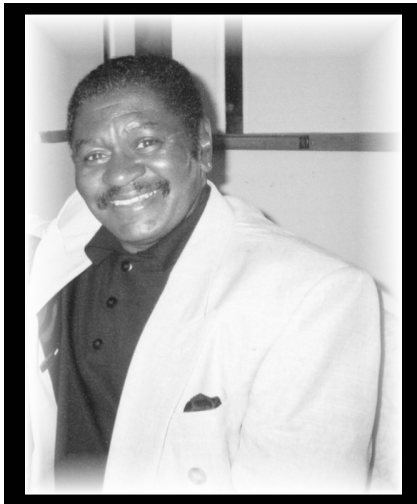


## [Books In Sync Recognizes Terry Fulgham For A Second Year Author](#)

[Books In Sync Author Terry Fulgham's Books](#) Include [Battling the Blessings](#) His Autobiography And A Mystery Crime Fiction Titled [Garden of Souls](#).



**Terry Fulgham** has authored two books. 'Battling The Blessings' is his autobiography. 'Garden of Souls' is Terry Fulgham's second book. Born in the early forty's in Flint, Michigan; Terry Fulgham is the author of "Battling The Blessings", a Recover alcoholic / drug user who shares his story of how he made it through his circumstances that there is a way out. Although he has been a working on this book for two years since 2005, the book became a full-time reality in 2007; a gift he says was given to him by God. Terry is a former alcoholic/drug user and has been clean and recovery since April 22, 1987.

### **Accomplishments:**

Professional Videography, computer video editing, a member of Mentors Video Group of Michigan is a combined effort of video enthusiasts who are willing to share their knowledge in the art of video production. Charter Member of the Michigan Independent Videographers Association, Former Member of the National Wedding Videographers Association, Dental Technical for over Thirty years, student Instructor at Great Lakes Academy ( making and repairing dentures), Instructor the basic learning of PC Computer and Graphic Designing, Certificate of Achievement The Art and Science of Container Gardening from Michigan State University, Retired from the Automobile Industry, Life time membership as a UAW member, Journeyman Cement Finisher in the building and Trade, Held membership in AFL-CIO, Life Time Supporter of all Unions.

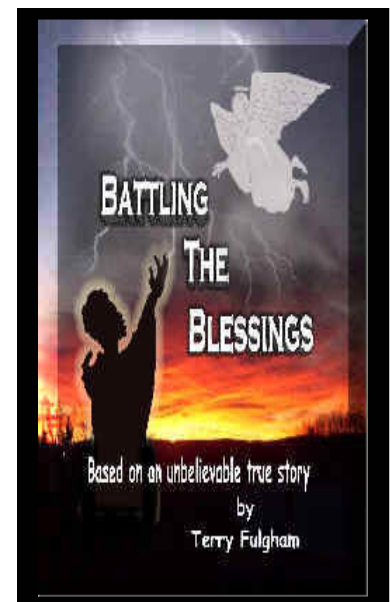
## [Featuring Author Terry Fulgham's Books:](#)

### [Battling the Blessings](#)

Is an Autobiography of One man Struggle of Courage and Hope and His Personal Journey Through years of alcoholic/drug addiction, failed marriage, family life, illness, and finally self - discovery. My life story may relate to teens in high school who go though many problems in their relationships. Such as; dealing with teenage peer pressure, alcohol/drug addiction, violence, illness, faith, etc. My personal experience of life on the street as a teenage and adult using drugs and alcohol. In Flint , Michigan before getting my life together and making something of myself. The decisions and choices you make in your life today can, and will, forever change your tomorrows.

### **Book Review:**

Battling the Blessings is author Terry Fulgham's life story which spans over fifty years, reflecting on his childhood, the teen years, and into his adulthood. Fulgham changed the names of the characters, including his own, to protect the innocent.



We meet Reggie Manchester-Pallor as a nine-year-old in 1956. Reggie lived in Flint, Michigan with his grandparents, who he lovingly referred to as “Big Mama” and “Papa Manchester.”

The Manchester house was a caring, respectful, and disciplined Christian home. Growing up then was different than it is today; children only spoke to adults when they were spoken to. If a kid stepped out of line, they were spanked. Reggie saw his share of spankings, or whippings, as he called them. Reggie was very close to his grandparents and, as his father was not around; Papa Manchester was his only male influence.

The passing of Papa Manchester left a profound emptiness in 10-year-old Reggie’s life, leaving him with a feeling of helplessness. A few months after the loss of his grandfather, Reggie met Jesse “Pancake” Stoner. Reggie was small for his age and a favorite target of bullies. Pancake was one of the biggest kids in school. With Pancake around, no one bothered Reggie. Pancake and Reggie grew to be as close as brothers, and together were both respected and feared in their neighborhood.

At age 13, Reggie, Pancake and their friends began drinking wine, smoking, and later, stealing cars. Reggie was the only one of his friends to graduate from high school. In the last few years of school, he held numerous jobs where he was known as a hard and dedicated worker. This weekday life differed greatly from his weekends, as he continued to love the street life. Drinking alcohol and cough syrup (for a codeine high), popping pills, fighting, stealing, and chasing girls filled his off work hours. Big Mama doubted Reggie would see his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday if he didn’t stop his street life.

The failure of his second marriage and the death of a close friend had Reggie drinking more than ever and deeper into drugs and his life of crime. It took losing a fight to a younger man, being severely beaten, and his mother’s desperate pleading for him to straighten out his life to get Reggie to take his sobriety seriously and pray, “Lord, stop me from drinking.”

Much more than a story of addiction, *Battling the Blessings* is a snapshot of American history. Fulgham treats us with his memories of growing up in the 50’s and 60’s, using the slang and lingo of that time in his realistic dialogue. He adds the music, clothes, hairstyles, and vehicles of the day and tells his riveting story with his own unique style to take us back to that turbulent time.

*Battling the Blessings* isn’t simply a kid-gets-hooked-on-booze-and-drugs-and-turns-his life around story. It is an unflinching and inspiring telling of a man’s struggle with himself and his demons. Fulgham doesn’t make excuses for his actions; he takes full responsibility. Reggie isn’t a bad guy—he is a smart, compassionate person who just made many bad choices. I found myself cheering for him, hoping that he would one day leave the street life behind and make himself and his family proud.

This is Fulgham’s first book. However, he writes with the skill of a seasoned author. He knows how to spin a story in a way that will affect and captivate his reader. Often, I was laughing at his humor, shaking my head in shock, and misting up at a sad passage all in the same chapter. I highly recommend this entertaining glimpse into a remarkable life.

**Reviewed by William Potter for Reader’s Choice Reviews**

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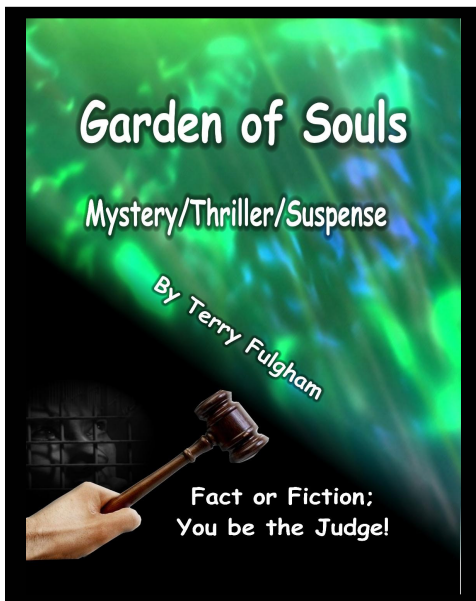
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### [Garden Of Souls](#) by Terry Fulgham

**Garden Of Souls** is a story based on fiction that could actually be a true story because of its story context. This story is about two men, Peter Knight and George Martin, whose lives seem to cross paths over their teenage years and on through adulthood. Though they were never friends, by some unusual force in the universe, they feel this strange closeness to each other.

#### **Book Review:**

The subtitle of *Garden of Souls* reads, “Fact or Fiction. You be the Judge.” Whether or not author Terry Fulgham based his book on a true story or from his imagination, it is a remarkable read.

We meet Peter Knight and George Martin seconds after the end of the 1965 Michigan State Golden Gloves boxing tournament, Lt. Heavyweight title fight. Both young men feel battered and

beaten. Each prepares to suffer a loss, only to learn that they will share the championship when the fight is declared a draw.

Soon after, Peter enters law school and George goes to jail when he returns to his life of crime. Never close, the two are forever connected by the fight. George learns to accept that he actually lost the fight, while Peter can never acknowledge defeat to a two-bit criminal.

George finds himself pitted against Peter again and again. First, when Peter is an upstart District Attorney and later, when Peter is a Judge. Peter never misses a chance to make George pay for the only defeat of Peter’s life.

Years later, George is finally free of prison. He promises his family that he will give up his criminal lifestyle and never go back to jail. Meanwhile, the ambitious Peter positions himself for the Governor’s mansion. This sets up a rematch of sorts as the two meet once more in a climactic face to face.

I believe this quick read, written much like a screenplay, could become a wonderful motion picture. Fulgham's writing style is raw and emotional. He captivates readers with the potent and believable story of two intriguing yet very different characters. The ending packs a wallop and is sure to have you drying moist eyes.

I highly recommend Garden Of Souls. If you enjoy great stories, pick up a copy at Lulu or Amazon...you won't be disappointed.

**Highly recommended by William Potter for Reader's Choice Reviews**

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