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Well, What Did You Think?

In addition to selling our books, what authors want most are reviews. Reviews help us gain visibility and shape our reputation while providing feedback that helps our writing improve.

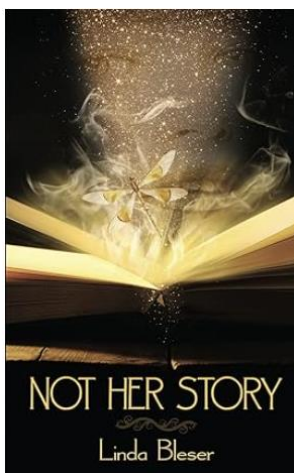
Those at southshoreauthors.com live for reviews—the good, the bad and the ugly—we’ll take them all! Mark

Sondrini found a fan at a book signing who sent him the following review of his book, *Rock, Papier, Schere*:



“What a great read!!! It grabs you from the very first page and holds on to you page after page till the end. Based on the ending I can’t wait to read the follow up assignment of Rockland and Tabruix. Please let me know as soon as your next book is out. Looking forward to reading many more Sondrini novels. - Garry L. Fudala

All our books are available on Amazon, but if you read one of our books that you didn’t buy there, Amazon allows you to submit a review. So please take a minute to write about what we wrote about. It would be so appreciated!



Author Interviews

We monitor what items on our webpage get the most clicks and the most popular by far was the interview of Linda Bleser discussing her latest novel, *Not Her Story*. Many of Bleser’s novels contain plot twists and “what if” storylines. Her writing nudges the readers to analyze their own life decisions and ponder how things would be different if other choices were made.

It’s always interesting to get a behind-the-scenes take on how an author comes up with ideas for a story, and Bleser’s interview shares that background and more. After reading her book, you’ll understand the significance of the dragonfly on the cover and also who served as her model for one of the most critical characters.

More Free Short Stories

Our short stories are also a popular feature on our website. There's more than a dozen and the list keeps growing! Some also have audio versions created by amazing artificial intelligence or read by the authors. The newest to enjoy are ***Louie, Louie*** by Mark Sondrini; ***Points No One Wants*** by Terri Houston; and two by Robert Curtis: ***Riding the Dog*** and ***Lt. Greene at Harpers Ferry***. Check these out and watch for more coming soon!

Going to Market

Four of the South Shore Authors offered their books for sale at a recent neighborhood marketplace at Esplanade at Artisan Lakes in Palmetto. Even though it was a closed event for those from the neighborhood, there were hundreds of folks who stopped by our tables to enjoy a sip of wine, chat with the authors and many bought a book or two.



Terri Houston, Linda Bleser, Robert Curtis and Mark Sondrini

Those purchasing books for themselves or their friends had them autographed by the author to give them a personal touch. We also offered two raffles. One was a gift basket that included sangria, some fun glasses, cocktail napkins, and, of course, books. The second raffle winner got to choose any book written by our authors.

Mandy Lohman was the lucky winner of the gift basket.

