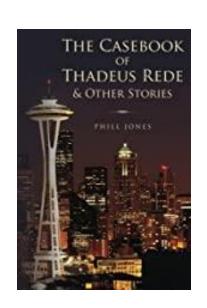
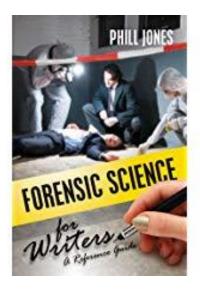


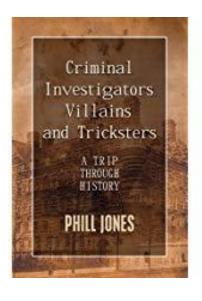
# Gazette

April 2024

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### Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers (SASP)

began in 1998 when *Chuck O'Conner*, *Elmer Freeman*, *Joe Meiners*, and *Dan Vollmer*, Spokane area authors, formed a club to share knowledge and experience with those interested in writing and alternative publishing. Today, SASP is an organization dedicated to anyone interested in any aspect of writing and art. Members include aspiring (and successful) authors, poets, journalists, illustrators, editors, publishers, printers, writing instructors, and many others. Monthly meetings provide inspiration and education by way of knowledgeable and entertaining guest speakers, and the cheerful camaraderie of people sharing common interests and goals. Membership is open to all who love writing, art, and interesting people.

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers meets the **second Friday** of each month at the **Corbin Senior Activity Center**, 827 W. Cleveland Ave., Spokane.

Presentational begin at **2:00 pm.** After a short break, members and guests relate their accomplishments, note upcoming activities, and we draw for door prizes. We must be out of the room by **4:30 pm**.

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers also meets the **third Saturday** of each month in the social hall of **St. Francis of Assisi Church**, 1104 W. Heroy Ave., Spokane.

Meetings begin at **2:00 pm**. We must be out of the room and building by **4:00 pm**.

We often provide refreshments such as bottled water, cake, or cookies. We set up a collection jar for those who wish to help reimburse whoever brings such refreshments.

**Membership benefits** include listing on the SASP website, <u>www.spokaneauthors.org</u>. Many members provide short biographies and links to external personal websites, creating more marketing exposure. Current members may list and describe their published works on the SASP website and offer their work for sale at meetings.

Visit the "members" page on our website to connect with members' webpages. Our "links" page connects to interesting on-line locations.

**Guest speakers** inform, inspire, and entertain with a variety of topics designed to provide knowledge about writing and publishing.

**SASP members** are encouraged to purchase or trade completed works of and with fellow members. They are also encouraged to donate copies of their work as door prizes. Winners of other members' work are expected to provide a review.

**Note:** Your name tag is yours to keep and maintain. We provide space to display your books, but *you* must bring them to each meeting.

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# THE BOOKS ON THE COVER...

Spokane Authors member Phillip Jonest has written several books. Visit his member web page at: <a href="www.spokaneauthors.org">www.spokaneauthors.org</a> Go to "MEMBERS," scroll down and click on his name.

Or visit his websites at: <a href="https://www.philljones.com">www.philljones.com</a>

www.forensics4writers.com

# **OUR APRIL MEETINGS!**

We will meet at 2:00 pm. on Friday, April 12, 2024, at the Corbin Senior Activity Center, 827 W. Cleveland Ave., Spokane, WA 99205. The Lower South Room will be open from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

Most importantly, we will be deciding where we want to meet beginning in May. For those who write something based on these prompts, we may have a chance to share our efforts at our April meeting.

We will also meet at 2:00 pm. on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at St. Francis of Assisi, 1104 W. Heroy Ave., Spokane, WA 99205. The conference room in the social hall is available from 1:30 to 4 pm.

We plan to continue to use this meeting to share ideas and thoughts about writing. It is likely these alternate meetings will feature group discussions.

### FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Spring has sprung. I can tell by how big the garlic and crocus' are and the fact that all the snow is gone. Spring is when the earth renews itself with bright colors, fresh air and promise.

I hope it also brings new life and fresh ideas to the vibrant minds of our SASP members. Speaking of which...we have stories to tell this Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>. I am so looking forward to hearing all of them.

I have heard that a few writers have

heard only crickets when sitting down to write their stories. So Jimminv Crickets. write about crickets! Also, at this meeting we will be voting on where we want to move to for our Friday meetings. Currently we have two options, and I may have a third by the



time we meet. Let's face it, we have outgrown the room we're in. Yaaaaaaaaay! We're growing! See you all on Friday.

Carl | Nathaniel

The Prez.
Author of *The Ant Doctor*and three other books that will be out soon.

# FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT

I have been thinking about the Events Calendar for this Summer and Fall. I know there are many events around the Spokane and North Idaho area that provide opportunities

for us to show our writing talents and sell our products, books. If we don't take advantage of these opportunities, then I would assume we don't care. I don't believe that. As I look around the room at our meetings on Friday and our extra meeting at St. Francis on Saturdays.



I see writers that are interested in getting their books out and into the readers hands. I suggest each of us who knows about an event opportunity for book selling, take a few minutes and write them down or send the information to Dave for inclusion in the Newsletter via an attachment. I know this puts more 'to do' on Dave to keep the event calendar updated. But it is up to each of us to provide the information. The Event Calendar is an invaluable tool for us. Hopefully, it will also bring us closer

together in writing, publishing, and selling out products.

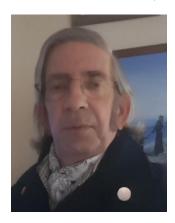
As an added proposal, I would like to hear from you. If you have an idea, let Carl or me know. Bring your idea to our meeting and present it. There are very smart members with innovative minds, let's hear from you. Aunt SASP wants you! So Speak Up!

# **Job Manion** Vice-President

# FROM YOUR EDITOR, WEB-MASTER, TREASURER

No doubt you have noticed a change to the front cover of the newsletter. I figured it was time to incorporate the new logo, and in doing so some changes in arrangement came about. As always, it's subject to change. And sometimes the overall layout depends on who many books the author who is featured on the cover has.

If you look closely at the roster that should accompany this issue of SPOKANE AUTHORS GAZETTE, you may notice that it is a little shorter. I've taken everyone off who last paid dues in 2021. Additionally, any books they had published are no longer listed on our list of books available on Amazon. (They are still listed on the AUTHORS BOOKS page of our web site, which is now for past members' books. In addition, the MEMBERS page on



our website now lists only those paid for this year. Again, it isn't about the money, but paying dues does indicate an interest in or organization. At the same time, we do have expenses and the dues help pay for them. It isn't fair to those who pay their dues regularly

for those who don't to have the same benefits. That is why, if a person hasn't paid for the current year, they are not listed on the MEMBERS page and why there is no link to

their MEMBER WEB Page.

As we move forward, I hope to provide a comprehensive "Upcoming Events" section in the newsletter. Ideally it will be parallel to the PROGRAMS page on the website, although it won't extend out as far. Ideally it should list or show events for the next two months. Of course, that means I need to know about the events, and I need to know in time to get them listed and published, both in the newsletter and on the website. I would also like to include writer-related events from the local writing community, even if they do not directly involve our members. So, if you know of a writer somewhere having a signing or a book release, let me know and I'll try to get it listed.

You may also notice that the write-up for last month's meetings is somewhat longer than usual. I don't know if that is a sign of our changing approach to how we operate or if I just took a more detailed set of notes. Assuming it is because of our new practices, I expect that portion of the newsletter will me longer. If the "Coming Events" section grows, we will have less space for reviews. While we only send out a handful of hard copies or printed editions of the newsletter, I limit the length to what can go for a single postage stamp. Typically, that is five sheets of paper, or a cover and eight pages. Just remember, you can find the reviews published here on the REVIEWS page on the website.



# **OUR MARCH 2024 MEETINGS**Compiled by Dave McChesney

Spokane Authors met at the Corbin Senior Activity Center at 2:00 pm. on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Present were Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Larry Danek, Mary De Bord, Sue Eller, Bob Hildahl, Esther Hildahl, Kevin Hostbjor, Marilee Hudon, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Jon Miller, Carl Northrup, Elena Smith, and Linda Sonntag-Noble. Visitors included Amy Logan, Terry Stratton, Denise Guy, D. J. Guy and

Sheri Decker. (Since then, both Amy and Sheri have become members of Spokane Authors.)

Once the meeting began, Sue Eller noted that she and Larry Danek would be at the Central Valley High School Arts and Craft fair the next day. Bob Manion told us he and Dave McChesney would be signing books at the North Town Barnes and Noble the next day. (Frequent guests Denise and D. J. Guy are tentatively set to have a signing there on March 30). Esther Hildahl announced that she, Bob, and Dave McChesney would be at the Shadle High Craft Fair on the weekend of March 23 and 24. President Carl Northrup showed us some bookmarks he'd made to hand out to kids while craft fairs and the like. The book-marks tend to work better for younger people than business cards.

Carl then mentioned a few possibilities of places to meet for our weekday meeting each month. He had already told us of Canaan Buffet in the Northpointe area, but today he mentioned the possibility of meeting at Spokane Art Supply. They have a large classroom-like facility that we could use for the very reasonable price of \$12.50 per meeting. (I we switch to Canaan Buffet; we would probably meet on a Thursday. If we go to Spokane Art Supply, we would continue to meet on a Friday.) As our April meeting is the last one we are set for at the Corbin Senior Activity Center, we will need to decide where we want to meet in the future. If we do decide to continue at Corbin, remember it costs us \$50.00 per month to meet there and we sign a year's contract. Carl also asked anyone who had ideas for a meeting location to put those ideas forward. Sue Eller said she would check on the club house at the mobile home community she resides in.

Dave McChesney passed around a couple of variations of a new logo for our organization. This ties in with the move to lessen the use of Self-Publishers in our name. Members present decided they liked the one with a border around it, and that logo will start appearing in our newsletter, on our website, and in other places as we move forward. (You will find it at the bottom of this report about our

March meetings.) Marilee Hudon suggested doing something similar to a pub crawl at some point in the future, where book buyers could go from one location/one book seller to the next, similar to a pub crawl. Should we attempt this, there would still be a lot of details to work out, but it is something to keep in mind.

Sue Eller updated everyone on the progress of preparing for the April 27 Northwest Indie Bookfest to take place at Auntie's Bookstore. (Please note, participants from Spokane Authors and other local writing groups have already been determined. Auntie's is not involved in the event other than to provide a space for it to be held and to take and sell participants' books on consignment.) Sue also mentioned that the mobile home community she lives in is interested in having an author day there and that they are looking for books for the community library.

Bob Manion announced a new book and talked about the annual conference held by the Spokane County Library system. He noted these conferences don't cost anything, in contrast to most, which can set an attendee back by several hundred dollars. Larry Danek also announced publication of a new book, and Carl Northrup mentioned he was getting closer to publishing two of his projects.

As it turns out, Carl, or perhaps his alterego Nathaniel Bennett, was also our speaker or presenter. Besides once again reading his short piece titled "I am a Mouse," he talked about the motivation to write and the idea of what prompts us to write. As an exercise he had us all draw slips from each of five small paper bags. If we can, we are to use the information thus obtained to write a story. Random information on the slips included the time frame of the story, past, present, or future, character gender, character age, the POV it is to be written in, and the story's genre, such as adventure fantasy. Ideally, we'll be sharing some of what we come up with at our April meetings, and perhaps even farther into the future. He did not impose a length limit on what we might write but noted that we would limit what is shared to a couple of pages.

Finally, we drew numbers for door prizes, adjourned the meeting and went our

separate ways.

We held our alternative monthly meeting on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2 pm in the social hall at St. Francis of Assisi. Spokane Authors present included Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Larry Danek, Sue Eller, Dennis Held, Kevin Hostbjor, Marilee Hudon, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, and Carl Northrup, Sandra Philbin and husband were there for a short while. Guests included Terry Stratton, Pat Moreno, Denise Guy, and D. J. Guy.

Carl got the meeting underway at 2:05 by asking if anyone had recently started a new story. (It wasn't clear if he meant anyone starting the story based on the writing prompts drawn at our meeting a week earlier.) Larry Danek mentioned he was writing another of his ghost stories. This particular tale is set in the Old West and features the town drunk. Sue Eller said she is working on a new Emily Trace Mystery, while Marilee Hudon has begun the third of the Luna Chronicles.

Marilee also mentioned that she had a couple of "how-to" books on writing that she would be glad to lend out to anyone who wanted them. She did emphasize that she wants them back. Bob Manion mentioned his book on terrorism, talked about a book with a cyber cat, and noted he was writing another vampire book. Guest Terry Stratton told us he had become hooked on books by local well-known author Patrick McManus and was attempting to set up a website and resource center for other McManus fans.

Dave McChesney announced he would be trying to include a more inclusive list of coming events in the newsletter. He also noted that if he doesn't have the information, he can't include it. So, if you have an event coming up, let Dave know as soon as you can so it can be included. Also, if you have an event, contact Marilee so she can get it onto social media. Ideally events should be able to be listed a month or even two months ahead.

Continuing from our meeting a week earlier, Carl talked about an alternate way of creating writing prompts. In this story ideas and specifications are listed on a black (or white) board, and the best ideas are chosen.

Then everyone writes to the same set of specifications. The fun in that is seeing how different the resulting stories can be. He also let those who had not been at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting draw from the five bags to see what sort of a story they could write.

There was also talk of reviving our Speakers Bureau. This was simply a listing of Spokane Authors who would be willing to speak to others on a variety of subjects, including writing, publishing, and more. At one time, participating members were noted on the website's member page and had information about what they would speak about, how to contact them, and any compensation desired included in their member webpages. We also once had a brochure about this small group, but it is likely out of date.

Eventually our allotted time, as well as our list of discussion topics faded away. We turned out the lights, locked the doors and headed for our individual abodes.

# **MEMBER WEB-PAGE GUIDE**

- 1. Name and photo/headshot
- 2. Brief biography
- 3. Links to any web-site, blog, or other online locations.
- 4. Information about any books published.
  - a. Book cover shot/thumbnail
  - b. Brief description/blurb.
  - c. Amazon ASIN, ISBN or other catalog number
  - d. Locations where physically available.

In many cases your editor/webmaster can find much of this on-line, if it is there. If it's not and you would like to have a member webpage that is as complete as possible, please email information to <a href="mailto:daveeva@comcast.net">daveeva@comcast.net</a>, <a href="mailto:authors@spokaneauthors.org">authors@spokaneauthors.org</a>, or send via USPS to:

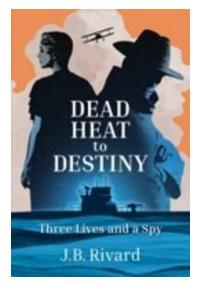
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Please note: We are always ready and willing to update and correct any webpage. Do

not hesitate to contact your webmaster if you think your page needs attention.

# FROM OUR MEMBERS... and MORE!

On Friday March 22, I was notified that my novel, **Dead Heat to Destiny**, is a finalist in



the 2023 INDIES Book of the Year Awards.

Foreword Reviews editorial team selected the finalists for the 2023 INDIES Book of the Year Awards. lt showcases outstanding talent from more than 2,400 entries. Winners will be announced in June 2024.

Below is a cover image of the book, which was released Feb. 7, 2023. Its subtitle is: "Three Lives and a Spy," the four people who are thrust into the maelstrom of the First World War. Softcover and digital editions are available from Amazon and other booksellers.

J. B. Rivard

I'm getting in touch to thank the members of the Spokane Authors & Self-Publishers - your links page was a big help! I'm one of the reference service librarians at our library here in NH and this week the staff and I are updating our resources guides! We're currently working on our Writing Tips & Techniques lib-quide; the sites you shared helped us a bunch! We really appreciate it! I also wanted to share this collection of Computer Tools and Editing Software for Writers Megan and 1 found:

https://training.certstaff.com/certstaffix/Computer-Tools-and-Editing-Software-for-Writers.asp

It's a great collection of tech-based tools for writers to help them publish their work, check their spelling and grammar, organize brainstorming ideas. arrange/edit their manuscripts and more. My student volunteer Karissa found it and was very excited to share it with you! Can you include it on your links page for us? Karissa would love it! She's getting class credit at school for volunteering with us, so I'd love to share this with her teacher if you add it! I'm hoping she'll get some bonus points - she says she really needs them this quarter, he he! Will you let me know?

Mrs. Olley

My name is Neal. I own <u>Allbooks.co</u> It's a very simple website that basically lists authors' books in order so people can discover and enjoy other books by a particular author.

I want it to become a platform for both new and established writers to self-promote their back catalogue. They can contact the site and ask to be added for free.

I was wondering if you'd be so kind to add my website link to your resources page? It would be much appreciated as I would love to grow the site in order to help many more people discover new authors and for new authors to get some more sales. Kind regards

Neal

(Editor's note: The websites/links mentioned in these notes will be added to the Spokane Authors LINKS page in the very near future.)

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Auntie's Bookstore: Local Authors Book Club

ZOOM Meeting, Wednesday April 3, 2024, at 2:00 pm. For more information and to possibly join in, contact Linda Bond at <a href="mailto:lindathewriter@gmail.com">lindathewriter@gmail.com</a> or Auntie's Bookstore at: auntiesbooks@gmail.com

### **Inland Northwest Writers Guild**

ZOOM Meeting, Wednesday April 17, 2024, at 7:00 pm. For more information and to possibly join in, contact Linda Bond at lindathewriter@gmail.com

Note: this may not take place due to preparations for the below listed event.



#### 1st Annual Northwest Indie Bookfest

Join over twenty local independent authors in this celebration at Auntie's Bookstore in Spokane, Washington on Saturday April 27th!

- 20+ Book SigningsBook Readings
- Mini Presentations

Sponsored by local authors, Spokane Authors & Self Publishers, Inland Northwest Writer's Guild, Scifi Fantasy & Horror Writers, Spokane Fiction Writer's Group, and the North Idaho Writer's League.

For more info contact nwindiebookfest@gmail.com







Spokane Authors participating include, Marilee Hudon, Esther Hildahl, Mary A. De Bord, who will be signing books at the event. Carl Northrup will read from his book, and Sue Eller will give a presentation.

# Auntie's Bookstore: Local Authors Book Club

ZOOM Meeting, Wednesday May 1, 2024, at 2:00 pm. For more information and to possibly join in, contact Linda Bond at <a href="mailto:lindathewriter@gmail.com">lindathewriter@gmail.com</a> or Auntie's Bookstore at: auntiesbooks@gmail.com

#### Inland Northwest Writers Guild

ZOOM Meeting, Wednesday May 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm. For more information and to possibly join in, contact Linda Bond at lindathewriter@gmail.com

# Auntie's Bookstore: Local Authors Book Club

ZOOM Meeting, Wednesday June 5, 2024, at 2:00 pm. For more information and to possibly join in, contact Linda Bond at <a href="mailto:lindathewriter@gmail.com">lindathewriter@gmail.com</a> or Auntie's Bookstore at: <a href="mailto:auntiesbooks@gmail.com">auntiesbooks@gmail.com</a>

#### **Inland Northwest Writers Guild**

ZOOM Meeting, Wednesday June 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm. For more information and to possibly join in, contact Linda Bond at <a href="mailto:lindathewriter@gmail.com">lindathewriter@gmail.com</a>

# SASP BOOKS ON AMAZON/KINDLE

Many SASP members' books are on Amazon and/or Kindle™ (We print short parts of the list on a rotating basis. The complete, and hopefully up to date list is available on the web-site, under "NEWS")

To speed your search, add the provided ten digit numerical or alpha-numerical code (ASIN) to: www(dot)amzn(dot)com/dp/
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# Joyce Seebaum

I Know Your Secrets, Dad

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### **Nathaniel Bennett**

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**Julie Bergman** 

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**Greg Clark, DC** 

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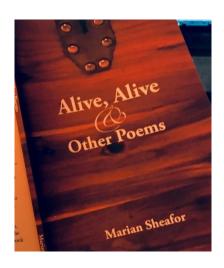
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# **FEATURED BOOK REVIEWS**

We post reviews of members' works written by other members, reviews of members' books by non-members, and reviews of books by non-members reviewed by our members. We'll leave a review up as long as either the author of the book or at least one reviewer is a current member of Spokane Authors.



Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

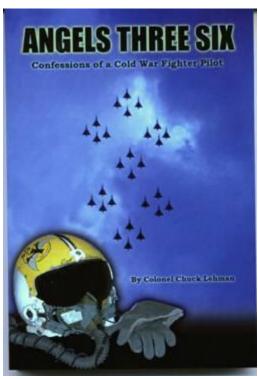
Marian Sheafor is a very talented poet. Her book *Alive, Alive & Other Poems* is a collection of poems divided into four parts. Some of these poems tell of love and the difficulty of letting go. Others show the deep thinking of the poet as she writes about war and prejudices and aging and the history of the Oregon Trail and beyond.

However, my favorite part was the third part of the book, which tells the stories of the people in a small graveyard and how they died. These stories are told in their own words when they discover they can wake up and share their stories with others buried there.

I loved this book. It's a keeper. It's well-written, a page turner, and I recommend it to all.

Reviewed by Robert Hildahl

Generally, I don't care for poetry books. Mostly they put me to sleep. However, my wife loves poetry and is always telling me how much she enjoys reading it, and she says that you can tell what people are like by their poetry because they usually speak from their hearts. So recently, I decided to try reading one of her poetry books. The first four, I didn't care for, but then she handed me *Alive*, *Alive* & *Other Poems*. I opened the book to the first poem and read and then I read the second one and then I discovered that I really liked this poet's poems and I read them all in one sitting. So, I guess, I really do like poetry, especially Marian Sheafor's poetry. If she writes another book of poetry, I will gladly read it.



By Col. Chuck Lehman

Reviewed By D. Andrew McChesney

I grew up during the Cold War, aware of, but probably not fully cognizant of the dangers we all faced. As a grade school student, I knew that the United States Air Force stood by, ready to defend this Nation and its people from Soviet aggression. My uncle was a SAC (Strategic Air Command) bomber pilot, and I could name and recognize many of the fighters that stood ready to meet any incoming threat. It was a time I thought, of unlimited numbers of aircraft, all with amazing

performance and abilities, piloted by steelyeyed warriors, itching to be at any intruder.

In Angels Three Six, Col. Lehman, an ADC (Air Defense Command) fighter pilot, relates his adventures while serving in defense of the nation. Most of the stories do not deal with the horrors of possible nuclear war, but with the daily routine, the ever-present danger, and the sometimes humorous incidents of high-performance military aviation. Reading his book causes one to realize that the pilots we look up to aren't supermen, but human beings with the same failings and fears as the rest of us. Many of his tales are humbling, and he should be lauded for passing them on.

Having spent over two decades in Naval Aviation maintenance, I connected closely with many of the detailed accounts mentioned in the book. While there is always that inter service rivalry, *Angels Three Six* superbly shows us all what military aviation was all about. It is a must read for anyone who wants to experience and understand the Cold War era.

Angels Three Six, ISBN 0-9788507-9-3 was published in Spokane, Washington, by The Write Place. It is available for \$19.95 + \$3.00 S&H from CALCO, 13811 S. Finney St., Medical Lake, WA 99022.

Col. Lehman is also the author of *Emergency Survival* for \$9.95 and *Desert Survival Handbook* for \$7.95, both available from CALCO, each with an added \$3.00 shipping and handling charge. He has also written a novel based on the exploits of his ancestors during the American Civil War.

(Since reading the book and writing this review, the author has issued a newer revised edition, which I believe is from Spokane's own Gray Dog Press. Col. Lehman has also written a published several historical novels centered around events in the early Christian Era.)

(Due to space constraints, a second review of this book could not be published in this month's SPOKANE AUTHORS GAZETTE. It will be included in the May edition.)