

# R. P. Bird

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## WRITING CAREER

Multiple short story sales to magazines and anthologies, starting in 1989. I have several for download at rpbird.com. A few of the others are in kindle format at Amazon.com. A partial list would include sales to the *Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, *Aboriginal Magazine*, *Aberrations Magazine*, the *Future Tech Wars* anthology, and *Help* magazine.

The novels *Suzie's Technical Support*, *Causality*, *Contravallation* and *Essa* published as ebooks at Amazon.com, 2013, 2014, multiple positive reviews, approximately 6,800 sales/downloads. The novel *Rewire* is a forthcoming title.

Multiple short stories released as ebooks at Amazon.com, including "Whimper," "A New Testament," "Psychic Hotline," "Home Sweet Home," "A Soft Head for Fine Cars," "Some Songs are Bitter," and "The Way to a Man's Heart." Multiple titles forthcoming.

Creator of the personal challenge site tellmewhattowrite.com. For a year, once every few weeks, I wrote a story based on an idea sent to me by a reader.

Staff writer, for *American Times* and Papa Advertising, c. 1988–1996. The clipbook of my work at *American Times* was eaten by the tornado (to read about the tornado, look at [http://www.rpbird.com/downloads/How\\_It\\_Was.pdf](http://www.rpbird.com/downloads/How_It_Was.pdf)). Speaking of tornadoes, an English yoga magazine published a version of *How It Was*. Tiny bits and pieces of my freelance work I had typed into the computer years ago, those are available in the downloads section of my web site.

Web content editor/writer for 10kc.com (a site for ad agency creatives, it's a dead link now), 1999 – 2000 (Internet Bubble).

Co-creator of espressostories.com.

Researcher for *China: The Celestial Empire*, c. 2001. It says 2003 on IMDB, but the work was done in 2000–early 2002 (My father died in August of that year, I think my work for *CE* had ended in April or May). You can visit my page at the Internet Movie Database, not much there, though. I'm too cheap to pay to have my CV and picture posted. I might do something with it in the future. (<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm2559968/>)

Script work with several writing partners, 1998 – 2002, 2010 – 2012. Supplied additional dialog, rewrites, and story consultation. Much of this was uncredited work as a "doctor." Also co-author of several screenplays as well as multiple screenplays under my own name.

Ghost writer, but my lips are sealed on where, for whom, and when. I have never written pornography. I have written political campaign materials, but that is all I am willing to say on the matter. 1996 – 1999.

Editorial assistance, especially for revisions to finished works. Like my ghost writing jobs, I keep quiet on who, what and where. As above, I have never associated myself with a project involving pornography. All else I am silent about. Someone has to keep the tradition of *omertà* alive. 1993, 1995 – 2000.

Wrote lyrics for several alternative rock bands and a performance artist, 1988 – 1993.

## EDUCATION

High school diploma, Greensburg High School, Greensburg, Kansas.

Associate in Science, computer programming, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

Bachelor of Arts, History, minors in Creative Writing and Art History, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas.

Master of Arts, History, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas.

Computer Technology and Repair Certification, lifetime certification. CompTIA.

## TEACHING

College instructor, adjunct faculty, ten years, for various community colleges and colleges in central and western Kansas, including the Butler County Community College system, the Cowley County Community College system, Winfield College, Kansas Newman, and Hutchinson Community College.

Classes taught included: Western Civilization I & II, American History I & II, World Geography, Principles of Geography, World History I & II, United States Geography.

## CAREGIVING

Part-time for both parents, over twelve years.

Full-time, 24/7 for mother, seven years.

## OTHER WORK

Tutor. Subjects included: English, English as a second language, research skills, writing skills, American history, European history, world history, the history of western civilization, introductory geography, world geography, basic computer skills, and computer repair.

Computer/web programmer, Fortran, APL, Javascript, Java, html, C, C++.

Manual labor. Sorting railroad ties, farm work, handyman at a riding school, assistant at a slaughterhouse, machine shop assistant, scrap yard worker, pipe layer.

Forklift operator.

Backhoe operator.

Taxi driver, until I wrecked their cab. It was not my fault. I swear.

Office work, accounting.

Field supervisor for the Census. I organized and ran a team of interviewers.

Real estate appraiser for various local governments, involving interviews with home owners and site inspections.

Bookstore clerk, small independent bookstores, chain mall stores, college bookstores.

Manager, tool rental store.

Small engine repair.

Handyman.

Groom, assistant riding instructor, horsemanship academy.

PC technician.

## MISC.

Shotokan Karate, Brown belt.

Daito-ryu Aiki-jujutsu, six months study, equivalent of a green belt in Judo.

Judo, orange belt.

Shaolin Long Fist Kung Fu, introductory forms.

K.S.U Fencing Club, saber and foil, two years.

Videogame modder

Source engine (Valve Corporation)

Gamebryo engine (Bethesda)

Unreal engine, versions 1, 2, 3 (Epic Games)

Quake III Arena engine (id Software)

Former member of Mensa.

Prolific reader.

Renowned loner.