



## CELEBRITY BIO

Ron Baxley, Jr. has been a published author for 27 years since he published a skit in high school. He has been publishing articles, poems, stories, fantasy, science fiction, young adult, and children's literature, including Oz books, since that time. He was an educator for 15 years and is now a reporter and travel specialist who is a caregiver for a relative. He has a fur-child, a shelter-adopted Pembroke Welsh Corgi named Ziggy who is an emotional support to him. Ron was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership by the International All Things Oz and L. Frank Baum Foundation in 2016 for contributions to Oz fiction and was awarded by the Michigan Oz Festival in 2018. He brings a fantasy Corgi graphic novel with some Oz content, Ziggy Zig-zags the Light and Dark Fantastic, and his book O.Z. Diggs Himself Out to the festival. He has a B.A. in English from USC-Aiken and has been a member of the International Wizard of Oz Club, The Oz Inklings Facebook group for artists and authors, and the now defunct Not Yet Dead Poets Society.

