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About the Author

Ed Sullivan has been writing creatively since elementary school but his first piece of professional writing, a book review, was not published since 1994. Since then, Ed has published over two hundred articles, bibliographies, interviews, and reviews in such publications as *Book Links*, *Booklist*, *Book Page*, *Horn Book Magazine*, and *School Library Journal*. In 1999 Scarecrow Press published Ed's first book, *The Holocaust in Literature for Youth: A Guide and Resource Book*, a highly regarded reference guide for educators. Since 2000, Ed has acquired and edited books for a series modeled on that guide that now includes eight published titles and several more underway. Scarecrow Press also published Ed's second book in 2001, the well-received *Reaching Reluctant Young Adult Readers: A Handbook for Librarians and Teachers*, a book based upon his many years of experience as an English teacher and young adult librarian.

Ed's newest book, *The Ultimate Weapon: The Race to Develop the Atomic Bomb*, is his first book for young people. He was inspired to write the book when he moved to Oak Ridge and discovered there were no books for young people telling the whole story of the Manhattan Project. Ed spent six years researching and writing this book that chronicles how scientists in universities around the country, and hundreds of thousands of civilian and military personnel living and working in secret cities in Los Alamos, New Mexico, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Hanford, Washington worked together to build the first atomic bomb.

After he was expelled from high school, Ed earned his G.E.D and went on to get his B.A. in English, M.A. English Literature, and M.S. in Library and Information Science. Ed has taught high school English, undergraduate courses in composition and literature at Memphis State University, and graduate courses in children's and young adult literature at St. John's University and the University of Tennessee. Since 1996, Ed has worked as a librarian; first as a specialist in services to teenagers at New York Public Library, then as director of the Children Defense Fund's Langston Hughes Library; and now as a school librarian. He now pays his bills working as an elementary school librarian but looks forward to the day when he can devote his full time and energy to writing.

Ed presently has many writing projects underway. For Scarecrow Press, he is working on a guide to Appalachian literature for youth and a biography of author Milton Meltzer. For young people, Ed is working on a teen novel, a nonfiction book about the Nanking Massacre during World War II, and biographies of baseball player turned spy Moe Berg and ASPCA founder Henry Bergh.

Ed lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee with his wife, Judy and two dysfunctional cats.