

FAQ Questions

- **What do you do when you are not writing?**
When I am not writing, I enjoy reading books of all kinds. I also enjoy playing various musical instruments. Other times, I enjoy taking my pet ferret, Albi, for walks around delightfully-built structures.
- **Who is your favorite character in *The Taming*?**
I very much like Patch. He reminds me a lot of my father who also had a gray patch on his head.
- **Do you have any advice for aspiring writers?**
I would suggest that you do not write unless you have to. Of course, I do not know what it is to write because you want to, so maybe I am not the right person to ask.
- **How long does it take you to write a book?**
Well, *The Taming* took many years to write. However, I will have to write the next two books of the *Refuge Chronicles* a bit quicker, I suppose. Fortunately, the stories I share are not my own, so I do not have to come up with the ideas. I just have to put it all on paper as it is told to me.
- **Do you have a family?**
No, not unless you consider a young albino ferret as my next of kin. My parents died when I was young, and I have no brothers or sisters—or other relatives that I am aware of.
- **How old are you and when is your birthday?**
To be honest, I am not altogether sure. My records were lost a long time ago. One orphanage I spent time in as a child decided that I should celebrate my birthday on January 1st. I do not really celebrate my birthday, but my dear friend Friar Tuck always says “Happy Birthday” to me every year on New Year’s Day.
- **How many books will there be in the *Refuge Chronicles*?**
There will be three books in the *Refuge Chronicles*. The other two books will be called *The Telling* and *The Taming*.
- **Who are some of your favorite authors?**
I have enjoyed the likes of George MacDonald, C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and G.K. Chesterton over the years.
- **What’s the hardest thing about being a writer?**
The hardest thing for me is going out in public. I would prefer not to have to leave my house.

- **What are your plans for future books?**

The story of the magic hogseye, the enchanted key, will take about ten books to tell in its entirety. After the Refuge Chronicles trilogy, I will tell the story of a young fellow named Aden Young. The tale of the magic hogseye is ultimately his story; it is a rather lengthy tale that he related to me in great detail. The books which will follow the Chronicles will describe Aden's experiences with the enchanted key both in our world and in the world of the Great Beyond. Aside from that, I have collected more than a few other tales that belong to the Legendarium. I am not yet sure which of them Friar Tuck will wish to share.

- **Can you recommend any books?**

I am sure that most of the books I would recommend are things most would already have read or have heard of, at the least. However, here goes: most anything written by George MacDonald, the *Chronicles of Narnia* (C.S.Lewis), *The Hobbit* and the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy (JRR Tolkien). I hear the Harry Potter series is not too bad either.

- **Do you have a Facebook page?**

Yes, much to my chagrin. I believe my friends at Huntly House set one up for me. Click [here](#) to find it.

- **Do you use Twitter?**

No, sorry, I am not too technologically inclined. My publisher has insisted that I blog now and then, but that is about all that I can do.

- **How did you get published?**

It is a rather curious story, really. I was not looking to publish to be honest. It came about through my friendship with Friar Tuck. You can read more about this venture on their website: www.huntlyhouse.com.

- **What age is appropriate for your books?**

I believe the stories I am given to tell are appropriate for readers of any and all ages. My publisher, however, has suggested that the most appropriate ages for the Refuge Chronicles are 8-12 year olds. The Last Storykeeper Saga and the Arcadian Files, however, will be for a slightly older audience.

- **Where can I find out about your touring or book signing dates?**

There is a News and Events Calendar on this site somewhere. But there will also be updates on the Huntly House site.

- **Why do always dress in black?**

I personally feel that color is highly overrated, for one thing. But I also find that it makes choosing an outfit a much less painful process each morning.

- **How old is your ferret?**

I do not know how old Albi is. I just know that he's a bit younger than I.

- **Does your ferret's name have a special meaning?**
 Yes, in fact it does. His full name is Albicans. In Latin, the term means “whitening” or “whitish.”
- **Are you superstitious at all?**
 While some have accused me of such things, it is just not so. This rumor comes from the fact that I do not believe in killing spiders. However, it is not because of superstition that I do not kill them. It is because of their usefulness. They eat insects. I have no interest in killing anything that has been placed on this planet for a purpose.
- **Why do you not like to be photographed?**
 Contrary to the opinion of my friends, I do not avoid being photographed because I am afraid of my image being captured on film. These things are completely unfounded as they relate to me. Instead, it is quite simply a matter of preference. I am not photogenic, and I cannot for a single moment imagine anyone wanting to see any more of me than they must.
- **Why do you play such strange instruments?**
 Why do you ask such strange questions? In my opinion, music is nothing less than an extension of the soul. As a result, I play those instruments that allow my soul to most effectively communicate my many emotions and feelings at any given time.
- **What is the best way to contact you?**
 Now that is a strange question, I would say. I mean, what on earth would you want with me? But if you must, you may go here to discuss the book or to ask questions. Nevertheless, as Luder the otter says “...I dare not promise to give you understanding.”