

## Spokane Authors & Self-Publishers

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Elena Smith

Born and raised in St. Petersburg, Russia, Elena immigrated to the United States in 1993 and became an American Citizen. She has a PhD in English linguistics, an MA in English and American literature and teaching methodology (pedagogy), and a BA in English grammar and lexicology.

Elena taught ESL at the UI in Moscow, Idaho for five years. In 2000 she began teaching ESL at WSU in Pullman, Washington. While at WSU (Go Cougs!) she also taught Russian, Russian culture, Russian literature, and film.

She retired in 2018 and now lives in Liberty Lake, Washington, where she resides with her boyfriend, Bob, and Bailey, a mini-Aussie-shepherd. They love to hike, golf, and travel. Between them they have three kids and four grandkids.

Her first novel, *Why Birches Are White*, was published by CreateSpace in 2006. Her second novel, *Truths and Lies*, was published by BookBaby in May, 2023.

“I’m so excited to meet authors from the area around, make new friends and exchange ideas about writing, publishing, marketing and book distribution.”

Visit Elena on-line at:

<https://store.bookbaby.com/book/truths-and-lies>

Her Amazon Author Page: <https://www.amazon.com/author/elenasmith-romance-novels>

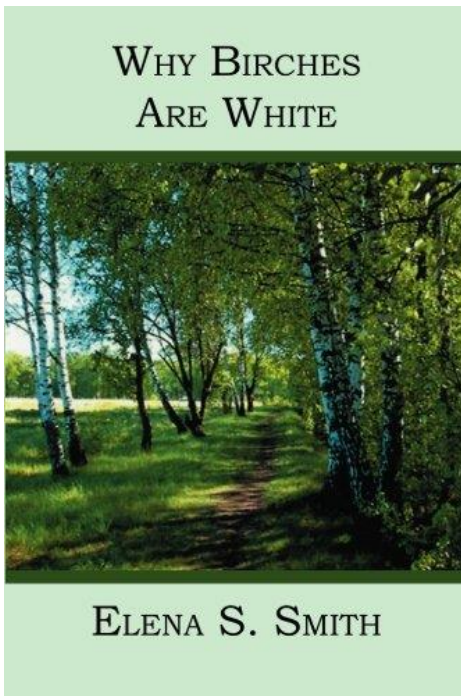
Spokane Public Radio Interview:

<https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/show/thursday-arts-preview>

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

## Why Birches are White

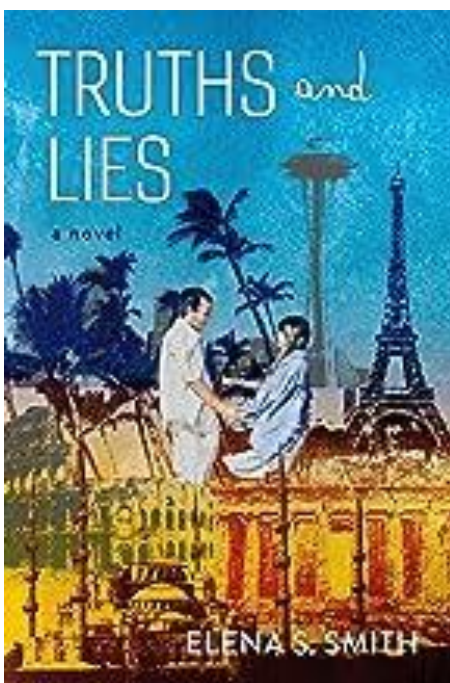
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*Why Birches Are White* reveals the power of a glance, a touch, and a kiss to change profoundly the orderly, predictable lives of an American man and a Russian woman. It is a love story written on two different canvasses: a realistic, insightful black and white portrayal of contemporary Russian life and a bright, fresh impressionist reaction to America's past and present. In the summer of 1987, average Americans and Russians walked from Leningrad to Moscow for Peace. This fictional romance based on a true story is about just one of the amazing consequences of the Walk. Two of the walkers' discovery that they were 'kindred spirits' proved the foundation for a friendship that endured in spite of cultural, political, and geographic differences. Their courageous willingness to eventually admit they loved each other is set against a backdrop of doubt, hardship, and sacrifice. Unexplainable forces and a host of personal Angles dramatically bring them together again and again.

## Truths and Lies

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After Vickie goes through a bitter divorce, she is adamant there will never be another man in her life. She is bored, but she is free, and she likes it this way. She simply can't trust men anymore because she sees them all as losers and liars. One evening after a couple glasses of wine, Vickie's girlfriend talks her into going online to see what's out there. Vickie is horrified by what she sees, but before she can delete her brand-new account for good, a picture of one guy attracts her attention. She sends him an "interested" message and sends her life in a new direction. What follows will define the future of these two people who fight to overcome numerous lies and truths to maybe, just maybe, be happy.

## Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers Listed Speaker

Name: Elena Smith

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Will speak: to any group interested in inviting a presenter

On topics:

1. Writing fiction strategies;
2. Self-publishers marketing challenges;
3. Introducing my novels “Why Birches Are White” and “Truths and Lies”;
4. Writing in a non-native language-pros and cons;
5. Living as a first generation immigrant in the US;
- ...and others on demand.

For (fees, etc.): My presentations are free.

Notes: I have over thirty years of experience in presenting at national and international conferences, lecturing to students at American universities, and introducing (signing) my books at book stores, book club groups, service groups such as Rotary, Lion's, etc.



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