

## Meet Author Hank Frazee



Hank grew up in Los Angeles, in an area that was still somewhat rural at the time, with orange orchards overlaying the neighborhoods, horses to ride and barns and streams to explore. For many folks, Southern California conjures up images of movie stars and the fast lane. And his wonderful neighbor Engineer Bill did have his own children's show on a local channel, but in Hank's world most everyone was family, neighbor or friend.

Hank and his friends skateboarded, built tree houses and rode their bikes to school. They spent afternoons hunting for frogs and snakes and gathering pollywogs in buckets, from a nearby stream they fittingly called "Pollywog Pond." Hank began thinking about writing when he was about twelve. He loved the Hardy Boys, Huck Finn, Superman comic books and anything else he could find with adventure, mystery and travel to faraway places.

His Aunt Janice and Uncle Gordon loved the outdoors and took Hank and his many cousins hiking, camping, canoeing, white water rafting, and skiing. At their cabin near Lake Tahoe, he spent some of the

best days of his childhood. The mountains and rivers remain his favorite destination.

Hank's mother emphasized the importance of family history and told many stories about her family. He learned a lot about his dad's sometimes raucous childhood through his stories. It is no wonder that with this heritage and his love of books Hank went on to study English Literature and earn his degree from UCLA. When his children arrived, Hank gradually became an avid storyteller himself.

Underneath Hank's mild-mannered-reporter persona is a truly adventurous spirit and probably a bit of Norman Rockwell as well. "I paint life as I would like it to be," Rockwell once said. In essence, Hank's storytelling embodies that quote. He enjoys re-capturing his life as it was, so that his children might get a glimpse of the world he grew up in. And so he's continued his family tradition of storytelling and hopes it will continue for generations to come.

Hank has been active in the insurance business for twenty-seven years and is the founder and president of HW Frazee and Company, a firm that sells life insurance for estate planning. He is in the top one percent of life insurance agents internationally and has received numerous insurance industry awards. But he's never taken it for granted, keeping his Straw Hat Pizza Palace "Assistant Manager" nametag from a college job in the front tray of his desk drawer to remind him how far he's come.

Hank serves on several non-profit boards and is the Scoutmaster of his son's troop. His family is his greatest passion. He lives in Southern California with his wife and their three children.