

# DL HAVLIN

**AWARD WINNING AUTHOR OF QUALITY HISTORY AND  
MYSTERY/SUSPENSE**



## Author DL Havlin

DL Havlin is an unretired businessman who has traveled a large portion of the world, having visited over 100 countries. He managed offices in places like London, Singapore, Frankfurt, Acala, Spain and many more. He has visited the jungles on the Sepic River in New Guinea, the Buddhist temples in Bangkok and the Babi Yar Monument in Kiev. In his travels he has discovered that humans have very similar appearances but their cultures make them as distinct as visitors from another planet.

He's been writing 30+ years. DL writes historical, literary, women's mainstream, and suspense/mystery novels. He has ten books published. The latest is Escaping Skeletons / Operation Paperclip, a mystery/suspense series.

He is represented by the Seymour Agency and Taylor & Seale are his current publishers. His books, manuscripts and short stories have won 14 awards, including five Royal Palm Literary Awards from the Florida Writers Association.

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# BIOGRAPHICAL PRESENTATIONS

(With Florida connections)



## Here come the Generals – Florida Boys James & Roy

Two of WWII's important generals were Florida men.

**General James Van Fleet** commanded units in battle in the 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> World Wars and in Korea. His career included being the head football coach at University of Florida. He commanded the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry regiment on D-day at Utah beach....



**Marine General Roy Stanley Geiger** is best known as the only Marine General to command an army sized force in battle. That battle was one of the best known and famous for its ferocity, Okinawa. Few know he was the father of the Marine air arm during his 40 years of distinguished service.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



## Above and Beyond – Two of Florida's Medal of Honor winners

Courage is where you find it...High in the skies over the Pacific...or...slogging in the muddy mountains of Italy.

West Palm Beach graduate **Commander David McCampbell** was the US Navy's most famous "Ace" in the Pacific in WWII shooting down 34 Japanese planes and Commander of the Air Group on the carrier Essex. He set a record for shooting down 9 in one day.



**James Henry Mills** born near Mulberry Florida was often called the "Sargent York of WWII." His single-handed exploits in a battle defy any movie writer's duplication. When called to be decorated, his fear was he would be court-martialed for losing his rifle during the battle. His life of hardship is a sobering tale of how some of our bravest fare.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



## Papa Gator – Steve Spurrier, football's down-home wizard

For years Florida Gator football slipped in and out of the mediocrity. Along came Miami born athlete, Steve Spurrier. He became a Heisman Trophy winner playing quarterback for the Gators. Steve's story is one of football's true examples of one man being the architect building a dynasty that has the foundation. His coaching genius and his ability to "coach um up" won SEC and National Championships. Learn about his brand of football, more importantly, learn about this exceptional man.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



### **Rising Above – The Jacqueline Cochran Story – Never heard of her?**

This panhandle born girl rose from obscurity to be a giant in aviation and in business. Though not receiving the publicity that Amelia Earhart is accorded, she accomplished much, much more in a life filled with triumphs and heart break. At one point she held every woman's aviation record, was instrumental in forming the WAAC (Woman's Auxiliary Army Corps), the WASP (Woman's Airforce Service Pilots), was an acclaimed test pilot, was the first woman pilot to break the sound barrier, and was the driving force in forming the first woman's astronaut group.

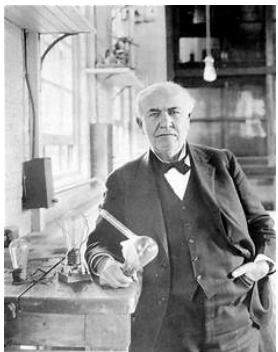
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### **Rising Above – General Daniel (Chappie) James – America's first black 4-star general**

He saw the aircraft fly far above him as a boy in his Pensacola home and birthplace. He set a goal thought to be unsurmountable. Not to Chappie James! He trained pilots for the famous Tuskegee airman group as recent graduate of that college. As part of that group he flew test flights for fighters and bombers. Chappie flew 101 missions in Korea, was a group commander in Vietnam. He became a 4-star General when he assumed command of NORAD. Famous for his inspirational speeches and unbending love for his country, he was a fierce opponent of anyone who he sensed as disloyal to the US Constitution. Meet this man who earned his stars!

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



### **Edison in Florida – One the world's greatest inventors life in the Sunshine State**

When Edison looked for a place to spend his winters in 1885, he chose Ft. Myers on the lower Southwest coast. His selection wasn't based on the weather or ease of access. It was based on practical reasons...reasons tied directly to his research projects. His selection had a major impact on those projects and an impact on the future of the area. Learn how SWF became a magnet for famous industrialists, financiers, and other famous individuals. Edison's unique personality and mind are important to understand what sparked his genius.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



# HISTORICAL AND CURRENT EVENTS



## **Operation Paperclip – Do Ends Justify Means? Escaping Skeletons tells part of the story you haven't heard. You decide.**

It is the close of World War II in Europe. It's clear that the allies will soon be divided in a life or death struggle. Both the US and England vie with the Soviets for control of Nazi Germany's advanced technology. But how? The Russians beat the Anglo-Americans to Berlin and the area where the scientific minds are housed. William (Wild Bill) Donovan concocts a program to spirit most of the important technologists out of Germany...many from Soviet controlled territory. But how? Escaping Skeletons reveals much of the story, including archaeological evidence in Argentina supporting the way things were. Is a deal with the devil worth acquiring minds like Werner Von Braun?

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



## **Florida Historic Places & Museums – Florida history in 5 weekends –**

Like to learn about Florida's history? Do it yourself with this program to help you! This presentation provides a way for the attendees to learn about Florida's historic places... all 500 plus. The state is divided into five regions that a person or family can explore individually in three day adventures. Contact information is provided along with some don't miss recommendations. The historic places are defined and information provided so individuals can select those venues in which they have the most interest.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



## **Florida's Contribution to WW II & World War II's Contribution to Florida**

The presentation covers this little appreciated period of Florida's history. No event changed and shaped the Sunshine State as much as WWII. This explanation tells the where, what, when and how Florida's "military invasion" occurred. The D Day invasion force trained here as did the Doolittle raid. The story of how the least populated state east of the Mississippi, with a small economy and a bad "reputation" developed into today's modern prosperous state is fascinating. And ... did a lot to help win the war.

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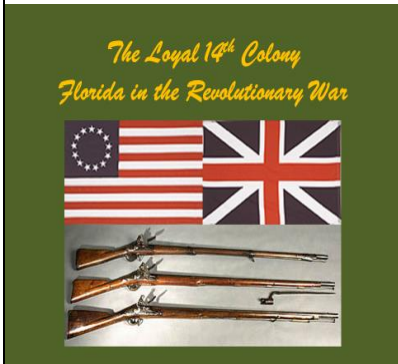
## **The Florida Legacy of Jake Summerlin – King of the Cattle Barons**

This presentation covers the life and times of the "King of the Crackers" Jake Summerlin. He was the most influential man in the state for the period that bridged from its last Spanish colonial days until the twilight of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Summerlin pioneered and was the most prominent force in the cattle business which provided early Florida with the first plank in its economy. From fighting and negotiating with the Seminoles to settling family feuds to being a political "king maker" Jake was a man of many talents. He donated the state's first free public school, Orlando's first Court House and established the first international telegraph service. Summerlin was Florida's eighteen hundred's giant.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



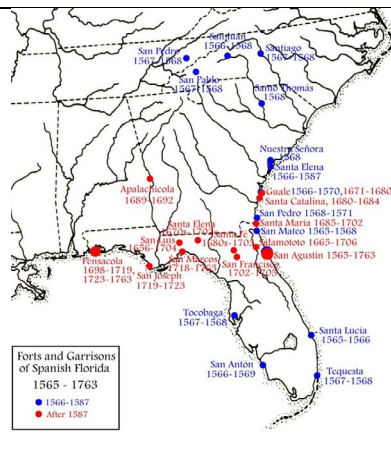
**Florida, The Forgotten Years** – The years between the Civil War and WWII are hardly ever a part of major historical profiles of the state. It doesn't mean nothing was happening from 1865 until 1914. Battles between cattle barons replace battles with Indians. Diston drained the land and speculators destroyed Florida's reputation with crooked land deals. Hurricanes far more destructive and deadly than those heralded today stalked the land. Orange blossoms drenched the state's air with perfume and Edison perfected his light bulb here. Don't forget the forgotten years. This presentation covers forgotten events that affect us today. **Suggested allotted time – one hour**



**The Loyal 14th Colony – Florida in the Revolutionary War** – When someone says, “The Revolutionary War!” did you think of Florida? This presentation covers the intrigues, chaos, and violence that Florida became in this period. Not many people know what happened in Florida, Britain's 14<sup>th</sup> Colony during the war. It was the only colony to stay loyal to the Crown and its people paid dearly for their choice. During the Revolutionary War and thirty-five years after, were periods of bloody violence in the state that made Dodge City and Tombstone look like Quaker Sunday school picnics. This is the story of why this occurred. **Suggested allotted time – one hour**



**The Patriot War – Florida's little known time of intrigue. (Covers history from 1800 to 1816)**  
Did you know that George Washington had a “civilization” program for Native Americans? Were you aware that there were several attempts to make Florida an independent country and/or make part of it the United States before it was ceded by Spain. The bloodiest historical frontier wasn't in the West, it was in Florida! European politics, Napoleon, deer skins, runaway slaves, and Georgia's territorial ambitions made Florida's history during this period something from a novelist's pen. Experience the other war of 1812 as the US clandestinely fights with Spain. **Suggested allotted time – one hour**





### **Flaming Florida II – The Land of Perpetual War (1810 to 1832)**

Before Florida became part of the newly minted United States it was known as a haven for lawlessness and violence. This legacy carried forward as Florida became part of the US frontier and remained so well into the 1900's..... Spain's inability to protect and control its colony after its return in 1783, made it and its people vulnerable. Starting before Andrew Jackson's initiation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Seminole War, periods of peace were short to non-existent. Becoming a US territory and then a state did little to change that. Florida's heritage is one of violence.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



### **Flaming Florida III – 1832 to 1865**

The final period of turmoil and bloodshed that ended in the Civil War and its disastrous consequences for Florida. The strife that was an everyday reality for the Native Americans, settlers, slaves, soldiers, and governments came to a horrible climax after the Second & Third Seminole wars followed closely by the Civil War. Learn about these most violent and disturbing years of the state's history. The almost hundred years of killing and destruction was finally over. What happened shaped and controlled Florida's next 80 years.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour and a half**



### **A look at Hell – the story of the invasion of Ukraine as related by two men that lived it.**

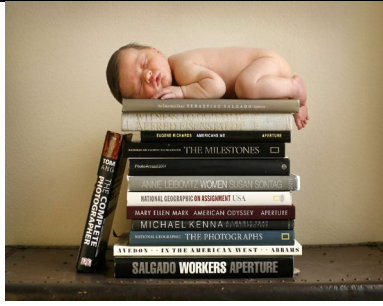
Based on eye witness input, and extensive research, this is the story of two of the world's most barbarous society's war on a region and its defenseless people. The population of Ukraine on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1941, the day Hitler launched Barbarossa ... his plan to destroy the USSR, exceeded 40 million people. On May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945, there were 29 million Ukrainians left alive. For every day of the war over 7,500 innocent people died. It is difficult to tell whether Hitler or Stalin killed more. This is the fact not the story.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



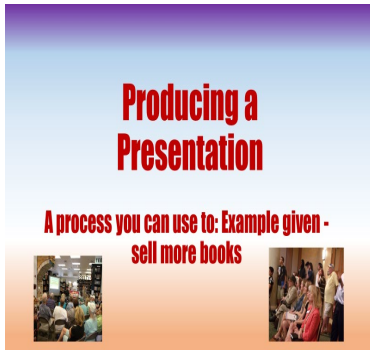


## SEMINARS AND CLASSES



**Preventing Premature Birth – Of A Book That Is!** We are all proud and anxious to send that manuscript we’ve just completed to our agent, publisher, or printer. Wait! Be sure it’s the best it can be before pushing the send button or trotting to the post office. You only get one chance to make great (not good) impression. This presentation will help you to that! And very, very inexpensively! The info in this presentation will allow you submit or publish your book with confidence.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



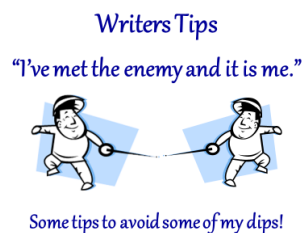
### **A Guide to Producing Effective Presentations: From Whiteboards to PowerPoint.**

This a course that has benefits from the boardroom to the bedroom. At times we all have to be a salesperson or trainer. This course will be a big benefit for all:

- 1) who wish to inform and persuade,
- 2) to sell an idea or anything else,
- 3) to effectively convey information to those you’re teaching, and
- 4) to convince hubby (or wifey) to go on that dream vacation.

Whether you’re selling houses, financial plans or convincing your Kiwanis club to sponsor an event, what you’ll learn in this class will be key to your success. Use it to be sure employees approach your customers in the way you want them to! You’ll learn the power of directed focus, the steps required to introduce information, and the techniques needed to ensure it’s retained. The course covers many different presentation methods, from hand-written notes to power point presentations. It provides a step-by-step plan for their use. This class even helps win family discussions.

**Suggested allotted time – 1.5 hours**



### **Tips for the Author: Novice or Old Hand – “I’ve met the enemy and he is me.”** (Pogo paraphrased)

An assemblage of tips and mistakes to avoid, for all writers. Whether the participant is a new-bee or an experienced author these are suggestions that make your work readable, credible, enjoyable and salable! From tactics to strategy and imagination to research this course covers the things DL Havlin has done right and the errors he’s had to correct in twenty-plus years of writing so you can profit from them.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**



**Crafting Characters that add to your story.**

Using human behavior basics to develop characters & to give polish & texture to your creations.



**Crafting Characters with a Scientific Assist**

This course is designed to provide authors a method to create exceptionally believable characters that add to story realism and sharpen the tension required to produce an engrossing plot. The course is based on scientific principles used in the field of human resources and in managing interpersonal relationships. Each participant leaves with a “tool box” to assist in future writing efforts. –

**Highly acclaimed – Suggested allotted time – six hours plus for full course (“Intro” class available – 2 hours – not recommended)**

**Building a Literary Platform**



For Non-fiction and Fiction

**Building a Platform for Both Non-fiction and Fiction Authors**

What’s a writing platform? It’s not built on the top of telephone poles, but *it is a requisite for non-fiction authors and a valuable addition to the fiction writers marketing arsenal.* This class deals with the way to build one, a legitimate one, in the field which you wish to write. Is a doctorate necessary? No, but a real, thorough, and defensible knowledge of your subject matter is critical. Ways to construct that “pulpit to preach from” are offered in this class. **Suggested allotted time – one hour**

**A shot of realism:  
Your Chances of Success as a Writer**



**What it takes to become an “established” author and the odds of success.**

Is it worth the effort? Yes! The odds of becoming an “A” or “B” list fiction author is 1700 times less favorable than a starting college football player making an NFL roster! Sobering? True! You be the judge! An honest look at what it takes to be successful and established as an author past the hobby level. It’s true ... anyone can write a book, just as many folks who make their money from aspiring authors say. What no one talks about are the odds that a person, one with the required skills, imagination, experience and *luck*, must accept for a chance to “grasp the brass ring.”

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**

**A Writer’s Covenant:  
The Influence and Responsibility  
Accompanying Authorship –  
The key to a writer’s continuing success**

Dr. Davitt

**A Writer’s Covenant – The Influence and responsibility that accompanies authorship**

This presentation defines what happens after a writer successfully publishes a book. Now that a writer has gained “a seat at the table” what does he do with it? How a writer utilizes his new found influence and performs the responsibilities that are required to maintain it are sure to impact his or her future success. This talk emphasizes what those on-going responsibilities are and to whom they are owed.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**

Why we get along ... or don't  
an introduction

Human behavior basics to  
develop your understanding of  
interpersonal relationships



### **Human Relation Skills to Improve Your Performance and Influence**

This is a comprehensive class in the field of managing your interface with others, predicting others' behavior, and improving your ability to maximize your strengths and minimize your weaknesses. It requires advance work and mental dedication. This class has been taught to governmental agencies, Fortune 500 BOD's, and literally hundreds of businesses and organizations. Contact DL for more information.

**Required Time for the Course – 15 hours class time / 4 hours independent time spent**



### **Football for the armchair fan: or the person that has to endure it!**

To paraphrase an old movie title: "Why I stopped enduring and learned to understand football." Tired of watching what appears to be complete chaos? This course will give you some insight into what you're watching. It will help you understand the 'foreign language' used by sportscasters to describe what's happening. Learn why players are in a three-point stance. What your power line is. That fold blocking has nothing to do with paper. Why quarterbacks are described as 'naked' when it's obvious they have a uniform on. That players don't kick one another on a kick out block. That the flat isn't an apartment in New York City. Sign up, have some fun, and learn more than your family fan knows! Vocabulary handout included.

**Suggested time allotted – one hour**

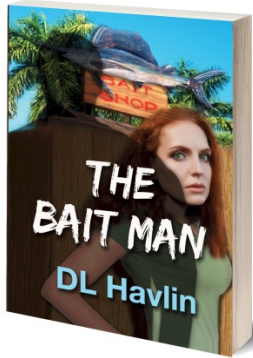
## BOOK DISCUSSIONS & READINGS



### Escaping Skeletons

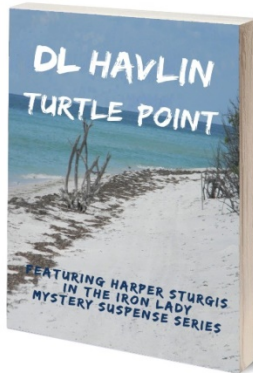
Chessie Partin is back this time on an archeological dig in Argentina. When her boss, Professor Mark Card, is given an invitation by the US State Department to participate in what is related as site where artifact finds overlap, he enthusiastically accepts. What he believes is primarily a dig to research Guarani Indians, ends up being the excavation of a Nazi compound. It gets dangerous far before they arrive. What will they find? More importantly, why don't people in high places want them to find a thing? The biggest question—will they return home alive?

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### The Bait Man

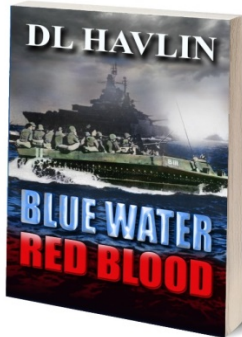
“Wild child” Chessie Partin struggles to get a life-style do over as she pursues an archeology degree and takes a part time job on a charter fishing boat. A vile man she has to work with threatens to cut the line to her new life before she has a chance to live it. Is he a murderer? This suspenseful mystery takes Chessie into a world of powerful criminals and threatens her life when she finds out *The Bait Man* is just one strand in a bowl of spaghetti! **Suggested allotted time – one hour**



### Turtle Point

Can a good man bury a bad past? Benny Dupree, Florida developer, finds that all the things he's done to cover his past are at risk when two evil modern day treasure pirates must unearth his secrets to recover unimaginable riches. His deed is exhumed and Benny looks like toast until Harper Sturgis, lawyer and retired Marine intelligence officer, saves him from a murder conviction. Don't miss the preface written about sea turtles if you like ecology and wildlife.

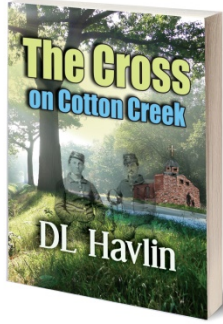
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### Blue Water, Red Blood

More history than fiction this book tells the story of the LVT, an amphibious vehicle the Marines used to win the war in the Pacific. Two historical figures fight technical and bureaucratic obstacles to save lives. The story tells how things like a deadly hurricane, a cocktail party, and a magazine article can alter history and save 100,000 lives. FWA Royal Palm Literary Award winner – Runner-up Best Historical Novel.

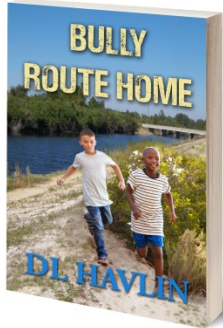
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### **The Cross on Cotton Creek**

This novel is dedicated to the value of personal integrity and the intrinsic value of keeping one's word. When two civil war soldiers are wounded and left behind, an elderly minister shelters and nurses them to health. As thanks, one soldier makes an oath to maintain the cross on top of the church. Experience the good that springs from his promise and sacrifice.

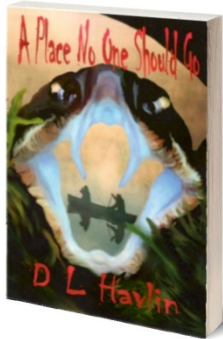
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### **Bully Route Home**

A bullied twelve year old boy faces an adult world of racism and bigotry after his choice of taking a way home through the "black quarters" to avoid a daily beating. Set in South/Florida in the 1940's it is the past's portrait of today's problems. The book deals with bullying, racism, and parenting. FWA Royal Palm Literary Award winner – Best Literary Novel

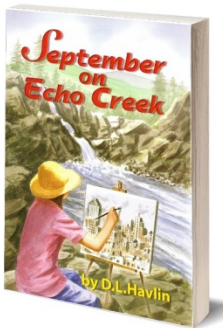
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### **A Place No One Should Go**

Based on Calusa Indian spiritual heritage, this psychological thriller, set in the Everglades tells the story of a man who takes his family camping on a Seminole Reservation. He must confront an ancient evil AND make the decision whether evil exists in him. The book examines one of the 21<sup>st</sup> century's major issues: The cost of infidelity. POW book awards – Best Thriller, Best Novella.

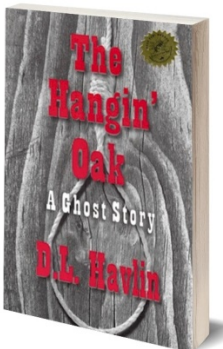
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### **September on Echo Creek**

A young urban woman, finds herself controlled by her fiancée with guilt strings, in the same manner her mother did. When her fiancée tries to coerce her into an unethical business deal, she flees to the mountains of Carolina. The culture shock changes her life and she finds a way to gain her emotional emancipation. POW book awards – Best Women's Mainstream

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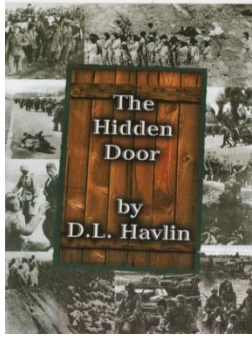


### **The Hangin' Oak**

A Florida folk tale comes true when a 20<sup>th</sup> century couple investigates a legend about a 19<sup>th</sup> century man and woman unjustly hanged for infidelity. The modern couple faces the impossibility of ghosts and adapt to sharing their home with the spirits. Ghosts and hosts work together to solve the others problems with a surprise and inspiring end. FWA Royal Palm Literary Award winner – Best Mystery Novel, POW book awards Best Mystery & Author of the year.

**Suggested allotted time – one hour**





## **The Hidden Door (unpublished)**

Based on historical events and the actual experiences of two people who endured it, this is the history of the Nazi invasion of Ukraine in 1941. It tells the story of unparalleled suffering and horror this event brought to the soldiers, and more particular, to the defenseless civilians who died at a rate of over 7,000 a day for the entire war. It occurred in a world whose circumstances are eerily similar to today's geopolitical environment. This novel is a warning and a testament to the human commitment to live ... to love ... to survive. FWA Royal Palm Literary Award winner – Historical Novel MS. **Suggested allotted time – one hour**

### **Other discussion topics and classes**

#### **Historical & Current Event Talks-**

1. **Booms & Busts: Florida's flirtations with speculations – New Power Point Available December 2019.**

#### **Seminars & Classes-**

1. **Writing – but not for major publication – Writing can provide many enhancements to your life besides being a big name author. Learn the value self-expression and self-discipline can add to your satisfaction.**

#### **Book Discussions & Readings - - - -**

**The Clayton Chronicles: The Wild, Wild, East**

**The Clayton Chronicles: Flaming Florida – A Land at War**

**The Clayton Chronicles: Florida, The Forgotten Years**

**The Clayton Chronicles: The Child Has Such Large Feet!**

**Out of Italy**

**Francis' Flowers**

**The Three Lives of Larry Siegel**

**The Chair**

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### **PRESENTATION AND SEMINAR FEES**

Contact [PRLady2016@gmail.com](mailto:PRLady2016@gmail.com) or ask for Jeanelle when phoning 239-283-3975 to request DL Havlin as a guest speaker, present a seminar or workshop for your conference, writing/reading group, or organization.

The cost is \$60 per hour, plus his actual travel expense if greater than 100 miles from Bokeelia, Florida. The amount of this cost is provided to you in advance for approval.

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