

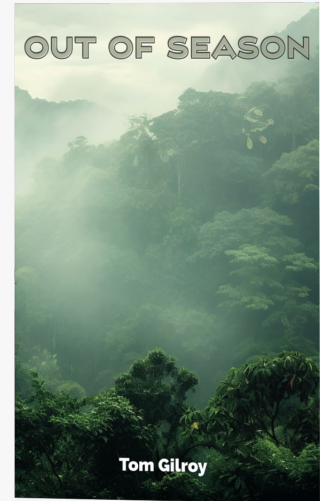
Five Books Chronicle Journeys of Resilience and Redemption

Authors pen tales of triumph and transformation that offer insight into human experience in latest releases.

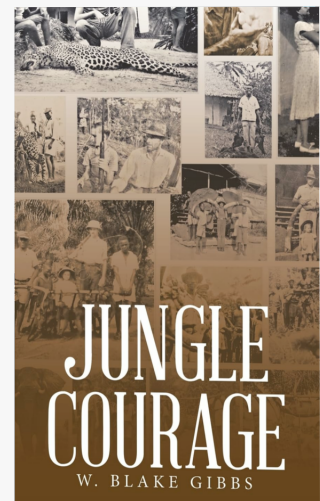
ETOBICOKE, ONTARIO, CANADA, July 24, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In the vast landscape of literature, a collection of five remarkable books invites readers on a journey through the multifaceted tapestry of the human experience. Despite their diverse genres and narrative styles, these works converge on a common theme of resilience, introspection, and the relentless pursuit of meaning.

Tom Gilroy kickstarts this exploration with "Out of Season", an intricate blend of historical facts and fiction, delving into the complex geopolitical landscape of the early 1980s, where Libyan forces crossed into Chad, sparking a civil war that drew the attention of global powers. This fictional account weaves together intelligence intrigue and real historical events, offering readers an engaging political thriller enriched with profound themes.

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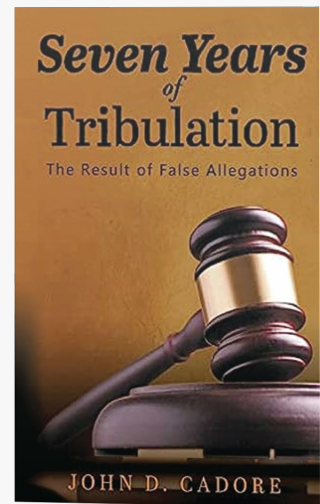
Libya, France, and the United States, each maneuvering for influence in the strategically significant region. As a former colonial power, France's intervention contrasts sharply with the U.S. efforts to counter Soviet influence through Libya.

Beyond the immediate political machinations, the novel also delves into the enduring impact of colonialism, exploring how past injustices continue to shape the present. Gilroy's narrative addresses the corrosive effects on native populations, the power of belief systems, and the profound consequences of seemingly minor decisions made in anger. The result is a rich tapestry that not only entertains but also provokes thoughtful reflection on broader societal issues.

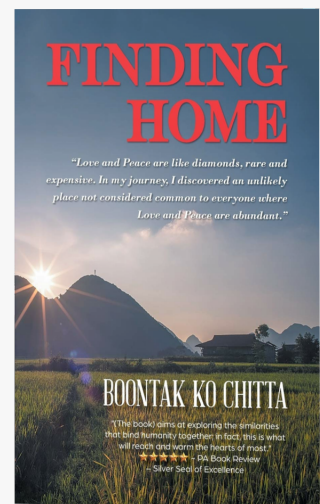
Tom Gilroy's background as a journalist and Peace Corps volunteer enriches the authenticity and depth of his storytelling. His previous work, "In Bikole", a collection of short stories, showcased his ability to capture the nuanced experiences of life in Africa. With a BA from the University of Virginia and an MBA from the Columbia School of Journalism, Gilroy brings a well-rounded perspective to his writing, informed by diverse experiences across continents.

Building upon this exploration, W. Blake Gibbs' "Jungle Courage" paints a vivid portrait of the remarkable missionary journey undertaken by Harold and Ella Landrus as they ventured into the remote jungles of Liberia, West Africa, in the 1930s. This captivating narrative chronicles the trials, triumphs, and unforgettable adventures of a family committed to serving others with unwavering faith and courage.

Harold and Ella Landrus embarked on their mission with hearts filled with hope and a deep



Seven Years of Tribulation by John D. Cadore



Finding Home by Boontak Ko Chitta

sense of purpose. Little did they know the extraordinary challenges that awaited them: encounters with deadly snakes, marauding leopards, rampaging elephants, and terrifying airplane crashes. Yet, in the face of adversity, they remained steadfast in their commitment to their calling, drawing strength from their faith and determination.

Written by a retired missionary who spent time with the Landrus family during their time in Liberia, W. Blake Gibbs, the Pasadena-born author, offers readers a glimpse into the extraordinary lives of individuals who

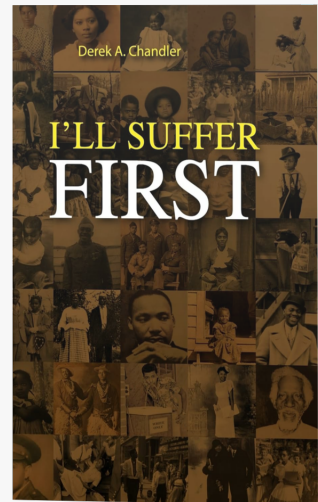
dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of native tribespeople in the African interior. With a career spanning over forty years in various business fields and extensive travels with his wife, Esther, in Africa, Asia, and Europe, Gibbs infuses the story with rich detail and profound insight.

Emerging from the jungles of courage, John D Cadore's "Seven Years of Tribulation" offers an intimate glimpse into a life marked by resilience, determination, and ultimate triumph. Through the author's own experiences, this compelling narrative illustrates the enduring power of consistency, perseverance, and appreciation in overcoming life's challenges.

Born on the island of Grenada in the West Indies, John D Cadore embarked on a remarkable journey that led him to serve both as a commissioned and non-commissioned officer in the United States Military. His tenure in the U.S. Army, the U.S. Army Reserve, and the Army National Guard laid the foundation for a life characterized by service and dedication.

Following his initial tour of duty in the U.S. Army, Cadore pursued higher education with unwavering determination. He earned an impressive array of degrees, including an Associates degree, a Bachelor's degree, a Master's degree, and a Law degree. Despite facing numerous obstacles along the way, including the completion of all requirements for a Ph.D. except his dissertation, Cadore's commitment to learning never wavered.

"Seven Years of Tribulation" marks Cadore's first published book, with plans for additional works in the near future. As a licensed attorney practicing in multiple states, Cadore brings a wealth of life experience and insight to his writing, aiming to enlighten and inspire readers with each new publication.



I'll Suffer First by Derek Chandler

Transitioning from the trials of professional life to the quest for personal identity, Boontak Ko Chitta's "Finding Home" explores themes of survival, resilience, and redemption set against the backdrop of the Vietnam War.

"Finding Home" unfolds as American Air Force pilot John Stevenson's fateful crash in Laos in 1972 sparks a chain of events that forever alters the course of his life. Then, as he grapples with a near-fatal snakebite, he finds himself at the mercy of a local fisherman whose compassion becomes his lifeline. With each step on his arduous trek back to safety, John encounters unexpected kindness and discovers the true meaning of home. Through trials and triumphs, the story paints a captivating tale of human connection, belief in humanity, and the universal quest for belonging.

Author Boontak Ko Chitta brings a deeply personal perspective to the story, drawing from his own experiences growing up in Laos during the turbulent era of the Vietnam War. With nineteen years spent in Laos and firsthand knowledge of the region's landscapes and cultures, Boontak infuses the narrative with authenticity and depth, making it a heartfelt reflection of identity, resilience, and the universal longing for a place to call home.

Finally, the journey culminates in the poetic and introspective prose of Derek Chandler's "I'll Suffer First". This work of fiction dives deep into the courageous journey of Opal May Kane, a Southern girl who rises above the overwhelming adversity of her upbringing on a small pig farm in Mississippi.

"I'll Suffer First" is a girl's journey of courage and resilience. From her early childhood, Opal May's life is marked by disarray and hardship, with experiences of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, coupled with substance abuse, shaping her path. Despite the darkness that surrounds her, Opal May's resilience, determination, and steadfast faith propel her forward as she navigates through destructive social relationships, seeking a path to break free from the shadows of her past.

Derek Chandler, born and raised in Canada, is known for his vivid storytelling and deep insights. With a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Dalhousie University, Chandler's global travels have enriched his perspective, enabling him to write compellingly about the intersection of culture and society. His debut novel received critical acclaim for its portrayal of African American and African Canadian cultural complexities.

In addition to "I'll Suffer First", Chandler has published poetry collections such as "Weathered The Storm", "After The Storm", and "Before The Storm". His work often addresses social issues, like the impact of the foster care system on relationships and the challenges faced by youth in foster care. Additionally, as an advocate for literature and the arts, Chandler promotes literacy and supports emerging writers through literary festivals, workshops, and mentorship programs.

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