## Author's Bio

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I have been fascinated by the written word from an early age on. I was born in the Netherlands, but half of my family moved to Canada and I followed suit after completing my education. For nearly two decades I had a regular guest column in the Woodstock paper and some regional papers. Writing has always meant something personal to me. Whatever the subject, I need to be intrigued and fascinated and each work has to answer to my integrity as a writer, not producing carbon copies, but novels and stories that are uniquely my own. I have self-published with mixed success and recently signed a book contract with Vanguard Press for 3 novels for young/adult readers. Humour does play an important part in my writing because even the most serious subject can benefit from a bit of self-deprecating infusion. I do write a regular blog on wmabes.blogspot.com and on Substack as Earthbound & Incoming. And I basically want what every writer desires—featured in bookstores around the nation and to be recognized as a credible writer. I am keeping my fingers crossed that your judges will like my novel.

Sincerely,

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