Persistence and Passion Payoff

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"Every How-To-Get-Published book and every Industry Expert warn that showing up at an agent's office in person is the absolute worst approach you can take. After almost two years, I had exhausted the normal process of mailing out manuscripts. I believe in this story so strongly that I knew I had to do something extraordinary. At the advice of our mentor Dean Morrissey and close friends, I set out for New York where there are more literary agents per square mile than any other place in the world. It just happened to be during one of the coldest winters on record. I walked over 100 blocks a day (up hill both ways in the snow) and knocked on more than 100 doors. I was told No 109 times. The one time the answer was yes, made all of our efforts worthwhile. Dian and I consider it an honor to be represented by Frank Weimann and The Literary Group International." - Richard Neumann

Charlie's Treasures is about a young boy who shares his most valuable treasures, a rather eclectic collection of marbles, with a kindly old man. This beautifully illustrated book reminds us of what is truly valuable in life.

Richard Neumann is a former corporate CFO and is now CEO of a fledgling start-up company. He turned to writing as a way to bring calm and meaning to the turmoil of corporate mergers and acquisitions. Other works by Richard include several stage plays and a novel, The Chronicles of Adrian Smith: The Audit Report. Richard lives with his wife and son in Kenwood, California.

Dian DeWolf is a renowned artist in Northern California. She is known for her exceptional use of Pen and Ink and Watercolor to bring life to her favorite subjects, children and nature. Dian experimented with pastels to bring rich colors and depth to the illustrations of Charlie's Treasures. Dian lives in Sebastopol, California where she can be near her family and grandchildren.

Frank Weimann founded The Literary Group International in 1986. The company is one of the premier literary agencies in the book publishing industry. Their formidable list of more than 200 clients include Homer Hickam, Noble Prize winning scientist Kay Mullis, Terry Bradshaw, Britney Spears, basketball great Bill Russell, and best selling novelists Robert Ellis and Victoria Gotti. In September of 2003, Sean Astin's There and Back Again: An Actor's Journey, an insiders' look at his experiences during the filming of the Lord of the Rings
trilogy, sold to Marc Resnick at St. Martin's, for six figures, at auction, for publication in fall 2004, by Frank Weimann at the Literary Group International.

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