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PATTI WHEELER

Patti Wheeler grew up in Picketville, Florida. The daughter of loving parents, a truck driver always on the road and a faith-driven housewife, Patti had a rather sheltered youth. At an early age, this small-town girl buried her nose in books and escaped into the sweeping sagas created by James Michener and other popular writers of the day.

Her love of books sparked a desire to travel and see the world. At age 20, she moved to Puerto Rico and became a flight attendant. Throughout her life, she has been an entrepreneur. In the late 1980s, she co-created “Funnays,” a clothing and product line based on popular icons like Spuds Mackenzie, Blondie and Hagar the Horrible. The company went from fledgling start-up to being publicly traded. In 1998, she formed the Wheeler Investment Group, which purchased historic properties. She designed and renovated the properties, including the historic Clay Theatre in Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Patti feels her greatest accomplishment is being the mother to twins Gannon and Wyatt. Her priority has been to educate and nurture and to help the boys develop the important qualities of generosity, leadership and compassion.

For years, it has been Patti’s goal to create a children’s book series that instills the spirit of exploration in young people. *Travels with Gannon and Wyatt* is the realization of her dream. (Future books include adventures in the Great Bear Rainforest, Egypt and the Serengeti.)

In addition to the book series, Patti is the founder of Claim Stake Productions/Publishing, executive producer and director of the TV pilot *Travels with Gannon and Wyatt Off the Beaten Path: Egypt* and co-wrote, with Keith Hemstreet, the screenplay *Botswana*, which was an official selection of the 2010 Beverly Hills Film Festival.

Patti lives in Aspen, Colorado, with her husband and sons.

KEITH HEMSTREET

Keith Hemstreet grew up in West Palm Beach, studied at Florida State University and received an MBA from Appalachian State University.

He worked as a Producer/Writer on the television series *Playground Earth*, an extreme sports variety show broadcast on Fox Sports Net. His writing has been nominated as a finalist for the Pirate’s Alley/Faulkner Award, the New Century Writer’s Award and the Zoetrope Screenwriting Competition.

Keith lives in Aspen, Colorado, with his wife and three daughters.