

iUniverse Star Program News

Introducing Our Newest Star Title, *La Charrette* by Lowell M. Schake



La Charrette provides the first-ever historical look at America's westernmost frontier settlement, which—over a mere thirty-year existence—managed to leave behind a rich, vibrant legacy that is firmly rooted in local, state, and national history.

A virtual Who's Who of the American frontier, *La Charrette* documents the life and times of the families who lived in this influential riverbank village in Warren County, Missouri. It also chronicles many legendary heroes who passed through, including Lewis and Clark, Daniel Boone, Captain Zebulon Pike, 'Indian' Phillips, John Colter, Flanders Callaway, Syndic Chartran, and others who helped shape history and forever change the face of our nation.

The author, Lowell M. Schake, was born on Charrette Creek and devoted many years of his life to researching the village where the creek empties into the mighty Missouri River. Before retiring, Schake was a professor at three major universities over the course of thirty years.

Schake said he's had a great iUniverse experience, especially since he became a Star author.

"I derive great pleasure from delving into topics—collect all the available details—to create a seamless, highly readable story to share with others," Schake said. "iUniverse staff have been instrumental in allowing me to achieve this goal. It's just been one favorable experience followed by another in this modern-day mode of publishing. I especially appreciate the 'control' an author maintains within the self-publishing concept."

"The real adventure of self-publishing began when I was asked to apply for the iUniverse Star Program last summer," Schake continued. "*La Charrette* had had its successes. Yet my selection required input from publishing industry professionals to elevate it to its full potential. Professional reviews and endorsements were needed as was an index, a newly designed cover, a forward plus professional editing."

"None of this would have been possible without a viable working partnership," Schake said. "iUniverse's staff have provided that opportunity to me. From the CEO of iUniverse and beyond, the staff has always worked with me to make correct decisions."