



RE Jonathan Pearce, Some stats: Author of many books
LIKES: Music (mostly classical, but also cool jazz and *bossa nova*), teachers (they are brave people), vegetables *al dente*, civil libertarians, readers, librarians, desserts, e-mail from BalonaBook readers, ballet, chickens on the loose, James Joyce, cats.
DISLIKES: War, bigots, meat, loud noises, greedy people, liars, bad smells.
SPORTS: Aikido, karate, judo, soccer
HOBBIES: Cello, linguistics, ancestry research
TEMPERAMENT: "Smooth to irritable," he says. (We say he's not as mean as he looks. He's a Myers-Briggs INTJ.)
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A BalonaBooks Author

What we haven't told you yet is that Jonathan is also publisher of BalonaBooks. He is author of the much admired *The Far Side of the Moon*, the celebrated historical fiction work *Nobody's Fault*, and the very funny *Verga's Blessing*.

"I have no lasting regrets about my writing," he says, "except that early-on my impatience got me into the subsidy press world. My advice to writers is: Avoid the subsidies unless you are absolutely desperate or need to see your work on the shelf right away. Reason: The products of subsidy presses are almost never reviewed by the majors, and your book won't be picked up by bookstores. Perfect your work. Try to find an agent and work from there."