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A Brief Biographical Statement.

Born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, recieved degrees in medicine and genetics. Immigrated to Minnesota in 1968. Since then employed by The University of Minnesota. Lived in Kenya, Japan and Nigeria and traveled extensively and intesively in five continents. His thinking and views have been influenced mainly by studies of diverse people and their culture, or lack of one.

Awards:

1989 - First Place in "Words Worth", Short Story Contest of Minnesota Daily, for "Loss of an Enemy," a story.

1994 - First Place in Minnesota Voices Project for the collection of stories: "Mal d'Afrique."

Published by New Rivers Press, 1995.

1994 – Honorable Mention for story Happy Future of Dvorak, The Kulak", Wrter's Digest Literary Short Story Contest, (13,000 entries)

1995 - Blue Jacket Prize for "Mal d'Afrique" in Niigata, Japan.

1997- Honorable Mention for story "African Apology, in Writer's Digest Mainstream/Genre Short Story Contes (11th of 11,000 entries)

1998 - Runner up for story "Killing of He-Who-Is-Without-Shadow" in Explorations 1998 Contest for Fiction. Also Published by Univ. Alaska Explorations, 1998.

1999 - Runner up (2<sup>nd</sup>) for story "Salima on Governor's Bed" in Boston Review Contest for Short Fiction. Published by Boston Review, Vol 25, No. 2, 1999.

1999 – Honorable Mention for story "And Then There Was None," in literary short story category, Writer's Digest Contest. (14,000 entries)

2000 - Richard Sullivan Prize for Fiction for collection of stories "Revenge of Underwater Man." Published by Notre Dame Press, 2000.

2000 - Franz Kafka Award and Medal, from "European Circle "Franz Kafka."

2000 - awarded membership of PEN American Center.

2000 - awarded membership of Czech Center of P.E.N.

2001- "Revenge of Underwater Man" was nominated and became finalist for the 2001 Minnesota Book Award.

2001 - First Place for story "Peoples' Delights" in SASE Annual Fiction Contest

2001 - Prize winner for story:"Fausto's Afternoon." Middle English Literary Group Fiction Contest 2001, Nashville,TN

2002 - Prize winner for story "The Touch." Troubadour Short Story Contest, Woodstock, Illinois

2002 - Collection of short stories "Revenge of Underwater Man" translated to Czech. Published as "Damy bruselskych noci" by TRITON (Prague) in 2003.

2003 - Completed novel "Masquerade."

2003 - Elected to The Czech Writers's Association, in Czech Republic.

2003- Runner up in The 4th Annual Short Story Contest of The Key West Writers Guild for the story "Jocelyn's Carving."

2003 - First Place in The Annual Short Story Contest of "Minnesota Magazine" for the story "Fausto's Afternoon."

2003 - First Place in The Writer's Digest 3rd Annual Short Short Story Competition for the story "Peoples' Delights." ( 7,431 entries )

2004 - Collection of short stories "Mal d'Afrique" translated to Czech and published by TRITON (Prague) as "Sberatel Zarovek"

2005 – Honorable Mention and Prize in the Annual Short Story Contest of Kenai College for the story "The Beach Party."

2005 - "Travels of Missi One" (Dobrodruzstvi voru Missi One) travel adventure book for juveniles, published as a bilingual publication by TRITON, Prague

2005 - Honorable Mention and Prize in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Short Story Contest of the Key West Writers' Guild for the story "Panoptikum."

2006 – collection of 27 stories “Fausto’s Afternoon” became finalist in Sol Books Fiction Contest

2007 – finalist in 2007 Spokane Prize for Short Fiction Contest for the story “Banana”

2008 - “Fausto’s Afternoon”, the collection of 23 stories published by Whistling Shade Press

2008 - finalist in New Millennium Writing Contest (out of 1200 entries) for the short story “Conversation.”

2008 – story “Peoples’ Delights” selected for the anthology “Blink Again: Sudden Fiction From Midwest”, Spout Press

2008- story “The Strange Restoration of J.A. Splinter” selected for the anthology “Ten Years of Notre Dame Review”, University of Notre dame Press

2008- “Prepadeni” -translation of the novel “The Ivory Mask” to Czech , published in Prague by Nase Vojsko Publishers

2008- “It is Black and White”, book of 250 photographs with text, published by Xlibris Publ., Philadelphia

2009– story “Infallible Weapon of Temptation” became finalist in American Fiction Prize competition

2009– “The Ivory Mask” novel, published by Xlibris Publ. Philadelphia

2010– Collection of 40 poems and 40 collages “Howls from the Other Side” was published by Xlibris Publ., Philadelphia

2011– manuscript of collection of African stories “Four Thorns of Kilimajaro” became finalist in the Sol Books Prose Contest

2011- “The Ivory Mask” converted to e-book

2012 – story “Kamikaze Dream of Butterfly Collector” published by Notre Dame Review

2012 – story “The Woman Who Knew 1005 Men” published by Notre Dame Review

2012 - collection of stories “Four Thorns of Kilimanjaro” published by I

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2013 - "Celebrated Navigation" Selected stories. Published by Whistling Shade Publ.

Stories published in :

Notre Dame Review (6 times), Boston Review, Blue Jacket ,

Japan (4 times), Boundaries of Twilight (anthology), City Pages, River Images, Rag

Mag, Audiostory (Prague), Troubadour Lantern, Minnesota Magazine, Driftwood,

Whistling Shade (4times), Zivot (4x,Prague), Blink Again

Translated poems by Jaroslav Siefert (Nobel Laureate) published in "The Boundaries of

Twilight."