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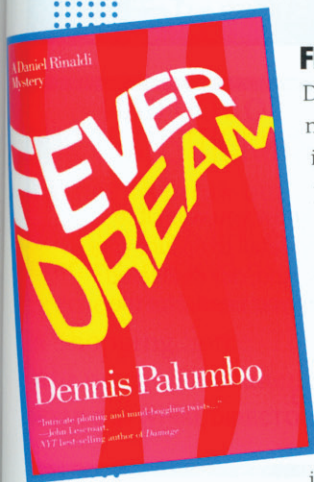
Curl up with one of these recent releases by Pittsburgh-based authors and illustrators.

BY MIKAELA LONGO

FEVER DREAM

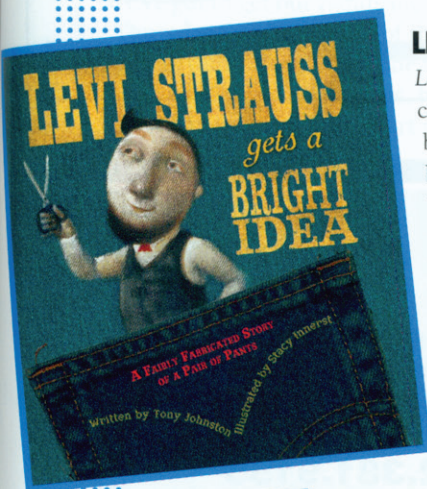
Dennis Palumbo, author of *Fever Dream*, is a Pittsburgh native and graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. He is a former Hollywood screenwriter and now a licensed psychotherapist in a private practice, who resides in Sherman Oaks, Calif. The second in a thriller series, *Fever Dream* looks at Daniel Rinaldi, whose work never ceases to amaze him. After wrapping up a mysterious murder, the psychologist finds himself pulled into another case, just as demanding. When a bank robbery goes wrong and one hostage survives, Rinaldi and two investigating officers fall into kidnapping, mistaken identity, and shocking insight about a heated campaign. "Pittsburgh is a terrifically vivid kind of town — very cinematic,"

Palumbo says. "Writing this book was a way to, in my head, go back and live there." *Fever Dream* will be released in November and can be found in bookstores and online at amazon.com. dennispalumbo.com



LEVI STRAUSS GETS A BRIGHT IDEA

Levi Strauss Gets a Bright Idea is the newest collaboration between well-known children's book author Tony Johnson and Pittsburgh-based, award-winning illustrator Stacy Innerst. This children's book follows Levi and his quest to keep the gold miners clothed — in Levi Strauss jeans. Innerst illustrated the entire book using jeans as his canvas. "This was the first time I had used denim as my canvas. The denim material gave the paintings a nice texture, different than regular canvas," Innerst says. Available online at amazon.com. stacyinnerst.com.



BREAKING THROUGH: DISCOVERING THE RICHES WITHIN

An epic 24 years in the making, *Breaking Through: Discovering the Riches Within* by Pittsburgh resident Allan McDougall, shares his stories in a book about overcoming struggles, a book about inspiration, and above all, a book of hope. "No matter where you are in life, you can always pick yourself up and continue with your dreams and passions," McDougall says. *Breaking Through*, McDougall's first published work, was inspired by his own life — a journal documenting his alcoholism and suicidal thoughts to the path of recovery. "You don't have to be great to get started, but you do have to get started to be great," he says. He also gleaned insight from his work as president

and founder of AM Public Speaking and Program Coordinator for the Emergency Response Team of the United Steelworkers. ampublicspeaking.com.



Vince Valentine gets primitive.

OF THE TIMES

Actor Vince Valentine channels Fred Flinstone — sort of. In the CLO Cabaret's *Defending the Caveman*, running **OCTOBER 6-JANUARY 8** at the Cabaret at Theater Square, Valentine's Caveman hilariously ruminates on the differences of men and women. The one-man show, written by Rob Becker, is the longest-running solo show in Broadway's history. *Pittsburgh CLO Box Office*, 412.456.6666. pittsburghclo.org.

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