

SF Tomajczyk, *Author*

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| Born | Stephen Francis Tomajczyk (<i>Toe-MY-check</i>) March 30, 1960 Newport, RI |
| Sign | Aries |
| Residence | Loudon, NH |
| Byline | SF Tomajczyk |
| Language | English |
| Nationality | American |
| Education | University of Michigan NY Institute of Photography |
| Childhood Schools | Chantilly High School (Chantilly, VA), David Glasgow Farragut High School (Rota, Spain), Stephen Foster Middle School (Alexandria, VA), Windsor Oaks Elementary School (Virginia Beach, VA), St. Charles Academy (San Diego, CA), and St. Anthony's Elementary School (Oahu, HI). |



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| Writing Genres | Nonfiction, Poetry, Historical Novels, Children's Literature |
| Literary Influences | Michael Crichton, Herman Wouk, JRR Tolkien, James Michener, James Clavell, Donald Hall, Dolores Kendrick |

Writing Career Highlights

Steve's creativity became apparent at an early age. Beginning in eighth grade, teachers pulled his parents in for after-school meetings to encourage his writing abilities. It culminated at the University of Michigan when his English professor returned the final paper of the semester, scribbling at the top: "*I accuse you of possessing talent and I dare you to do something with it.*"

He took the challenge to heart and graduated with a contract in hand for his first nonfiction book, *Eyes on the Gold*.

Steve's first post-collegiate job was as the New Products Editor at *80 Micro*, followed by an Associate Publisher role at Softside Publishing. He was a newspaper correspondent for the Nashua *Telegraph*. As a columnist, *Running Shorts* appeared in several newspapers.

Over the years Steve has written a dozen nonfiction books (many illustrated with his own photography). His magazine articles have appeared in such diverse publications as *Writers Digest*, *Lost Treasure*, *Yankee* and *Sportscape*, and his poems have been published by *North American Mentor Magazine* and *Odessa Poetry Review*.

Steve was a correspondent for *People Magazine* and wrote articles on the International Ice Patrol (where he visited the RMS Titanic's resting spot in the North Atlantic), NASA's Planetary Protection Officer (who protects earth from microbial invasion), and Richard L'Abbe, president of Med-Eng Systems (who personally tested his company's bomb suit designs by allowing himself to be blown-up).

In 1995, Steve founded and served as managing editor of *The American Journal of Health Communications*, an award-winning national magazine that addressed effective social marketing techniques for public health officials.

Several years later he founded *Disaster Magazine*, an online e-zine that covered disasters and educated the public on how to prepare for natural disasters, technological failures and acts of terrorism. The site's preparedness guide was subsequently used by the Red Cross and numerous government agencies, and scouting organizations.

As an adjunct professor, Steve has taught writing, journalism and communication courses at Franklin Pierce University and Rivier University in New Hampshire.

Recognition

Steve is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the East*, *Who's Who in the World*, *The Writers Directory*, and *Contemporary Authors*.

Works

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| 2014 | SEALs: Naval Special Warfare in Action | Call to Arms |
| 2004 | To Be a US Marine | Zenith Press |
| 2003 | Black Hawk | Zenith Press |
| 2002 | US Counterterrorist Forces | Zenith Press |
| 2001 | Modern US Navy Destroyers | Zenith Press |
| 2000 | Carrier Battle Group | Zenith Press |
| 1999 | 101 Ways to Survive the Y2K Crisis | St. Martin's Press |
| 1999 | Bomb Squads | Zenith Press |
| 1997 | US Elite Counter-Terrorist Forces | Zenith Press |
| 1996 | Dictionary of the Modern US Military | McFarland & Co. |
| 1987 | The Children's Writer's Marketplace | Running Press |
| 1986 | Eyes on the Gold | McFarland & Co. |

