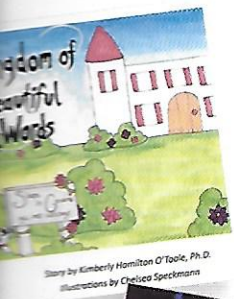


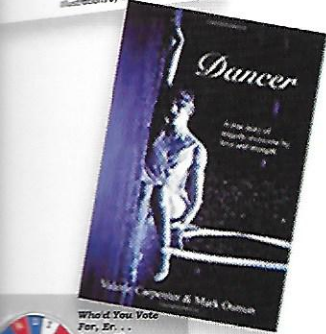
Recently published works by Mason alumni



Kingdom of Beautiful Words
Kimberly Hamilton O'Toole, BA Sociology '92, MA Sociology '94
America Star Books, May 2015

This children's picture book tells the story of a royal family experiencing the anguish of a young son who does not speak, and the effects this has on his parents and the citizens of the Kingdom.

O'Toole is a former Mason adjunct and is currently an adjunct sociology professor at Marymount University. Her first book, *Monster Away*, was published in 2013.



Dancer
Mark Osmun, BA English '75
Raven Ideas, September 2015

Accomplished dancer and licensed psychotherapist Valerie Glines is on the verge of a prestigious position with the Mayo Clinic when she breaks her neck in a freak accident. Based on a true story and written with co-author Valerie Carpenter, *Dancer* traces one woman's struggle as she undertakes a rocky journey back to her life's true calling: helping those in need.



Who'd You Vote for, Er... Against?
David S. Holland, BS '04
Amazon Digital Services Inc., October 2015

In this snarky look at the author's own voting records from a half-century of presidential elections, Holland explores the idea of negative vs. positive voters, or those who vote against rather than for a political candidate or party. Illustrations by freelance cartoonist Phil McKenney are featured.

America, Democracy & You
Ronald Fraser, MPA '80, PhD Public Policy '97
Amazon CreateSpace, November 2015

According to Fraser, the idea that U.S. citizens are the ultimate political power in our system of government is a myth, but it's a myth Americans willingly pretend is true. *America, Democracy & You* exposes the hidden role of such myths in our democracy and explains how citizens can trade in their mythical popular sovereignty for the real thing—political self-rule.

Fraser worked as a writer in Washington, D.C., for decades, and his work has appeared in dozens of publications, including

the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*.

10 Self Guided Tours Down Under
Andrea McCarley, MS
Integrative Studies '92
AGM Enterprises, December 2015

This book is for travelers who do not want to be constrained by a formal tour but still want guidance on where to go and what to see in Australia. These 10 trips are organized into manageable 10- to 14-day itineraries designed to minimize time in transit and maximize time vacationing. Each trip is accompanied by photos, maps, and local recommendations.

McCarley grew up in Brentwood, California. She has travelled the world as a Foreign Service officer and spent 16 years in Australia. She currently resides in Hawaii.

Insurrection: A Teacher Revolution in Defense of Children
Keith David Reeves (editor), MEd '06
Information Age Publishing, December 2015

Insurrection addresses educational philosophy, the system of schools, the social issue of misunder-

standing children, and how current school employees can lend their efforts to the revolution.

Reeves is senior coordinator of instructional technology for Arlington (Virginia) Public Schools. He has served as an instructional technology resource teacher, and a middle and high school band director.

A Hundred Weddings
Cathy Cruise, MFA '93
Possibilities Publishing, December 2016

Katie Jacobs has dreaded weddings since she was a kid, and was dragged to too many ill-fated ceremonies by her mother, a wedding planner. Now Katie's off to Florida to help plan her sister's wedding and to recall the "hundred weddings" they've planned in the past. Reliving those memorable—and painful—moments is oddly therapeutic, but it will take more than this to renew her faith in marriage and love.

Cruise lives in Virginia with her family, and works as an editor at Mason. She is co-author of the blog Write Despite with Mason alumna **Karen Guzman**.

