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TOS Paul Alleyne Once Hated Writing, but Now is a Published Author

By ARLENE LIM

(April 26, 2005) Paul Alleyne can now add published author to a resume that already includes more than 20 years of service at Metro.

Alleyne began his career at Metro as a bus operator in 1983 and has since climbed the ranks. Now, Transit Operator Supervisor Alleyne calls West Hollywood Division 7 home.

Alleyne's debut novel, *"Whatever It Takes"*, was self-published earlier this year through I Universe and is now available worldwide.

The novel is filled with twists about love, friendship, redemption and forgiveness. It follows Traci Adams, who at a young age, was kidnapped from her family. Though facing many adversities growing up, Traci hires a private investigator to find her mother and sister.

"I was interested in doing a story that was purely fictional but, at the same time, reflected real situations," said Alleyne. "It's a story people can learn from and be entertained by."

First came a screenplay

Alleyne's first attempt at developing the story was a screenplay, which later developed into the novel. The entire novel took Alleyne about a year and a half to write.

Alleyne didn't always love writing the way he does now. "In high school I hated to write. I hated writing essays."

These days he always has pens and note pads around, ready to write ideas down at a moment's notice. Alleyne advises young writers to do the same. "Write and get into the practice of always writing, it will get you to the next level."

Besides having a passion for writing, Alleyne loves all things visual. He enjoys photography, painting and furniture design, to name a few.

Currently, Alleyne is working on a screenplay of *"Whatever It Takes"* and three new titles, two of which are fictional. If sales take off, he also has plans of re-editing *"Whatever It Takes"* and re-releasing it as a hardback.

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