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For the past 13 years, Derek has presented his writing workshops and school assemblies to more than 100,000 kids throughout the United States and abroad. His award-winning book, *Enemy Pie*, is a perennial favorite in libraries across the globe, and was recently selected by **Reading Rainbow's** Levar Burton as his favorite picture book for boys.

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Randall Platt writes fiction for adults and young adults and those who don't own up to being either. Platt, a lifelong resident of the Upper Left Hand Corner, has been a full-time writer for twenty-five years which is certainly long enough to know better. Platt finds no shortage of fascinating characters and stories that spring from the beautiful Pacific Northwest which explains why nearly all Platt's novels take place in Washington or Oregon, with exception to the latest, *Liberty's Christmas*, which takes place in Texas during the Depression. A film was made of one of Platt's books. Platt's novels have won several accolades including twice winning the Willa Literary Award and twice winning the Will Rogers Medallion for best young adult literature. Six novels have recently been released as audio books. Platt's latest release is *Incommunicado*, ideal for readers ages ten and up. Several times a week Platt puts away the words and heads for the nearest handball court.

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