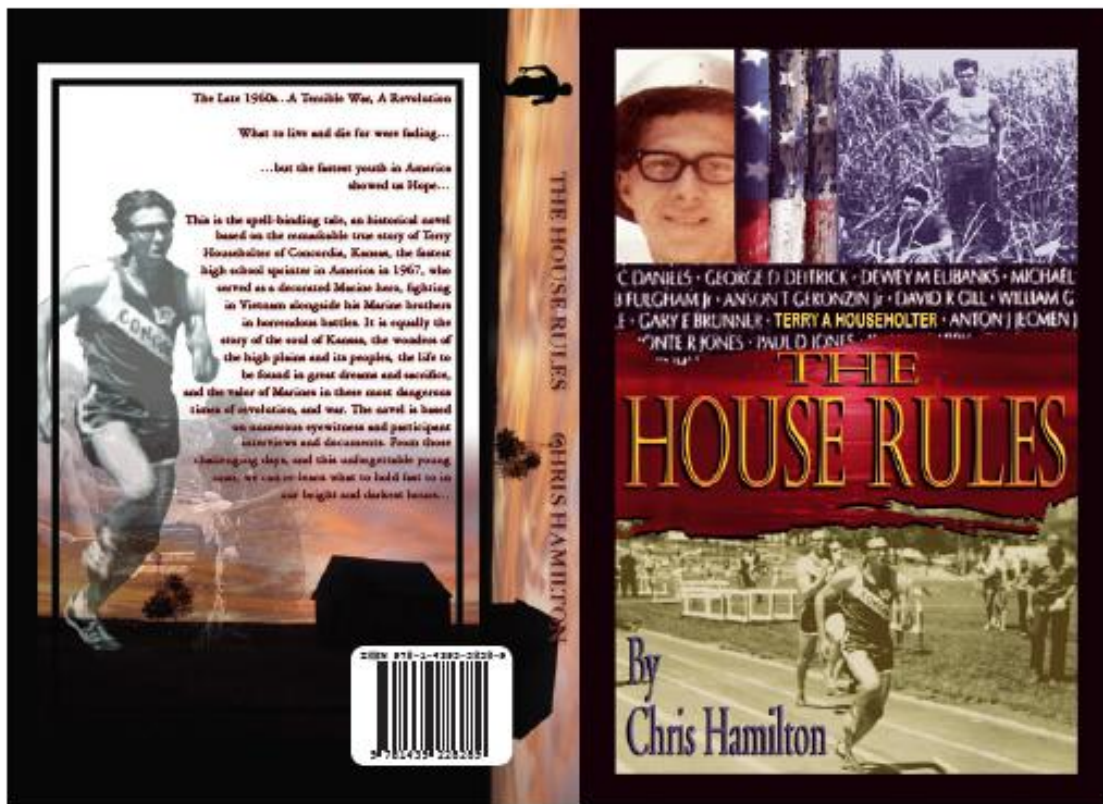


Author Chris Hamilton

talks about his new book

The House Rules



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The Late 1960s...A Terrible War, A Revolution

What to live and die for were fading...

...but the fastest youth in America

showed us Hope...

The House Rules by Chris Hamilton is the spell-binding tale, an historical novel based on the remarkable true story of Terry Householter of Concordia, Kansas, the fastest high school sprinter in America in 1967, who served as a decorated Marine hero, fighting in Vietnam alongside his Marine brothers in horrendous battles, earning medals of honor. It is equally the story of the soul of Kansas, the wonders of the high plains and its peoples, the life to be found in great dreams and sacrifice, and the valor of Marines in these most dangerous times of revolution, and war. The novel is based on numerous eyewitness and participant interviews and documents. From those challenging days, and this unforgettable young man, we can re-learn what to hold fast to in our bright and darkest hours...

* the novel has been nominated as a Kansas Notable Book for 2010 by the Kansas State Library, Kansas Center for the Book.

* the novel is historically accurate regarding the deadly battles in Vietnam, and Terry's incredible sprint talent, performances and records. It took 8 years to research, and 3 years to write.

* Terry was a phenomenal legend in the track world, and his equally inspiring story as an heroic Marine was virtually unknown back home for 39 years (those were the ways of the Vietnam days).

