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# AJ ANTHONY...

is a San Francisco Bay Area native, where he studied business, art and design. He began bartending right out of college (in his first life) for over 15 years in a variety of pubs, restaurants, and night clubs. In *Bar Tales - A Bartender's Story Vol. 1*, he has integrated and woven years of interesting, real-world experiences from that time in his life into this work.

He currently has *Barsoap - Life Behind Bars Vol. 2*, and a sci-fi novel entitled, *Confessions of a Creator*, in his pipeline for 2023. In addition to being an author, he is a graphic designer and audiobook narrator. He designed all of the art for the book cover the companion guide. He has also narrated the audiobook version. He appreciates many forms of art, plays USTA tennis, and races SCCA autocross.

***"I hope you will listen to or read and enjoy my first novel project entitled *Bar Tales - A Bartender's Story Vol. 1*. It is filled with many of my actual experiences over the years in the trenches, woven into a compelling storyline with rich characters. It's also loaded with lots of fun and interesting extras."***

He currently lives in Phoenix, Arizona with his wife Angee and three cats. He would love to hear from anyone who has perused his work. He is offering a free companion book for those who buy and sign up for his newsletter. He wishes you all well and a prosperous future.

## BAR TALES A BARTENDER'S STORY - VOL 1 BY AJ ANTHONY

24 years ago, Beau Garrett abandoned his best friend and business partner to die a needless death. A mistake that still haunts him to this day. Unbeknownst to him the dead man's son is now his nightclub's best bartender, hellbent on revenge. Can Sean uncover the truth before his own demise? Strap in for a fun and wild ride.

Dark...Humorous...Captivating. Magic Mike meets Breaking Bad.

Over 20 years in the making, *Bar Tales, A Bartender's Story Vol, 1* is a fast-paced, erotic dramedy featuring Sean Collins, accountant turned bartender.

Shortly after his mother's tragic death, he receives a letter from her regarding his father, whom he never knew. She believes what was ruled accidental death over 20 years ago was actually murder by his business partner, Beau Garrett. Acting on this information, Sean immerses himself into the chaotic, addictive world of bartending in an upscale night club owned by Garrett, in order to get close to him and uncover the truth. The answers are there if he can survive the barflies, jealous husbands, drugs, thugs, dealers, and the treacherous club owner. It's an insider's look and exposure to bar culture and lifestyle, filled with excessive partying, promiscuity, and drug abuse. An interesting, fun, and wild ride through the cycles of that world. Experience the decadence through the eyes of a former industry insider, without the guilt, hangovers and peril. Reader *indiscretion* is advised.



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## WITH AUTHOR

# AJ ANTHONY

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**Q: Is writing your passion or emotion?**

I believe it's all about emotion. That's what I look for in any type of story. If it can evoke some kind of emotional response, then it has done its job.

**Q: What was that final or provoking thought that made you write your first book?**

I wanted readers to have a taste of what the bar lifestyle was like. This is based loosely on my life in that world. I like to call it my auto **bar**ography.

**Q: How does writing brings out the best in you?**

Any kind of creative expression is gratifying. Producing a finished product of this magnitude is an achievement that I will use as a springboard to create more.

**Q: How can you bring up a change to the literature world?**

I don't have illusions that I will change the literary world, my goal is to contribute a little enjoyment and escapism for the readers and listeners.

**Q: What is your favorite Quote?**

*"No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader. No surprise in the writer, no surprise in the reader."*

- Robert Frost

**Q: How does writing inspire you the most?**

It gives me the sense that I can accomplish anything with some imagination and hard work.

**Q: What are common traps for aspiring writers?**

Writing is not a race. Good things take time. Don't be discouraged if it takes longer than you think. Stick with it, trudge on to produce your best work.

**Q: For you, what is the meaning of being a writer?**

An expression of something you've been storing inside and sharing it intimately with the readers.

**Q: How do you feel being an author?**

It's quite rewarding to see your work out there for the world to enjoy.

**Q: What kind of research do you do, and how long do you spend researching before beginning a book?**

For Bar Tales, I drew from my over 15 years of experience as a bartender. I've accumulated many interesting stories over the years and have woven them into this semi-fictional work. Of course, this kind of research isn't necessary for every project, but research is important to keep in contact with the illusion of the story and not shatter the suspension of disbelief.

**Q: Do you try more to be original or to deliver to readers what they want?**

That's a tricky balance. This is an original story and I believe I have delivered what readers would like as well. It's important not to go too far one way or the other in most cases.

**Q: Do you think someone could be a writer if they don't feel emotions strongly?**

They most certainly can, but it will show and translate into the depth of their work.

**Q: Do you have any upcoming book? What is it about?**

Bar Tales - A Bartender's Story Vol. 2 is in the works for 2023. It is the continuing story of the characters from Vol. 1. I also have a WIP entitled "Confessions of a Creator", a sci-fi novella coming soon.

**Q: How do you feel about your book being featured in DE MODE?**

*"The exposure is fantastic! I'm looking forward to your readers' response. Thank you for the opportunity to share my project."*



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