

October 19, 2012 - Lee Teacher Publishes Book

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Staunton, VA – David Marino, English teacher at Robert E. Lee High School, has written and published a paranormal thriller titled *The Pursuers of the Supernatural (POTS)*. Mr. Marino grew up in Staunton and is a graduate of Lee High. He furthered his education and love of writing by attending James Madison University, where he graduated earning a degree in English.

Mr. Marino reports that he enjoyed casually writing throughout most of his young adult life, but following a conversation with peers the summer after earning his Master of Arts in Teaching, he focused his concentration on writing something publishable. The conversation, upon which the first chapters of his novel are loosely based, was a discussion of the spirit world. When his friends refused to go ‘ghost hunting,’ either out of fear or disinterest, Mr. Marino asked himself, “what would it look like if we had gone ghost hunting?” He decided to write down his vision of the experience, and as he tried to create a realistic account of amateur ghost hunters, he realized the potential for something different than a typical book about ghosts. The characters and storylines that he developed eventually progressed into a novel, and after four years of editing and learning about various publishing avenues, Mr. Marino’s novel was finally finished.

The Pursuers of the Supernatural (POTS) is a work of fiction and could be referred to as a “mock autobiography,” as it’s a satirical take on a group of amateur paranormal investigators and documents the comic misadventures of this group of friends in their inexperienced attempts to find proof of life after death. Mr. Marino hopes that his experiences both in writing and editing his novel will translate into tangible tools for teaching writing in his classroom.



Lee teacher, David Marino, showcases the book he wrote, which was recently published.