

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers

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Beth Camp attended eight high schools and worked her way through as many colleges on the west coast of the U.S. before earning her master's at the University of Oregon. Her careers as an international banker, a corporate consultant, and a writing teacher and English Department Chair at the community college level have fueled her passion for writing historical fiction.

A love of international travel led Beth to Scotland to research *Standing Stones* (2010), which introduces the McDonnell family as they struggle with eviction and relocation in Northern Scotland during the Industrial Revolution. *Years of Stone* (2014), tells the story of Deidre who follows her fiancé, Mac McDonnell, a transportee sent to Van Diemen's Land in Australia. In *Rivers of Stone* (2017), Catriona McDonnell disguises herself as a boy to cross Canada during the fur trade era. Beth's now working on a fourth tale in this series, *Island Wife*, about Moira, the sister who stayed behind on the Orkney Islands.

During this time of pandemic, we're all finding it more challenging to travel. Beth compensates by diving into writing and research and working on a series of art crime mysteries, set in Scotland, France, and Egypt, all with historical underpinnings.

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Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers Listed Speaker

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Will speak to: Groups interested in writing or travel, book clubs, students/student groups from intermediate, high school to college levels, and/or interest groups at senior centers.

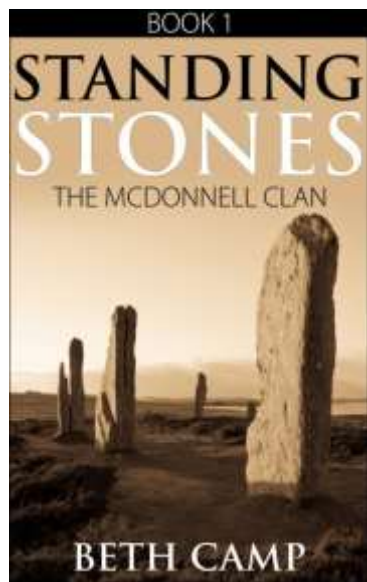
On (subjects): Lecture or hands-on workshops on process of writing fiction and short stories (drafting, plotting, revising, editing), self-publishing, marketing, blogging, writing historical fiction, journaling, writing memoir, discovering your writing style, and other writing-related topics. Secondary subject: How to plan adventures as an independent traveler. What I learned from a month-long stay in . . . Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, England, or Scotland.

For (fees, etc.): Appropriate honorarium or an opportunity to display and/or sell books.

Notes: I enjoy empowering others to discover their creativity through motivational talks or hands-on, take-it-and-make-it workshops. Will present stand-alone or participate in panel.

*Continue below for information about Beth's books.
(Includes Amazon™/Kindle™ ASIN codes)*

Standing Stones B00I3RYFW6 1494772434 B01ATPTL5U (Audio)



In 19th Century northern Scotland, Mac McDonnell's traditional way of life is challenged when Lord Gordon lays claim to their island home and threatens to replace farmers and fishermen with sheep. Mac leads a protest, but when evictions begin, Mac must decide what he is willing to risk -- to protect his family, his sweetheart, Deidre, and his livelihood. Against Mac's wishes, his sister Moira goes to work at Westness. She falls in love and marries Dylan, an Irishman hired by Lord Gordon to help the fishermen retrofit their boats. As conditions worsen on Foulksay Island, Dylan, pushed by memories of cholera and famine, seeks work on the mainland, leaving Moira behind. When a second protest at Westness turns violent and Mac is arrested, each of the McDonnells, now without work and facing starvation, must decide their future.

Standing Stones won an award for historical fiction from the Pacific Northwest Writers Association (2010). PNWA judges called Standing Stones ". . . a very promising work, with appeal to a broad audience, peppered with a variety of characters the reader can identify with sympathetically or instantly distrust." Standing Stones currently has a 5-star ranking on Amazon.

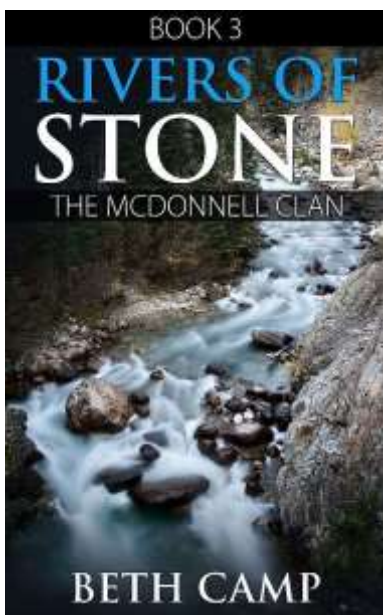
Years of Stone B00LF3FY4S 1500129585



In 1842, Deidre Scott leaves the Orkneys in Scotland to follow Mac McDonnell, the man she loves, a fisherman sentenced to a seven year sentence for resisting evictions. Their ship runs aground just as they reach the dreaded penal colony in Van Diemen’s Land (present day Tasmania). As Mac toils on a road gang, Deidre cobbles together a job. Befriended by Lady Franklin, the wife of world-famous explorer, Sir John Franklin, Deidre finds a way to reassign Mac to Doc Morrell in Hobart Town. But Doc cannot help him once Mac fights with Constable Johnson. Mac must find a way to survive the prison at Port Arthur. Can Deidre and Mac build a new life for themselves in this rough and tumble penal colony?

Years of Stone is the second book about the McDonnell Clan, but can be read as a standalone story. Years of Stone was a Quarter finalist in 2014’s Amazon’s Breakthrough Novel Award (ABNA) competition. ABNA reviewers commented Years of Stone “grips from the beginning,” and is “not to be missed.”

Rivers of Stone B077M1TFLP 1545217491



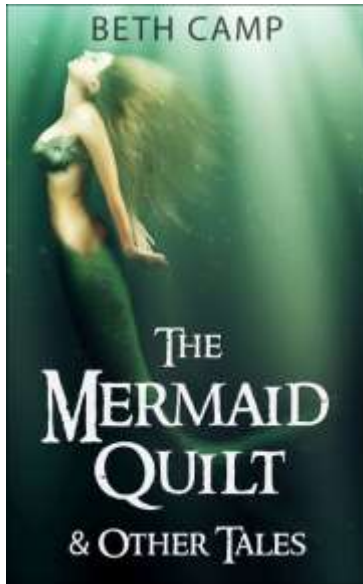
In 1842, Catriona, unwilling to be left behind by husband Dougal McDonnell, disguises herself as a boy to work for the Hudson’s Bay Company. Within a few days of landing at York Factory on Hudson’s Bay, Cat is assigned to work at the trading post, but Dougal is ordered west to Fort Vancouver and the Pacific Northwest – abandoning Cat. Rugged terrain and thousands of miles separate them. How will Cat survive alone? Will she and Dougal be reunited? In RIVERS OF STONE, Cat undertakes a formidable journey during the fur trade era across Canada and the Oregon territory in her quest to find Dougal. Along the way, she befriends voyageurs, Cree, and artist Paul Kane, who travels on behalf of the Hudson’s Bay Company. Cat and Dougal were minor characters in STANDING STONES, Book 1, which introduced the McDonnell

family as they struggled with the Clearances in Scotland. YEARS OF STONE, Book 2, tells the story of Mac McDonnell and his sweetheart, Deidre, after he was transported to prison in a land over the seas, Van Diemen’s Land, Australia. While each book can be read alone, this compelling series about the McDonnell clan immerses the reader into what life was like 150 years ago, when families, often split apart, struggled to shape new lives with few resources.

Challenged by fearsome nature and nearly overwhelming obstacles, they held true to their vision of a new life in a new land.

The Mermaid Quilt and Other Tales **B0090VHKBC**

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A green mermaid, with eyes like agates turned by fire, waits by the bus stop . . .

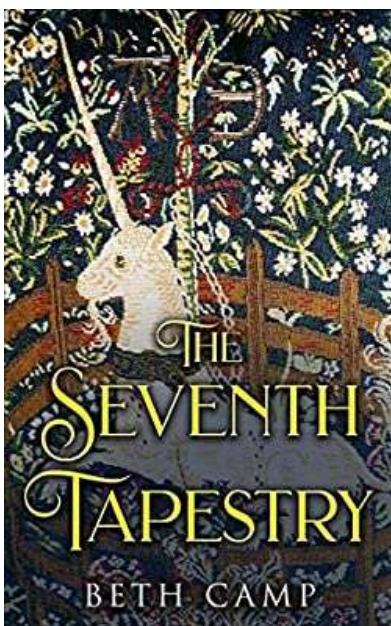
I was never the littlest mermaid, afraid to swim in the deepest parts in the sea, or to sing the biggest ships into madness . . .

Mermaids permeate these 8 stories and 10 poems about mermaids: A grieving artist sleeps under a mermaid quilt. A mermaid argues with a scholar. A pottery maker's daughter befriends a mysterious stranger. A cowboy falls in love with the last mermaid. Two young girls discover a carved mermaid at a garage sale. A mermaid finds respite in a tree. And we discover what mermaids eat.

From the frozen Arctic to Mexico, Scotland, Russia, Brazil, and the United States, these delicate stories and poems, sometimes funny, sometimes dark, shaped by myth from long ago, speak of love, revenge, and redemption. Written for adults, they unravel the heart songs of people who have been buffeted by life. They reinforce our yearning for something good and beautiful, and they reveal a fragile line between reality and magic.

The Mermaid Quilt & Other Tales is ranked 4.8 out of 5 stars on Amazon.

The Seventh Tapestry **B08GJ8VRGL B097SKDWRF (paperback)**



When precious artifacts go missing at the Museum of Medieval Art in Edinburgh, Sandra Robertson, a newly hired curator, is immediately under suspicion. But, when she's asked to help find out who's involved, Sandra ignores her attraction to Neil McDonnell, art crimes investigator assigned to the case, and gets to work. After a priceless 16th Century tapestry goes missing, what will they risk to recover the missing artifacts, stop the thefts, and find out who's behind a series of mysterious deaths?

Beth Camp blends historical fiction with romantic suspense as she takes readers on a journey from a small medieval museum troubled by theft into the dangerous world of art crime. Readers have called her trilogy *Standing Stones* set in 1840's Scotland, "beguiling and unforgettable."

Poetry in a Time of Pandemic B0889TDKR2 B088LKFB6G (paperback)



On March 6, 2020, the Coronavirus became real to our family, and we began to self-quarantine, later called 'stay-at-home'. A few poems emerged during this first month. On April 1, National Poetry Month began, and Robert Lee Brewer, of Writer's Digest fame, began his PAD (poem a day) Challenge. This began my personal goal to write a poem each day. Here you'll find poems that may make you laugh, think about places and times far from today – from Giza to the Old West, and poems that affirm the beauty of each day.



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