in forming the WAAC (Woman’s Auxiliary Army Corps), the WASP (Woman’s Airforce Service Pilots), was an acclaimed test pilot, was the first woman pilot to break the sound barrier and was the driving force in forming the first woman’s astronaut group.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



### **Rising Above – General Daniel (Chappie) James – America’s first black 4-star general**

He saw the aircraft fly far above him as a boy in his Pensacola home and birthplace. He set a goal thought to be unsurmountable. Not to Chappie James! He trained pilots for the famous Tuskegee airman group as recent graduate of that college. As part of that group he flew test flights for fighters and bombers. Chappie flew 101 missions in Korea, was a group commander in Vietnam. He became a 4-star General when he assumed command of NORAD. Famous for his inspirational speeches and unbending love for his country, he was a fierce opponent of anyone who he sensed as disloyal to the US Constitution. Meet this man who earned his stars!

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



### **The (Devious?) Duke of Dunnellon – Savior or Scoundrel Florida’s Discoverer of Phosphate**

Many people know of Sutter’s discovery of gold in California and the resulting boom. Few know the name Albertus Vogt. Known as the “Duke of Dunnellon,” Vogt discovered phosphate in Florida. That discovery set in motion a boom that caused an economic explosion in part of the state and an industry that continues to this day. At the time discovered, phosphate rivaled gold in value on the international market due to soil depletion in Europe. Learn about a man who was part hero, part villain that created a wild-west atmosphere in northcentral Florida.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**





### **The Florida Legacy of Jake Summerlin – King of the Cattle Barons**

This presentation covers the life and times of the “King of the Crackers” Jake Summerlin. He was the most influential man in the state for the period that bridged from its last Spanish colonial days until the twilight of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Summerlin pioneered and was the most prominent force in the cattle business which provided early Florida with the first plank in its economy. From fighting and negotiating with the Seminoles to settling family feuds to being a political “king maker” Jake was a man of many talents. He donated the state’s first free public school, Orlando’s first Court House and established the first international telegraph service. Summerlin was Florida’s eighteen hundred’s giant. **Suggested allotted time – one hour**



### **Florida, The Forgotten Years**

The years between the Civil War and WWII are hardly ever a part of major historical profiles of the state. It doesn’t mean nothing was happening from 1865 until 1910. Battles between cattle barons replace battles with Indians. Diston drained the land and speculators destroyed Florida’s reputation with crooked land deals. Hurricanes far more destructive and deadly than those heralded today stalked the land. Orange blossoms drenched the state’s air with perfume and Edison perfected his light bulb here. Don’t forget the forgotten years. This presentation covers forgotten events that affect us today.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**

*The Loyal 14<sup>th</sup> Colony  
Florida in the Revolutionary War*



### **The Loyal 14th Colony – Florida in the Revolutionary War**

When someone says, “The Revolutionary War!” did you think of Florida? This presentation covers the intrigues, chaos, and violence that Florida became in this period. Not many people know what happened in Florida, Britain’s 14<sup>th</sup> Colony during the war. It was the only colony to stay loyal to the Crown and its people paid dearly for their choice. During the Revolutionary War and thirty-five years after, were periods of bloody violence in the state that made Dodge City and Tombstone look like Quaker Sunday school picnics. This is the story of why this occurred. **Suggested allotted time – one hour**

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### **The Patriot War – Florida’s little-known time of intrigue. (Covers history from 1800 to 1816)**

Did you know that George Washington had a “civilization” program for Native Americans? Were you aware that there were several attempts to make Florida an independent country and/or make part of it the United States before it was ceded by Spain. The bloodiest historical frontier wasn’t in the West, it was in Florida! European politics, Napoleon, deer skins, runaway slaves, and Georgia’s territorial ambitions made Florida’s history during this period something from a novelist’s pen. Experience the other war of 1812 as the US clandestinely fights with Spain.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



# TRAVEL AND ADVENTURES



**Florida Historic Places & Museums** – Like to learn about Florida’s history? Do it yourself with this program to help you! This presentation provides a way for the attendees to learn about or family can explore individually in three-day adventures. Contact Florida’s historic places... all 500 plus. The state is divided into five regions that a person information is provided along with some don’t miss recommendations. The historic places are defined, and information provided so individuals can select those venues in which they have the most interest. **Suggested allotted time – one hour**



## Florida’s “Grandparent” Attractions

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A History of Cypress Gardens, Weeki-Wachee Springs, Silver Springs, Marineland and more.

When America first discovered Florida, the meccas for tourists were quite different than those that now draw millions of visitors. Names that were at the forefront of tourists’ minds were Cypress Gardens, Silver Springs, Marineland, Weeki-Wachee Springs, Ross Allen’s Institute, and others. Florida’s natural offerings were center stage and showcased for all to see. They have faded in importance or are no longer in existence as they were. Take a nostalgic look at Florida’s past and visit the grandparents of Disneyworld, Universal, and Sea World. **Suggested allotted time – one hour**



### Exploring Florida’s Tail - The Florida Keys: Things To Do & See From Pennekamp To The Conch Republic

Of all of Florida’s fantastic natural wonder’s, the Florida Keys are arguably the most wonderful. Stretching from Biscayne National Park in the northeast to The Dry Tortugas National Park in the southwest these islands comprise a paradise for sportsmen, beachgoers, camera enthusiasts, culinary connoisseurs, and just plain loafers. Besides harboring some of the world’s finest saltwater fishing, snorkeling, diving and boating are great here. There’s history for those who seek it, along with endless opportunities to entertain every taste. Learn some of the many things to see and do in this 150 plus mile chain of wonders.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



### Fly Fishing for Florida Panfish – An Untapped Source of Fun for Gents and GALS With A Bit of Flavor!

Learn all you need to know to enjoy one of the greatest sources of fun available in Florida. Fly fishing for panfish is a sport everyone can enjoy for a minimum cost all year around. You’ll learn what equipment you need and how to use it. Yes, that includes hands on casting! Find out what techniques will assure you a good catch, what species are available, and how to find them without expensive electronics. There is a bonus...What you catch tastes great for dinner. We’ll talk about fixing them too. **Suggested allotted time – one hour**





### **Seeing and Doing the Florida Everglades – A Mini Vacation Guide**

One of the natural wonders of Florida, the Everglades holds secrets for you to discover. From exciting rides in airboats, canoe trips filled with the sights of wildlife, unbelievable fishing from places like Chokoloskee and Lake Okeechobee to history at the Smallwood Store, Everglades City, and Ah-tah-thi-ki the wonderful museum of the Seminole Nation. Visit the heart of agricultural Florida around Lake Okeechobee and the cattle ranches that continue to make Florida one of the top beef producing states. Learn the Everglades secrets, and by the way Virginia, there are crocodiles in Florida! **Suggested allotted time – one hour**

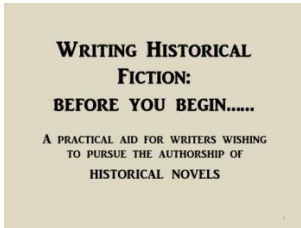
# SEMINARS AND CLASSES



## Preventing Premature Birth – Of A Book That Is!

We are all proud and anxious to send that manuscript we've just completed to our agent, publisher, or printer. Wait! Be sure it's the best it can be before pushing the send button or trotting to the post office. You only get one chance to make great (not good) impression. This presentation will help you to that! And very, very inexpensively! The info in this presentation will allow you submit or publish your book with confidence.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



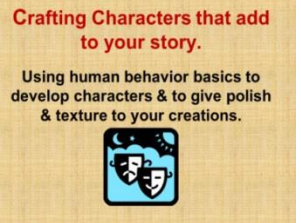
## Basics in Writing Historical Fiction

An introduction to the genre providing authors information covering the definition of historical fiction, the genre's subsets, and the depth and way history is used in various sub-genre. It provides writers with the expectations and demands of historical fiction readers and starting points such as theme selection, with an extensive coverage in researching the historical novel. **Suggested allotted time – three hours**



## To Publish or Not to Publish? That IS the Question.

There is a huge difference between writing a good book and a saleable one. This class provides an insight into what factors differentiate a mediocre book that sets sales records versus a "great" book that sits on bookshelves. Planning is the key to selling a work and that must start **BEFORE** you begin to write. The class defines niche markets and how to exploit them. **Suggested allotted time – one hour**



## Crafting Characters with a Scientific Assist

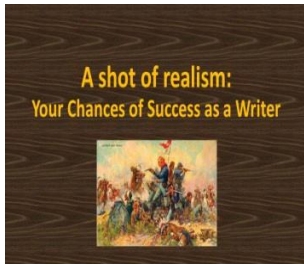
This course is designed to provide authors a method to create exceptionally believable characters that add to story realism and sharpen the tension required to produce an engrossing plot. The course is based on scientific principles used in the field of human resources and in managing interpersonal relationships. Each participant leaves with a "toolbox" to assist in future writing efforts. –

**Highly acclaimed – Suggested allotted time – six hours plus for full course ("Intro" class available – 2 hours – not recommended)**



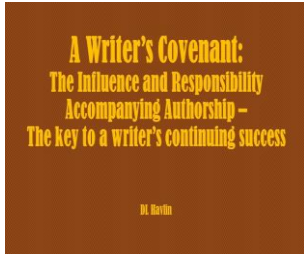
## Building a Platform for Both Non-fiction and Fiction Authors

What's a writing platform? It's not built on the top of telephone poles, but *it is a requisite for non-fiction authors and a valuable addition to the fiction writers marketing arsenal.* This class deals with the way to build one, a legitimate one, in the field which you wish to write. Is a doctorate necessary? No, but a real, thorough, and defensible knowledge of your subject matter is critical. Ways to construct that "pulpit to preach from" are offered in this class. **Suggested allotted time – one hour**



### What it takes to become an “established” author and the odds of success.

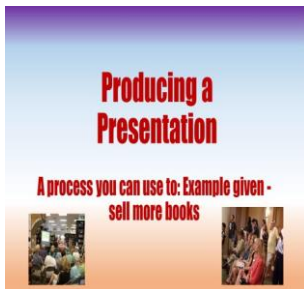
Is it worth the effort? Yes! The odds of becoming an “A” or “B” list fiction author is 1700 times less favorable than a starting college football player making an NFL roster! Sobering? True! You be the judge! An honest look at what it takes to be successful and established as an author past the hobby level. It’s true ... anyone can write a book, just as many folks who make their money from aspiring authors say. What no one talks about are the odds that a person, one with the required skills, imagination, experience, and *luck*, must accept for a chance to “grasp the brass ring.” **Suggested allotted time – one hour**



### A Writer’s Covenant – The Influence and Responsibility That Accompanies Authorship

This presentation defines what happens after a writer successfully publishes a book. Now that a writer has gained “a seat at the table” what does he do with it? How a writer utilizes his new found influence and performs the responsibilities that are required to maintain it are sure to impact his or her future success. This talk emphasizes what those on-going responsibilities are and to whom they are owed.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



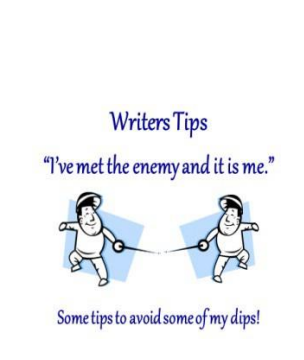
### A Guide to Producing Effective Presentations: From Whiteboards to PowerPoint.

This a course that has benefits from the boardroom to the bedroom. At times we all must be a salesperson or trainer. This course will be a big benefit for all:

- 1) who wish to inform and persuade,
- 2) to sell an idea or anything else,
- 3) to effectively convey information to those you’re teaching, and
- 4) to convince hubby (or wifey) to go on that dream vacation.

Whether you’re selling houses, financial plans or convincing your Kiwanis club to sponsor an event, what you’ll learn in this class will be key to your success. Use it to be sure employees approach your customers in the way you want them to! You’ll learn the power of directed focus, the steps required to introduce information, and the techniques needed to ensure it’s retained. The course covers many different presentation methods, from hand-written notes to power point presentations. It provides a step-by-step plan for their use. This class even helps win family discussions.

**Suggested allotted time – 1.5 hours**



### Tips for the Author: Novice or Old Hand – “I’ve met the enemy and it is me.” (Pogo paraphrased)

An assemblage of tips and mistakes to avoid, for all writers. Whether the participant is a new-bee or an experienced author these are suggestions that make your work readable, credible, enjoyable, and salable! From tactics to strategy and imagination to research this course covers the things DL Havlin has done right and the errors he’s had to correct in twenty-plus years of writing so you can profit from them.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**

Why we get along ... or don't  
an introduction

Human behavior basics to  
develop your understanding of  
interpersonal relationships



## Human Relation Skills to Improve Your Performance and Influence

This is a comprehensive class in the field of managing your interface with others, predicting others' behavior, and improving your ability to maximize your strengths and minimize your weaknesses. It requires advance work and mental dedication. This class has been taught to governmental agencies, Fortune 500 BOD's, and literally hundreds of businesses and organizations. Contact DL for more information.

**Required Time for the Course – 15 hours class time / 4 hours independent time spent**



## WRITING... Not For Major Publication

When many people think of writing they automatically think of publication. There are many benefits to writing that have nothing to do with selling books. Learn how the discipline can be used organize your thoughts, provide an emotional outlet, and provide a record of your life. See how literary logic, emotional expressionism, and the art of keeping a journal can add richness and satisfaction to your life.

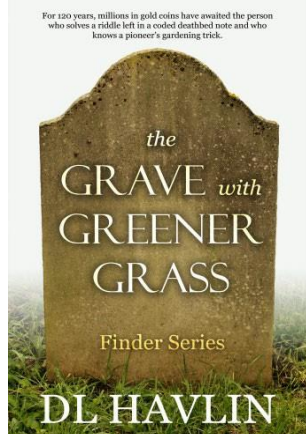
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## Football for the Armchair Fan: or the Person That Has to Endure it!

To paraphrase an old movie title: "Why I stopped enduring and learned to understand football." Tired of watching what appears to be complete chaos? This course will give you some insight into what you're watching. It will help you understand the 'foreign language' used by sportscasters to describe what's happening. Learn why players are in a three-point stance. What your power line is. That fold blocking has nothing to do with paper. Why quarterbacks are described as 'naked' when it's obvious they have a uniform on. That players don't kick one another on a kick out block. That the flat isn't an apartment in New York City. Sign up, have some fun, and learn more than your family fan knows! Vocabulary handout included. **Suggested time allotted – one hour**

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS & READINGS



### The Grave with Greener Grass

A descendant of one of Florida's first families pursues a family ritual with the promise of a treasure at its solving. Annually, the senior living female of the heritage line is obligated to stand in front of a gravestone and reciting from a letter passed from mother to daughter. The major clue was the grass covering the grave was always greener than those around it. Why? And after over a hundred years is the clue meaningless? When Sly unravels the secret, he has one last challenge to reclaim a treasure of gold coins... and to stay alive.

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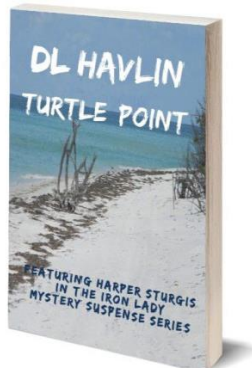
### Out of Italy

Iron Lady, Harper Sturgis, is in search for treasure lost for over seventy years. She knows it is literally the wealth of nations! Clues and artifacts lead her to Tuscany, Italy, and the city of Grosseto.

The artifacts are connected to an abandoned church and its huge network of tombs. What Harper seeks was hidden by a 'black shirt,' Benito Mussolini. Harper finds more challenging will be getting her fortune out of Italy.

Unscrupulous characters, a corrupt bishop, and a mafia Don are also in pursuit of the treasure. Can Harper assemble a plan to secure her unimaginable wealth?

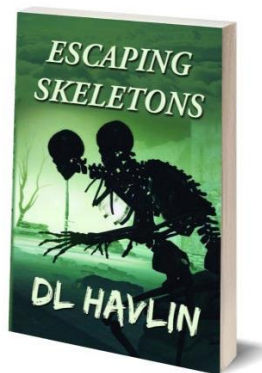
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### Turtle Point

Can a good man bury a bad past? Benny Dupree, Florida developer, finds that all the things he's done to cover his past are at risk when two evil modern day treasure pirates must unearth his secrets to recover unimaginable riches. His deed is exhumed, and Benny looks like toast until Harper Sturgis, lawyer and retired Marine intelligence officer, saves him from a murder conviction. Don't miss the preface written about sea turtles if you like ecology and wildlife.

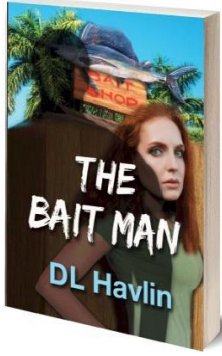
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### Escaping Skeletons

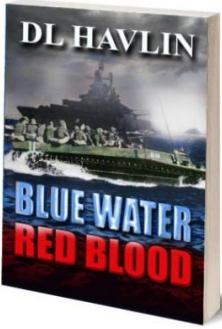
Chessie Partin is back this time on an archeological dig in Argentina. When her boss, Professor Mark Card, is given an invitation by the US State Department to participate in what is related as site where artifact finds overlap, he enthusiastically accepts. What he believes is primarily a dig to research Guarani Indians, ends up being the excavation of a Nazi compound. It gets dangerous far before they arrive. What will they find? More importantly, why don't people in high places want them to find a thing? The biggest question—will they return home alive?

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### **The Bait Man**

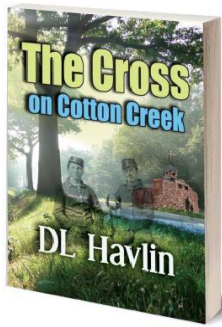
“Wild child” Chessie Partin struggles to get a lifestyle do over as she pursues an archeology degree and takes a part time job on a charter fishing boat. A vile man she has to work with threatens to cut the line to her new life before she has a chance to live it. Is he a murderer? This suspenseful mystery takes Chessie into a world of powerful criminals and threatens her life when she finds out *The Bait Man* is just one strand in a bowl of spaghetti! **Suggested allotted time – one hour**



### **Blue Water, Red Blood**

More history than fiction this book tells the story of the LVT, an amphibious vehicle the Marines used to win the war in the Pacific. Two historical figures fight technical and bureaucratic obstacles to save lives. The story tells how things like a deadly hurricane, a cocktail party, and a magazine article can alter history and save 100,000 lives. FWA Royal Palm Literary Award winner – Runner-up Best Historical Novel.

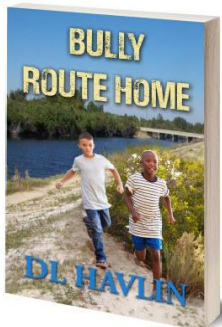
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### **The Cross on Cotton Creek**

This novel is dedicated to the value of personal integrity and the intrinsic value of keeping one’s word. When two civil war soldiers are wounded and left behind, an elderly minister shelters and nurses them to health. As thanks, one soldier makes an oath to maintain the cross on top of the church. Experience the good that springs from his promise and sacrifice.

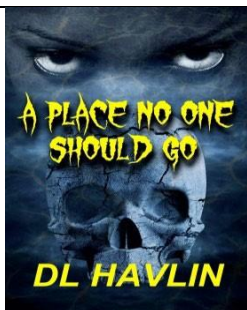
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### **Bully Route Home**

A bullied twelve-year-old boy faces an adult world of racism and bigotry after his choice of taking a way home through the “black quarters” to avoid a daily beating. Set in South/Florida in the 1940’s it is the past’s portrait of today’s problems. The book deals with bullying, racism, and parenting. FWA Royal Palm Literary Award winner – Best Literary Novel

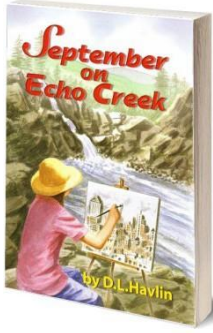
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### **A Place No One Should Go**

Based on Calusa Indian spiritual heritage, this psychological thriller, set in the Everglades tells the story of a man who takes his family camping on a Seminole Reservation. He must confront an ancient evil AND make the decision whether evil exists in him. The book examines one of the 21<sup>st</sup> century’s major issues: The cost of infidelity. POW book awards – Best Thriller, Best Novella.

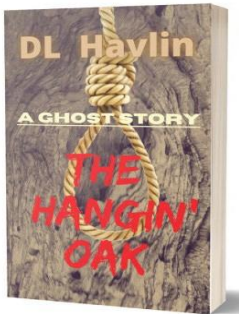
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## September on Echo Creek

A young urban woman finds herself controlled by her fiancée with guilt strings, in the same manner her mother did. When her fiancée tries to coerce her into an unethical business deal, she flees to the mountains of Carolina. The culture shock changes her life, and she finds a way to gain her emotional emancipation. POW book awards – Best Women’s Mainstream

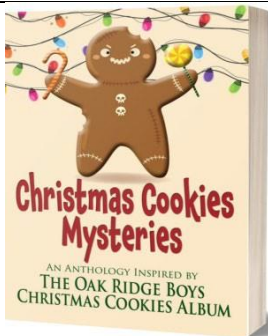
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## The Hangin’ Oak

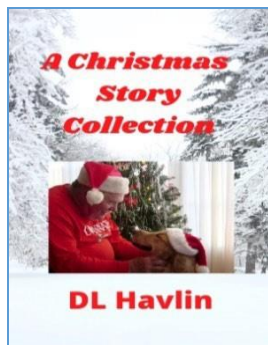
A Florida folk tale comes true when a 20<sup>th</sup> century couple investigates a legend about a 19<sup>th</sup> century man and woman unjustly hanged for infidelity. The modern couple faces the impossibility of ghosts and adapt to sharing their home with the spirits. Ghosts and hosts work together to solve the others’ problems with a surprise and inspiring end. FWA Royal Palm Literary Award winner – Best Mystery Novel, POW book awards Best Mystery & Author of the year.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



# Christmas Cookies Mysteries

An Anthology Inspired by  
**THE OAK RIDGE BOYS’  
CHRISTMAS COOKIES ALBUM**



## A Christmas Story Collection

You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, you’ll remember A Christmas Story Collection. Twelve tales take you to the heart of Christmas and its meaning. Sections for family, pets, humor, and to-the-heart stories help all that read this book get in the Christmas spirit!

Make your Christmas happier

## Other discussion topics and classes

### Suggested allotted time-one hour Book Discussions & Readings - - - -

The Clayton Chronicles: The Wild, Wild, East

The Clayton Chronicles: Flaming Florida – A Land at War

The Clayton Chronicles: Florida, The Forgotten Years

The Clayton Chronicles: The Child Has Such Large Feet!

Francis' Flowers

The Three Lives of Larry Siegel

The Chair

### PRESENTATION AND SEMINAR FEES

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The cost is \$75 per hour, plus his actual travel expense if greater than 100 miles from Bokeelia, Florida. The amount of this cost is provided to you in advance for approval.

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