

Stephen G. Eoannou is a first-generation Greek-American writer from Buffalo, New York. He graduated from SUNY Buffalo with BA in Communication and went on to earn an MA in English from Miami University and an MFA from Queens University of Charlotte. His short-story collection, *Muscle Cars*, was a Literary Awards Program Winner from SFWP. “Swimming Naked” from that collection was awarded an Honor Certificate from The Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators. “Slip Kid”, also from *Muscle Cars*, won the Best Short Screenplay at the 36th Denver Film Festival. His debut novel, *Rook*, a Silver Falchion finalist, is based on the true story of Al Nussbaum, a bank robber who led a double life and whom J. Edgar Hoover once described as ‘The most cunning fugitive alive’. His follow-up novel, *Yesteryear*, tells the magical story of how radio playwright Fran Striker created The Lone Ranger. *Yesteryear* was awarded the 2021 International Eyelands Award for Best Historical novel, The Firebird Book Award for Biographical Fiction, and BookFest’s 2024 Fictional Biography Award. His third novel, *After Pearl* (SFWP 2025), is a neo-noir mystery and introduces us to private investigator Nicholas Bishop and his one-eyed dog named Jake. *After Pearl* was a 2022 Claymore Award finalist. Eoannou continues to live in Buffalo, New York with his two children and a one-eyed dog named Coco.