



HELLO AND HAPPY SPRING! It's hard to believe that we're already in May.

Our latest news is the rebranding and renaming of our company. As you can see from the header, our new name is Somerset Productions, with the same horse logo. Why that name? That's the setting for our children's stories, and because that's the first place I lived on my own as a young adult just out of high school... Somerset Farms.

Please visit our new website and poke around, click buttons, look at pictures, read book descriptions, articles, or any one of the other new areas.

PLEASE give feedback! If you click a button and it takes you to the wrong place, please send a quick note so I can fix it. **Somersetprod.com**

My brother started all of this in 1988 when I went "on tour" through New England giving Master Classes and Instructor Training programs. My business "East Coast L.A. Fitness" also became a placement opportunity through our corporate fitness programs. For 10 years my team served businesses in the Pioneer Valley in Western Massachusetts, such as the Amherst Fire Department. What a great experience!

If you read "A Brief History" on our website, you'll see that my brother originally started our website to showcase the work I presented at Art Festivals and celebrations.

Sadly, Dave passed away suddenly in 2021. Due to this and other significant changes in my personal life, we have rebranded ourselves. It's like we're a phoenix coming out of the ashes. Let's go!

Here are more of our recent and ongoing efforts:

- We have a page introducing our team, <u>Our Team |</u>
 <u>Somerset Productions</u> and will also be adding more photos to our <u>Bleeding Heart Photo Galleries</u>. Our photography has been featured at the Grand Foulaard Symbiose art festival in the Netherlands, and in the Festival of Trees exhibit in Frisco, Texas.
- Two new sections I'm adding are Black History in America articles that I'd written for the Examiner.com, and Teacher Resources which offers Guided Reading programs, lesson plans for teaching Black History, and Life Skills for adolescents. Lesson Plans and worksheets are included.

Our efforts continue with the orphanage in Juarez Mexico, Rivers of Mercy Children's Home, and you can view photos of the children with the books we sent last year.

Book 7 in our series, **Adventures with Little Eloise**, is coming along nicely and the illustrations are super fun. In this book Eloise realizes she is growing black stockings and is very confused and upset. Hopefully she will get answers as to why her body is changing from one of her friends on the farm.

If you'd like to **donate** to our ongoing efforts please see our fundraising page: <u>Partner with Us: Fundraising |</u> <u>Somerset Productions</u>

We always appreciate your donations and thank my beautiful niece Shanon **Michelle** for her donations this year. She is a star realtor in the **Lake Havasu** area.

Hannah Fiske, from Elder Ally has joined us to help with our website social networking, SEOs, marketing, and the store. Welcome Hannah!

Dianne Blake is still on our crew, as well as our editor Lou Piccolo, our publisher Randi Harvey, and BB2 Translations for our Mexican-Spanish line of books.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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