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Gerry and Janet Souter have been a writing team since 1995 when they created their company, Avril 1 Group, Inc. They have authored and co-authored more than 48 non-fiction books for mainstream publishers covering such categories as: history, biographies, young adult, art books, military history, business memoir, and the Internet. In 2011, Gerry sent four novels to Kindle for digital publication.

Gerry Souter

Before starting Avril 1 Group, inc., Gerry produced, wrote and directed industrial video, commercial and television programming for 11 years at Motivation Media in Glenview, Illinois, winning 14 national and international awards. Prior to that, he was a writer, producer, international filmmaker and photographer at Motorola Marketing communications for eight years. His career began with four years of study at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and University of Chicago, earning a bachelor's degree in art education. Gerry's graduate honors in photography led to newspaper and international photojournalism and documentary film making. It was from this experience that Motorola hired him after numerous freelance assignments. His work history also includes experience as an art teacher, security officer for the Arizona State Guard and Detective Agency and as an Ordinary Seaman, U. S. Merchant Marine.

Janet Souter

Janet studied advertising art four years at the School of the Chicago Art Institute while working nights at the A.C. Nielson Corporation. She continued her art career as an editorial sketch artist, advertising artist and sculptor before returning to college and achieving an Associate bachelor's degree in fine arts. She entered the travel industry, visiting hotels and resorts around the world before turning to writing short stories and eventually non-fiction books. She joined the Daily Herald Newspapers as a news coordinator, editor and columnist, eventually taking up her full time duties as president of Avril 1 Group, Inc.

Gerry and Janet are elected members of American Society of Journalists and Authors (New York), the Society of Midland Authors (Chicago) and Midwest Writers Association. Gerry is an elected member of the American Dramatist Guild and Janet has been a long-time member of the Barrington Writers Workshop.