Ted Geltner is an award-winning writer, editor and a journalism educator who specializes in history of journalism, sports and American literature. His first book is “Last King of the Sports Page: The Life and Career of Jim Murray,” to be published by University of Missouri Press in May of 2012. Geltner spent more than two years researching the life of Murray, the Pulitzer Prize winning sports columnist. He had complete access to Murray’s lifetime personal collection of letters, documents, notes, clippings, scorecards, articles, newspapers, photographs, and assorted other materials in Palm Springs, California. The collection includes personal letters from Richard Nixon, Muhammad Ali, Frank Sinatra, and hundreds of entertainment and sports personalities. He also conducted dozens of interviews with those closest to Murray and spoke with many of the most influential sports journalists of the past few decades, including Frank Deford, Dan Jenkins, Rick Reilly and others.

His current project is “Blood, Bone and Marrow: The Brutal, Merciless, Triumphant Life of Harry Crews.” As a journalist, Geltner wrote numerous articles about Crews, interviewed him dozens of times, and spent time with Crews in the last years of his life. For this new biography, Geltner has conducted numerous interviews with Crews’ family members, friends, colleagues and students. He has also done extensive research into Crews’ personal archives, housed at the University of Georgia. The book will be the first narrative biography about Harry Crews.

Geltner earned his doctoral degree, focusing on journalism history, at the University of Florida in 2009, where he was a teacher, student and researcher while working as an editor and feature writer for the Gainesville Sun. He has written extensively about sports journalism history, authoring articles and giving presentations on subjects such as the history of Sports Illustrated and literary journalism in sports.

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