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Gerry and Janet Souter have been a writing team since 1995 when they created their company, Avril 1 Group, Inc. They have authored and co-authored more than 40 non-fiction and fiction books for mainstream publishers covering such categories as: popular history, biographies, juvenile, art books, military history, business and the Internet.

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**Gerry Souter, elected to: ASJA (American Society of Journalists and Authors), SMA (Society of Midland Authors), The American Dramatists Guild**

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### Education

- School of the Art Institute of Chicago / University of Chicago – Interior Design, Education: Bachelor of Art Education, Honors in Photography

### Background Experience

- Co-owner – Avril1 Group, Inc., media production, author of books on popular history, business, the Internet, architecture, art, biographies, video programs, business presentations
- Producer, Director, Project Manager, Writer  
Motivation Media, Inc., eleven years with assignments in  
Canada, Taiwan and Alaska – industrial video, radio, television  
production, meeting design & preparation  
  
Motorola, eight years, international projects:  
Venezuela, Mexico, Germany  
France, United Kingdom, Puerto Rico
- Photographer, Writer  
Magazine journalist, four years, over 100 national and international feature  
articles including: hotel and restaurant reviews, city guidebooks and travel  
adventures, business case histories and sales literature  
  
Freelance Photojournalist, seven years, international assignments:  
Alaska, Northwest Territories, Canada, Liberia, West Africa

Denmark, British Isles, Hawaii, Egypt, the Caribbean, Olympic Games, Indianapolis 500 Mile Race, Formula One Racing – Silverstone, England

- Cinematographer
  - Pan American Games – Puerto Rico
  - Winter Olympics – Lake Placid, NY
  
- Photographer
  - Federal Poverty Program, two years
  - “Face of Poverty” Traveling Show
  - Chicago Tribune, two years
  - Illinois Association of Press Photographers Award
  - Yuma News Enterprise newspaper, asst. editor, photographer six months
  
- Professional Education
  - Architecture & Interior Design, Charles Reynolds, AIA
  - Film and video directing, Paul Gray
  - Cinematography, Vilmos Zsigmond ASC
  
- Hobbies
  - Pistol and Rifle marksmanship and bass fishing
  - World War II history

**Janet Souter , Society of Midland Authors, Barrington Writers Workshop**

Co-author of 30 books as president of Avril 1 Group, Inc.

Education

- School of the Chicago Art Institute – Four Year Diploma
- Harper College – Associate Bachelor of Arts

General Background Experience

- Magazine layout artist, two years
- Painter, sculptor, five years
- Travel Industry, eleven years
- Columnist-editor, Daily Herald newspapers 2001 - present