

Joan Leotta

Writer and Story Performer

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Books

- **The Complete Guide to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia** (Berkshire House)—
Travel guide
- **Massachusetts**, (Scholastic Press-- history book for elementary students)
- **The Christmas Gift**, (Warner Press)-- coloring book, now out of print
- Contributed two chapters to **Tales as Tools**, National Storytelling Association
- Contributed one chapter to new 2006 Book **The Storytelling Classroom: Applications Across the Curriculum** by Sherry Norfolk,
- **The Power of Written Communication in Hotel Sales and Marketing**, published by HSMIA Foundation, April 1992--textbook/workbook
- One chapter to **State Workers' Compensation Law** published by US Dept. Labor
- Twenty chapters to Gale Publications' **Encyclopedia of Industry**
- Chapter on FAA to **Perspectives** by Close-Up Foundation
- Two chapters for **The Quick Reference Guide on How to Care for Your Baby**
- Two chapters for **Better Health Through Nutrition**
- **Bears at Tackett's Mill**-promotional-safety story/coloring book
- Editor and Coordinator for two cookbooks, one church-wide and the other for the ESL ministry at McLean Presbyterian

Print Articles, Fiction, and Poetry:

- Currently a regular stringer for Sun News of Myrtle Beach SC
- Currently a regular stringer for Star News of Wilmington, NC
- Mystery Fiction published in Crimestalker Casebook
- Award Winner Wilmington Historic Society Short Story Contest (twice)
- St Anthony's Messenger (fiction)
- Fiction: "Pearls of Wisdom" short story, "Dolphin Log" (now Cousteau Magazine for Children)
- Column, "Storytelling for Home and School" for Virginia Parent Weekly
- Travel articles (AAA Car and Driver, Virginia Parent, Women's Day Magazine, Journal Newspapers, Stars and Stripes, Washington Business Journal, Washington Post.)
- Weekly Column (three years): KIDS OUT, (local events and travel) for all six editions of the "Journal" Newspapers
- Articles for and about children and parenting, (e.g. "Parent and Child", "Washington Post", "Metro Golf", "Humpty Dumpty")
- Columnist for Storytelling Magazine, "Virtual Café"
- Sales and management articles for "Selling Power Magazine"
- Food articles for Journal Newspapers, Home Cooking Magazine, Herb Quarterly, and others including restaurant reviews

- Contributor on a wide variety of topics for various business and association magazines including “HSMAI Review” and “Executive Update” for GWSAE and the “Washington Business Journal.”
- Various consumer articles for Woman’s Day, Washington Post, Journal Newspapers and others
- Developed a curriculum for social science and English classes for middle schoolers to teach about life on the W.W.II home front (for National Building museum.).
- Health Writing “Tomorrow's Lifestyle” Magazine for Seniors, "Tomorrow's PT", "Tomorrow's OT" and "Tomorrow's SLP",
- Non-fiction for children in “Cobblestone” and “Dolphin Log”
- Poems for adults and children in a variety of anthologies and magazines
- Legislative and Policy Analysis: Various articles, briefing and position papers, policy and planning documents on labor policy, particularly worker's compensation and health at US Dept. of Labor

Online Clients include: www.disability-marketing.com, Washbureau.com, internetcontent.com, cyberchef.com, sellingpower.com, stampville.com, military-inc.com, JhoonRhee.com.

Writing Awards:

Third Prize Lower Cape Fear Historical Association, short fiction , 2006. Honorable Mention—Flash Mystery Contest Internet Publication 2005, Poetry prize, Arizona State Poetry Contest. EDPRESS Award for non-fiction. Selected as one of the outstanding Italian-American Poets by *Carello Editore*. Chosen as a "Writer in Virginia" for poetry. Article, “Written or Spoken” selected as Best of Best by National Storytelling Association. Essay on Mother , Jennie Award from NOVA Christian Writers.

Job History:

- Present: Freelance writer, editor, professional storyteller,
- Editor in Chief, “Industrial Launderer”, UTSA; Managed production and layout, wrote and edited most of 72-120 page magazine and other publications. While there, introduced photo log, update method for directory, profile series.
- Senior Editor, EKA Corp. Writing, editing. Designed web page for children’s site. (
- Senior Program Analyst for Workers' Compensation Programs, US Dept. Labor. (Two years, senior analyst for the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs) Work consisted of policy analysis, legislative analysis, coordinating communication and evaluation, preparation of Congressional and OMB Budget material, research, and coordinating and negotiating policy, regulatory issues with other Federal agencies.

Storytelling Awards and Media Experience: Regularly appear at various schools, community events, and museums. Presenter and Performer at National Storytelling Gathering in Pittsburgh, July 2006, Brunswick County Grant for Story Performance Website Construction, Selected to represent US Storytelling on Japanese Television;

Touring Performer Grant, Virginia Fine Arts Commission; Featured Performer Status,
Memberships: National Storytelling Network, Voices in the Glen, IMTAL (International Museum Theatre Alliance), National Writers Union, VASA, North Carolina Storytelling Guild Area rep) , South Carolina Story Guild

Education: Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Relations (MA) Washington, DC and Bologna, Italy. International Relations and Economics. Languages -FS4-Spanish, FS3-Italian. Ohio University, Athens, Ohio and Madrid, Spain. Lesotho, Southern Africa. BA in political science with minors in English and Spanish.