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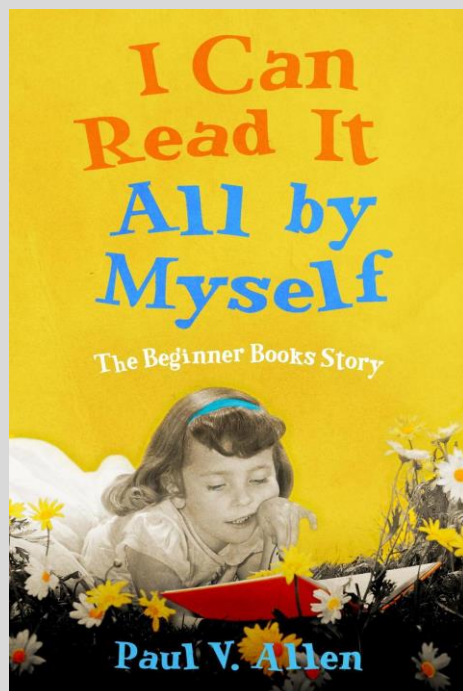
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## May 2021 Newsletter

It's Here!



*I Can Read It By Myself: The Beginner Books Story* is now available! This is the culmination of a four-year journey, and I'm very proud of the result. If you've ever wondered where the Berenstain Bears came from, who the heck Theo LeSeig is, or what part Ginger Rogers played in the origin of Beginner Books, this is the tome for you!

You can buy it directly from the [publisher](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), [Amazon](#), or ask your favorite [indie bookshop](#) to get you a copy. People sometimes ask if I have a preference where they buy my books. The answer is no!

Besides buying the book, you can help support it by

- spreading the word on your various social medias
- rating it on Goodreads and/or Amazon
- requesting your local library buy a copy

## Writin' 'bout My Generation

Once in a while I get a notion and I can't quite rest until I've explored it thoroughly. This essay about [Why Weezer is the Definitive Gen X Band](#) is the result of one of those notions. Like a true Gen Xer, I'm going to say that I don't care if read it or not.

## Heroes for the '90s!

My personal history of superhero comics of the 1990s has now entered 1993. Here are the latest essays!

#14 [Shock and Awe](#) – *Avengers* #347 (May 1992)

#15 [Conjuring a Phenomenon](#) – *Wizard* #11 (July 1992)

#16 [You Can't Go Back...To the Future](#) – *Ravage 2099* #1 (December 1992)

#17 [An Almost Perfect Eighty-Seventh Issue](#) – *X-Factor* #87 (February 1993)

#18: [A Riotous and Refreshing Retro Recital](#) – *1963* #1 (April 1993)

#19: [For Everyone, By Us](#) – *Blood Syndicate* #1 (May 1993)

#20: [The Neverending Battle](#) – *Superman: The Man of Steel* #22 (June 1993)

## I Got a New Job!

After five years as a reading specialist at Stevenson Elementary in Bloomington, I've accepted a new position within my district.

Starting this August I'll be an instructional coach at Irving Elementary, which is also in Bloomington. I'll be helping teachers with their goals for self-improvement in lesson planning / delivery, curriculum design, data management, assessment, etc.

## A Brain Cloud



*“Now, last time you were telling me you wished you had more self-control...”*

As always, thank you for reading. Love and peace to you all.