

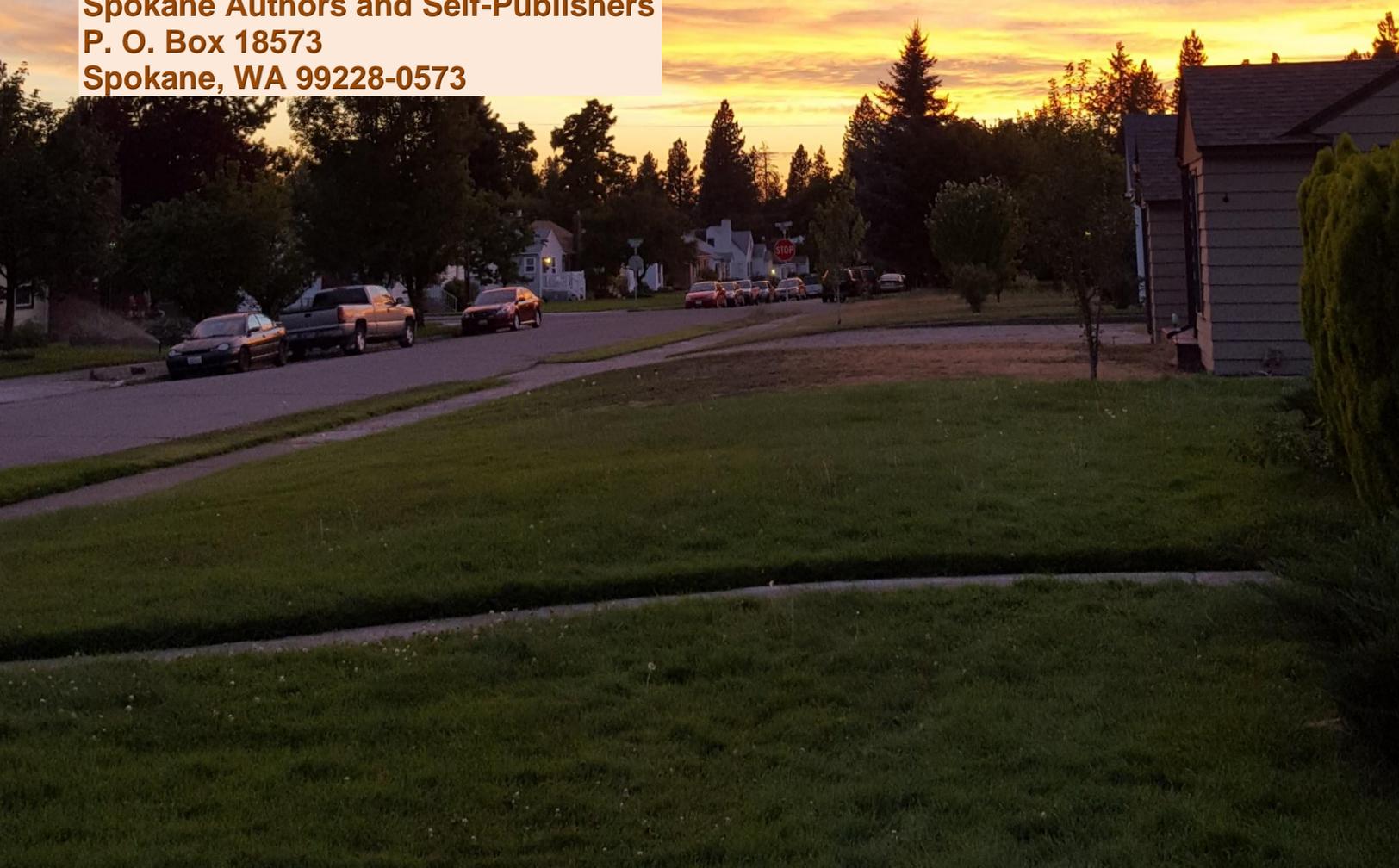


# SASP

# NEWS

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**Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers**  
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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 in order to share knowledge and experience with those interested in writing and alternative ways of publishing. Today, SASP is a large non-profit organization dedicated to anyone with interests 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 luncheon 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 first Thursday of each month at the **Shadle Park Library**, 2111 W. Wellesley. Ave., Spokane.

Presentations are slated to begin as soon as possible after **2:00 pm**. After a short break, members and guests relate their accomplishments, mention upcoming activities, and we draw for door prizes. Members and guests must be present to win.

The library does not allow food to be brought into the meeting room, so those who wish to eat are encouraged to do so before or after our meeting.

**Membership benefits** include listing on the SASP website, [www.spokaneauthors.org](http://www.spokaneauthors.org). 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 web-site to connect with members’ web-pages. Our “links” page connects to interesting on-line locations, including those of many SASP members.)

**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 others’ work are expected to provide a review.

**Note:** SASP no longer transports name tags and display books to and from meetings. Your name tag is yours to keep and maintain. We provide space to display your books, but you must bring them to each meeting.

**Submission Deadline:** Items to be included in the next edition of SASP NEWS must be received by the editor a week prior to the next scheduled meeting. (**August 25<sup>th</sup> for the September 2022 issue.**)

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Cover: Smoky August sky from a couple years ago.  
Photo by Dave McChesney

## OUR NEXT MEETING!

We are scheduled to meet at 11:30 am. on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Shadle Park Library, 2111 W. Wellesley Ave., Spokane. We will be in the smaller “classroom, which will be open at 11 am. This is a onetime difference in the time for our meeting.

Our guest speaker will be Brooke Matson, Executive Director of Spark Central. We will also have a short talk after the break from Annie McKinlay, host of the KYRS Thin Air Radio show Page Turner.

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello, fellow scribes. I hope all of you are staying cool. Let’s hope the only thing heating up is the collective writing muse.



For our next meeting, we have a couple of changes. We will still meet in the Shadle Library, but for this month only, we will be in a smaller room – the Classroom. Also for this month, the room will open at 11:00 a.m., and the

meeting will begin at approximately 11:30. Our guest speaker will be Brooke Matson, Executive Director of Spark Central. We will also have a short talk after the break from Annie McKinlay, host of the KYRS Thin Air Radio show Page Turner.

Beginning in September, we will begin to meet on the second Thursday of the month in the largest meeting room at the Shadle Library. They have reserved this room for us on the second Thursday every month through December of 2023. The room will open at 1:00 p.m. and we have it reserved until 5:00 p.m. I am grateful that we have such a nice facility in which to meet, and it seems appropriate for us to be in a building full of books.

See as many of you as possible next week.

*Sue Eller*, President

## FROM YOUR EDITOR, WEB-MASTER, TREASURER

One of the big changes in meeting at the library is that we no longer have to spend more than ten dollars to buy a meal, whether we particularly want to eat or not. We do have refreshments, provided by one or more of our members. To this point, SASP has been reimbursing those who have provided the cake. Last month a member suggested passing the hat, so to speak, and letting those who wanted contribute a little to the cost of our gastronomic treats. I’ll bring a “cake donation” jar and set it by the cake and you may contribute what you will, what you want. Any contributions will be used to offset reimbursement expenses from our treasury.

There are still several people who were dropped from the “Members” page on our web-site because they have not yet paid dues for 2022. We’d love to put you back on the list and make your Member



Web-Pages available again on our web-site. Paying dues is easy. You can pay at

any SASP meeting, or you can send a check or money order for \$15.00 to:

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I check the mail weekly, and if we receive any dues payments, I take those payments directly to our financial institution for deposit. I also try to notify anyone who pays that the dues payment has been received... usually by way of e-mail.

If your personal situation means paying dues will pose a financial hardship, please contact a SASP Officer or Advisory Board Member. We will see what we can do to accommodate you.



## OUR JULY 2022 MEETING

Compiled by Dave McChesney

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers May met for the third time at the Shadle Library and for most members it is starting to feel like home. If there is any sort of a downside, it is that parking is a bit scarce during the summer months due to the near-by pool at Shadle Park.

Members attending included Bob Weldin, Kate Poitevin, Karl Northrup, Dave McChesney, Bob Manion, Marilee Hudon, Esther Hildahl, Bob Hildahl, Sue Eller, Ed Des Autel, Larry Danek, and Caryl Briscoe-Michas. Welcomed as guests were Ryan Bishop, Michaela Hutsell, and Anna Bade. Our guest speaker was retired Air Force Colonel Bill Riley who now resides in the Boise, Idaho area.

Bill noted that it was quite a change going from writing technical and intelligence reports while serving in the armed forces to writing fiction for young adults. He mentioned that because of his intelligence service background he now has to have various agencies clear any of his work before he gets it published. He also said writing and publishing were "acts of perseverance." Following a short break Bill was available to sign and sell copies

of *Baghdaddy*, his memoir of service in the Middle East and *Ashur's Tears*, the first of his fiction efforts.

President Sue Eller announced a few changes to our upcoming meeting schedule. Due to the demand for meeting space at the library, our August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at 11 am and in the smallest of the three meeting rooms. (We have been meeting in the medium sized room.) Beginning **in September** we will meet at our normal time in the largest of the rooms, but on the **second instead of the first Thursday** of each month.

Bob Manion told us the annual Pacific Northwest Writers Association's Conference was scheduled for the later part of September. One can visit [www.pnwa.org](http://www.pnwa.org) for more information.

Bob Weldin made a short presentation about emotion in writing and recommended use of The Emotion Thesaurus by Angela Ackerman and Becca Puglisi. It is hoped that a short presentation of this sort by one of our members will become standard routine at our meetings.

The afternoon ended with drawings for door prizes donated by several of our members.

## MEMBER WEB-PAGE GUIDE

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

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Check out other member web-pages at [www.spokaneauthors.org](http://www.spokaneauthors.org). Click on the "Members" button and then on the member's

page you wish to view.

Contact your web-master if your page needs to be updated or corrected

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SASP member Tiffani Harvey has a number of events coming up this summer. She'll be selling and signing books at:

Farmers Markets  
2310 N. Monroe St., Spokane  
Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 3 pm to 7 pm,

Rogers Highschool Craft Fair  
Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 4 pm

## 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")

(Contact the editor/web-master at [daveeva@comcast.net](mailto:daveeva@comcast.net) or at [authors@spokaneauthors.org](mailto:authors@spokaneauthors.org) to get your Amazon/Kindle books listed)

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or: [www.amzn.com/dp/1936178044](http://www.amzn.com/dp/1936178044)

If you are overseas or shop in a different Amazon Marketplace, the URL will be as required for that location, but the ASINs, the number provided here will remain the same.

### Lewis Meline:

*Lies Exposed! The Truth about Diets...*

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### J. B. Rivard

*Illusions of Magic: Love and Intrigue in 1933*

Chicago B01EGSC8N8 0996836306

*Illusions of Magic: The Movie*

B0751RL53G 0996836330

*Low on Gas: High on Sky*

B07V2V48XD 0996836349

### Larry Danek

*I'm the Ghost in this Body: The Nomadic Ghost*  
B0110Z500Q

*Jed's World* B00MWDJ1YY

*Jed's World (New, Revised Edition)*  
B08HSPQPG6 B08HW4F323L

*Ghostly Reunion: A Nomadic Ghost Story*  
B077KHR33M

*The Runaway Ghost: Story of the Nomadic Ghost (Vol. 3)*  
1986978605

*Ghost at the Border*  
B089S6TWXT B089M1D93T (pb)

*Pioneer Ghost: A Story of the Nomadic Ghost*  
B0957397G1 B094TCDGZG (pb)

### Esther J. Hildahl

*Meadow Pond* B072FS1CLL 154244828X

*Mr. Inky: Spider with an Attitude*  
B07177PLGX 1542451248

*Marie's Marvelous Tomato*  
B073SFTS74 1548307653

*Poopie the Fly and Friends*  
B07HNQLKMW 1724038427

*Winter Stories* B09BGF8TGL

### Russell H. Ford

*Depop* B019NGA00Q 159849175X

*Re-Ring* B01IRW4XVY

### Karen Jean Matsko Hood

*Blood Heiress* 1592108857

*Bloom of Autumn Gold* 1592102166

*Huckleberry Delights* B0045U9U34 1596493852

*Transracial Adoption* 1594346690

*Transracial Adoption Guide* 1594346704

*Petting Farm Fun* B00H5X0Y2E 1594346186

*Finding Rudolph* B074JZPG9X 1598082957

*Morning Reflections* B00DH70LVG 1930948557

### Tom Wallace

*To Kill a Poacher: A Psychological Case Study in Empathic Health and Applied Spirituality*

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## FEATURED BOOK REVIEWS

If you have read a fellow SASP member's book, don't forget to write a review so we can include it on our web-site and here

in our newsletter. (To be honest, your editor has a number of reviews to write, hopefully in the near future.)



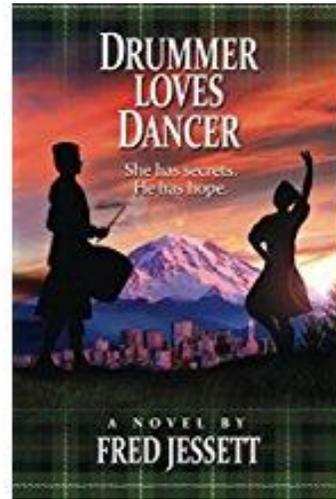
By Russell H. Ford

Reviewed by D. Andrew McChesney

What if those folks secretly in charge of everything thought that controlling or limiting the population would be the best for everybody? What if others opposed that idea? Bring in others supporting the idea of population control and put them in conflict with those who are against it.

This is the premise of Russell Ford's first novel. Open the cover and step into a world of black ops, church intervention on a not so holy level, and the dangerous life of agent Neah Bey. It reads like a thriller because it is. Well written, it is difficult to put down. Despite the deep sometimes disturbing premise of the story, there is an entertaining, somewhat lighter air to it. Unique is that many of the characters are named for cities, towns, and other geographical locations in the Pacific Northwest. Being a resident of that region, this reviewer soon caught on to the author's method of creating character names and looked forward to see what little town or feature would be mentioned next.

This was an intense and interesting read and I look forward to the author's next offering.



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.

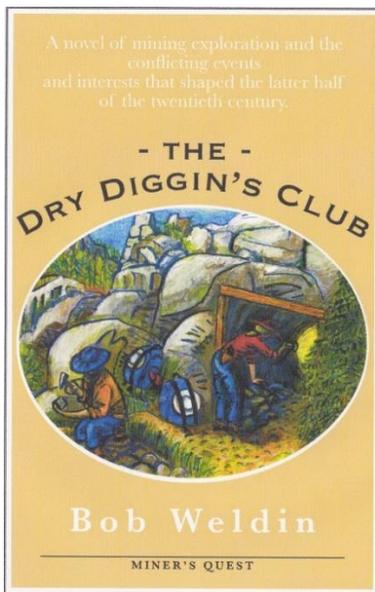
Lad MacAdam, a drummer in a Seattle-based Scottish piping band, falls in the thrall of instant attraction to Ginger DeForest, a dancer and beautiful young woman of mystery from New York. Lad really does put Ginger on that pedestal, seeing her as far above him. Gradually, as their relationship deepens, 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?



By Bob Weldin

Reviewed by D. Andrew McChesney

Growing up in a ranching and mining Montana family, Sara Mullins is drawn into geological exploration and mine engineering. After college she becomes one of the first women to work in the male dominated field. She does extended field work in the Idaho wilderness and then in Alaska. While there, she successfully drives off a marauding grizzly and meets who she believes is the man of her dreams. Closer to home, she becomes a member of the Dry Diggin's Club, a group of

mining professionals seeking to better their position. Along the way she discovers some unique advantages of aircraft equipped with auto-pilots, learns that not everyone can be trusted, and foils an attempt at extortion.

This proved to be an entertaining and enjoyable read. In large part the story is set in the local region, with much of the story taking place in Coeur d'Alene or Spokane. One scene takes place at this reviewer's current place of employment, and that establishment is mentioned in another. Although it does play a part in the story, it is surprising that the Dry Diggin's Club doesn't play a larger more central role throughout the book.

ISBN 978-0-578-10682-3 was published by Miner's Quest and retails for \$19.95.

Reviewed by Robert G. Hildahl

Weldin has written a very exciting novel about mining and searching for the *mother lode*. It makes you want to go backpacking with a miner's pick and search for minerals and gold deposits.

In many ways this book is similar in excitement to a Clive Cussler novel, but without all the bad guys shooting everybody. *The Dry Diggin's Club* is a real page turner with romance and adventure that keeps you interested and excited right to the end.

I highly recommend reading this well-written novel.

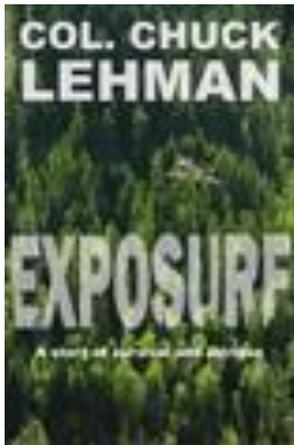
Reviewed by James Bartlett Parry

Bob Weldin's vast mining expertise and experience shine through as he weaves this captivating tale of exciting discoveries in romance and in other treasures. You'll learn a ton about mineralogy while being engrossed in the many dramatic happenings of the Mullins family. And you'll experience two generations of Mullins' – from the end of World War II through the 1960's. Primarily set in Montana, Sara Mullins attempts to enter a profession dominated by men. As she is doing this she finds herself involved with the Dry Diggins'

Club and romantically involved with two men, one of whom turns out to be a scoundrel. With the help of her brother and the man who may become her soul-mate (Brad), Sara gains sweet revenge – in a unique way – on the scoundrel.

The book ends with Sara flying off with Brad. Will they find true happiness – and will they find the Lost Sheepeaters Mine?

I hope Mr. Weldin writes a sequel so I can find out. Perhaps, his next book will take us through the end of the last century and into the present. He left me wanting more.



Reviewed by Robert G. Hildahl

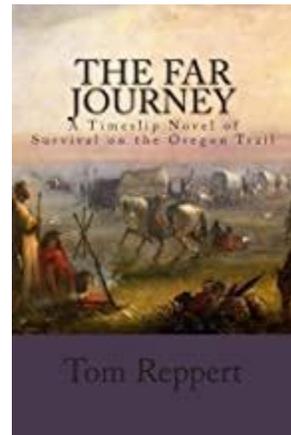
Another great book by Col. Chuck Lehman. Using his survival training skills, he has successfully created an exciting suspense-filled thriller and a page turner.

The story begins with Cal, a pilot, being forced to crash land his plane into the treetops of a Canadian forest. Now he and his photojournalist, Jillian, must not only survive in the woods but must also avoid being shot by a mysterious stranger who is shooting at them. With a little romance mixed in, *Exposure* is a great read.

Reviewed by Fred Jessett

I don't usually read thrillers but this looked like it might be a good read so I decided to give it a shot. I was not disappointed. A routine aerial photo mission for a mining

company turns deadly when the plane carrying former U. S. Air Force pilot Cal Cunningham and risk-taking photojournalist, Jill Adams is forced down in the wilderness of northern Canada. They soon discover that they have to deal with the wilderness but also a Russian sniper and a Mexican drug cartel. All of Cal's survival training and his resourcefulness are put to use as Cal and Jill devise ways to survive both nature and those out to kill them. In the process Cal and Jill also find themselves relying on prayer and on each other in ways that rekindle faith and love in lives that had lost both somewhere in the past.



By Tom Reppert

Reviewed by Robert Hildahl

*The Far Journey* is about a very spoiled girl named Paula Masters who goes back in time to when people were first coming out west on the Oregon Trail. The story tells how she helped save people from getting sick. She taught them about cleanliness and boiling water to make sure it was safe. It tells about the real hardships traveling back then by covered wagon. She did a lot of growing up real fast.

Tom Reppert who was a guest speaker at one of our SASP meetings has written a great book with a surprise ending. It keeps you interested all the way through and is a real page turner. I definitely recommend this book.