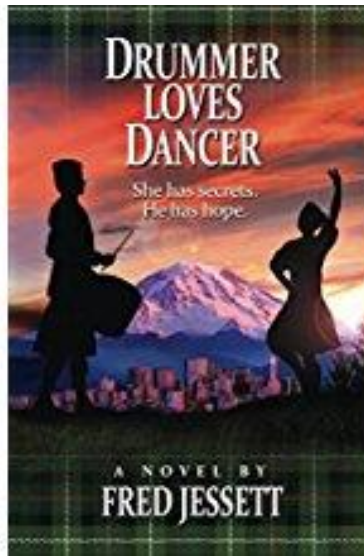


# Drummer Loves Dancer



By Fred Jessett

Reviewed by Beth Camp

Boy meets girl; boy falls in love with girl. This story is a sharp reminder of what life is like when we question the meaning of love, innocence, racism, commitment, and our faith in God. These are the large issues that preoccupy us when all is before us, irrevocable decisions haven't yet been made, and we don't quite know who we are.

Lad MacAdam, a drummer in a Seattle-based Scottish piping band, falls in the thrall of instant attraction to Ginger DeForest, a dancer and beautiful young woman of mystery from New York. Lad really does put Ginger on that pedestal, seeing her as far above him. Gradually, as their relationship deepens, they reveal their true natures, mourn their losses, and truly fall in love. But then the writer adds a twist.

Since I grew up in Seattle, I was entranced by the vivid settings from the very first page, as they reminded me of those days long ago, when I was a child, swam at Green Lake, and watched the Sea-Fair parade in awe. Lad and Ginger, dubbed Drummer and Dancer throughout, come to life with youthful angst, and the story resonates throughout with a celebration of life.

Reviewed by Sue Eller

It is the 1950s in Seattle, Washington, a simpler and more innocent time. Lad McAdam, a drummer in the Puget Sound Scots Pipe Band, is involved in an

outdoor stage production of Brigadoon. He becomes involved romantically with one of the dancers in the production, Ginger De Forest, a displaced New Yorker whose life has been anything but simple and innocent.

Jessett weaves a tale of young love, conflict, family, and religion, and brings together lives so different that the odds are stacked against them. *Drummer Loves Dancer*, but is it enough to make Dancer love Drummer in return?

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

*Drummer Loves Dancer* is an unusual love story between Lad MacAdam from Seattle and Ginger DeForest from New York in 1954. He is a drummer in the Puget Sound Scots Pipe Band, and she is a very talented dancer. Both are rehearsing for a play at the Aqua Theater in Seattle. Lad (Drummer) falls madly in love with Ginger (Dancer). However, Ginger won't tell him that she loves him and reminds him that she will be going back to New York when summer ends. Drummer is still grieving the death of his brother, and Dancer has secrets that keep her from getting too involved in a love affair. Finally, after a huge fight, Dancer tells Drummer she loves him, too, and they have a passionate love affair for the rest of the summer. Soon it is time for Dancer to go back to New York. Drummer is sad and lost without her. Will their long-distance relationship last? You will have to read Jessett's second book, *Love's Arithmetic is Difficult* to find out.

Like his other books that I have read, this book is well-written and interesting, never boring. It's a good read and I recommend this book to one and all.

