



Arthur Gurmankin is a retired newspaper editor, technology consultant and professional educator. He has degrees in Biological Science and Art History/Fine Art and currently produces photography and digital art for publishers and, publishes books of his own. Arthur's books are primarily about environmental subjects and are richly illustrated with his photographs and digital renditions of plant and animal life and their habitats. He does all of his own book and cover designs and page layouts. Arthur's most recent environmental book, "A River Which Sweeps Me Along" is a 48-

page, full-color book of beautifully conceived and rendered images of mountain and woodland streams and rivers. The spirituality evoked by moving waters is captured through imagery, philosophy and personal commentary.

Back in the late '70's, Arthur challenged the unconscionable student-promotion practices of the School District of Philadelphia (his employer at-the-time); predictably, there were repercussions. He was force-transferred from the school at which he'd been a teacher (Biology/General Science) for eleven years but kept pushing for more honest promotion standards. One Irv Homer, the popular talk show host on Philadelphia's WWDB-FM, 96.5, offered Arthur several appearances. "Were it not for Irv Homer's support, I speculate that the School District might have continued its expressions of unhappiness with my efforts." notes Arthur. "I attribute my subsequent career successes, to a large extent, to Irv. I never forgot that fact."

In reverse chronological order, Arthur is a grandfather, father and husband. Aside from sending RANTS to newspapers and producing images, he spends a lot of time around lakes and trout streams in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains. If you're in that part of the world and come across someone standing in a stream, holding both a camera and a fly rod, perhaps in the act of photographing a brook trout which he's about to release, don't hesitate to say "hello," it's probably him. Such behavior does not represent that of a person who is "indecisive," rather, someone who is twice as passionate as a normal person.