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Authors William Strubbe and Janice Wittenberg Present:

My Husband's Under Here Somewhere: Collectors, Packrats, and Compulsive Hoarders

May 6, 2017: Authors William Strubbe and Janice Wittenberg are proud to announce the official publication of My Husband's Under Here Somewhere: Collectors, Packrats, and Compulsive Hoarders. "An eye-opening, if not brilliant, analysis of the science of hoarding!" - Gabriel Constans, Phd, author

About the Book

Peter the Great maintained a human zoo of freakish oddities, and he also enjoyed excising his subjects' teeth, then saving them. The hapless Collyer brothers crammed their Manhattan brownstone to the brim and accidentally entombed themselves within it. Howard Hughes, unable to part with his shorn locks and nail clippings, stored them all for "safekeeping". Intent on staving off death, Sarah Winchester feverishly constructed room after room to create a vast mansion. Eccentricity, wealth, and death aside, what these people have in common is way too much stuff!

Morbidly fascinating tales of hoarders and collectors abound as our acquisitive culture is examined. A professional clutter-buster and mental health nurse offer funny and compassionate commentary on hoarders who amass animals and collectors who spin out of control. The science behind hoarding—including its link with Obsessive-Compulsive disorders—as well as promising forms of treatment add to the mix, and musings on the spiritual ramifications of rampant materialism culminate the reader's trek.

My Husband's Under Here Somewhere: Collectors, Packrats, and Compulsive Hoarders will be available on June 15, 2017 on Amazon.com. For more information, please visit www.strubbe-wittenberg.com.

About the Authors

A writer and journalist, William Strubbe has four fiction and two non-fiction books under his belt. His articles have appeared in more than 100 publications, including *The New York Times, National Geographic Adventure, Essence, Cigar Aficionado*, and *The Boston Globe*. Additionally, two of his plays have been produced. His forthcoming novel, *The Diary of Annelies Marie Levenson: If Anne Frank had Lived*, is based on the premise that Anne Frank survived WWII.

Co-author and sibling, Janice Strubbe Wittenberg is a registered nurse who formerly worked as crisis outreach specialist for Santa Cruz County Mental Health. During her seventeen-year tenure on the job, Janice came in frequent contact with hoarders. Intrigued by the complex challenges inherent in this debility, her award winning novel, *The Worship of Walker Judson*, includes a former nun who hoards. Janice's first book, *The Rebellious Body: Reclaim Your Life from Environmental Illness or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome* (Plenum:1996), contains myriad details on how to recover from chronic illness.

Janice lives in Aptos, California, with her husband, John, two cats, and beloved covey of chickens. When one of the newly hatched chicks was rejected by its mom, Janice carried it about in her pocket, then taught it to preen, scratch, and feed itself, along with imparting assorted other bird basics. The flock provides inspiration for her forthcoming novel, *The Fluster Clucker*, about a rooster who aspires to be human.

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