## **INFORMATION KIT**

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Brief bio: I have lived year round on the Cape since 1984. I engaged in numerous occupations and activities from paperboy, to bag boy, to laborer, to metal fabricator, to bank examiner, to CFO, to COO, to ghost youth sports writer, to entrepreneur, to movie extra, and all the while writing. My roots were in Marlboro, MA and I've been replanted in Boston, Washington DC, New York, San Juan, Houston and finally Cape Cod where I expect to remain firmly planted barring any climatic catastrophes ... knock on wood.

<u>Summary of book:</u> An Epic Historical Time Travel Adventure that may or may not have happened yet.

In 1968, four thirteen year old boys of diverse racial background meet on Cape Cod and form an unlikely bond which lasts a lifetime or two or three - two Wampanoag twins, Amos and Vern (poor), an Irish Catholic kid from Southie, Timmy (middle class summer cottage people) and a WASP, Brett (of rich second and third home snobage). You would never find these four's parents socializing together at a cookout. But in the summer of sixty eight, the boys were inseparable. They did things, which led them to try other things and as a result, find something, which ultimately leaves them having opened Pandora's Box, a box which will take them 24 years and two lifetimes to close ... or so they think.

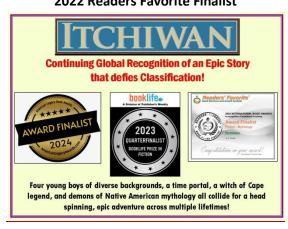
Buckle up for a fast pace thriller that includes, a golf shot of a lifetime, a sunrise surgical fishing charter, an alleged witch, Bill Cosby, the former Wharf Tavern in Boston, Rockefeller Center in NYC, a shillelagh and a sling shot, up and coming Southie mobsters, pro football, Samuel Bellamy, and of course, mom, blueberry pie and the girl he left behind. This story is whacked.

## Awards:

2024 Selected to the **BookLife Elite Program** as part of the **Indie Author Project**2024 American Legacy Award Finalist

2023 BookLife Quarter Finalist

2022 Readers Favorite Finalist



## Other works:

"For the Birds" A Kindle Vella series

"Pebbles in the Stream" Contributing poet to the publish collection to benefit the Sandwich Food Pantry

"Fur, Feathers, Scales and Tails" Multiple Short Story contributor

"The Sandwich Boardwalk" Contributing poet

"Where's Sandwich" Historical piece contributor to upcoming book on everything Sandwich, MA

Various Flash Fiction, Poetry & Essays - <a href="https://www.jjcunis.com/blog">https://www.jjcunis.com/blog</a> (in Linktr.ee)

## Flash Fiction Award Winners -

"HOLY GUACAMOLE, ROCK!" (renamed "Moose" by publisher)

https://indiesunlimited.com/2020/07/12/j-j-cunis-wins-flash-fiction-challenge-2/#more-78345 (in Linktr.ee) "Miscalculation"

https://indiesunlimited.com/2020/11/29/j-j-cunis-wins-flash-fiction-challenge-3/#more-79482 (in Linktr.ee) "Rocks" (renamed "Graves" by publisher)

https://indiesunlimited.com/2020/06/05/j-j-cunis-wins-flash-fiction-challenge/#more-78092 (in Linktr.ee)

Currently working on two novels, "Pukmudgee", the sequel to "Itchiwan" and the tentatively titled "Ying, Yang & Sometimes Y" - the forthcoming fifth Holy Gospel according to Joe which coincides with the end of the world, thus is largely unread.

Sandwich Arts Alliance Member; Cape Cod Writers Center Member; Odd Fellow - not the fraternal order ... just the relative categorization; Cancer Survivor - currently ... at this point in time ... subject to change?

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