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From Your Editor

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What a beautiful spring it has been! No hot weather, just cool breezes. Excited to be visited by my son for spring. That’s very unusual since he is in the Army! A wonderful treat!

This issue of ATG is guest edited by Bob Holley of Wayne State University! Bob has collected many interesting articles about approaches to self-publishing from self-publishing experts like Walt Crawford, John Riley, Don Beagle, Julia Glassman, Rory Litwin, Joseph B. Grobelyn, and Matt Pacek. Bob Nardini and Janice Schnell talk about author services and library vendors. We also have a new column by Myer Kutz who self-published his novel and tells about his experiences. As many of us know, getting fiction published by a traditional publisher is not as easy as it once appeared to be.

The Op Ed in this issue is by Steve McK-Inzie and discusses the common practice we call “weeding.” Tony Ferguson is talking about China in his Back Talk (couldn’t stay away). We have interviews with Eric Calalucu and Richard Haight. Greg Tananbaum also interviews the SIPX team. Our book reviews are about grant writing and encyclopedias. Winifred Metz talks about media-centered documentary films and Alex Holzman and Leila Salisbury discuss university presses from different perspectives. Biz of Acq is about gathering data. Tom Leonard is enjoying Reed College and book collecting, and much more. We even have a crossword puzzle this time! Let us know what you think of it. Do you want more or not?

We have another installment from Rita Ricketts in her series on Blackwellian tales and the third installment of conference reports from the 2012 Charleston Conference compiled by Ramune Kubilius. Donald Hawkins brings us his conference notes as well — this time from the 55th NFAIS Annual Conference and An NFAIS Workshop on A&I services.

Dennis Brunning is keeping us on the edge with people and technology while Michael Pelikan is asking “What’s in a Name?” Of course, there is much more, so please read on!

Well, y’all, I am going to have to leave to go downtown with my son! Happy Spring! Love, Yr. Ed.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

RE: ATG Op-Ed on my article

To give credit where credit is due, Rebecca Kornegay said in her Op-Ed that I “wrote an article most welcome,” and she quoted me as using the term “brute force searching.” Yes, I wrote the article and used that term, but the entire article was a report on what others had said at a conference, so the term was not original with me.

It’s a minor point, perhaps, and it probably does not require any clarification in a Letter to the Editor unless somebody objects. I just thought I should mention this for possible future reference.

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