**Author Chris Murphy’s New Books Now Available**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Orlando, Fla. — Author Chris Murphy, who published his first novel, “A Sea of White Impatiens,” in 2000 and its first seven sequels in 2012, is making the remaining novels in the series available for free download at [www.booksbychrismurphy.com](http://www.booksbychrismurphy.com).

The book series is set primarily in Florida, where Christian Gallagher, the author’s alter-ego, invests in Superior Bodies, a high-end gay gym and bathhouse whose cubicles he replaces with kennels out of which he adopts rescued dogs and cats. “SB’s a gay gym and pet rescue,” says Murphy, who shares his Orlando home with nine special needs dogs. “The club, and the novels, don’t feature exclusively gay characters, though,” he continues. “A female British jet-setter of Indian origin is another Superior Bodies investor, a straight disabled veteran runs the rescue and a New York retiree does the books when she’s not raging at her adult children on the club’s phone or chain smoking among the naked male members at the pool.”

“‘Impatiens’ has been the most popular novel in the series,” says Murphy, who used pen name Loren McLeod in 2000 because his father, on whom he based a character, was still alive at the time. “I think people would be more inclined to read the continued adventures of Christian Gallagher and his whackadoodle family if they didn’t have to spend $300 to do it.”

Murphy based the fictional Gallagher family on his own. He’s based other characters on minor celebrities he knows personally. Among them is artist and former eighties supermodel Sandy Litchfield ([www.sandylitchfield.com](http://www.sandylitchfield.com)), whom the author introduces in Book 12: “The Wedding Party.” Also in that novel is a character based on Jonathan Geithner, the high school crush for whom Murphy still carries a torch. “Jon’s former Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner’s younger brother,” he explains. “Except, you know, Jon’s hot.” The author continues, “Curious is that he has an identical twin, David [Chief Financial Officer of Time, Inc.], who never did it for me. David parts his hair on the side and Jon in the middle. Maybe that was it…”

A screenplay Murphy wrote based on Book 1 of the series was optioned twice: once in 2003 by Oscar-winning actress Diane Ladd, and in 2005 by an independent producer, however neither was able to find funding for the movie version of “A Sea of White Impatiens.”

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