

# Author Interview



## Kenneth Wayne

### About His Writing:

If writing is not your full time job, what do you do for a living?  
I'm an educator.

It was declared illegal for you to write, what career would you love as much?  
I would do about the same as I've been doing for the past 30+ years: write for myself, have a professional career in education, and hope that someone who does not know me personally will read my writing before I die. With the current state of the publishing industry, writing may as well be illegal. I have about the same chance to get a book deal with a major publisher currently as I would if writing was illegal. Being an indie is much the same as a black market. Self promotion appears to be the primary way to gather an audience.

Do you feel that a person has to have a passion for words/books to become a good writer?  
I think a person has to have an urge to put pen to paper. It may be a passion for words/books. In my case, it is the urge to create something new. If I were a better carpenter, maybe I wouldn't write.

Analyzing the books you've written, what do you think they say about you? That I must be a sick puppy?

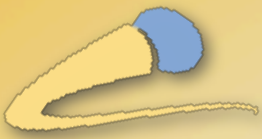
How many books have you written and self-published?  
I have published two language textbooks for the ESL market. In terms of fiction, I have written five novels, one travelogue, and have self-published two of the novels. The other three and the travelogue are gathering dust on a shelf in my office.

Of the books you've written so far, which is your favorite and why? Least favorite and why?  
I don't want to have to choose between the children.

Who do you use as a sounding board for your books?  
I bounce some of the ideas around with my wife.

If you could live inside one of your books for a year which would you pick and why?  
Actually, it takes me about a year or more to write a book. So, I have lived inside each of them. Since my novel *Clip* takes place in more locations (Portland, OR, LA, Tokyo, and Cheju), it may be a little more interesting of a book to live inside rather than just one of two locales like the other four novels.

I have an enemy, which one of your books would you put him/her in and why? My second novel (*B-3*) since it has the least sex in it and since it focuses on aspects related to law school, which is about as close to a hell as you can get.



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### **Tidbits About Himself:**

Are you a social butterfly or a fly on the wall?  
Neither, but I may be more akin to the wall.

You have 4 hours of down time. Would you hang out with friends and/or family, beam yourself to a deserted island or go to a party where the music is loud and everyone wants to dance with you?  
Since I've never experienced everyone wanting to dance with me, that might be a good way to spend four hours. The first one I do frequently and the second one is where I am most of the time anyway.

I invite you to a costume party, what would you dress up like and why?  
The same costume I wear daily: a rubber pig mask.

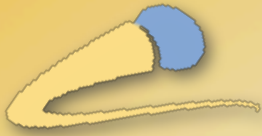
You're invited to a dinner party, where extremely intelligent people will discuss the future of humanity. You can't bring your spouse or significant other, who would you bring?  
Ron Paul, Frank Zappa or Bill Hicks.

What single word, in your opinion, describes you the person, not the writer? *Empathetic*

### **His Reading Style:**

What genre do you like to read?  
I like to write blood on the page. I never think about genre when I write. No doubt, that may be one reason I have been unable to land a contract with Simon and Schuster, Harper Collins, Grove Press, et al. I considered *Clip* a Kafkaesque thriller.

What single word, in your opinion, describes you the reader?  
*Empathetic*



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### Extra Tidbits:

Where were you born?

Oregon

What's your favorite color?

Green for envy

What's your zodiac sign?

Gemini

You are starring in a Disney movie which character (cartoon) would you be? [Genie in Aladdin](#)

What's your favorite season and why? [Fall because I envy people who are free to travel in the fall. I unfortunately always have to work in the fall . . . sigh.](#)

What's your favorite holiday and why?

[The one I am experiencing.](#)

What is your favorite type of music?

[The San Francisco Sound since music like it killed Top-40 and corporate control over the industry for a short time and left us with music created because it felt good and helped to define my generation.](#)

What do you do to totally relax, other than writing?

[Sex and rock 'n' roll. Something is missing, though.](#)

I have a fear of heights and enclosed places. Are you scared of anything (phobias)?

[Starvation](#)

If you could own any animal as a pet which would it be and why?

[I have lived with many dogs and cats through the years. I won't say I "owned" them, though.](#)

If there was a movie made about your life. Who would play you? And what genre would the movie be?  
Horror, Action, Comedy, etc...?

[My life is a surrealistic film with Daffy Duck in the leading role.](#)

If you had to recommend a book for me to read (not your own) but by an Indie, which one would you pick?

[Any of the books posted on \[www.etc.info\]\(http://www.etc.info\). Check it out!](#)