



# creator bios

## CHRIS BROWN



Chris is a senior manager at Contra Costa County Library’s Walnut Creek and Ygnacio Valley Library. He’s a Eureka! Fellow, a two-time California Library Association speaker, a Public Library Association speaker and a consultant for Infopeople. Chris earned an MLIS from San Jose State University, and currently attends the University of San Francisco for his masters in public administration.

*“As a community, we face problems that are bigger than any single agency can address. Finding solutions is a collective effort. In War Ink we’ve brought together a diverse group to address the lack of public cohesion experienced by veterans. In an ideal world, we would all recognize each other as rich and complex people, each deserving of respect and compassion.”*

- Chris

## JASON DEITCH



Jason is a U.S. Army veteran, a social researcher and a veteran advocate. He is strongly committed to creating culturally competent and evidence-based programming that addresses the needs of combat veterans on city, county, state and federal levels. Jason is part of the Program in Rehabilitative Neuroscience, which is jointly run by the University of California, Berkeley, and the VA Medical Centers of Martinez and San Francisco. He also is a consultant to Joining Forces, a White House initiative to better assist veterans in their transition home. Jason received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of California, Berkeley.

*“Human beings need community. In order to have community, you must have meaningful relationships. In order to have meaningful relationships, you must establish meaningful communication built on shared understanding. Communication has broken down between military and civilian cultures. Without shared understanding, the men and women who have served cannot come all the way home.”*

- Jason

