

SASP

NEWS

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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. Beginning in May of 2022, our location will change to the **Shadle Park Library**, 2111 W. Wellesley. Ave., Spokane. Hopefully we will continue to meet there in the future.

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. **(May 26<sup>th</sup> for the June 2022 issue.)**

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## OUR NEXT MEETING!

We are scheduled to meet at 2 pm. on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Shadle Park Library, 2111 W. Wellesley Ave., Spokane.

We will start the actual meeting as soon as possible after 2 pm, rather than waiting until 2:30 to get started.



Our speaker will be Elinor Young who was nine years old when she first thought about working overseas. Weakened by Polio as a child, it seemed like an impossible dream. But in 1973 Elinor reached Papua,

Indonesia, to begin linguistic, translation, and community development work among the primitive Kimyal people of Papua, Indonesia. During her nearly 17 years there, the Kimyal tribe gave Elinor the name Bad Legs, saying her bad legs were a symbol of God's love for them. Now retired, Elinor writes, speaks, mentors, and has now published her memoir. She was our quest speaker in July 2019.

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Our first meeting in the Shadle Library



was a success. The library has welcomed us to use their meeting rooms on a regular basis. There will be no charge to do so, unless we don't clean up after ourselves, which involves putting the furniture back the way we found it and

picking up trash. To that end, we are asking for volunteers to help set up and take down for each meeting.

We had a few glitches and were a little bit disorganized at times last month. Considering it was an entirely different venue and atmosphere, I believe we adapted fairly well. We are working on an agenda for the July meeting, and subsequent meetings, that should work to streamline the flow of the gathering. As always, we welcome suggestions from all our members.

This summer should prove to be an exciting one for us. For our June meeting, we will host guest speaker Elinor Young. Elinor has recently published her book *Running on Broken Legs* and will talk about her publishing journey and have copies of her book available for sale. Lt. Col. Bill Riley, Ret., author of *Baghdaddy*, a memoir of his military service in the Middle East, has recently switched to writing a fantasy series geared toward the 11-15 age group and has the second book nearly completed. He will talk about the changes, and why he decided to venture into the fantasy genre.

I will continue to record our speakers so that any who are unable to attend the meeting in person will be able to watch via a private YouTube link. If you have missed a meeting and would like to view the video, please email me and request the link. My email is [author@emilytracemysteries.com](mailto:author@emilytracemysteries.com). The quality of recordings from the Golden Corral meetings is not that great, but the library one came out in excellent shape and required very little editing.

As it was last month, our meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. The meeting room will open at 1:30. We will take a 10-minute break at about 3:00 p.m. and conduct our business meeting after that. Meeting will adjourn at 4:00, which should give volunteers time for cleanup before we have to vacate the room at 4:30.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Until then, write on!

*Sue Eller, President*

## FROM YOUR EDITOR, WEB-MASTER, TREASURER

I too thought our meeting at the Shadle Park Library went well. In fact, I haven't heard anyone say they didn't like being there.



Meeting at a library does seem to be a commonsense thing for a writers group. I'm looking forward to being there for the foreseeable future and I hope you all are as well.

This month I hope to not focus on dues and dues payments as much as I have in the recent past. I do have a couple of items I'd like to touch on. First of all, if you want your upcoming event to show up on the web-site's "Program" page or in the newsletter, be sure to send me the information. If you mention it at a meeting I may not always get the facts straight, or on occasion I may not even have a chance to make a note of it. As always, the sooner the better. And remember, I close out inputs for the newsletter a week before our meeting, so plan accordingly.

Also, if you have a chance, visit our "Members" page and check you member web-page. Let me know if there are any updates or corrections that need to be made. Many still need a photo or head shot of the member, as well as a bio. If you are not listed on the "Member" page and don't have a member web-page, it is probably because you are not current in your dues.

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 MAY MEETING

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers May meeting at our new location, the Shadle Library, was a success. Some thirty-four people attended to hear Lee Kessler talk about what motivated her to write her *White King* series. She had some telling advice for writers, saying, "Remember that every character has a driving motivation."

Present at the meeting were: Julie Bergman, Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Beth Camp, Betty Deuber, Sue Eller, Bob Hildahl, Esther Hildahl, Marilee Hudon, Stephen Lalonde, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Carl Northrup, Kate Poitevin, Linda Sonntag-Noble, Bob Weldin, and Joyce Wilkens. Several guests were there as well, including newly joined members Gregory Clark, DC and Steve Smart. It is quite possible that some in attendance were members who had joined remotely over the past year or so, and we apologize for not recognizing and acknowledging your presence. Also present was Larry Whitesitt, who was a member of SASP several years ago.

Our guest speaker, Lee Kessler is a former actress who has appeared in films and television shows such as "Hill Street Blues," "Hunter," "Creator," "Matlock," "Barney Miller," and others. She retired from acting a few years ago in order to write.

Her newest book, *White King and A Seat at the Table* is considered prophetic fiction, describing current events that are ultimately a battle of good and evil. It describes a plot to create one global government and who is behind it, and if successful would "control every aspect of our

lives.” She encourages us to “read the last book first,” and speculates she might be the only writer of a series to say that.

The purpose of this book, the third in the series, is to reset awareness of how propaganda and mind control attempts to manage our perception and create an ideology that forms our reality. The reader needs to “keep an open mind and see things in a different perspective.” This is the power of even a fiction writer.

After her talk we held our usual raffle, and a cake and veggie tray were served, leading Esther Hildahl to wonder if we could have cake at every meeting. President Sue Eller also asked for input regarding the use of the library as a meeting location and announced that we were booked there for both June and July. She also noted that our June speaker would be fellow SASP member Elinor Young.

### 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/thumbnaill
  - b. Brief description/blurb/reviews
  - c. Amazon ASIN, ISBN or other
  - d. Locations where available.
5. Send as much information as possible to: [daveeva@comcast.net](mailto:daveeva@comcast.net),

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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

A SASP member who writes as Nathaniel Bennett, author of *The Ant Doctor* will be at Colville’s Coffee and Books Day on Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am. until 1 pm.

SASP member Sandra Mason, author of *Into the Fire* will be at Auntie’s Bookstore in downtown Spokane on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 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)

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#### Stephen D. Lalonde

*The Phoenix Gift*  
*A Palette of Verse*

**B07KGMSBDJ**  
**B01NCJ8IP7**

#### Sidney Hemmingsmoore

*Health Secrets of the Bible*

**B09HJJ1K57 B09HG4KHDZ**

#### Joyce Seebaum

*I Know Your Secrets, Dad*

**B09G25NPY3 B09M4KTHJJ8**

#### Nathaniel Bennett

*The Ant Doctor*

**B09QP55ZSX**

**Julie Bergman**

*Sahar's Creation* 0578323656 B09N9D4Z2X

**Stephen B. Smart**

*Whispers of The Greybull* B00795J47Y 148205700X  
*Vanishing Raven* B00JV159IM 1505906636

**Greg Clark, DC**

*Ashes of Arson* B0768PCRYJ 1976986370  
*Arson Revisited* B07P9BDFXB 1798492032  
*Arson and Opioids* B07X85NKNM 1692105906  
*Arson's Revenge* B0852SKMRR B08761CN2M  
*Arson's Exit* B09PDG8RM6 B09P452BQW

**Various SASP members**

*Celebrating Spokane Authors:  
A Collection of Poetry, Essays, and Short  
Stories* B077GBTQ67 1978483619

**D. Andrew McChesney:**

*Beyond the Ocean's Edge: A Stone Island Sea  
Story* B008TXC332 1432780379  
*Sailing Dangerous Waters: Another Stone  
Island Sea Story* B00HF9Y05K 1478721898  
*Darnahsian Pirates: The Third Stone Island  
Sea Story* B09FFJSSGC B09BC9P9WL

**James Parry:**

*Book All the Teachers: An Irreverent Ride  
through Middle School* B00US5918V 1501042211

**Bob Weldin:**

*The Dry Diggin's Club* 0578106825  
*The Adventurists* 153027253X

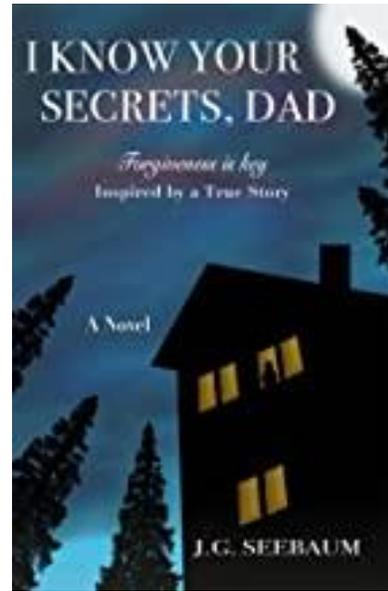
**Sue Eller:**

*Return from Armageddon* B005JVAJKQ 1477655727  
*Meadowlark Madness* B0097D599I 1479181714  
*Send in the Drones* B07TFDFVS9 1726834662  
*The Gluten Free Gourmand* B00TRBKT9U 150853134X  
*Taming of the T-Bird* B00S2ZDIQTQ 1505963982  
*Short Trips to Alternate Universes*  
B08P342L5V B08P3QTJQL (pb)

**FEATURED BOOK REVIEWS**

This month, rather than continuing to follow the list of reviews on our web-site, let's look at some of the reviews that have been recently added or updated.

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.)



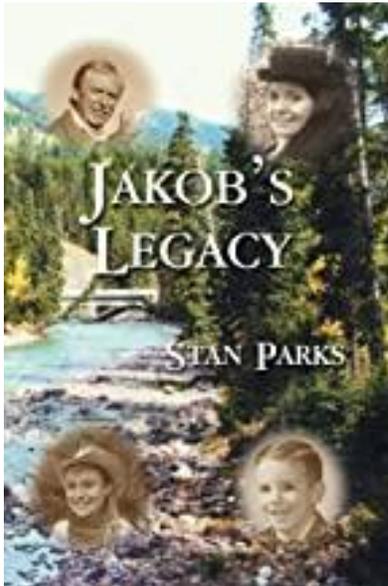
By J. G. Seebaum

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

Inspired by true events, the author tells the story of an adopted girl named Heather. Heather loves her adopted mother. However, her adopted father hates her. When her mother dies, her father quickly remarries a woman, who like her father, is very cruel to her. As her father's cruelty and abuse escalates, she is glad to leave home and at the age of sixteen, she begins her search for her birth parents. Because of our antiquated laws back then, her search takes nearly fifty years. Along the way with the help of her special friend Natalie, who worked for the Denver Family

Court-Juvenile Division, and others, she is able to uncover much information and secrets of both her birth parents and her adopted parents.

*I Know Your Secrets, Dad* is a very interesting story. Seebaum has written a page turner, which is never boring. I recommend this book to one and all.



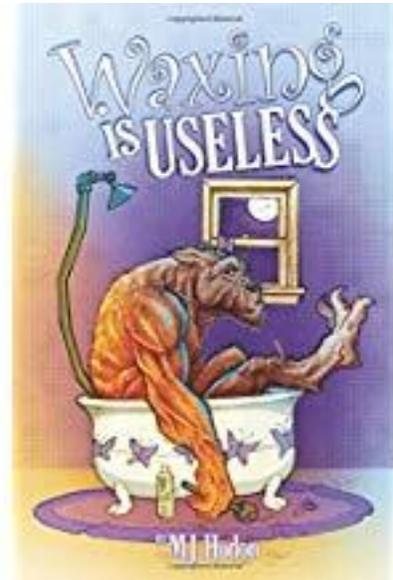
By Stan Parks

Reviewed by Robert Hildahl

*Jakob's Legacy* is about Jakob's second marriage to Lady Geraldine, who owns a large cattle and horse ranch. Even though they love the ranch, they decide to live in Sheridan, where Jakob will continue his dental practice. Along with Jakob's daughter, BethAnn, they have a son of their own named Randy.

Jakob is a very successful dentist. He not only tends to his own patients, he goes to the hospital to set broken jaws and perform other dental surgeries. He is an important part of the community and is also a blood brother to the Chief of the Crow Nation. And, he frequently goes to the Crow Indian Reservation to help those who are suffering with dental problems. Plus, when their ranch has problems with cattle rustlers, Jakob helps catch the thieves.

This book is full of other adventures and life in Sheridan, Wyoming. It's a good read and a good follow up to Stan Parks' first book, *Jakob's Ladies*. It's well written and I recommend this book for all.



By M.J. Hudon

Reviewed by James B. Parry

Don't judge this book by its cover (or by its playful title.) It is quite a serious (with some humor) fantasy, horror, thriller, murder mystery about a seemingly ordinary family. Turns out, Mom (Miranda) has a weird recessive gene that causes her to turn into a wolf whenever stressed. Events gradually reveal this to her, and later to her family, as her lupus and problems at work worsen, not to mention the stress caused by her two teenage children.

This is a different kind of werewolf book. These wolf/humans are here to HELP humankind. (Not to worry: There is a hideous - and odoriferous - monster lurking at all times in the background.) Apparently, many people have this hidden wolf gene. These "werewolves" then become "Guardians" protecting us normal human beings. Miranda must decide if she wants to become a Guardian (which would greatly lessen her lupus symptoms) or stick with her regular life.

There are many surprises in this book including a few murders, a kidnapping, and a sort of exorcism. Exciting and well written. It was hard to put it down. Normally, I read a few pages of a book in bed each night before the book puts me to sleep, but *Waxing Is Useless* kept me reading for hours – until my wife would yell at me to turn out the light.

Buy a copy, and you, too, will be glued to this book.

Reviewed by Sue Eller

A nameless evil lurks in the side streets and back alleys of Spokane, Washington. Unseen, but felt by the more sensitive human residents and smelled by the Guardians of the mid-sized metropolis, it hunts the sweet taste of its next victim, a vulnerable soul.

Hudon contrasts the horror of the hunter's depravity and destruction with the tale of a bumbling housewife as she discovers her very own superpower. Creative cusswords are not only G-rated but hilarious. Humor and hope are interwoven skillfully with terror and trepidation as the author reveals the true nature of the Guardians and the reader discovers that, at least for some, *Waxing is Useless*.

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

The clever cover of *Waxing is Useless* intrigued me and made me want to read this book. Turns out it's a story of a woman named Miranda Moon who is fighting a serious illness. She doesn't know it, but she is about to meet up with a pack of werewolves called the Spokane Guardians who will change her and her family's lives forever. These wolves are helpful and protect us humans from very dangerous, evil creatures who stalk our streets and neighborhoods searching for innocent victims.

Ms. Hudon has written a very creative story with many interesting characters. I found this book to be a real page turner, never dull or

boring. I enjoyed reading it and I recommend it for one and all. So buy this book and find out why waxing is useless!

## WELCOME!

Our most recently joined members include Julie Bergman, author of *Sahar's Creation*, Greg Clark, DC, author of *Ashes of Arson*, *Arson Revisited*, and more. Also joining us is Steve Smart, who wrote *Whispers of the Greybull* and *Vanishing Raven*.

