

News Release

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Longtime Writer Releases First Story Collection

After a long career as a writer in professional positions, award-winning author Dan Bruneau has published his first collection of stories. *The Journey and the Destination* includes 25 stories, mostly creative nonfiction but with several fictional pieces as well.

Bruneau explained that he began writing stories in his retirement and eventually realized he had written a book.

“I sometimes wonder if I should have titled it *The Accidental Book*,” Bruneau said. “Throughout my career I’d written for newspapers and the federal government. I wanted to try different writing forms and found it’s even more fulfilling than I anticipated.”

The book’s title is taken from one of the stories in which the narrator picks up a hitchhiker in brutal weather. During a break at a truck stop, his passenger decides to stay behind—leaving the narrator to discover years later that the brief encounter had a far greater impact than he could have imagined.

Another story, *Scared Straight*, is based on the author’s traumatic introduction to concepts of sin as a first grader at a Catholic school. He humorously compares the experience to a 1979 film in which convicts frighten juvenile delinquents into correcting the errors of their ways.

Those stories earned first place awards in a recent literary arts competition, with the judge describing Bruneau’s writing as the “best I’ve read in a long time.”

Other stories are characterized by introspection, self-deprecation, tenderness and appreciation of legacy. All carry lessons that Bruneau has followed throughout his life.

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