



The Bio of Robert Mauro

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Here's a bit about myself and what I do. As you know, my name is Robert Mauro, I was born in New York City on 9/25/46. In 1973 I moved out to [Levittown](#), Long Island. I contracted polio at age five in 1951. I spent nearly two years at [St. Charles Hospital](#) in Port Jefferson, on Long Island. I was in an iron lung for about six months. I walked and road a two wheeler until I began feeling the affects of Post Polio Syndrome, in about 1969. By 1974, I could no longer ride a two wheeler. About 1970 I started using a respirator part time. By the mid 1980's I was using it full time. I began to use a motorized wheelchair in 1980. I can still walk, but only do so around my home. I do all my computing lying down, not being able to sit at a desk for long periods of time as a result of three spinal fusions, in 1960-61.

I received my B.A. (in Sociology) in 1976 from [Hofstra University](#) on Long Island, where my first play was produced, in 1971. After graduating in 1976, I made my first professional sale as a writer. Since then I've had four [books](#) published and three booklets.

Beginning in 1987, I started PeopleNet, my own international print personals/networking newsletter by and for disabled singles. Since August of 1987, PeopleNet has brought about a number of marriages. In September of 1995, PeopleNet was transformed into this home page.

I presently write the "Computer Talk" column for disabled computer users in [Able Newspaper](#). I have written a booklet called "Total Computer Literacy By & For Disabled Persons," available from PeopleNet. I've also written a booklet on sexuality for disabled lovers called [Real Crip Sex](#).

From 1986-1987 I wrote a monthly computer column for [The Voice of the Physically Challenged](#).

From 1982 to the present I've been an administrative assistant at the [Long Island Center for Independent Living, Inc.](#) where I help out with their computer and do some of their editorial work.

I also started two Internet lists. Mobility@sjvm.stjohns.edu and Polio@sjvm.stjohns.edu. My main interest and occupation is writing. As I've said, I've written seven books and booklets. I hope you check them out. Ask your library or your local book store to order them. Or order them from me for yourself.

Check out my home page for the disabled called [The PeopleNet DisAbility DateNet](#) (for adults *only*).

Go to my [Levittown, New York, Home Page](#)