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## **Editorial Services Provider, Author, and Journalist**

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Certified copyeditor providing a full range of professional editorial services, including copyediting, proofreading, writing, and cowriting. Clients include Hachette/Perseus Books Group (Hachette, Da Capo, Basic, Seal, Running Press), Penguin Random House, Candlewick, HarperCollins Books for Young Readers, Macmillan Children's Book Group, Random House Children's Books, Scholastic, and the Virginia Arts Festival.

**Author, [www.SusanVanHecke.com](http://www.SusanVanHecke.com) and [www.SusanWoodBooks.com](http://www.SusanWoodBooks.com)**

Award-winning author of fiction and nonfiction books for children and adults. Duties also include photo research and acquisition, fact checking, copyediting, and proofreading. Titles include:

- **Elizabeth Warren: Nevertheless, She Persisted** (Abrams, 2018)
- **American Gothic: The Life of Grant Wood** (Abrams, 2017) Junior Library Guild Selection
- **Esquivel! Space-Age Sound Artist** (Charlesbridge, 2016) ALA Notable Children's Book
- **Under the Freedom Tree** (Charlesbridge, 2014) Junior Library Guild Selection
- **Raggin' Jazzin' Rockin': A History of American Musical Instrument Makers** (Boyd's Mills Press, 2011) ALA Notable Children's Book
- **Rock 'n' Roll Soldier** (HarperCollins, 2009), with Dean Ellis Kohler, foreword by Graham Nash.
- **An Apple Pie for Dinner** (Two Lions/Marshall Cavendish, 2009)
- **Roadwork: Rock & Roll Turned Inside Out** (Hal Leonard, 2007)/**Raising Hell on the Rock 'n' Roll Highway** (Omnibus UK, 2009), with Tom Wright, foreword by Pete Townshend.
- **Three Steps to Heaven: The Eddie Cochran Story** (Hal Leonard, 2003), with Bobby Cochran.
- **Race with the Devil: Gene Vincent's Life in the Fast Lane** (St. Martin's Press, 2000)

## **Journalist**

Write, fact check, and acquire photos/art for features, interviews, and reviews for a variety of publications. Work has appeared in the *Washington Post* and in national magazines *Spin*, *Creem*, *Goldmine*, *Reflex*, and *Old House Journal*. Arts and entertainment correspondent for the *Virginian-Pilot*, major daily newspaper of southeastern Virginia, from 1990–2005. Children's market columnist at Authorlink.com, one of the largest online communities for readers, writers, and the publishing industry, from 2007–2013.

## **Education**

- **New York University**, New York, NY. BFA, film and television production.
- **Old Dominion University**, Norfolk, VA. Graduate work, English/journalism.
- **University of California**, San Diego, CA. Copyediting certificate.

## **Professional Memberships**

Editorial Freelancers Association  
Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators

## Editorial Services Clients

- **Hachette/Perseus Books Group** Copyediting and proofreading adult trade nonfiction and fiction.
- **Penguin Random House** Proofreading adult trade nonfiction.
- **Candlewick Press** Copyediting and proofreading trade fiction and nonfiction for young readers (picture book, middle grade, young adult) and adults (Candlewick Studio).
- **HarperCollins Books for Young Readers** Proofreading trade fiction and nonfiction for young readers (picture book, middle grade, young adult).
- **Macmillan Children's Book Group** Proofreading trade fiction and nonfiction for young readers (picture book, middle grade, young adult).
- **Random House Children's Books** Proofreading trade fiction and nonfiction for young readers (picture book, middle grade, young adult).
- **Scholastic** Proofreading trade fiction and nonfiction for young readers (picture book, middle grade, young adult).
- **Virginia Arts Festival** Writing, copyediting, and photo research/acquisition for 2012–2019 education guides for internationally renowned performing arts festival.

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