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The Salmon Copy

ARE WE REALLY SAFE?

"I love studying Ancient History and seeing how empires rise and fall, sowing the seeds of their own destruction" Martin Scorsese, BrainyQuote.com, Xplore Inc. 2015

History is full of civilizations that thought they were invincible, grew complacent, and disappeared. Is the United States destined for such oblivion? Recent events show our vulnerability. Our government has attempted to make us feel secure, but have they done enough to ensure that this great country can continue as an important player on the world stage? Will we protect those things that are vital to our continued preeminence or have we become so smug we feel we no longer need attend to them? The Salmon Copy addresses the chilling possibility of a threat to one of the most essential parts of our infrastructure. Can it happen? Will we let it happen?

The Frayed Thread of Integrity

In "The Frayed Threads of Integrity" companies and people's lives rise and fall based on the veracity of their choices. A company chooses to compromise the quality of their product in order to improve their profit margin and it leads to intrigue and murder. Grant Bullhard is almost consumed with a vow to see that justice is done and finds that justice is satisfied through mercy. A mother is willing to lie to save of her son and discovers that only the truth will save them both. With what kind of people and businesses would you rather be associated?" Does integrity matter...to you?

Viewpoints

Lovingly placed between the covers of this book are some events that have occurred in my life and my point of view about each. Some were fun, some not. Many are treasured memories; others I wish I could forget. Being victimized by corporate snafus, an unwilling participant in a wild ride in Africa, and lost in a canyon with a terrifying thunderstorm looming overhead. During each my point of view was quite different. Then there are the attitudes and antics of two fascinating grandchildren that will tickle your funny bone as they display their perspective. Maybe while you read these pages you might examine your own point of view about the world around you.

Divorce No! Murder Yes!

Divorce is a messy affair at best. Are prenuptial agreements the solution, or is there another answer? Bob Gibson and Sam Pierson are police detectives who are yearning to become lieutenants, but it would take solving a big case to elevated them to the new position. They begin investigating a rash of suspicious deaths of wealthy St. Louis individuals only to be frustrated by the pressure of threats to family and assertions undermining their credibility. Divorce no, Murder yes, is the intriguing story of how Bob and Sam tenaciously wend their way through sinister plots and dastardly coverups to discover the truth.

Missing Pieces

**Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed
until it is faced.” James Baldwin**

Change is difficult at any age, but at eighty it's especially burdensome. During and after some recent major surgery, my precious wife noticed I exhibited anger and belligerence towards the people caring for me; conduct that was actually counter-productive. She decided to give me the opportunity to examine those behaviors by giving me a picture puzzle of myself with strategic pieces missing. This book is an account of how I retrieved those pieces and what I learned during the process of self-examination. It changed my life. Could it change yours?

The Adventures of Zachary Plumbottom

**“Start doing what's necessary, then do the possible, and suddenly you're
doing the impossible.” Francis of Assisi**

“Jacob's purple right fist hit the desk in front of him, shaking everything on it. “The Galitan Society will have to accept me as one of their members. Maybe then they will listen to my idea about dominating a planet's unruly inhabitants instead of pampering them by sending helpers. They sent

Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Abe Lincoln, Albert Einstein, and Ghandi, and still these foolish beings go down the wrong road. What they need is a strong hand.”

“Now they send this child to live with them so he could understand and help them correct their errant path. Even if he has the Society’s best trainer, it won’t work. They need strict control. They need me!”

Zachary Plumbottom was sent to earth as a baby to help the human race survive itself. Jacob came to dominated it. Who will win? Could Zack and a group of “disabled” youths called THE BUDS use their special skills to assist him with his task? What will save the human race from self-destruction?

T.O.O.O.M.

A national electronic library. Sounds like a great idea. Eliminating paper books might save money and natural resources, so why is Halberton Smith apprehensive about the plan? Many sources for information are currently available on the internet. What dangers could there be in uploading all literature and documents into an electronic system?

Hal is a successful lawyer in a well-known firm in Chicago. When he is offered the opportunity to assist one of the firm’s partners in a case promoting “filtering” entries into the new e-library data base, he refuses. He realizes this so called “filtering” is the beginning of censorship. He opens his own office and begins the frustrating and often harrowing experience fighting against a government agency called T.O.O.O.M. which is making possible a gradual slide toward a national disaster.

What’s wrong with censorship? This book addresses that question and several issues currently being debated throughout our country. Who is telling the truth? Is the media serving the public or itself? Has the voting public abandoned the belief the citizenry has control, or does it still trust its institutions enough to stay involved? This book is fiction, I hope, but it may stimulate people to think further about these questions.

Lost letters

Imagine - It was an archeologist’s dream. After excavating a promising site on the outskirts of the ancient city of Corinth, Doctors John Stephen and Richard Benedict unearthed a previously undiscovered room. In the corner of the space was a bronze chest with several well-preserved parchments. Upon bringing them to The National Archeological Museum in Athens, it was discovered two were from the

Apostle Paul to the Christians in Corinth. Excitement echoed down the halls of the museum. Speculation spread these were letters the Apostle had written about in other parts of the new testament but were never found. What did they say? Would they reveal new information about the early Christian church?

Dispersion - The Conquerors are Conquered

One of the most powerful military entities in the ancient world was the Roman Empire. It absorbed massive amounts of territory and cultures around the Mediterranean Sea. Midway through its 1500-year existence, a cult called "The Way" emerged based on the teaching of a crucified Jew from a minor province named Palestine. Atypical of other religions allowed by the Roman culture, it would not consider the Emperor a deity. Beginning with the Emperor Nero and continuing with eleven of the succeeding Emperors, the Roman government attempted to wipe-out "The Way" (Christianity) by persecuting its followers. Instead of being destroyed, however, Christianity became the official religion of the empire 380 years after the birth of Christ. How did this happen? How did the massive powerful Roman Empire become the Holy Roman Empire? Read on, my friends. Read on!



The Adventures of Bailey and Her Friends (Book one)

Hi! My name is Bailey. At least that's what the humans I live with call me. I am a four-footed individual that those same humans call a dog, whatever that means. Living together works well for all of us. I walk my humans and play games with them so that they stay in good physical condition, and in return they rub my belly and keep the house we live in warm and clean. I also have dog friends with whom I play and converse.

My life had been mostly comfortable and quiet until one of my friends turned up missing. Because of limitations humans have, my friends and I decided to help them find our missing member. The adventure that decision led to was exciting beyond our imaginations.

The Adventures of Bailey and Her Friends-The

Forest Adventure (Book 2)

Hi! I'm Bailey. At least that's what the humans I live with call me. I am a four-footed Labradoodle that those same humans call a dog, whatever that means. Living together works well for all of us. I walk my humans and play games with them so that they stay in good physical condition, and in return they rub my belly and keep the house we live in warm and clean. I also have dog friends with whom I play and converse.

My life had been mostly comfortable and quiet until we all went on a vacation together in the Rocky Mountains. I know that sounds strange, but things happened on this trip that made it the most dangerous and exciting adventure I've ever had.

The Adventures of Bailey and Her Friends – Bailey Dognapped by a Homeless Person (Book 3)

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My life had been mostly comfortable and quiet until I was yanked out of it by a criminal act. My dog friends and humans showed a lot of love and persistence trying to help me return to them, but something stood in my way. This was one of the most confusing yet rewarding adventures of my life.

The Strange Behavior of Humans (Bailey book 4)

The Observations of a Family Dog

Dogs are smart. If you don't agree, ask a shepherd how he controls his flock, how a rescue team locates a person buried under the rubble of an earthquake, or how police officers can find a drug stash. Yeah, they're smart alright, and all dog owners think their dog is the smartest one. But they're wrong - my dog Bailey is.

Have you ever wondered what your dog is thinking? I have. Bailey tilts her head and stares at me when I talk to her (come on - you talk to your dog too), and I can tell she's probably thinking how she

could wheedle another treat from me or trying to get me out of my chair to play with her. I know she's watching everything I do and most likely wondering, "What is he up to now?"

The pages of this book contain Bailey's thoughts about different events in our life together. I think you'll find them interesting and entertaining.

God's Blessings are everywhere all the time

Reading about someone else's blessings may encourage you to notice some of the wonderful, unexpected events God places in your life. Blessings such as answers to a conundrum you didn't anticipate, and ideas you know He gave you that sent you in a direction you never considered before. Yes, you have God moments too. Maybe it's time you noticed them! Come on! Look at the adventures He has taken you through safely. You may even start writing down when you feel God's hand on your life. Such a document may encourage you when you're struggling with new tests. My list of blessings has lifted my spirits in dark times. Will yours lift you? Will you notice them? After all, God's bountiful blessings are everywhere, all the time!