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## About the Author

My uneventful youth was spent in the small farming community of Halstead in the state of Kansas. My parents were from a more modern branch of the Mennonite religion. Upon graduation from business college, I was the first member of my family to join the Army as most Mennonites were conscientious objectors.

In the '60s I was attached to the Defense Intelligence Agency and assigned to the American Embassy in Moscow in the middle of the cold war. My first experience as a writer was as a part time editor of the embassy newsletter.

In the '70s, after leaving the Army, I was a gay activist and founded the Gay Community Center in Orange County. Among other things, I published a community newspaper *The Santa Ana Journal*,

In the '80s I moved to San Diego where I started a data entry *maquiladora* in Tijuana. Later I was editor of the *Uptown San Diego Examiner* which was merged into the *Metropolitan*, and published the short lived *Border Business Journal*. My column, *The Baja Beat*, was published in six community newspapers.

I smuggled AIDS medications into Mexico and help to found *FronteraGay*, at that time Baja's only Gay newspaper, specializing in educating Mexicans about AIDS. I wrote and published a number of books, including *Having Fun in Tijuana*, *Baja by Night*, *Sin Diego*, *The Priest*, *the Pastor*, and *the Rabbi*.

In the '90s, I continued to publish books, gave rail tours of Mexico's Copper Canyon, and edited newsletters and directories for a legal information publishing company. And, of course, there was my "infamous" bed and breakfast which got me into trouble in Mexico.

In addition to book publishing for authors, I now edit and publish an eZine for San Diego writers at <http://www.SDWriteWay.org>.

