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New Memphis Writer Inks First with New Tennessee Magazine

(Memphis, Tennessee) – Memphis raised Bill Snodgrass is looking forward to June. That is when Spring Hill, Tennessee based Journey Books will release issue 4 of their *Amazing Journeys Magazine*, completing their first year of publication. In that issue, Snodgrass will find published his first fiction, a short story titled “The Potato Farmer of James Camp.”

The long-awaited acceptance of this work yielded the first reward for many months of Snodgrass’s labor. Completing the writing of a two-part high fantasy genre novel at the end of 2003, he quickly found that the road to a book contract was paved with successful short story publications.

“There is more to having a book published than just writing one,” Snodgrass said. “You have to get someone to actually read it, and that means, a lot of times, that they need to have some reason to think reading your 400 page manuscript won’t be a waste of their time. That is where the short stories come in. They are a way to prove you can write something of quality.”

Snodgrass began earnestly writing short works and seeking publication for them about the same time issue 3 of *Amazing Journeys Magazine* was being finalized for its March 2004 publication. After looking at literally hundreds of submission guidelines and enduring a few rejections for other stories, he finally found *Amazing Journeys Magazine*.

“Everything about them looked right,” Snodgrass reported. “I noted first that they were looking for the kind of work I had written, then that they had high standards for content. When I saw that they were a Tennessee company, I decided I had to try. ‘Potato Farmer’ was finished, so I submitted it with the hopes they would find it up to their standards.”

Fortunately for Snodgrass, they did. Thus, the work of a new Tennessee writer found a home in a promising new Tennessee magazine.

Completing the first three issues of *Amazing Journeys Magazine* was a difficult task for the publishers. With any small press venture, most of the work falls on very few people. Editor Edward Knight was the person on whom most of the work fell. Difficulties with software burdened the publication of issue 1, but by issue 3, the problems to be overcome related to the growth in the magazine’s size and popularity.

“All three issues have had good content and we have received many emails praising the writing. AJM is a work in progress, one we intend work slowly and steadily. At this point we want to grow but not so fast that we can't keep up or that our resources are drained,” said Knight in an online forum dedicated to the publication

Says Knight of Snodgrass's contribution to issue 4: "The Potato Farmer of Jamescamp", a classically styled fantasy with a good moral. It's based upon the world of Siliar that he and his partner [Cameron Walker] created.

Subscription information for *Amazing Journeys Magazine* can be found at their web site, www.journeybookspublishing.com or by writing at Journey Books, 3205 HWY. 431, Spring Hill, TN 37174. Single issues are \$4.99 and yearly subscriptions are \$15.96.

More about Snodgrass's writing and the world in which his stories take place can be found at www.siliar.com. Currently, besides "The Potato Farmer of Jamescamp" Snodgrass has two other stories under consideration for publication and several others completed, ready for submission.

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