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New Book by Geoff Hoff and Steve Mancini Asks: Can a Gay and a Straight Guy Inhabit the Same Novel Without Driving Each Other Crazy?

LOS ANGELES -- Joseph Coaler Productions ([www.JosephCoaler.com](http://www.JosephCoaler.com)) today announced the publication of "Weeping Willow Volume One: Welcome to River Bend," by Geoff Hoff and Steve Mancini, a novel comprised of the first fifteen installments of Hoff and Mancini's on-line satirical soap opera of the same name, which has become a cult sensation among cyber serial fans and comedy enthusiasts worldwide.

"Weeping Willow" tells the story of Lee Harris, a mild mannered accountant from Chicago, who is forced to exchange his beige life for one in a cluttered attic above a diner in a small, eccentric town when he discovers his wife has fallen in love with another man.

As Lee struggles to make sense of his new surroundings, and his new gay best friend Peter, co-authors Geoff and Steve banter, argue and comment on the action, juxtaposing Lee and Peter's mismatched journey with a few off-the-wall pages from their own.

"If you've ever wondered how a gay man and a straight man could agree on everything from Dualit Toasters to Danny Bonaduce and still make each other laugh, this is the book for you," said co-author Geoff Hoff.

"There's a lot of our relationship reflected in the book," added co-author Steve Mancini. "We got tired of all the cookie cutter stuff out there, and people expecting us to conform to that so we had fun breaking the rules. And beyond entertaining our readers, we're hoping to let people see that gay guys and straight guys really can be friends. As long as there's no butt-patting involved."

John DeChancie of Writer's Digest calls "Weeping Willow" a quirky, class-by-itself satirical novel. "Weeping Willow" is available in hardcover (ISBN: 1420800485, \$26.45) and paperback (ISBN: 1420800477, \$14.95). The book can be purchased on Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, or on the Joseph Coaler Productions website at [www.JosephCoaler.com](http://www.JosephCoaler.com).

Steve Mancini and Geoff Hoff are a gay/straight writing team, a true Odd Couple that has been collaborating for over seven years. Steve and Geoff met in 1998 while performing in "Tony Mack's Swingin' L.A.," which won "Best Cabaret" in Los Angeles Magazine and was an L.A. Weekly "Comedy Pick of the Week." Geoff and Steve formed Joseph Coaler Productions in 2000.

Future plans include a second and third volume of Weeping Willow, and their hopes for the series include a movie, a stage play, a television series, as well as a comic book.

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