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Douglas Alan Burton is a speaker, author and expert storyteller whose work depicts heroic figures and their connection to the human experience. Doug produces a series of YouTube videos that offer writing tips and insights into the challenge of creating well-developed heroic characters. He is the creator of the Heroine's Labyrinth, an exploratory theory about the heroine's journey. His forthcoming novel, *Far Away Bird*, is inspired by the true events surrounding the early life of Byzantine Empress Theodora. *Far Away Bird* delves into the complex mind of a misunderstood historical figure, an actress-prostitute from Constantinople's red-light district who rises to the throne of the Byzantine Empire. Doug's work explores story as a means of self-discovery, to learn what defines meaningful human connection.