



Andover writers Brian and Matthew Richardson have recently published their mystery novel and are at work on a sequel. Photo: Cecilia Richardson

Local Writers Self-Publish A Mystery

By Cecilia Richardson
For the Beacon

Brian and Matthew Richardson are brothers from Andover, New Hampshire. Both went to Andover Elementary/Middle School and then Merrimack Valley High School. They also briefly attended NHTI.

Matt is the third brother, and Brian is the youngest of four. They both worked at Cricenti's Market, which was bought by Hannaford Supermarkets. Matt started as a cart boy when he was just 12 years old and was on the grocery crew when he left. Brian worked in the deli until he left.

After 10 years at this location, Matt left and came to work at Merrimack County Nursing Home as a housekeeper, then dietary aide. Brian left after eight years with the supermarket, then came to the nursing home as a laundry aide.

Brian and Matt are always making up stories and what-ifs in their daily discussions with one another. They haven't always gotten along well at all times. Matt has a tendency to rub Brian the wrong way, but as the years go on they have learned to get along better.

One fateful day, Matt approached Brian with the idea for a novel. They sat down and discussed ideas and made notes and worked together to see what they could come up with. By early 2011 they started on their first novel, *A Deadly Obsession*, and it was completed in March. This turned out to be something they could finally work on

together and not have a lot of arguments about.

Matt usually has a lot of the ideas for what to write about, and Brian, with his wit and exceptional writing ability, can put it on paper and make it into an enjoyable story. Writing the story proved to be easier than getting it published. It sat for a few months while Matt searched for a publisher, finally settling on AuthorHouse. The book is available through their Web site at TinyURL.com/6ohrdm.

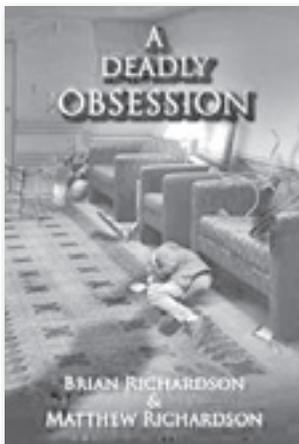
The reason they wrote this book is because Matt had an idea for a book, which

Brian agreed was good, and they combined their skills. Also, they wanted to see if they could actually write a book that people would want to read. Matt likes collecting and watching movies, and Brian likes to read and watch movies, too. They watch many of these movies together and can be heard quoting films.

Their book is about a rookie detective with the New York Police Department who discovers that his best friend has a drug addiction, so he tries to help him by finding out who is supplying the drugs, and stopping it.

They are working on a sequel, which continues the story from the first book. It is nearly finished and will hopefully be out later this year.

A Deadly Obsession is available at AuthorHouse.com, BarnesAndNoble.com, Amazon.com, and BooksAMillion.com. It's available in hardcover, paperback, or e-book formats.



Bill Bardsley Publishes Memories of King Ridge

By Janet Moore
Library Trustee

Bill Bardsley, who shares his prodigious store of local memories with anyone who asks, decided to publish a few, and the result is a delightful book about the King Ridge Ski Area, 1961 through 1995. Bill was a founding member of the King Ridge operation and its manager until 1981. The book is titled *King Ridge Wonderland Dreams and Memories Upon the 50th Anniversary of the Upsidedown Ski Area*.

Anyone who had the pleasure of skiing there, and I did, too, knows that the "upside down" designation refers to the lodge and parking lot being on top of the mountain. One had to be aware of closing time and the last lift!

Bill highlights the best of the King Ridge area: the founders, the men who kept the area running smoothly, literally, and photographs designed to tickle your memories and your ski-booted toes.

What makes this effort so delightful is the dual purpose, for what precedes the memories and pictures is a slightly

altered version of Lewis Carroll poems, complete with touched up illustrations from the Alice in Wonderland story. Bill Andrews, who operated the North-



side T-bar one year, has turned Father William, the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, Alice (of course), and even the caterpillar-treaded Cheshire Cat into apt depictions of ski adventures through poetry fit for giggling.

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