

## Senior Breaks Into Print

Breaking into print as a novelist is a longshot for anyone, even seasoned writers who dedicate every working hour to the goal. And for many writers, self-publishing gives a way to get into print, but with little to show for the large payment other than a trophy book that no one actually buys or sees in bookstores.

Dr. Donald Palmer, however, did manage to break into print with a real publisher at the age of 76. He had written the book a while back, but like many authors, the manuscript sat in the desk drawer for years.

Palmer tried to get the attention of major publishers, but to no avail. They just had too many manuscripts in their slush piles from which to choose. He was up against a slew of other authors, many of whom had well-known names or, at the very least, a long history of published books to their credit.

So how did he do it? Sometimes, it's not only who you know, but who you knew. Palmer is a clinical psychologist and college professor. Back in 1982 he had a student, Cory Schulman, who he taught. Thirty-five years later, Schulman who became a professional writer and established a micro-press publishing company, coincidentally looked up Palmer to see if he was still alive. He remembered what a great inspiration Palmer was to him and wanted to thank him before it was too late.

To Schulman's surprise, Palmer was not only alive and well, but still teaching after 46 years with the college. So Schulman reached out to Palmer with an old fashioned letter sent through the postal service.

When Palmer read the letter, he responded in kind, fondly remembering his former student among the thousands of students he has taught. It wasn't long before the two realized that they had something in common and started a collaboration that would last over a year until Schulman published Palmer's first novel, **Ex-Cops And Robbers**.

Schulman credits the sales of *Ex-Cops* to Palmer's great insight into human nature that enables him to create strikingly memorable characters. His sense of humor and reflective intellect makes for intriguing drama.



BSP has already received early indication that Dr. Palmer has a hit on his hands. The first comment received by a fan read, "I think that this is the funniest and refreshing book I have read in a long time. I highly recommend the book." —Linda

*Ex-Cops* has registered sales throughout the country in Texas, Massachusetts, Delaware, Virginia, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, DC, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut.

Dr. Palmer's book, *Ex-Cops and Robbers*, is available for sale through the **BestSellerPublications.com** bookstore.