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But Price was not to be seen, as Jeremiah dove down and searched for his submerged missing brother. On this first descent into the foamy waters, the only thing Jeremiah saw was an extremely large and colorful turtle swimming by.

The keelboat, now safely through the waterfall rapids due to Mark's strength on the rudder, has found its way to the nearby shoreline. Christopher jumped ashore and tied the anchor line off a large boulder as he and Mark scuttled back over the rocks toward the cove.



As Price continued to sink under the powers of the water, miraculously, a golden Indian princess spirit reached her hand upward and pushed him toward Jeremiah.

Jeremiah went down for his second-deep dive. This time, although hard to believe, he saw Price in the exact spot he had come up empty before. But Jeremiah had to surface again to capture his breath.

After gasping a large breath of air, he again dove directly to the sunken body, picked Price up, and fought to reach the surface. As he hit fresh air, both Christopher and Mark reached to grab Price's limp body and carried him ashore, as Jeremiah scrambled out.

With Price placed on his stomach, Jeremiah began to push on his brother's upper back in strong steady downward motions. Both he and Mark switched off, and in a little under two minutes, a large swallow of dark colored water shot out; and at first a soft, then loud coughing sound emerged. Price's eyes opened for the first time, and his labored, but steady breathing returned.



About the Illustrator



Tyler Harper was born in Port Huron, Michigan, the youngest of three children. He began drawing at an early age and was named after the lead character in the old comic strip Tim Tyler's Luck. He was educated in psychology at Regis College in Denver, CO. Tyler's diverse background includes a tour in balmy Southeast Asia where he became a bullet dodger with the book's author, Jerry Hughes. Many decades passed from the first time Tyler met Jerry until they linked up a few years ago in Key West.

Tyler lives in Ft. Pierce, Florida with his adult autistic son, Preston. He spends time between advocating for his son and engaging in various forms of art. It is his therapy and creative outlet that still simmers inside and hopes others can enjoy his work.

About the Author

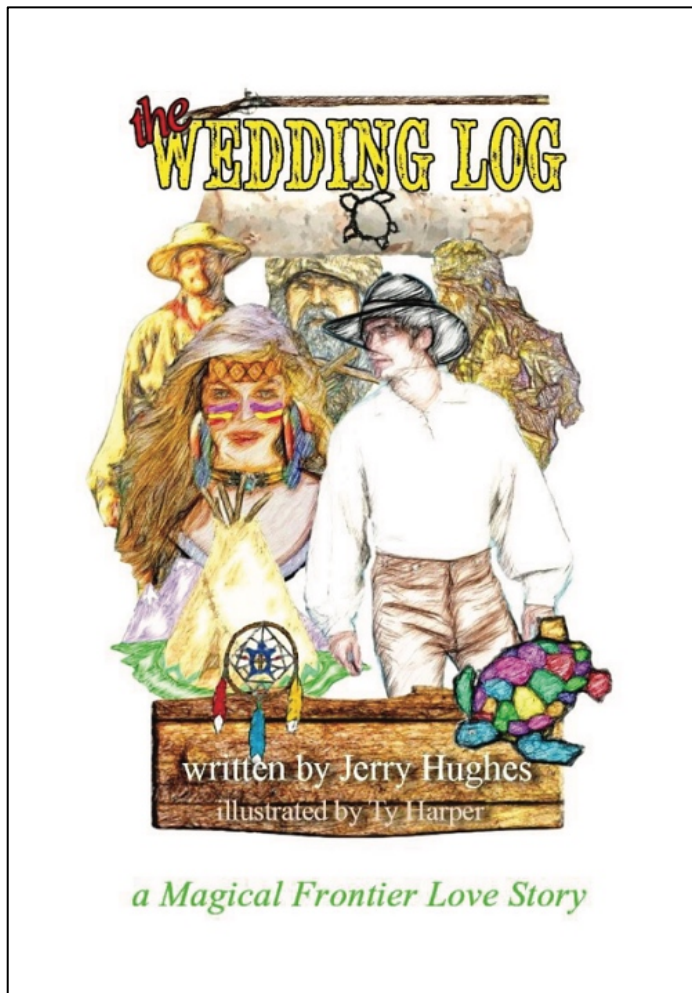


Jerry Hughes, born in Norwood, Massachusetts, was the oldest of six Welsh - Irish kids (5 boys, 1 girl) who grew up in Union County, New Jersey. Educated in business management at Providence College and corporate finance at Seton Hall University, he has two grown sons and three granddaughters who now consistently imprint the Jersey Shore sand.

Between college and a professional career as a Corporate Employee Benefit Consultant, he got to see scenic Indochina for one year through an M-16 sight.

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