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## South Shore Authors Welcomes Pam Varkony



Pam Varkony is our newest member, and her non-fiction books covering Americana and women's topics are a perfect addition to more than 50 books written by our group. An award-winning writer recognized by the Women's Press Association for "Excellence in Journalism," Pam is an advocate for women's rights and empowerment. She has worked around the world, including two fact-finding missions in Afghanistan. Pam's most recent book, **Arrows of Light**, is her compilation of first-hand accounts written by Afghanistan women providing portraits of courage and determination under Taliban rule. **Arrows of Light** tells of the choices that were made from leaving everything behind to find safety and freedom or choosing to stay and risk everything in hope of being a catalyst for change.

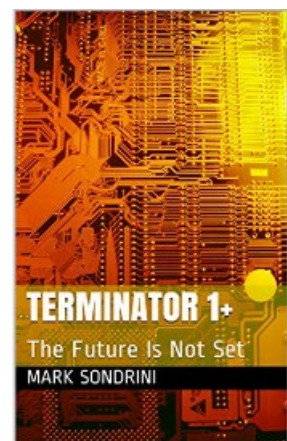
Pam is also published in **Chicken Soup for the Soul: Be You: 101 Stories of Affirmation, Determination and Female Empowerment**. Her **Legacy of Love** tale begins with the heart-wrenching loss of a daughter and ends with the inspirational effort to save someone else's daughter half way around the world. Discover these and her other books at our [website](#).

## Pop in the Earbuds and Enjoy a Book



Two of our authors were lucky enough to be chosen by Kindle Direct Publishing to offer their books in audio format using Amazon's beta version of its virtual voice narrator. Why not take advantage since more readers are enjoying books with their ears?

You can now purchase Audible versions of Lawrence Drake's romantic adventure **Schellville** and Mark Sondrini's SciFi novel **Terminator 1+**.



## Author Interview: Colonel Matt Jackson

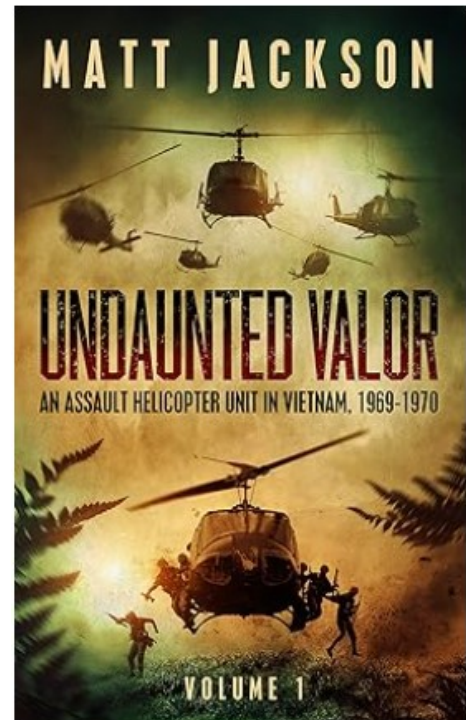


It's truly enlightening to get inside an author's head to understand their background and how it shapes what they publish. Catch Colonel Matt Jackson's interview on our [website](#) where he discusses his first book in the Undaunted Valor Series, **Undaunted Valor, An Assault Helicopter Unit in Vietnam**. It's best described as a historical novel covering events from 1968 when Matt joined the Army through 1970 when he completed 18 months of combat helicopter flying.

It is classified as fictional, but the conversations are close to what was said at times. Some characters' names have been changed and the foul language was toned down as were certain events. Jackson's goal is to encourage others to tell their story, perhaps as a way to better deal with stress from traumatic events.

It must be mentioned that the first book in the Undaunted Valor series is a Top Seller on Amazon's Best Seller's list and has a 4.7 out of 5-star rating with almost 3,400 reviews! If you want more Undaunted Valor, this book is the first in a series of six books. The series continues through to **Battle of Kontum, 1972**, which was published this year. The last three books in the series pay tribute to the US advisors that served with the South Vietnamese Army during the Easter Offensive of 1972.

Confirmation of the popularity of this series is the fact that a motion picture based on the third book is on its way to the studios. Jackson's current project is a three-book series on the Korean War. All of Jackson's books are on [Amazon](#).



## The Short Story List is Growing Longer



It's hard to know who's enjoying our short stories more—the authors or the readers. There's growing popularity matching a growing list of short stories available on our [website](#). The latest ones include:

- Robert Curtis' **TACAN**
- Lawrence Drake's **Dead Critter Ranch**
- Matt Jackson's **What Could Possibly Go Wrong?**
- Pam Varkony's **Chandra and Chakras**