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BIOGRAPHY
JOHN PASSARELLA

BRAM STOKER AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

John Passarella was born and raised in the Philadelphia suburbs where he graduated from Interboro High School in Prospect Park, PA. In 2001, John earned the distinction of being inducted into Interboro High School's Hall of Fame for professional achievement. After graduating from Widener University (Chester, PA) with a business degree, John worked an accountant and later as a computer systems administrator for a printing company in New Jersey.

John's lifelong dream of being a professional writer became a reality in November 1997, when Columbia Pictures, in a pre-publication, preemptive bid, purchased the film rights to his debut co-authored novel *Wither* in a six-figure deal—against a seven-figure deal for a finished film. Less than a week later, after intense interest in New York circles, Pocket Books purchased world rights in a two-book deal.

Published in hardcover in 1999, *Wither* [with Joe Gangemi, writing as "J.G. Passarella"], won the Horror Writers Association's prestigious Bram Stoker Award for Best First Novel of that year. *Wither* was an "Editor's Choice" and a horror bestseller in hardcover and paperback at *Amazon.com*, and was also a selection of the Literary Guild/ Doubleday Book Club and the Science Fiction Book Club. Pocket has since sold Czech and Russian translation rights to *Wither*.

John's second novel, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Ghoul Trouble* [an original novel based on the popular television series] was a *Locus* magazine media tie-in bestseller. His third novel was *Angel: Avatar*, an original novel based on the WB television series. June 2004 saw the publication of his third media tie-in novel, *Angel: Monolith*.

John's sixth novel, *Wither's Legacy* (a standalone sequel to *Wither and Wither's Rain, 2003*) was published in 2004 and continued the series based upon the character he introduced in *Wither*, Wendy Ward, a college co-ed and Wiccan. John's most recent novel, *Kindred Spirit* (Pocket Books), a paranormal thriller set in the Philadelphia area, was published in June 2006.

In March 2009, John will (initially) release his latest novel—the supernatural thriller *Shimmer*— as a free, weekly eSerial in several eBook formats through his official Website, www.passarella.com.

John resides in New Jersey with his wife and three young children. He is the Webmaster for several *New York Times* bestselling authors, including Nicholas Sparks, Harlan Coben and Michael Palmer.