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'Unknown' Author Challenges 100 Great Novelists

The Great American Read aired recently on PBS and kicked things into high gear for a Washington man committed to seeing his 92-year-old father, W.D. 'Bill' McIntyre, become a widely published author. The PBS show, "an eight-part series that explores and celebrates the power of reading", features 100 novels chosen by a national survey. Each episode will encourage America to vote for their favorites; the winner being revealed during the final episode in October 2018.

"'Rowena', one of seven unpublished novels by my dad, obviously couldn't be selected for the PBS series", said Scott McIntyre, the founder of Read My Dad's Stuff (a Facebook page and blog promoting his dad's writing), "but that doesn't mean his work would be less appealing to the reading public. Since beginning this publishing project," he explained, "I recognized from events such as TV talent competitions, that many very gifted people were simply less well known."

According to Scott, as he watched the launch of The Great American Read, his course of action became clear...get 'Rowena' published, hold simultaneous public voting and then compare the results after the final episode airs in October. And that's when he hit the first road block.

He began investigating the publishing process the day after PBS aired its program and found that a typical timeline for publication could be 45-90 days, which didn't include the editing process. "That was a huge blow to my plans", he reported "as it won't give dad's book enough time to fairly compete with the other novels."

Exploring options, he found a company that could convert 'Rowena' to an e-book format in a little over a week, thru bypassing the editing process. "In order to move forward," Scott said, "it looked like I would be forced to send a 'raw' manuscript up against 100 well known novels, but the risk was worth it."

'Rowena' won't be the first published work of his father, a longtime resident of a small-town in Eastern Washington. In 1981, Virtue Magazine included his short story, "Joy of Listening" in its March/April edition. "It will be", Scott admits, "the first try at self-publishing." "I'm hoping", he concluded, "that when enough people become aware of his writing ability, a publishing company will come knocking with an offer. And we'll be able to give them quite a collection, since in addition to the seven completed novels, dad has also penned 125 poems and nearly 50 short stories."

To stay current on 'Rowena's progress in this challenge of the literary ages, Scott suggests people visit ReadMyDadsStuff.com and sign up to receive free email updates.

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Read My Dad's Stuff (<https://www.facebook.com/readmydadsstuff/> and <http://www.readmydadsstuff.com/>) is my effort to get a publishing contract for my 92-year-old father. He served in the US Navy during WWII and never went officially past the 6th grade but his writing certainly doesn't reflect that.

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