



A former trial attorney, William Bernhardt has received several awards for his pro bono work and public service. In 1994, Barrister Magazine named him one of the top 25 young lawyers in America. Today William Bernhardt is the bestselling author of more than forty books, including the blockbuster Ben Kincaid series of novels, the historical novel *Nemesis: The Final Case of Eliot Ness*, currently being adapted into a miniseries, a book of poetry (*The White Bird*), and a series of books on fiction writing. He has been nominated for the Oklahoma Book Award fourteen times, and has received the Southern Writers Guild Gold Medal Award.

Mr. Bernhardt is also one of the nation's most in-demand writing instructors. In addition, he founded the Red Sneaker Writing Center, hosting writing workshops and small-group seminars across the nation. His monthly eBlast, *The Red Sneaker Writers Newsletter*, reaches over twenty thousand people.

In addition to his work as a writer and teacher, in 1999, he founded HAWK Publishing Group. HAWK has published books by acclaimed authors such as Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist N. Scott Momaday, Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Janis Ian, and PBS newsman Jim Lehrer. The primary focus of the company, however, has been to provide a publishing venue for the unpublished. Almost half of the company's more than 100 books have been first novels.

