



## Author Biography of K.J. Janssen

### Short Biography

Ken is a multi-genre novelist living in Ohio.

He has published thrillers, *Blood Money* and *Fatal Dose*, family drama novels *Family Matters* and *Siblings*.

His latest work, *The Journey: Eight Postulates to Live By*, introduces a way to enter the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

### Long Biography

Ken is a multi-genre novelist living in Ohio with his wife and miniature Schnauzer. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, but moved to Long Island, N.Y. when he was 8 years old.

Reading and writing fiction have always been a big part of Ken's life. As a child he wrote about outer-space and in high school he was the editor of the school's literary newspaper. During that period he wrote mostly short stories and novellas.

Ken earned a BS in Logistics from NYU. His career in NYC was spent in management positions at several large companies, including Exxon, Metropolitan Life and J.C. Penney. During those years he had little time for writing as his career required extensive travel and he was busy raising a family.

In the early eighties, as an empty-nester, Ken moved to Centerville, OH with his wife, Jeannette. He retired early from the bicycle manufacturer Huffy, when they went into bankruptcy.

Now, as a full-time writer he writes because he feels that there are stories that need to be told. He enjoys the process of writing and firmly believes that you do your best writing when you are well read. To that end, he reads at least one novel a week.

*Blood Money*, his debut novel centers on a private investigator, Mark Matthews, turned FBI agent. In the novel he topples an association funneling money to terrorists. It was published as an ebook in November, 2011.

*Fatal Dose*, the second Mark Matthews Mystery exposes a drug mafia distributing counterfeit prescription drugs and revisits some of the villains from *Blood Money*. It was published as an ebook in March, 2013.

*Family Matters* is a multi-genre work about three generations of the Kingston family. The protagonist, Adam Kingston, provokes each of the main characters with a series of ruthless actions until one is driven to hire an assassin to kill both Adam and his father and burn Kingston Manor to the ground. It was published as an ebook in March, 2015.

*Siblings*, is a captivating family saga and an introspective of the hierarchy in sibling families. This tale of the Symington family runs rampant with romance, gambling, psychedelic trips and infidelity. It was released as a paperback and ebook in August, 2015.

*The Journey: Eight Postulates to Live By*, Ken's latest novel, is about a modern day Everyman, It introduces a way to enter the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Ken's religious upbringing was in a traditional Christian home. In college he was exposed to Thomas Paine's Age of Reason and it had a profound effect on his spiritual thinking; freeing him from the shackles of dogma. Since that time Ken has nurtured his new found freedom with a healthy dose of "new thought" concepts as presented by the most notable spiritual leaders of the movement. After 50 years of experiential living with the highest ideals that "new thought" has to offer, he feels most comfortable using the medium of an inspirational novel to offer a new way of life.

Before starting a novel, Ken does extensive research. For example, while writing *Blood Money* and *Fatal Dose*, that feature an FBI agent as the protagonist, he met with local FBI agents to verify details used in his novels. For *Siblings* he needed to learn about psychedelic drugs and abortion procedures.

With two published thrillers and two family dramas under his belt, Ken is turning to novels that address social issues and topics with spiritual/inspirational themes.

He is a member of ITW and INTA.