

Kenneth M. Sheldon

Ken Sheldon was a pre-med art major at the University of New Hampshire; the medical schools of America were not amused. After college Ken worked in a clinic for migrant farmworkers in California, where he learned to speak Spanish poorly, sang old union songs, and once gave César Chavez a cholera shot. From there, Ken went on to become (in reverse chronological order):

- author of *Deep Water – Murder, Intrigue and Scandal in a New England Town*, published by Down East Books
- performer, touring New England as Yankee humorist Fred Marple (fredmarple.com)
- creator of the comedy show Frost Heaves, winner of a Best of NH award (frostheaves.com)
- author of *Welcome to Frost Heaves* (Islandport Press), humorous stories from Frost Heaves, NH
- playwright author of *The Murder of William K. Dean* and other theatrical pieces
- author of suspense novels *Probability of Detection* and *The Family* under the pen name Michael Manley (kensheldon.com)
- author of the middle-grade novels including *The Above-Average Adventures of Nicholas Herriman*
- columnist for *Yankee Magazine* and *New Hampshire Magazine*
- performer with the Peterborough Players and The Barnstormers Theatre, among the oldest professional theatres in the country
- co-author of non-fiction books *Clean and Simple* (Old Farmer's Almanac and Time-Life Books), *Cut the Clutter, Stow the Stuff* (Rodale Press), and *Ben Franklin's Almanac of Wit, Wisdom and Practical Advice* (Rodale Press) and the *Children of the Ancient World* series (Cricket Books).
- freelance writer published in magazines from *Acoustic Guitar* to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*
- cartoonist, published in newspapers and magazines including *The Saturday Evening Post*
- West Coast Bureau Chief for *Byte Magazine* (the first PC magazine); editor for *Cobblestone* (children's history magazine), and others
- Children's musician, creator of the bestselling *Sing Along and Learn* series (Scholastic Professional) with over 150,000 copies sold, and independent albums "Ice Cream Soup" and "Talking to My Food" (kensheldon.bandcamp.com)
- singer/songwriter, having performed for children and adults throughout New England and in other parts of the country
- commentator for the New Hampshire and Vermont public radio stations

