

One ear, one book, one heck of a story

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My father's father was a murderer... but he never did any time.

Howard (call me "Walt") Johnson is on a journey of self-discovery. His personal life features family ties to a mixture of blue-blooded Americans and Armenian immigrants, while his professional world is dominated by his job as a reporter for *The Record* - a local newspaper upholding the finest muck-raking traditions of the journalism craft.

As his professional and personal worlds collide, Walt realises that he must uncover keys from his past to unlock his mysterious future.

Set for release by Red All Over Publishing in mid-November, *One Off* is Mark Kestigian's debut novel drawing on a lifetime of experiences in an often misunderstood part of the world.

As a one-eared journalist with an Armenian background writing about Walt (a one-eared journalist with an Armenian background) it would be easy to question where Mark's personal story ends and the fiction begins, but this does a disservice to the vivid imagery and colourful characters that inhabit the fictional world of New Richmond, Massachusetts.

From the seductive wiles of the Lady Mayoress to the local Indian Chief with a penchant for Bruce Springsteen bootlegs, *One Off* traces a rollicking tale of madcap scenarios and skillfully rendered characters, all captured in the grand tradition of journalists turned authors such as Mark Twain.

One Off will be launched on November 15 and is available through online retailers such as Amazon and at redallover.com.au. RRP AUD \$29.

About the Author

Mark Kestigian grew up in the New England region of the USA. He originally trained to become an anthropologist, but after years of covering his own high school basketball and baseball games for the local paper (under the moniker Lance Hale II) he fell into the path of journalism and spent many years as a reporter in Ohio and New England.

After moving to Australia in the 1980s Mark has published articles on a wide range of topics and co-written two guidebooks. He is a TV quiz show champion (he actually won the car) but his proudest achievement is having a pet ox while growing up.

About the Publisher

Red All Over Publishing is an independent publisher formed in Melbourne in 2012. Red All Over has a commitment to delivering stories with great characters and great plots (and hopefully both). For further details: redallover.com.au