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Summerland Publishing Releases "The Story of Santa Barbara's Dolphin Fountain" by World Famous Sculptor James "Bud" Bottoms, who was praised by Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta for his books on ethics

James "Bud" Bottoms is internationally famous for his marine mammal sculptures, fountains and monuments. He is now also writing and illustrating wonderful books teaching *ethics and environmentalism* to children, as well as his latest release titled "The Story of Santa Barbara's Dolphin Fountain."

Millions of visitors to beautiful Santa Barbara have admired and had their photo taken in front of the dolphin fountain at the base of the wharf. After 30 years, the sculptor has finally written his account of how the famous dolphin fountain was conceived and then built, step by step. Filled with wonderful color photos taken throughout the process, sculptor Bud Bottoms also relates how the tremendous influence of the local Chumash Indians and their culture contributed to this endeavor.

A beautiful keepsake book, "The Story of Santa Barbara's Dolphin Fountain" will have a special place in the historical documentation of the wonderful beach side community of Santa Barbara, of which the dolphin fountain is the central landmark. Bud has also created fountains and monuments in cities around the world, including Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Dingle Bay, Ireland, and Toba City, Japan.

Besides his incredible sculptures and background as an environmental activist, Bud has also written several children's books, including "Kid Ethics: From A to Z," "Kid Ethics 2: From A to Z," "Davey and the GOM (Giant Oil Monster)" and "Grandmother Mountain." These books were inspired by his desire to pass along his life experiences and inspire the very best in his young readers. Bud has four actor sons: Timothy, Joseph, Samuel, and Benjamin Bottoms.

"The Story of Santa Barbara's Dolphin Fountain" by Bud Bottoms - ISBN: 978-0-9837923-4-5, \$16.95

"Grandmother Mountain" by James "Bud" Bottoms - ISBN: 978-0-9824870-9-9

"Davey and the GOM (Giant Oil Monster) by James "Bud" Bottoms - ISBN: 978-0-9795444-1-5

"Kid Ethics 2" by James "Bud" Bottoms - ISBN: 978-0-9794863-1-9

"Kid Ethics 1" by James "Bud" Bottoms - ISBN: 978-0-9794863-0-2

At a time when all of us may doubt the value and ethics of our society, this book offers hope that a new generation of children will learn to live their lives by the rules of decency and civility. "Kid Ethics" is aimed at helping children develop character; but in a real way, it can help all of us be better human beings.

- Leon E. Panetta, Secretary of Defense

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