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*Oklahoma author Hodge Wood's first book, Chum Water, details his four year recovery from a paralyzing injury that climaxes with return to work - as a new rehab therapist on a spinal injury service.*

*Chum Water*, by Hodge Wood, will be released by River Road Press on January 1, 2008. This is Wood's first book from the series, Sharks on Wounded Fish.

*Chum Water* begins as seventies rock and roller Hodge Wood gets slammed into a bridge girder and is critically injured the same night that a plane crash dooms members of the Lynyrd Skynyrd band – his favorite group. The author's true story provides personal insight into a life-changing recovery from a traumatic cervical spinal cord injury and complete paralysis. Physical security took flight and his pre-accident identity vanished. Being a patient, Hodge faced dangers and indignity under the healthcare system's murky waters.

Hodge's story tracks his spirited transition from tragedy to success. Using graphic details and humor to describe his private journey, Hodge first struggles for life in cervical traction and six months of hospitalization. Recovery is extensive and painful, but perseverance pays off in a new lifestyle that distinctively differs from the one on fast legs. Despite his disability, he manages to learn how to water-ski again. Love is lost and later found when a common laborer goes to college and meets his soul mate. Author Hodge Wood secures work as an occupational therapist in a different body with professional credentials - in the same health care arena that saved, abused and nearly killed him!

“Write an expose’ from personal memoirs if you think you would be comfortable sitting naked in church.”– Hodge Wood in *The Complete Writer's Journal*, COPYRIGHT 2006 by Red Engine Press

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*Chum Water* will be available in bookstores, at [www.HodgeWood.com](http://www.HodgeWood.com) & on Amazon.

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(A media kit and more photos are available on request.)