



ARTS | LEISURE

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Panel Participant

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Andrew Blitman, Professional Artist, and Published Author

I am a professional artist and the published author of 14 books, who grew up in Cooper City, Florida, and received a Masters in Marine Conservation Science & Policy from the University of Miami in May 2014. There, I blogged on WordPress. The blog posts evolved into multiple books, including a memoir of my experiences on a 2012 Birthright trip to Israel: "Birthright 2012: A Voyage into the Heart and Soul of Israel". I am also the author and illustrator of the "Wild Writers" series: Three books of poems written from the perspective of animals and plants; as well as the author of a book of original jokes: "The Big Book of Pun-ishment" (2018); the author of five original poetry anthologies; and the author of a new portfolio book that documents more than 300 original paintings for your viewing pleasure: "The Painting Portfolio: A Comprehensive and Current Collection of Visual Art". You can find and buy all of my books through Amazon.com.

I currently work as a tutor and mentor for Firewall Centers - an non-profit organization that provides complimentary homework help and academic tutoring and life skills lessons to students who would otherwise be unable to access these services. I also currently serve on the Els for Autism advisory board, as I have since 2018, and I am also a part of South Florida's autism community.

