



### Jerry Swift and Chiron's Pride by Nick Korolev

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**About The Author:** Nick Korolev was born in New Jersey and grew up in a boating family. His love of the sea and all things maritime from tall ships to submarines often shows in his writing of maritime historical fiction. Other inspiration is grounded in his love and vast experience with animals from personal pets to wildlife and Civil War studies. He is a member of the top Civil War living history group, Federal General's Corps, who teach the public through first person presentations of officers and civilians of the time. Also, an accomplished award-winning professional artist, he works in oils, acrylic, ink and colored pencil and creates everything from wildlife paintings and portraits to cartoons and book illustrations. He is the author of several books and award-winning stage and screenplays, which are available on Amazon.com. in both paperback and Kindle editions. Favorite genres in both reading and writing are historical fiction, fantasy, and science fiction. He keeps a blog on Facebook. Nick Korolev Author/Artist and is on LinkedIn. He presently resides in Fisher, West Virginia with two cats, Teddy, and Ninja.

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- YA fantasy The Swamp Dragon (Whiskey Creek Press 2011)
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- Flashback (Wordwooze 2023).

**Message From The Author:** I'm originally from New Jersey and was raised in a boating family and had all kinds of pets. Both have greatly influenced my writing and art.

My first short story was published at the age of 14 in a national magazine "Popular Dogs". Since then, my work has branched out into writing stage and screenplays some of which have won awards: The Great Mudbug War, That's the Spirit: A Haunting Comedy, Riders of the North Wind, and The Swamp Dragon.

During the same time, I also wrote and had traditionally published novels that include historical fictions: Silver Eagles, a Civil War novel about Ames, Chamberlain and the 20th Maine, The Swamp Dragon, a Civil War fantasy novel, Dark Waters, a maritime novel about the Lusitania disaster, a maritime historical Storm Warning, about the chase, capture, and trial of the only slaver ever hung for piracy, a political comedy, Ghost of a Chance. Most recent books include, The Cat Who Fell to Earth, a first contact science fiction, The 13th Child, a horror that is a different take on the Jersey Devil legend and Arizona Red Ghost, a Western novella based on a true story. All work is traditionally published by royalty publishers. All can be found on Barnes & Nobel, Amazon and from the publishers. Some of my short stories have appeared in anthologies in print and online.

I have done professional artwork since the age of 18. I work in the medias of oils, acrylics, pen and ink, colored pencil, and graphite pencil. Subject matter runs from wildlife paintings and pet portraits to illustration and cartoons. I have won many awards and had work exhibited in galleries including the Smithsonian. My last illustration work was children's book illustrations for Gini Graham Scott of Changemakers.

Presently I live in Fisher, WV. I teach in the local school district where students tell me I am their favorite teacher, and I am a naturalist in the summer at a state park. When teaching I can share my passions especially if my students get their work done on time. Every moment is shared by my two creative passions. I maintain a Facebook page. Nick Korolev Author/Artist is on LinkedIn where interested people can keep track of my creative ventures. I am available for freelance work and commissions in both venues.

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