

**Richie Swanson** came of age living outside in nature, bicycling and backpacking throughout North America. He lives simply on the upper Mississippi river, hauling water and heating with wood.

Sunstone Press will publish *First Territory*, his novel set during the Walla Walla Treaty Council and Yakama War, Washington and Oregon Territories, 1855-1856. The release date will be announced soon.

Richie won the Year 2000 National Peace Writing Award for an unpublished novel that contributes to peacemaking, granted by Peace Hope. *Removal*, his collection of short stories, was a finalist in the 2012 Spokane Prize for Short Fiction. His stories have appeared in *Raven Chronicles*, *Alligator Juniper*, *Weber: the Contemporary West*, *Ginosko: between literary vision and spiritual realities*, *Thirty First Bird Review*, *Gloria Mundi Press*, [www.Transnational-Perspectives.org](http://www.Transnational-Perspectives.org), *Poydras Review*, *Mobius: the journal for social change* and other journals.

He conducted Breeding Bird Censuses approved by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and printed by the Association of Field Ornithologists. He delivers a power point presentation, *Beautifully Abundant Birds I Desire*, chronicling a breeding season of threatened species on the upper Mississippi.

He has monitored bird populations for wildlife agencies and written for *Birder's World*, *Bird Watcher's Digest*, *Western Birder*, *High Country News*, *Oregon Coast Magazine* and other outdoor publications. He produced [www.RiverBirdBlog.com](http://www.RiverBirdBlog.com), Thayer Birding and National Geographic Online Store, associates.

He has worked as an environmental consultant and for Mississippi River Revival in Winona, conducting interpretive events and advocating for threatened species, habitat protection and a cleaner river.

He has many people to thank, but especially Barbi who sees glitter in every river riffle, ocean surf, desert trickle and mountain stream.

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