

AUTHOR FUN FACTS

Born

April 11 in Philadelphia

Currently Lives

Portland, Oregon

Previous Jobs

Graphic arts production manager, teacher (Montessori), fisherman deckhand, glass-bottom boat operator, commercial real estate management, band-saw operator, musician, surfer (I thought it was a job!)

Family

Wife, Robyn;
eight kids (two families)

Hobbies

Reading, boating, getting a massage, playing my guitar

AUTHOR STUDY ACTIVITY

After students have read Graham Salisbury's novels, have them discuss the various characters. Ask them to choose one and write a journal entry that the character may have written.

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GRAHAM SALISBURY

Graham Salisbury writes from the heart and draws on his own experiences of growing up in Hawaii. His drive to write about the emotional journey that kids must take to become adults in a challenging and complicated world is evident through his work.

"I was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the son of a Navy fighter pilot and an art student from the Hawaiian Islands. At the age of two months, Mom and I were shipped back to Hawaii on an appropriated luxury liner protected by a convoy of Navy destroyers. I lived, for that time crossing the Pacific Ocean, in a cardboard box under a sink.

"I spent my entire childhood on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii, the most glorious days in the most remote, most beautiful place in the world. In my teens I skippered a small glass-bottom boat and worked as a deckhand on a deep-sea charter fishing boat. I also surfed my brains out. My friends were of every imaginable race, mostly all mixed up—*haole*, Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian, Filipino, Portuguese, and many more. My stories mostly come from those guys and those times.

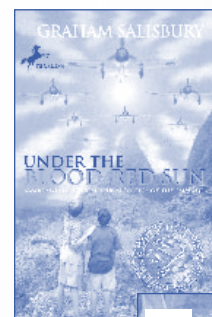
"The most significant element of my life is the fact that I was raised, essentially, without a father. Although I had three of them, I knew none of them. My real father was killed in World War II, my first stepfather died when I was 10; my second stepfather was inaccessible.

"My stories often explore friendship, loyalty, courage, honor, and the relationship between fathers and sons. That last part is for me; it's what I do to fill the fatherless void in my life. My stories come from the far corners of my mind, and if I'm lucky, from my deepest heart."

For more information on Graham Salisbury, visit www.grahamsalisbury.com



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DELVE INTO THE BOOKS!

Ask students to compare the mindset of America following the Pearl Harbor invasion to the atmosphere of fear following the World Trade Center attacks. Have them research cultural prejudice in America following acts of war like Pearl Harbor and 9/11. If possible, encourage students to interview people who were alive during both historical events. Have students write a comparative essay that juxtaposes the culture of fear following both homeland invasions.

Jungle Dogs

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Under the Blood-Red Sun

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