



# Musings from the Dark Chamber

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## Welcome to the Premier Issue



Happy Holidays and Greetings to all. I am always looking for better, cooler ways of staying in touch with everyone in the ever-expanding world in which we live. An e-mail newsletter seemed to be a neat way to stay in touch with everyone.

The left pane consists of graphics for all the various websites that house my content online. All the icons contain hyperlinks to the specific websites and the URL for each is also included for manual entry to a web browser.

Not everyone goes on MySpace and Facebook, or online at all for that matter, so these newsletters are also easy to print and send out through good ol' snail mail. The future issues will be filled with funny, interesting, and sometimes serious and informative material on a wide range of subjects including not only what is going on at Deep Forest Productions but also what is going on in the literary world in general. I wish to extend to everyone a heartfelt thank you for your friendship and your support. Special thanks go out to those who came out to my book release in October and the Motor City Art Expo this month. Both were a blast and I hope to do more soon. Happy Holidays to you all.

*Wolf*

## Some food for thought



The holidays are upon us once again and the world is changing in many ways. We have a lot to be thankful for this year and as we trod along to the daily grind it seems harder and harder to find something- anything- to be proud of or cling to for hope and well-being. Those things which we cling to so passionately define who we are and who we want to be. Yet we never see what gifts we have in life until they are gone. The

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general doom and gloom of the faltering economy has been offset to varying degrees by the energetic election of Barack Obama in an historic election that could have also seen the election of the country's first female Vice President. Gas prices have toned down and people are willing to once again step outside but for many this is still a critical and uncertain time.

Each of us has a unique opportunity this holiday season. As we are forced indoors for the long dark days of winter we have the chance to reflect on where we have been, as individuals and as a country.

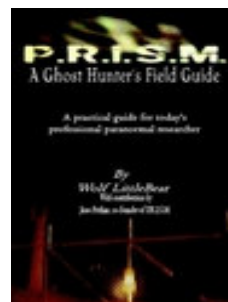
So as our families gather and we share in the festivities, focus not on the size of the feast but the simple fact that we are still alive and our futures- our

destinies- are in our own hands. We can no longer see the country or the world in terms of us and them but in the realization that what affects one affects all. It is not my intention to get preachy or lecture, just wrestling with thoughts that have been on my mind as I work endlessly to improve my own life in the aftermath of mistakes of the past and the impact those changes have had on those important to me. It's just nice to see that as I wake up to see my true potential, the country as a whole is also waking up and recognizing the mistakes of the past and working to make a better tomorrow.

## Updates and happenings



The coolest thing I have coming up is on November 20, 2008 my buddy Matt Busch is releasing his new movie, **ILLUSTRATION NATION**. The world premier will be at the Royal Oak Main Art Theatre and follows his adventures as he set out on a world tour for the **You Can Draw Star Wars** book and video tutorial series. **"ILLUSTRATION NATION** is an uncensored look at fandom and the pop culture industry that drives it." The film also co stars my good friends Scott, Jimmy, Neil, and Tracy! It's one wild ride and not for children. Oh, by the way, yours truly has a brief cameo in it as well!!



I've had a great time promoting my newest release **P.R.I.S.M. A Ghost Hunter's Field Guide**. In recent years the practice of ghost hunting has increased in popularity due to various reality television shows, prompting

interest in all levels of groups from teenagers just looking for a good time and a cheap thrill to serious scientific inquiries and experimentation.

This comprehensive reference book separates the fact from the fiction with regards to the do's and don'ts of a proper and professional investigation. It provides step-by-step instructions for investigating reports of the paranormal and includes all the various terms, theories, phenomena, tools, and technology in an unbiased manner. Also included are local legends of the Detroit area, such as the ghosts of Belle Isle, and a casebook of the group's previous investigations. P.R.I.S.M. conducted an investigation of a house in Mount Clemens, Michigan, in April of 2008 which was filmed by Detroit-area filmmaker Tracy Wayne Surgener. This case is discussed in detail and the investigation is being made into regular "webisodes" on popular websites such as YouTube and MySpace TV.

It was a great honor to be a contributor for the second time to the literary review magazine **Mused** by Bella Online with their Fall 2008 issue. What makes this issue all the more special is it was the first to be actually printed and sold in a hardcopy format! I contributed a short piece called **Rainy Day**.

I have begun experimenting with video and have taken about ten poems and pieces from the upcoming **Under a Sunlit Sky** and made them into full videos with music, narration and often chilling and emotional video. These are available to view on YouTube and MySpace TV.

Some of the cool things I've been working on include: "In My Life": This is the long overdue WWII love story that was tentatively titled "Love, Me" and set in Detroit. I work on it here and there and I am being very meticulous with the historical accuracy of the story.

"Under a Sunlit Sky": Another, much larger, collection of poetry and essays.

"Harbor Jokes": A mostly humorous, sometimes serious memoir of my days working in the mental health field and a commentary on the state of behavioral medicine in today's society

"Cafe at the End of the World": Working title for a social commentary in the form of a satire focusing on where we are as a species and where we're headed if we don't grow up before we destroy the only planet we call home.

Also in just an idea stage is a regular series of science fiction novels following the adventures of a paranormal research team

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## Holiday gift ideas



Of course I have my three previous releases **Musings From a Candlelit Chamber**, **A Wolf in the Shadows**, and **The Power of Music Therapy**. The latter two have been completely revised and reprinted in the smaller novel size format of 6x9 and officially designated as Second Editions with brand new ISBNs.

