REX OWENS – BIOGRAPHY

Irish newspaper reports on children injured in the Peace Zone in Belfast, inspired Rex Owens to write his first novel *Murphy's Troubles*, which explores the complexity of "The Troubles" in Ireland through the eyes of Ian Murphy, an IRA volunteer and writer, who in time questions the decisions he has made. Book two in the Irish Troubles Series, *Out of Darkness*, was published in June 2015 and the final book in the series, *Dead Reckoning*, launched in April 2018.

His fourth novel, *The Life and Times of Rowan Daly*, was inspired by a National Public Radio piece on the Pack Horse Librarian Project during the Great Depression. This project was specifically created to help women find employment and improve the literacy of eastern Kentucky.

Rex's work explores people's motives when making life-changing decisions and reveals common themes in our lifetime journey.

In addition to writing Owens is the host of the award winning radio talk show 'My World and Welcome to It' which airs and streams live the first and third Monday every month at 10:30 am on 103.5 FM at: <u>www.sunprairiemediacenter.com</u>.

Rex supports local libraries by serving as the President of the Sun Prairie Public Library Board and President of the Dane County Library Services Board. An avid reader, Rex is the discussion leader for the Wednesday Afternoon Book Club at his local library.