

Kojak, Lone Ranger and Tonto, and other love stories

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Albert Seedman, the once NYPD Chief of Detectives, recounts his career and the cases with which he was involved in his book "chief." According to "Jump the Shark" Kojak was based on Albert Seedman, "an NYPD detective who was known for wearing huge gold cufflinks, etc., as well as being quite brilliant at solving crimes." The book cover of "Chief" shows Seedman, an Edward G. Robinson doppelganger, chomping on his trademark cigar.

"Cop Team" by John Sepe, of the New York City Housing Police, is billed as "the blockbusting true story of New York's famed "Lone Ranger and Tonto" undercover cop team. The New York Housing Bureau was responsible for providing the security and delivery of police services to about 420,000 people using public housing throughout New York City. They were stationed in Police Service Areas (PSA), which are almost identical to police precincts, with nine PSAs in total located throughout the five boroughs. Police officers often did vertical patrols, making sure illegal activity does not take place in the halls, stairways, or the roof. The housing police was merged with the New York Police Department, like the New York City Transit Police, in 1995. Today, some police officers are randomly assigned to housing units.

Readers might be surprised to find that a retired motorcycle police officer writes romance novels. Robert Wheeler, a retired Los Angeles Police Department motorcycle officer, has published two novels, "Love Forever Lost" and "Beyond Yesterday." Wheeler, a Southern California native who grew up during Hollywood's heyday of the 1940s and 1950s, retired from the LAPD in 1980. Post retirement he worked in the film industry. In 1994, he pursued his goal of becoming a writer and subsequently published his first novel – "Love Forever Lost." In addition to being listed on Police Writers, Wheeler is also listed on LAPD Authors.

Joseph Turner is a retired NYPD police officer who has authored three books: "Memorandum Pad U.F. 16," "Partners" and "New York City Medley." In his book, "Memorandum" it is explained that certain members of the New York Police Department are required to maintain a record of all duty performed on a Department Form called the "U.F. 16 - Memorandum Pad." His book is a collection of stories told by five NYPD officers who joined NYPD in 1954. Using their pads, these five old-timers share funny, poignant and frightening stories from their careers.

New York Police Department police officer Anthony Schiano was also added to the website with his book, "Solo: Self-portrait of an undercover cop."

Police-Writers.com hosts 217 state and local police officers and their 578 books in six categories. Also, Police-Writers.com features listings of federal and international law enforcement writers.

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