

It Takes a Village



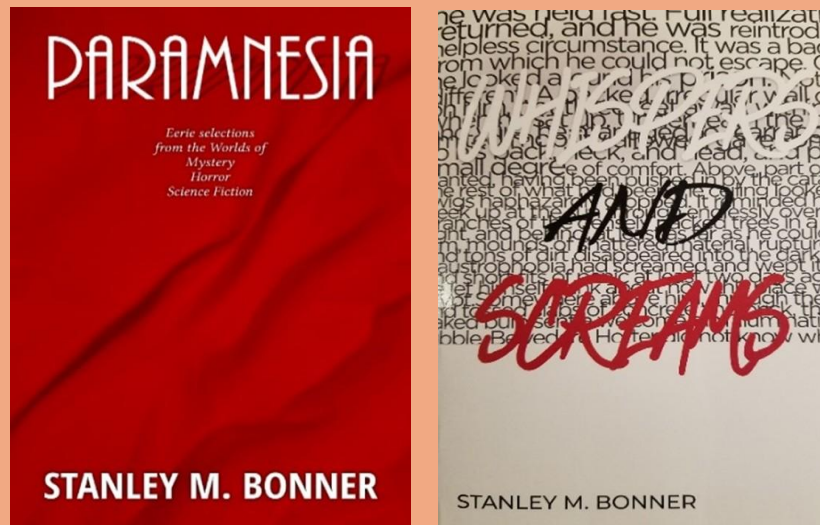
It's a family thing. I owe my creative curiosity to my oldest brother Stanley, who used to read us Greek myths as bedtime stories, and to hearing our siblings and cousins, parents and grandparents, uncles and aunts have spirited discussions over the daily news about all things local, national and international, serving as my university at the kitchen table.

Our parents were fond of saying that we came from a long line of people who couldn't sing, dance, hum or whistle. But that didn't stop my brothers and I from expressing what was within, from collages cut from OMNI magazine and National Geographic, to basement jam sessions on zithers and tambourines. Woodburning kits, jigsaw puzzles, random science fair projects, choir rehearsals, school plays and several unfortunate experiments with macrame served to inspire rather than exhaust our creative juices – my favorite random act of art was when our brother Philip stapled his album jackets all over his bedroom walls.

Stanley M Bonner

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All of my brothers – Steven, Philip and Stanley – were visually expressive, using collage or drawing as their most frequent media. I fell into writing, but among us Stanley was the first and best with the written word, and a prolific artist as well.



Available online now are his short story collections - “Paramnesia” and “Whispers and Screams” – Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Apple and Smashwords. These are stories of the bizarre that put ordinary people – and a few people who are just plain strange – in fantastic realms and extraordinary circumstances. Mystery and horror, science fiction and fantasy. Like spices stirred into gumbo, a few choice poems add psychedelic flavor. Contact Stanley at stanley.bonner49@gmail.com.

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Lifting up my niece, Dr. Nyesha Barnes, who writes inspiring guidance through scripture, journaling and novels that help us walk in the power of God and faith even when the road is rough. Look for “The Worship Doesn’t Stop Here” and her other publications on Amazon.