

E-publishing growing business

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admitted.

As are his wife and three children, who he said helped vet plot twists and proofread, sometimes at ridiculous times of the day.

Applying the maxim to "write about what you know", Furlotte developed the book's two main characters by borrowing traits from friends and family and he set many of the scenes in Markham.

'LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL RECOGNIZE STREET NAMES, LANDMARKS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTIONS THROUGHOUT THE BOOK'

Local residents will recognize street names, landmarks and neighbourhood descriptions throughout the book, Furlotte said.

Furlotte's e-publisher, VanGoach books, is a relatively new company and one of at least a half dozen e-book publishers in Canada — all of which are eagerly building their inventories.

Authors online receive a portion of the revenue the book generates — Furlotte's book costs readers \$6 to download.

It is similar in layout to regular books, with pages that turn with the click of a button and can be taken anywhere when loaded into a hand-held e-book computer, now available at many electronic stores.

While Furlotte acknowledged e-books have yet to catch on to any large extent in the market, famous authors such as Stephen King are making them popular. Furlotte noted King has published one novella as an e-book only and is currently writing one that he is releasing chapter by chapter.

Furlotte won't be taking King's approach with his next two books, *Common Foe* and *No Return*, which are being written simultaneously.

But he doesn't rule out any approach that could enable him to write full time.

"I sure would like reach the point where I can make a living at this," he said in earnest.

What will be, will be

The world is no accident, Subhash Gandhi wants you to know. Some things are destined to happen.

What has to happen, happens, the self-published author from Richmond Hill says, and our troubles come because we don't accept it.

Gandhi, 58, "a non-material-type person" who works in Markham, has written a book, *The Journey of life, As I See* (Shivdev Company Ltd.), on subjects

many people don't think much about. These are the really big questions like: Who are we? Where are we going? Death, creation, truth, love, growing old — stuff like that.

Gandhi, who published a Hindi-language book on similar topics in 1998, says it's all simple, we make life too complicated.

His publishing company is run from his Edinburgh Drive home.

To Gandhi, loneliness is not a curse. That uncomfortable feeling you get when you have nothing to do is the soul

longing for "home", the source of life. In the book, he counsels detachment, not attachment, to worldly things. If we desire something we should act, but if our desires are not fulfilled we should accept failure the way we accept winning, Gandhi says.

Also, he adds, we fight the natural changes age brings to our lives. "I'm trying to explain getting old is a good thing. We spend too much time worrying about it."

— By Mike Adler

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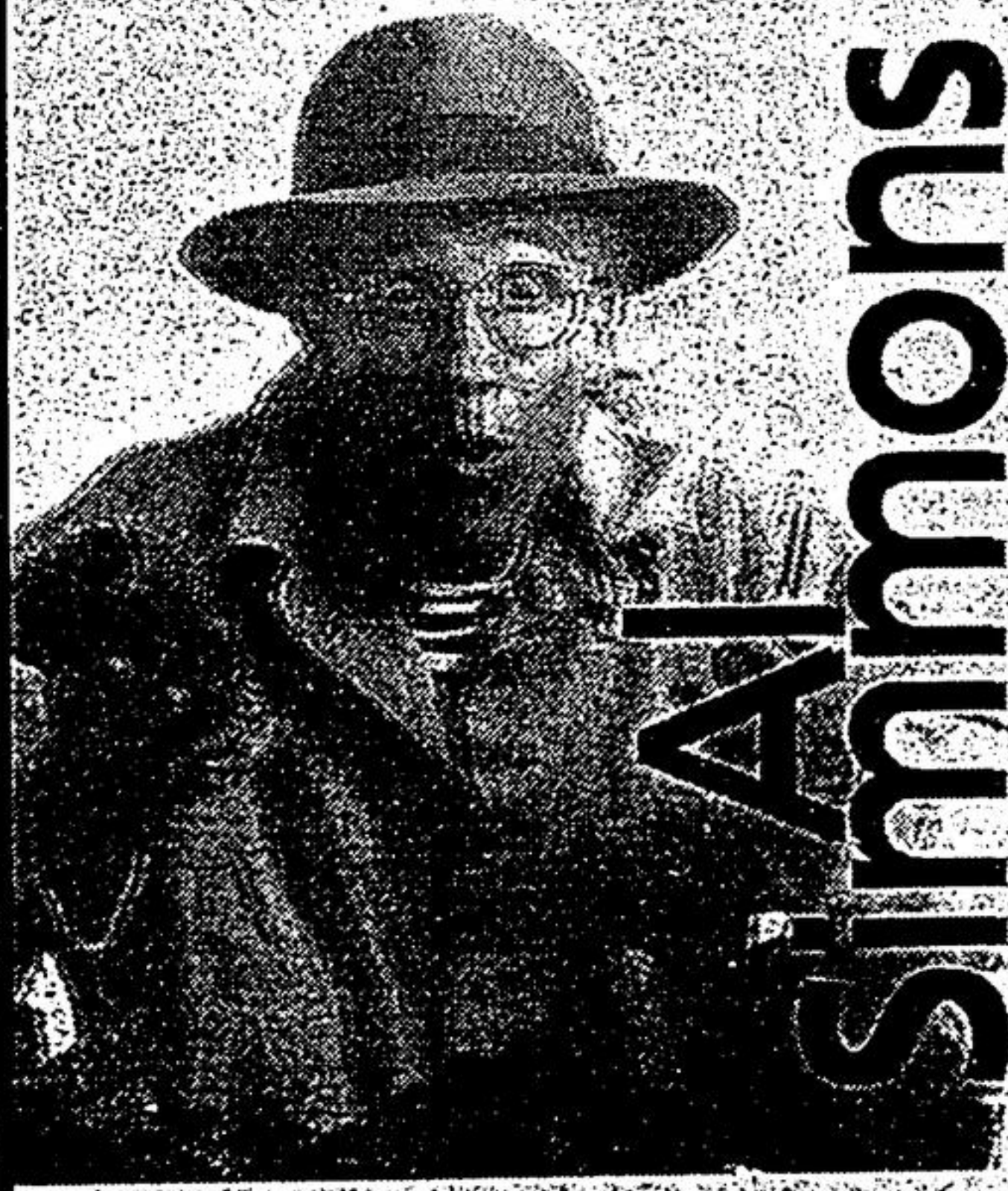
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