



# Robert Pacilio

## Teacher, Author

### 1978-2009



#### Teaching

- Robert Pacilio was born to teach. He taught English for 32 years exclusively at Mt. Carmel High School and was named San Diego County's "1998 Teacher of the Year." During those years he was the English Chair, the Literary Magazine Advisor, and Advisor of the California State Champion Speech and Debate program. His numerous original Readers Theaters help fund the program and gained Mt. Carmel local notoriety. He was a frequent speaker at the California Teachers of English Association, as well as the California Teachers Association. While teaching at Mt. Carmel, Mr. Pacilio also was a core adjunct professor at National University for 22 years and at USIU University (now Alliant), and he worked with the Teach for America candidates in 2017. He retired from teaching in 2010 and began his "second act" as a writer.

#### Writing

- In 2018, Mr. Pacilio's fourth and newest novel *Meet Me at Moonlight Beach* is set in his home town of Encinitas and was recently featured in *The Coast News*, the *Encinitas Advocate*, and *Encinitas Magazine*.
- In 2015, Mr. Pacilio debuted his novel *The Restoration* which is set in Coronado and regales its readers of the island's unique and historical 'movie house' known as The Village Theater. The novel is now featured on the Village Teacher's website, and Mr. Pacilio has been the featured speaker at the Coronado's Historical Society.
- In 2008, Mr. Pacilio's first novel *Meetings at the Metaphor Café* was nominated for the California Young Reader Medal. It has been adopted in various school districts as part of their literary curriculum. He followed up with the sequel *Midnight Comes to the Metaphor Café*, which also introduced two of Mt. Carmel's alumni musician Saba Berenji and Jasmine DeAndres, San Diego's "Make a Wish" winner.

#### Awards

- 1991 Coach of California State Champions in Debate –Mt Carmel High School
- 1997-2000 Mentor Teacher Poway Unified; Mentor Selection Committee 1995-1996
- 1999 San Diego County "Teacher of the Year"
- 1999 San Diego Masons "Teacher of the Year"
- 1999 (San Diego) Wal-Mart "Teacher of the Year"
- 1999 *San Diego Magazine's* "Top Ten Teachers to Watch"
- 2000 Disney Hand's Top 100 Teachers
- 2000 National Board Certified Teacher (English)
- 2000 *Creative Communication's* -Top Ten Teacher Poets Award
- 2006 California Association of Teachers of English –Professional Writing Essay Winner
- 2010 *Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction: National Society of High School Scholars*