

Marty Podskoch has written *Adirondack Stories, Historical Sketches and 101 More Adirondack Stories, Historical Sketches*. The books contain illustrated panels of famous Adirondack guides, hunters, hermits, hotels, writers, artists, photographers, explorers, lumbering, mining, tanneries, railroads, boats, sports, entertainers, and amusement parks.

The stories were illustrated by Sam Glanzman a comic book legend. For sixty years he has been producing wonderful pages of comic art. He is considered by many to be the ultimate war artist. Here are a few comic books that he has illustrated: *Hercules, War at Sea, Army Heroes, Sgt. Rock, Kona, Attu, Spitfire Comics, Zorro, Turock, The Loser's Special, Space Adventures, DC Special Blue Ribbon Digest, Our Army at War, Air War Stories, A Sailor's Story, Semper Fi, The Best of DC, House of Secrets, Jungle Tales of Tarzan, and Flying Saucers*.

He was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1924. At first Sam began working for publishers like Centaur and Harvey. He then served aboard a destroyer, the *USS Stevens*, in the South Pacific during WW II. On board he kept a diary that served as a foundation for his future work.

Once out of the Navy he began illustrating children's books for Random House and Grosset & Dunlop.

During the early 1950s, Sam began illustrating for Classic Comic books. From there he picked up other publishing accounts: Charlton, Dell, DC Comics, Marvel, and others.

Then in the 1960s and 70s Sam illustrated the long running *Outdoor Life* feature, *This Happened to Me*.

I am not a cartoonist but rather a free-lance illustrator, said Sam. My art for the comic books is of an illustrative style not cartoons.

Sam and Marty met at the Delaware Academy Book and Media Fair in Delhi, NY where Marty was teaching seventh grade reading: Marty was also the organizer of the book fair.

In the spring of 2004, Marty got a call from Sam. I'm eighty years old and I need a project. Do you have any ideas?

Marty suggested doing stories about the Adirondacks. He sent Sam information and pictures about the famous Adirondack hermit, Noah Rondeau. Marty wrote a caption and Sam illustrated it.

Sam and Marty have had their "Adirondack Stories" column, featuring people and events in the Adirondacks, published in over five newspapers over the past five years.

Marty has also written three books on New York State fire towers. He became fascinated with fire towers when he hiked to a tower on Hunter Mountain in the Catskill Mountains. This eventually resulted in his first book, *Fire Towers of the Catskills: Their History and Lore*, which contains stories and pictures of the men and women who were observers and the forest rangers who supervised the towers. It was published in 2000.

Then Marty turned to the Adirondacks for his next book, *Adirondack Fire Towers: Their History and Lore, The Southern Districts* (2003) and *Adirondack Fire Towers: Their History and Lore, The Northern Districts* (2005).

Podskoch has also written two travel books: *The Adirondack 102 Club* and *The Connecticut 169 Club*. He has also written books on the Connecticut & Adirondack Civilian Conservation Corps camps. Presently he is writing about the CCC camps in Rhode Island.