

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

For Melinda Taliencich Falgoust, writing isn't something she does for a living – it's something she *has* to do.

“When you have so many wonderful characters occupying you're your thoughts, ones who are having so many glorious adventures, it's almost impossible to get anything done! But, I love calling myself a writer. It justifies the voices in my head.” Falgoust laughs.

Well, with five kids, four jobs, three dogs, a two-car driveway, and one extremely patient husband, it's difficult to imagine that there's any time left for writing, but Falgoust manages to carve out slices of time to do what she loves – create whole worlds and characters that she hopes invite readers to join in on the adventures.

The concept for *The Gubbins Club: The Legend of Charlie's Gold* came from Falgoust's love of adventure and particular penchant for Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*. “It was always one of my favorite adventure tales and when I came across an article about a long lost Scottish treasure, the spark of an idea was born.”

Falgoust also saw a chance to help foster a love of history and the classics in a new generation of readers by incorporating the works of Robert Louis Stevenson as integral clues in a madcap chase through historical Edinburgh. “The trick to teaching is 10% lecture and 90% entertainment,” Falgoust suggests from her years as an elementary educator.

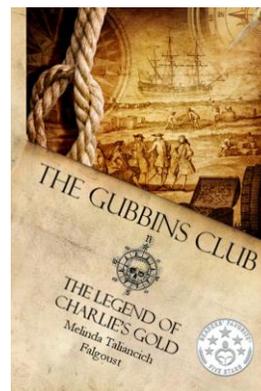


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In fact, readers are invited by Falgoust to join in some online adventure and printable fun and solve a series of puzzles, riddles and clues based on the book. Educators will find a handy guide which includes cross-curricular lesson plan ideas.

Born and raised near New Orleans, Louisiana, Falgoust started writing at a young age. She didn't start submitting for publication until after her honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy. After a short piece was accepted by *Reader's Digest*, Falgoust received a string of awards for other short stories and children's works. *The Gubbins Club: The Legend of Charlie's Gold* is her first full-length novel.

Currently, she is working on the sequel entitled *The Gubbins Club: The Curse of Atahualpa* as well as two adult mystery suspense novels which she hopes to see released in 2015.



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The Legend of
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