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## Mark Sutherland Simpson Biography

Mark Sutherland Simpson is a translator, novelist and poet, a proud Francophile and New Yorker, and the former Upper School Principal at prestigious Trinity School in Manhattan. He lives alone now in his family's Grand Époque apartment in Paris with his cat, plants, and many ghosts. He prefers not to give advice but offers what he has learned: "The world has in it wicked people, with evil hearts, and though they co-exist with those who are compassionate and gentle, their influence is enormous; often they hide behind religion and/or self-righteousness." Mr. Simpson's own life has given him a deep vision into the minds, hearts and souls of his characters. It has made him a true master writer.

Because an individual calling herself/himself Samantha questioned the publishing status of Mark's novels in an attack against Shirtless in Iceland on Amazon, we here at Wordsworth \& Coleridge Books are releasing new editions in which the digital platform information is removed, as that seemed to confound the exceptionally rude Samantha. The Amazon page for all new editions will list Wordsworth \& Coleridge Books as the publisher, since we are. This is a great deal of effort because of one rude reader, but ... such is life. We protect our own.

Shirtless in Iceland remains the novel closest to Mark's heart, though he loves them all. He wrote Shirtless in Iceland immediately after experiencing horrific and unspeakable things while working in North Africa. He was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress in St. Anne's Hospital, and once out, he immediately starting pounding the keyboard on this dark comedy of manners. He also loves it because it burst out of the chute to amazing critical acclaim. Kirkus and Clarion Reviews, the standards by which books published by established publishers are judged in America, both raved, Usually reticent Kirkus said, "A colorful cast of personalities populates the novel, each with his existential issues, especially Peregrine's artful mother and his father. Simpson showcases his writing talent in the novel's reflective passages, while maintaining a keen sense of detail and place."

Just as enthusiastically, Clarion Review praised the book by saying, ""Describing a Parisian building, character Emma Legrêle-Chevrier compares it to a prostitute who is 'trying to keep up appearances with ladders in her pantyhose.' This is one of many clever, vivid moments in the new novel Shirtless in Iceland by M. S. Simpson. ...Shirtless in Iceland takes place in Paris and chronicles a group of attractive, multinational characters. Peregrine, a young homosexual man, has been unable to find meaningful love; Emma, a powder keg of sexuality, is unhappily married; Greg is sexually dormant and depressed; Jérémie is having an affair; Hortense Louise will not let herself have the man she loves. While the plot relies, in part, on chance encounters, they are successfully executed because they're rarely overdone. Each character possesses a distinct identity, problem, and voice. Peregrine, witnessing an accident that will haunt him, describes his sense of disconnection as "the quirky whateverness of a man's death." Emma sees herself as a "lighthouse that a ship keeps in its line of sight so as not to run aground"--the
ship being her husband. The title refers to one character's surprising experience with identity, and fits the novel well.... The book contains a spectrum of relationships and sexual situations, including both gay and heterosexual characters, and would be readable and appreciated by a broad age group....Educated readers will enjoy Shirtless in Iceland for its art and literature references, as will those who are enthusiastic about French culture."

These twin reviews catapulted Mark and the book into the limelight; the book became a bestseller across the globe (including India) and Mark has had the honor of having been interviewed on Icelandic television, French radio, and numbers of journals across the world. As you may know, the book has been optioned for film and may make it as major motion picture. We would love it if you read Shirtless in Iceland and all of Mark's other works. If we may say so ... biased as we are ... we believe they will move you and make you think.

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Mark Sutherland Simpson lives part-time in Paris and part-time in a restored cottage in the forested Vosges area of eastern France, with his cat Chouchou and a new Airedale puppy named Baratin. A gay man with a Ph.D. with distinction in Comparative Literature, he has fully embraced Jeff Bezos' concept of selfpublishing. This is the twenty-first century and the era of slush piles of unread novels, form rejection letters for unread manuscripts, and too-busy agents are over. Many of the big publishing houses, which have long published what can only kindly be called poor writing, have collapsed, and the rest are doomed as bookstores close their doors. Read the Wall Street Journal and New York Times. We are into the digital age and publishing, thanks to Mr. Bezos, is at last a level playing field, in which anyone can place his or her product on the market for potential buyers. Amazon allows you to read the front, the back, the first 10-20 pages, and to follow tags to find the books most appropriate to your tastes. No bookstore ever has or ever will offer the array of books, the degree of choice, and the opportunity to examine the product as we can now in the digital world. Good riddance to the haughty publishing companies, bookstores with insipid employees, and arrogant agents ... and welcome to literature's brave new world of selfpublishing.

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I'm a fifth-generation Californian, raised in a big old house amid orange groves, summers at Laguna Beach and a cabin at Huntington Lake in the High Sierras. My grandfather helped build the road up the Sierras and my great great grandfather's name is on the cornerstone of several county courthouses, which he paid to have built. My Californian roots are deep and strong.

With a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature, and a career as an English teacher, I've spent my life reading like a rat chewing through wires ...relentlessly. Several years ago I began to detect changes in the publishing world, changes that pleased me. Amazon's capacity to allow me to read the first 10-20 pages of a novel, plus a "surprise me" button that took me into several pages of the book's interior, made me begin choosing what one might call off-beat novels (like the utterly brilliant Shuck, by Daniel Allen Cox). They weren't published by the old publishing houses, but often by upstarts or most often by the author himself/herself.

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Now, I go to Amazon, keyword my choices, then I read the first 10-20 pages, take my mystery tour on "surprise me" and buy it if I like it. In this fashion, I have read more good books in the last several years than ever in my life. For me, selfpublishing was a choice, and a great one. I have made enough money to live, and although I have a stalker (read above) who calls himself Samantha, gives me one star and calls my books "pure garbage," it hasn't slowed sales one iota. Why? Because people can read the beginnings of the novels for themselves, and see that they are ... modesty aside ... superb. So ...welcome to the twenty-first century! It's nice here.

## C. Alcuin Becket Biography

First and foremost, let me say that I have been writing these novels over the last fifteen years. I'm a shy guy, and it's taken me this long to publish them. I did not want anyone to think I wrote five novels in one month! I didn't. They are the fruits of many, many years of hard labor. My newest novel is An Oily Glint, a novel about family guilt following a little boy's drowning.

Born and raised in Montana, I'm a child of Big Sky Country and proud of it. Although I left my home at 18 to go off to college, I return every summer to the place that moves me most deeply: Montana. I own a lovely old house in Helena, which my Aunties have helped me restore, but which my Aunt Lois's Golden Labrador (Norton, by name) think is HIS house.

I came to literature early in life, as well as my sexuality. The first I did much with, the second I kept a secret for a long while. In the end, of course, I realized as people often do that my parents and all of my Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and friends had guessed it years ago, and couldn't care less. Montanans are, generally speaking, a live and let live culture.

Within literature I found life's many meanings, outside of my religious upbringing as an Episcopalian. I was my class Valedictorian and had many offers for college. I chose to go East, rather than West, and have never regretted it. I'm actually a non-practicing attorney now, who works full-time for a non-profit organization. I write at nights and on the weekends. My life is pretty much an open book, and I'm glad you're here to share it with me.

## Mark Sutherland Simpson Biography

http://www.draculadancing.com (My author blog)
Mark Sutherland Simpson is a proud New Yorker, with an equal love for France, French and his apartment in Paris. His writing has been raising eyebrows for the last several years, including having sold the rights for at least one major film, and now lauded on several continents.

His writing has been described as "Edgy, focused, sharp, incisive," and Mark tells us that, "I think I'm part of my generation's angry-young-men movement; sick with the state of the world, the ignorance and corruption, cruelty, hypocrisy and deceit. For me, it took living in Morocco to see the world for what it truly is, and that high-voltage shock of reality left me forever changed. It's a hard, cold, uncaring world, and I challenge anyone to disprove me. I have the scars to prove it."

Mark said in an interview with FranceInter that, "I do believe in all of the oldfashioned virtues: honesty, respect, kindness, privacy, doing good in the world (honnêteté, le respect, la gentillesse, honorant la vie privée, en faisant bien au monde). But, unfortunately, the world is not eager to return the favor. All of us must work on that. Too much wickedness is done in the name of religion and culture; we cannot respect either of those simply because they exist, as we were taught to do in school. Pas du tout! Respect must be earned, and you can't earn respect through discrimination, bias, bigotry, cruelty and hatred. Toward that end, I respect parts of many cultures and some religions, but only because they have earned them."

Writing is my way of holding my personal magnifying glass over the world and then, in the fashion of Emile Zola, writing what I see and feel; or perhaps sometimes in the fashion of an angry Jessica Mitford or Dorothy Parker.

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I was born to write. Really, like a magical destiny there in my crib. My family has been publishing books since the mid 1800s (no website, Dad's orders ... sorry. We're old world). I do not, though, fall back entirely on nepotism! I have my Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of Californiaand beaucoup talent. Born and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the finest province in all of Canada, Nouvelle Ecosse, to our beloved Quebecois friends, I am too trusting and innocent ... even gullible.

I fully expect a Mark Sutherland Simpson street there in Halifx some day! I live now in New York with my big golden Lab Rufus, who is my inspiration and my love. Welcome to my world of writing. Please ... enjoy these books. They are, if I may cast my Canadian modesty aside, brilliant. Trust me ... well, you can. We Nova Scotians are the last honest people on the planet!

NOW, I must as an author (and son of an attorney apologize for the intrustion into my semi-sacred literary world of something unpleasant. A possibly crazy man with a vengeance against me has started harassing me on Amazon. The matter has long ago been turned over to my attorneys and is well in hand. But he continues to harass me, and thus you. As a teacher I can tell: someone people never or can't learn even the most basic rules of civilized society..

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