

Paul Maddy, Author

Thank you for joining me in my Author's Website. You will readily notice it is not filled with slick commercial art and photographs. It is a place to encourage you to consider my work as a writer and not encounter an ad-like campaign. Whether it is a current or future book or my website, it is my intent to stimulate thought and reason through comment, observation, and storytelling.

In fulfilling the purpose of an Author's Website, I invite you to consider my first and, for now, only book, <u>Little Pieces</u>, which is available on Amazon. A second book will soon follow.

First, a synopsis of its contents:

A collection of four short stories and poems. <u>Shock</u>: An idyllic day of rest on the beach is shattered by tragedy which results in a phantasmagoric travel through time. <u>Abused</u>: Do the child victims of abuse grow up to be abusers or are they able to overcome their past? Andy is born to an abusive parent. His life follows the tragic script which is interrupted by good fortune. But will it be enough? <u>Letters to Jesus from the Grave</u>: The dead plead their case with Jesus from the grave. <u>The Minister</u>: A disabled child gives the appearance of avoiding reality which is hurtful to his mother and confuses his father as he lives a secret life in the open.

But that is only an introduction to what I invite you to consider. My personal background is a good place to continue.



I was born in New Orleans and raised in the Texas Panhandle; I now call Fort Worth home. I am the husband of forty-eight years to my best friend and also a proud father of three grown children and their spouses and a grandfather to three wonderful grandsons. My parents gave me three gifts: they turned me to God, demanded mannerly behavior and taught me to work.

I dedicated my career to supporting students as a school psychologist, specializing in assessing autism and emotional disturbances while providing psychological counseling. I am now retired and channel my passion for understanding human experiences into writing and sharing stories that hopefully lead to wisdom and understanding of those less fortunate than I. If you are one of the fortunate ones, then please continue to read and add to your compassion and understanding. If you are one of the less fortunate, then stay with me and, hopefully, receive compassion and understanding. It is your story that is important. I desire others to have what I was blessed with.

The logo at the top of the page represents Therapy Humans. You are invited to visit the site at www.therapyhumans.com. One quote and one definition will help clarify my intent.

"So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you..." Matthew 7:12

Minister: One who attends to the needs of others. I am not referring to a pastor, preacher or minister in some church. We have more than enough of those and not enough of what I refer to as a Therapy Human. I am referring to you as an individual in your environment living with your family, friends and acquaintances. How can we subtly, quietly, discreetly help and support them. Sometimes, this entails walking on thin ice or keeping quiet and just making ourselves available.

As a therapy dog is educated and trained to serve humans and show loyalty to his master, so also should we as humans love and serve God and others.

Do not judge but strive to understand and receive guidance in how we might help. And thank you for your time in considering what I have to offer.



