

# EVERYONE'S A WRITER

## Writers of Ypsilanti: Rodolfo Alvarado



Rodolfo Alvarado lives in Ypsilanti, Michigan, with his wife, children, and adopted cat, Stuffy. He holds a Fine Arts Ph.D. and MFA in Playwriting from The University of Texas, and an MA in History from Eastern Michigan University.

### What do you write?

“I write fiction and nonfiction stories for all ages that touch me deeply and then do my best to write those stories in a way that touches others deeply as well.”

### Why do you write?

“First, because a story comes to me, and it will not leave me until I write it down. Secondly, because it brings value to my life; [it] makes me feel like I am still making my mother proud. Finally, because I want people to see each other as one human family. If we considered ourselves as one, maybe we’d be living among the stars, not fighting to save the world on which we live.”

### What is the most memorable thing you have written?

“There have been many, but I guess the most memorable to me is the biography I wrote about Joe Hernandez. If you’ve ever heard about the racehorse Seabiscuit and watched a video of the horse racing, Joe’s is the voice you hear describing the race. It took six years to write that book. I got to meet Joe’s son, Father Frank Hernandez, a Jesuit priest, as well as a plethora of horse racing personalities. The book ended up winning the Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award.”