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and a newsletter



Show me the way

A mark of a good writer is the use of words that show rather than tell. Proficient writers know that instinctively, but even so, befuddlement abounds. To remove fuddlement, I urge you to [click on this link to my latest blog post](#), where you will read about why such a skill is important, see examples from writers who do it well, and enjoy other delights.

You also will find another glancing reference to Lee Child's Jack Reacher, which may cause you to wonder: What is this [jcannonbooks hang-up with Jack Reacher](#)?

Jack Reacher is to jcannonbooks as Adam Driver is to John Oliver*. Except that John Oliver's running bit on his weekly show, *Last Week Tonight*, is odd, clever, and humorous.

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But really, we need to focus on what's important, so [go to my blog item](#).



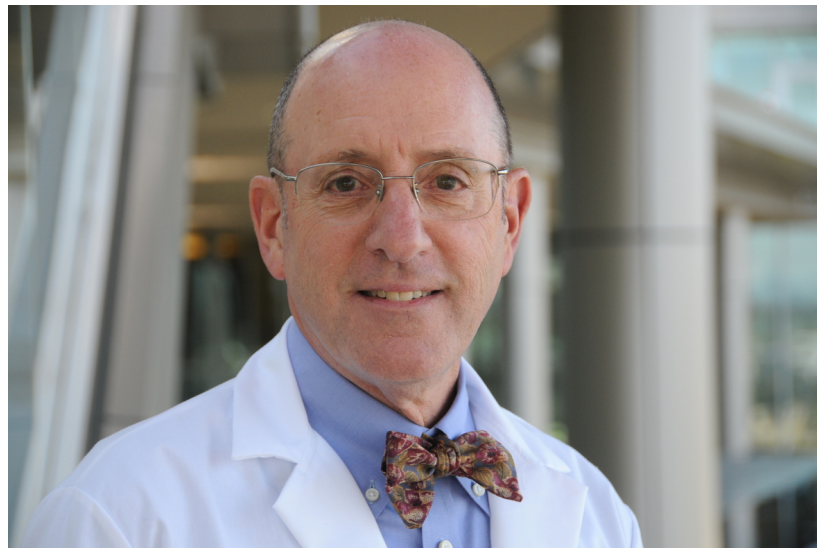
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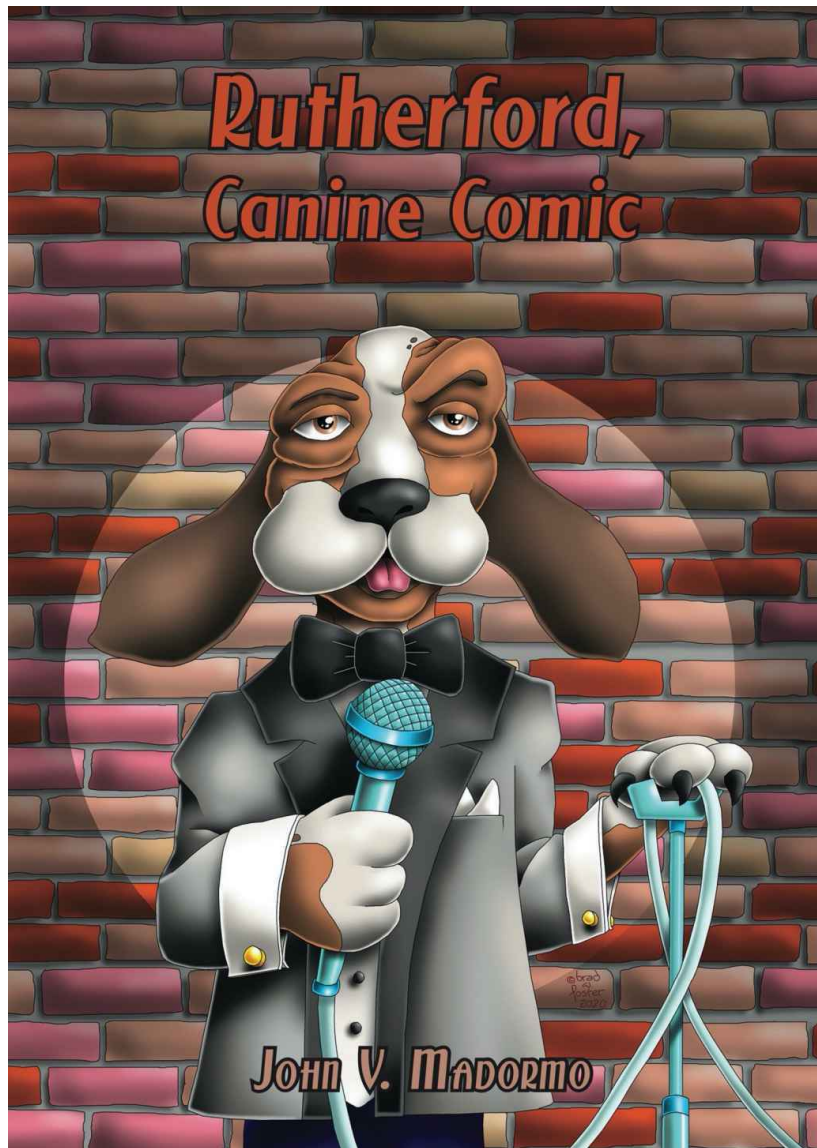
Exciting step for **Pat Broderick**! I even used an exclamation point! Her publisher has designed a cover for her mystery.

Dead on My Feet, which was great fun to read and edit, is scheduled for release in the summer.

In the meantime, you can follow Pat on Twitter @PatriciaBWriter, check what she has to say on LinkedIn, [linkedin.com/in/pat-broderick-writer](https://www.linkedin.com/in/pat-broderick-writer), or cozy up to her writing adventures on Facebook, [Patricia Broderick](#)



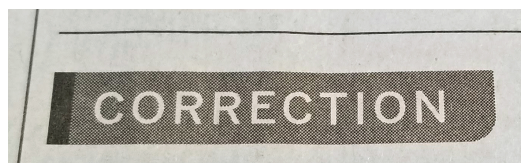
Dr. Jerry Kolins—pathologist, hospital administrator, scuba diver, fine wine collector, Wolverine football fanatic, and bow tie aficionado—has now shown what he can do as a writer. Michigan Publishing Services, a division of the University of Michigan Library, has accepted his memoir for publication. *Life is What Happens While You Make Other Plans* is a collection of essays that are poignant, funny, and sincere. And the plan is to stock the book with photos that range all the way back to his boyhood in Queens (he has the accent to prove it). It was a pleasure to edit it and work with him. A publication date is not available yet. The photo above is courtesy of Dr. George Kung.



John Madormo's latest book has been published, which is fabulous news for young readers. The book is the first in a middle-grade novel series about Rutherford, a basset hound who realizes that his dreams of being a watchdog aren't going to work out. Naturally, Rutherford becomes a stand-up comic. Find out more about [Rutherford, Canine Comic here](#). The new book for kids ages eight to twelve joins John's [Charlie Collier series](#) and [Paulie Passero series](#), which are aimed at readers who are a bit older.

I can claim no involvement in editing John's books, only admiration of his work. I want you to know about his books because John and I have been the closest of friends since seventh grade at St. Celestine School. Our teacher that year was Sister Charles Borromeo, whose name we shortened to Chuck, but only when she couldn't hear us. In a combination classroom of about fifty seventh- and eighth-grade students, that was most of the time.

Follow John on Twitter, [@JohnMadormo](#).



The surname of *Devil in the White City* author [Erik Larson](#) was misspelled in the Nov. 16, 2020, Take My Word for It blog post about friends who have recommended books.

The mistake has caused me to experience terrifying flashbacks to the three years when one of my concurrent jobs at the *San Diego Union-Tribune* was reader's representative. The ombudsman role required me to correct all errors in the newspaper, mediate disputes involving readers, writers, photographers, sources, and editors, and talk to irate and occasionally crazed subscribers who wondered how it was exactly that I could be such a moron. They sometimes employed impolite words to describe the depth of their antipathy and their assessment of my parentage. I have no excuse for the error, other than I have friends named Larsen, Larson, Olsen, and Olson, and have never in my life been able to keep the Swedes and Norwegians separate.

jcannonbooks deeply regrets the error, unlike Jack Reacher, who regrets nothing.

**Kind regards,
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