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## Author's Professional Precis

### Novels and Single-Title Nonfiction

*The Mechanics of Writing* (Elektra Press)  
*The Structure of Writing* (Elektra Press)  
*The Business of Writing* (Elektra Press)  
*The Secrets of Writing* (Elektra Press)  
*Mankiller: How One Woman United the Cherokee Nation and Helped Change the Face of America* (Rowman & Littlefield)  
*Etta Place: Riding into History with Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* (TwoDot)  
*About Writing Right - The Print Book Vol 2* (Elektra Press)  
*About Writing Right - The Print Book Vol. 1* (Elektra Press)  
*Chi-Town Blues - A Short-Story Anthology* (Elektra Press)  
*The Last Wild Orchid* (Elektra Press)  
*Solid Stiehl: The Death and Life of Hymie Stiehl* (Elektra Press)  
*Your Indoor Herb Garden: Growing and Harvesting Herbs at Home* (New Society Publishing)  
*Earl Warren--A Life of Truth and Justice* (Prometheus)  
*Growing Trees and Shrubs Indoors* (New Society Publishing)  
*The Never-Ending Lives of Liver-Eating Johnson* (Globe Pequot)  
*The Life and Lore of Calamity Jane* (Globe Pequot)  
*They Call Me Doc* (Novel - Globe Pequot)  
*From Container to Kitchen* (New Society Publishing)  
*Del Bacon a la Cocina* (New Society Publishing)  
*Zen and the Art of Pond Building* (Sterling)  
*Solid Stiehl* (Novel - ArcheBooks Publishing)  
*Dial M for Carlotta* (Novel - Pink Flamingo Press)  
*The Winds of Kabul* (Novel - Playboy Press)  
*The Afghan Rebels* (Franklin Watts-Grolier)  
*Cancer* (Franklin Watts-Grolier)  
*Famous Outlaws of the Old West* (Millbrook Press)  
*Land Use* (Franklin Watts)  
*Energy Use* (Franklin Watts)  
*Vegetables in a Pot* (Simon & Schuster)  
*The Bicycle Buyer's Guide 1980* (Consumer Guide Press)  
*Dirt Bike Racing* (Simon & Schuster)  
*The First Book of Roller Skating* (Franklin Watts)  
*The Complete Book of Roller Skating* (Consumer Guide Press)  
*How To Take Good Pictures* (Scholastic Press)  
*The Complete Baby Book* (Consumer Guide Press)  
*The 1980 Photo Buying Guide* (Consumer Guide Press)  
*The 1979 Photo Buying Guide* (Consumer Guide Press)  
*Growing Trees Indoors* (Nelson Hall)  
*Carpentry for Kids* (Franklin Watts)  
*Native Plant Terrariums* (Simon & Schuster)

*Evonne Goolagong Free Spirit* (Raintree)

### Books in Series

#### Landmark Supreme Court Cases Series (Enslow Publishers)

*Furman v. Georgia: Revised Edition*  
*Roe v. Wade: Revised Edition*  
*The Dred Scott Case: Revised Edition*  
*New York Times v. United States: Revised Edition*  
*Roe v. Wade*  
*Furman v. Georgia*  
*The Dred Scott Case*  
*New York Times v. United States*  
*Fighting Censorship*  
*The Death Penalty*  
*A Woman's Right to Abortion*  
*Slavery and Citizenship*

#### Famous Supreme Court Justices Series (Enslow Publishers)

*Thurgood Marshall*  
*Earl Warren*  
*Sandra Day O'Connor*

#### Historical America Series (Millbrook Press)

6 Separate Regional Books in Series (NE, SE, NC, SC, NW, SW)

#### Ethnic America Series (Millbrook Press)

6 Separate Regional Books in Series (NE, SE, NC, SC, NW, SW)

#### Environmental America Series (Millbrook Press)

6 Separate Regional Books in Series (NE, SE, NC, SC, NW, SW)

#### Photography Series (Raintree Publishers)

*Take a Look*  
*Picture Perfect*  
*Close Up*  
*Through the Lens*

#### Model Series (Franklin Watts)

*Model Railroads*  
*Model Cars*  
*Model Boats*

#### Holiday Series (Franklin Watts)

*Christmas*  
*Halloween*

#### Microcomputer Series (Franklin Watts)

*Microcomputers*  
*Microcomputer Peripherals*  
*Microcomputer Maintenance*

#### Satellite Series (Franklin Watts)

*Operation Rescue--Rescue Satellites in Action*

*Communication Satellites*  
*Research Satellites*

## Articles and Short Stories: Magazines

Over 400 published in *Parade*, *True*, *Ski*, *Consumer Guide*, *Conde Nast*, *Chicago Magazine*, *Chicago Northshore*, *Chicago/FM Guide*, *Detroit Monthly*, *Miami Southwest Florida*, *Milwaukee Magazine*, *Denver Magazine*, *San Antonio Monthly*, *Mpls/St. Paul*, *Twin Cities Magazine*, *San Diego Magazine*, *Rockford Magazine*, *Utah Holiday*, *Holiday/Travel Magazine*, *Catholic Digest*, *Catholic Rural Life*, *The Elks Magazine*, *VFW Magazine*, *Away*, *The Lions Magazine*, *Computers and Electronics*, *Outside*, *Success Unlimited*, *Cross Country Skier*, *Organic Gardening*, *The Writer*, *Writer's Digest*, *Writer's Annual*, etc.

## Articles and Short Stories: Newspapers

More than 1,500 published in *The Washington Post*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Chicago Sun-Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Oakland Tribune*, *The San Diego Union*, *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *The Milwaukee Journal*, *The Milwaukee Sentinel*, *The Detroit Free Press*, *The Detroit News*, *The Miami Herald*, *The Dallas Times-Herald*, *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Dallas Star*, *The Toledo Blade*, *The Houston Post*, *The Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *The Kansas City Star*, *The Arizona Daily Star*, *The Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, *The Denver Post*, *The Rocky Mountain News*, *The New Orleans Times-Picayune*, *Orlando Sentinel*, *San Antonio News-Express*, etc.

## Columns

Former author of several nationally syndicated columns, including "In Focus," "Photographically Speaking," "Skiing Today," and "Traveling Today," appearing in as many as 1,100 newspapers and reaching more than 20 million readers a week. Former author of monthly magazine sports column, "Sports Action." Former author of monthly magazine gardening column, "Backyard Gardener."

## Television

Writer, director, producer of nationally syndicated weekly television series, "Skiing Today." Scriptwriter for educational and consumer cable television, in-flight airline entertainment, etc.

## Video

Writer, director, producer of two consumer videotapes on photography.

## Photography

Former photo blog writer, Peter Lik Photography.  
Former photo review blogger, Photoblogs.net.  
Photo exhibits in the Russell Rotunda, Dirksen Senate Building, U. S. Capitol Bldg., Washington, D.C.  
Photo exhibits in Nikon Galleries, Rockefeller Center, New York.  
Photo exhibits in galleries and collections throughout the U.S.  
Former nationally syndicated Photo Columnist (20 million weekly circulation).  
Former Contributing Writer/Editor for Photo Marketing Assn. International.  
Photos published in many major magazines and newspapers.

## Book Production

Designer, producer, and co-publisher of the award-winning 18-book children's series, *The American Scene*, examining key issues affecting Americans and their country.

## Editorial

Reporter, *The Southtown Economist*, Chicago, Illinois.  
Articles Editor, *The Elks Magazine*, Chicago, Illinois, producing an award-winning monthly publication for the B.P.O.E. Contributing Editor, *PMA Magazine*, Jackson, Michigan. Regional Editor, *Ski Magazine*, New York, New York. Editor, *The Madison Daily News*, Madison, Wisconsin. Acquisitions Editor, The Raintree Press, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Contributing Editor, *Elektra Press*. Editorial Director, *SCRIBE!* Media Magazine, American Society of Authors and Writers.

## Theatrical

Wrote and directed *The Trouble with Pirates*, Chicago, 1969.  
Wrote for production *The English Carpheds* for The Muse Theatre in the Flats, Cleveland, 1972.

## Art

Award-winning creator of paintings, sculptures, pottery, and miscellaneous art pieces in galleries, shops, and private collections throughout the country.

## Websites

Former Editor-in-Chief and provider of travel and feature content for several high-end Websites, including Traveler's Cove, Writer's Lounge Dot Org, and the American Society of Authors and Writers, with combined visitor hits of more than 20,000 monthly. Monthly Water Gardening columnist for BellaOnline.com.

## **Ghostwriting**

Former ghostwriter for Sammy Davis Jr., Ronnie Schell, Lawrence Welk, Art Linkletter, James (Jimmy) Johns, Liautaud, major corporate CEOs and politicians, numerous successful first-book authors, etc. Nonfiction subjects include everything from spiritual/religious/evangelical to biographical, memoir, humor, politics, and business/finance plus all genres of fiction from Contemporary/Mainstream to Sci-Fi, Western, Romance, Action-Adventure, etc.

## **Teaching**

President of the American Society of Authors and Writers and a member of The Author's Guild, the American Society of Journalists and Authors, and the Washington Press Club, Herda developed and has taught Creative Writing Workshop and several book editing courses at the college level in Chicago and currently mentors working writers and editors. He has also taught photography, journalism, and photojournalism at the graduate and post-graduate college levels. He is a former PSIA downhill ski instructor.