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# It's official, FMP's first newsletter, and we have some huge announcements!

Meet our flagship author, Logan J. Hannen.



#### by Logan J. Hannen & SJ Morris September '18

Logan J. Hannen is Forever Morris Publishing's first signed author, our flagship author if you will. His literary talents are...

Author Bio: Logan has been writing fiction since he was in third grade. This is when the utter compulsion to scribble about people that didn't yet exist started. This compulsion has haunted him ever since. Logan started writing properly in fifth grade after he read The Da Vinci Code (He was, as you can tell, obviously the popular kid), and Logan latched onto the idea of doing everything possible to keep people compelled enough to say "just one more page" after every single page. Logan knew from there that writing was something he desperately wanted to do, and he just kinda never stopped telling stories, even when he wasn't writing.

Logan J. Hannen resides in the beautiful state of New Jersey. Logan is a novelist, journalist, and self-described 'semi-vintage' punk rocker at heart. He strives to create the same sense of urgent honesty in both his prose and his nonfiction work that his punk rock icons (everyone from Joe Strummer to Gerard Way) did before him. Logan is also the Head of Written Content for Theo & Harris, an online-based vintage watch retailer intent on changing the way young people engage with time.

Logan's goal in each book is to take genres we think we know, be it medical fiction, crime fiction, or anything else, and turn the story into one driven purely by the development of the characters in them. Logan has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, and is working towards a Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology. He likes to think the social science perspective has influenced the way he writes people, and the way those characters let their emotions drive their decision making within his novels.

He does use profanity. Not excessively so, by any means, but prefers his adult characters to actually speak to each other like adults. To Logan, if you don't believe this character could plausibly exist in your world, then you won't feel the fullest possible connection to them. Then, when Logan puts the character through something really awful, it won't hit quite as hard, making the story less impactful on a personal level for the reader. He just can't have that now can he?

At the end of the day, Logan believes people don't really read for the escapism anymore. We're so connected to people and information that we've moved into an era of reading for the purpose of connecting with something else. His wish is that his work connects with you. If not, you can still go get a drink with him sometime. Logan has a soft spot for Irish pubs and punk rock music.

When doing none of the above, he is most likely at the gym, a new habit, but one that is helping to ensure he is around to pester, provoke, and otherwise stir the pot for many, many years to come.

Welcome to FMP Logan!

Personal Note from Logan: I went off to college, tried to get a real degree, and a real job, and Jesus Christ is all of that stuff boring. My brain just isn't wired for the 9 to 5, punch in punch out lifestyle that, if I'm being honest, I don't think anyone *actually* loves but everyone just kind of accepts. Me? Maybe it's the Strummer devotee in me, but I couldn't just accept that kind of complacency lying down, so I wrote a really awful book instead. That book got deleted, then the next one became my debut novel *The Doctor Will See You Now.* From there, I wrote for a startup ghostwriting company for a few months which, at the end of the day, was more for experience than anything else, and then I moved on to writing about watches for a company called Theo & Harris. During that jumbled mess, I finished my next novel, which will hopefully be out by the end of the year or the start of next depending on editing, etc, and I've got about 20 more behind it.

Logan J. Hannen
The Story Behind The Logo:



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I was trying really hard to develop something that would be able, visually, to stand on its own and represent my author brand. The pocket watch shape of the thing comes from my total and complete obsession with watches, specifically mechanical ones.

The smiley face is just something that stands out and kinda pops to grab your attention and represents fun or a sort of lack of seriousness which, admittedly, is rarely the case in my actual writing, but represents the way I approach the craft and, as best I can, the marketing.

As for colors, right now they're red and gold but over time I want to reinvent the logo to best represent the kind of "era" that I'm in as a writer, the way a lot of musicians will have very clear, distinct eras in their careers.

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## Meet our second author, E. L. Giles!



by SJ Morris September '18

E.L. Giles, AKA Eric is FMP's second author and here is a little bit about him:

Author Bio: Eric, born in Quebec, Canada, began writing music and lyrics at the young age of 15. Seventeen years later, he started writing short stories, from which his debut novel, Birdman, was born. Birdman is the first installment of a series of three books. Forever Morris Publishing, LLC will publish Birdman in 2018 followed shortly by the second and third installments in the series.

For as long as he can remember, Eric has been inspired to tell stories. When he writes music, for example, it's always in the form of a conceptual album. Otherwise, it's difficult for him to connect with the music, making it feel as if he only has a collection of random notes and deconstructed lyrics. He needs the bigger picture; he needs something to make his audience become lost in another world. Eric wants his music to be a whole new experience for anyone listening. The same way, he strives to make his writing envelope readers into the story, making them part of the characters journey.

Eric is also passionate about cinema. While watching movies or shows, stories and various scenarios build in his mind causing an unquenchable desire to express what he feels about the outlines his brain compiles. Writing became that outlet.

Eric is also tempestuous when it comes to history, and how humankind evolved or didn't, depending on how you look at it. He has always been inspired by strong, negative emotions such as death, sickness, and tragedy which Eric considers to be the strongest ones anyone can feel. He tries to tap into those feelings when he is creating his stories and building his characters. He wants the readers to feel the pain and loss the characters feel as if it were their own.

Finally, Eric is the father of two boys, and a husband although he is not married. He graduated in Mechanical Engineering technology and currently works in the Water Treatment field. His favorite hobbies are to find new projects, which drives his girlfriend crazy. He is always up for something new whether it is building his own recording studio, renovating their home, or writing novels. The list seems to be endless, and Eric's greatest fear is not having enough time to do the interminable tasks he is continuously dreaming up.

Welcome to FMP E. L. Giles!			

### Meet our third author, Malcolm Omega!



by Malcolm Omega & SJ Morris September '18

Malcolm Omega is FMP's third author and here is some information about him:

Author Bio: Born in 1990, Malcolm Omega began writing stories at nine years old. As he reached his teenage years, he relied more on his imagination as he recovered from back surgeries. From sixth to seventh grade, Malcolm went from remedial English classes to AP English class, where his teacher gave him a copy of "The Hobbit." Little did he know, that book would change his entire world. After "The Hobbit," Malcolm was enthralled with all genres of fantasy and science fiction.

At 18, after three back surgeries, his novel the ExtraVerse was born. There were times where he could not physically be mobile, but it gave him the opportunity to think of the impossible worlds that were all connected through the power of his imagination. The characters and story for "Exception" finally reached fruition in 2013, during this challenging time in his life.

Now, at 28, Malcolm spends his free time roaming the ExtraVerse for new adventures, with his family and his loved ones, enjoying Doctor Who, video games, puzzles, and bass guitar.

Welcome, Malcolm Omega, to the FMP family!

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Please email us a brief description of what you would like to accomplish with your work, at least one chapter of your manuscript, and a description of the overall story. Feel free to share the entire manuscript if you would like. We will get back to you as quickly as possible to review possible next steps.

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#### WORD PUZZLE

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Mark Twain Shakespeare

Have fun finding all of these literary greats!

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