



Brief Biography

JK is an American author who writes Fiction.

He is a founding member of the Baby Boomer Generation.

He was born in the 20th century in the Union Pacific railroad town of Kelso, California in the Mojave desert.

His father was a Union Pacific train engineer who had graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with an electrical engineering degree, cum laude.

His father's ancestors were instrumental in founding the town of Kelso, which had a large railroad station with a cafeteria and bunks for people to sleep.

His mother was an ingénue, half Mexican and half white, who had won a beauty contest in El Paso, Texas. She was spotted by a talent scout from Warner Brothers Studios who signed her to a contract and she was taking a train to Hollywood to begin her path to fame.

Unfortunately for Hollywood, a flash flood sweeping through the Mojave desert forced the train to remain a couple of days in Kelso. His father, being a practicing extrovert, started up a conversation with her which led to marriage and the birth of JK and another child.

JK matriculated at the University of California, spent some quality time in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, and obtained a law degree while incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison for some minor felonies. He had been a second-year law student at one of the prestigious universities in the Bay Area at the time of arrest. In prison he was the proverbial jailhouse lawyer, both for inmates and guards. After he was released on parole, he took and passed the California State Bar examination. A private investigator working for his appellate attorney discovered some exculpatory evidence that the district attorney had not shared with JK's trial counsel. He was pardoned by the Governor and then the California State Bar gave him a license to drink at any bar in the state, and to practice law in all of the state courts. The former he did sparingly, the latter he did vigorously for all of his clients.

He retired after two score plus years in the profession, having represented almost 1000 criminal defendants and about the same number of civil litigants.

He is married and lives on a hilltop in eastern San Diego County with sweeping views from Mexico across San Diego county to the west and the Pacific Ocean.

For recreation, or actually for a Good Life, to quote his eponymous character from his novel, *I, Natalya*: "give me surf or give me death."—he surfs.

He writes because *It* is part of his *Being* and calls for Words, Words, Words.