**John Thompson**

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Born in Toledo, Ohio, John Thompson attended Berkshire School and Middlebury College. After a successful 25 years on Wall Street, he switched gears and turned to his ultimate love, writing. His first novel, *Armageddon Conspiracy*, was a finalist for Best Fiction by the Southern Independent Booksellers and won the Independent Publishers Gold Medal for Best Thriller.

After several more adult thrillers, he turned to writing for young readers. *The Girl From Felony Bay,* his first Middle Grade novel, was selected Best Children’s Book by the Southern Independent Booksellers, became a Junior Library Guild selection, and was a finalist for the following awards: the Black-Eyed Susan Award, South Carolina Book Award, the William Allen White Award and the Maine State Student Book Award. The sequel, *Disappearance At Hangman’s Bluff,* was also a Junior Library Guild selection.

His most recent Middle Grade, *Buccaneer’s Spit: A Race For The Treasure* is the exciting tale of two young people struggling to save a beautiful and pristine spit of land from an unscrupulous developer. The book is filled with information about the environment and conservation, sea turtles, porpoises, alligators, family issues . . . and, oh yeah, pirate treasure. Because one of the characters suffers from dyslexia, the book has been printed in OpenDyslexic typeface to make it a story all readers can enjoy.

Since moving to Charleston in 1996, in addition to writing he has worked for his local community and served on a number of boards including: National Advisory Board of Donors Choose, The MUSC Children’s Hospital, MUSC Foundation, Charleston Collegiate School, Ashley Hall School, Reading Partners and The Coastal Conservation League. He divides his time between Charleston, SC and Blooming Grove, PA and lives with his wife, Julia Forster and his rescue Pitbull, Annabelle.