

## About Jack Woodville London

### Author of *French Letters: Engaged in a War*



Army veteran and acclaimed author Jack Woodville London has long shared a passion for history and literature. Inspired from his love of history and military experience, London is the author of the extensively researched historical-fiction trilogy, “French Letters.”

His new book, *French Letters: Engaged in War* (978-0-9821207-1-2, Vire Press, September 2010, \$15.99), follows Will Hastings, a young army doctor, who arrives in Normandy on D-Day.

The second installment of the “French Letters” trilogy, *Engaged in War* is not just a typical war story that recounts battles and events. It is largely a character-driven story detailing the profound impact war has on soldiers and the moral dilemmas that often arise. Uniquely, the second book in the series takes place at the exact same time as the events in the first, *Virginia’s War* (Vire Press, 2009) – making it a parallelquel.

Much like the hometown of the characters in his books, London was born and raised in Groom, a small town in West Texas. After graduating from Groom High School in 1965, London attended West Texas State University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in history and foreign relations. He attended the University of Texas School of Law and graduated in 1972.

After receiving his law degree, London served in the United States Army, where he was a quartermaster officer during the Vietnam War era. London was assigned to several bases, including Fort Knox, Fort Hood and Fort Lee.

London’s debut novel, *French Letters: Virginia’s War*, released to much praise and was a finalist for three top awards: the Military Writers’ Society of America’s Best Historical Novel of the Year, the Williams Foundation’s Willie Morris Best Novel of the South and Dear Author’s Best Novel with a Romantic Element.

London honed his craft while attending a writing school in Ste. Céré, France, in 2003. He is currently a member of the Writers’ League of Texas, the Panhandle Professional Writers and the Military Writers Society of America.

London and his wife, Alice, reside in Austin, Texas, where he has practiced law since leaving active duty. They have three grown children. In addition to literature and history, London enjoys traveling, is fluent in Spanish and French, and is currently learning to speak Italian. London is a life-long runner and active in the lively Austin running community. Among his running achievements were the 1988 Dutch Olympic marathon trials. For information, please visit [www.JWLBooks.com](http://www.JWLBooks.com).