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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 at **Golden Corral**, 7117 N. Division Street, in Spokane

Presentations begin at **2:30 pm**. The room opens at **2:00 pm** so members and guests can dine, visit, join, pay dues, browse, and perhaps buy each other's books. After 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.

Attendees are requested to buy lunch upon entering the establishment, and to leave an appropriate tip for the waiter/waitress.

Membership benefits include listing on the SASP website, 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. Please take books you provide for display. We provide space for displaying 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. **(November 28th for the December issue.)**

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OUR NEXT MEETING!

Please join us **Thursday, November 7, 2019** at the **Golden Corral** on Spokane's **North Division Street**. The meeting room is open for dining, conversation, and general socializing at 2:00 pm. **Our meeting and scheduled presentation begin at 2:30**

Tom Reppert is a veteran who served with the 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam. After earning a BA in English and History at Western State College and Masters in Creative Writing from Colorado State University and Professional Writing from the University of Southern California, he spent decades teaching English Literature and Writing all over the world, mostly in Africa and Asia to international students. He has written several well-received, historical and time-travel novels, including *The Far Journey*, *the Captured Girl*, and *Assassin 13*. They published in hard copy, kindle and audio on audible.com.

Tom is a member of the Idaho Writers' League – Sandpoint Chapter – and his topic will be ***Character Development and Time Travel***.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

A few newsletters ago I wrote about how much I envied my fellow SASP members. I envy you because (most of) you are *currently* writing and loving it, but I had lost my enthusiasm for writing, had lost my muse. I was doing a lot of things; doing everything except sitting down at the keyboard.



But now I have been revived! – thanks to fellow SASP member Kari Barr and her announcement of wanting a backstory for *Desert Jack*, the name of her husband's barbeque sauce. *Desert Jack* sounded like an intriguing fellow so I thought I'd give it a shot. That \$10 award really spurred me on. Once again, I felt joy in writing. My take on *Desert Jack* is not the greatest prose ever composed. It's no *War*

and *Peace* or *Where the Crawdads Sing*, but writing it was fun and got the creative juices flowing once again.

Thank you Kari! Pearls in your oysters.

Jim

FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER

Whether you see it that way or not, I feel like I'm the communication center of our organization. I like to, I want to pass along information from various sources to all of you. That includes letting our fellow members know about your upcoming author activities, rather they be signings, readings, or your involvement at local arts and craft sales.

The easiest way to get the word out to your fellow SASP members is simply to e-mail the information to me so I can then forward it to the rest of the group. It helps and saves a step if you send it directly to me via the SASP e-mail address instead of my own.



(Otherwise I first have to forward it to SASP before I can send it on.) You should also try to send it with enough lead time so it will reach your fellow members well in advance of your event. I don't think any of us like finding out about something at the last minute. I'd suggest sending it at least a week before the event if you can.

If you have a lot of events coming up and don't want to relay it all through SASP, you might consider adding our members' e-addresses to your e-address book and sending the information directly. You could make a group listing where one click would allow you to include all members in the "to" or "bcc" box on your outgoing e-mail. (I try to, and suggest using "bcc" simply to help keep our contact information safer. Within the group it's not that big a deal, but there is the chance someone might forward such a message outside of the

group.)

Lastly I also like to be able to list your upcoming events in the newsletter. But to do that, I need to have it in time. I should have any information about upcoming events a week prior to our meeting. And since it may take a bit of time to get the newsletter completed and distributed, any events you want listed should be set for after that next meeting.

I'm also in the process of making some changes to our roster. In the future it will have space to include the "Plus 4" of everyone's Zip-Code, as well as what we write and what other talents and services we might be willing to provide. I hope that as this newer roster comes into use that you will make the information available.

Finally, speaking in my alternate role of Treasurer, the end of the calendar/membership year is approaching. If you plan to continue your membership into 2020, you are welcome to pay dues early. It's a good way to ensure your name and access to your Member Web-Page stays on the "Members" roster on the web-site.



OUR OCTOBER 2019 MEETING

(Compiled by Dave McChesney)



www.indieaudio.net

The October meeting began in the same fashion as have all our meetings of late. President Jim Parry presented us with a pun or joke to get the session underway with a chuckle or groan. Next, he asked any guests to introduce themselves. Joining us for the afternoon was Ann, who said she had found out about Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers via the recent article in The Inlander.

Our speaker was Dan Van Voorhis, owner and operator of Indie Audio, here in Spokane. He spoke about the process and costs of recording and producing an audio book. He also described the differences in audio books and in pod casts. For any author interested in going the audio book route, Indie Audio has studios in Spokane. Watch a video of Dan's presentation at <https://youtu.be/aqYz08vr3il>

Chuck Lehman again mentioned that we can help each other, often by simply mentioning another writer's books, etc. Sue Eller and Caryl Briscoe-Michas announced they would both be participating in a radio broadcast of Treasure Island from Spark Central in Kendall Yards on Thursday October 10th. Sandy Philbin will be at the Revel Senior Center in Spokane on the 16th, between 2 and 2:30 pm. Many others will be there as well, as this is scheduled to be an all-day event.

Larry Danek will be selling and signing books at University High School on October 26th and 27th. Esther Hildahl will be at the Mt. Spokane High School Craft Fair on October 12th and 13th. Tiffani Harvey will be at the Sinto Senior Center on October 25th, 26th, and 27th, as well as at a Craft Fair at the Mirabeau Park Hotel in November.

Recently joined Dave Reynolds is having a book launch party on Saturday October 12th, at the SSW Club House. (Old Nat Park)

Door prize winners included Chuck Lehman, Joan Carter, Richard McKay, Kari Barr, Mel Brown, Mrs. Lehman, Larry Danek, Bob Hildahl, Bob Manion, Joyce Caudel, Beth Camp, and Dave McChesney.

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/thumbnailed
 - b. Brief description/blurb.
 - c. Amazon ASIN, ISBN or other
 - d. Locations where available.

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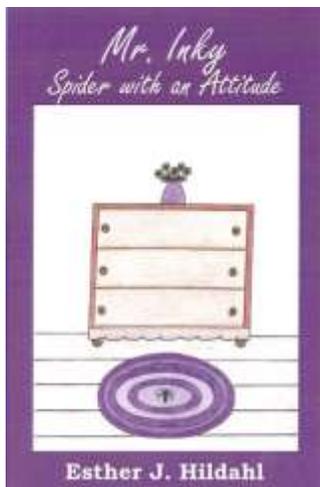
Please check out member web-pages on our web-site at www.spokaneauthors.org. Click on the "Members" button along the left and then on the member whose page you wish to view.

We are ready and willing to update and correct any web-page. Contact your web-master if you think your page needs attention.

MEMBER MILESTONES

Esther Hildahl announces that *Mr. Inky: Spider with an Attitude* won a Northern Lights Book Award in the pre-teen fiction category. There were 24 categories, starting with picture books, etc. and 2 winners per each category. Each category had hundreds of entries from around the world.

They will be send Esther a personalized certificate and 50 award seals to put on her books, plus she can order more if needed. Esther says, "This made me pretty happy and I want to thank you for posting this contest!"

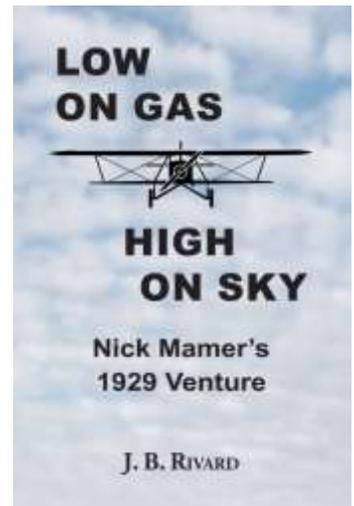


J. B. Rivard's *Low on Gas-High on Sky* was one of five finalists in the IAN Book of the Year Awards.

The competition is open to all English language print and eBooks available for sale, including small presses, mid-size independent

publishers, university presses, and self-published authors. There is no publication or copyright date requirement, nor is there any word count restriction. Authors retain all rights. International entries are accepted as long as the work is in English.

Judges are experienced reviewers, authors, publishers, and editors. Criteria for nonfiction includes: A descriptive and inviting title with organized, well-researched material on a subject that is timely and/or timeless, unique, or presented in a unique way that appeals to a wide audience.



Congratulations to Esther and J. B.!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Contact daveeva@comcast.net or e-mail authors@spokaneauthors.org to get your event listed.

On Going:

The **Inland Northwest Writers Guild (INWG)** meets the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm at Frankie Doodles in downtown Spokane, Washington.

SASP Member Marilee Hudon will do a reading at the Shadle Park Library on Tuesday, November 19th in connection with Stephen Pitters event there.

SASP BOOKS ON AMAZON/KINDLE

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

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

To speed your search, add the provided ten digit numerical or alpha-numerical code (ASIN) to: [www\(dot\)amzn\(dot\)com/dp/](http://www(dot)amzn(dot)com/dp/)
Example: www.amzn.com/dp/B008TXC332
or: www.amzn.com/dp/1936178044

Gail Saunders

Cluckenstein: The Halloween Chicken 1946882054

Sue Eller:

Return from Armageddon B005JVAJKQ
Meadowlark Madness B0097D599
Send in the Drones 1726834662
The Gluten Free Gourmand 150853134X
Taming of the T-Bird 1505963982

Beth Camp:

The Mermaid Quilt and Other Tales B0090VHKBC
Standing Stones B00I3RYFW6
Years of Stone B00LF3FY4S

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Rivers of Stone B077M1TFLP

Kate Poitevin:

Saving Tir Gaeltacht (original, entire story) 1503167844 B00QJA8B3I
Saving Tir Gaeltacht (part One) 1986153959
Saving Tir Gaeltacht (part Two) 1986179486
Saving Tir Gaeltacht (part Three) 1986179923

Joyce Caudel:

The Hat Pin Murders 1936178397
The Hat Box Mystery 1481959107
A Hat to Die For 1530028612

Chuck Lehman:

Angels Three Six B00KMJXQR8
The Big Woods B007SQ4CTE
Asher B00HNZ6TTG
Lazarus Arise B007R0NPW6
The Shepherd B00HJBN4P6
Rogue 6 B01H7N8G2G
Exposure: A Story of Survival and Intrigue B01H5W4V64

B. J. Campbell:

Close Calls: True Tales of Cougar Bob 1936178044

Bob Manion:

Santa's Heroes 1936178095
The Tree House B004IZLHLE
The Tree House (new edition) 1946882003
Springer's Heart 0978850742
Summer Rain B00ZM3S2IM
Vampire and the Cop B00ZM4BBOS
Retitled
Vampire Justice 0996864415
Sabrina's Promise 0996864407

Sandra L. Mason:

(Illustrated by Natalie J. Apodaca)
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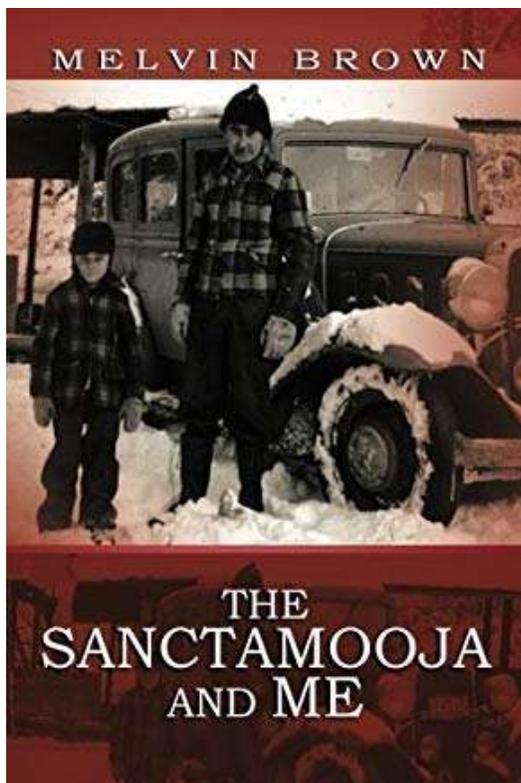
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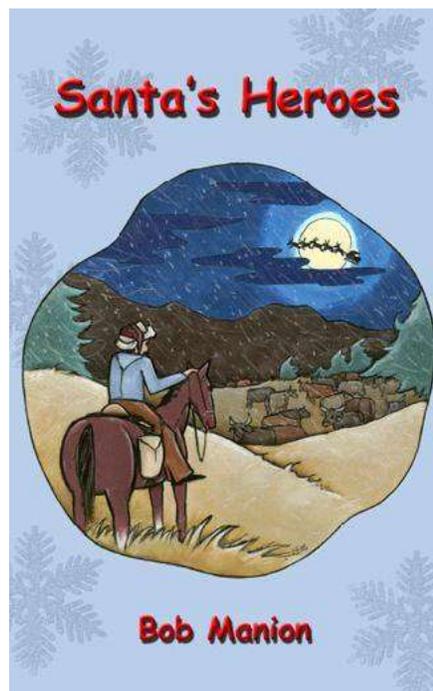
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FEATURED BOOK REVIEWS



Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

The Sanctamooja and Me is the author's story of his young life. Brown writes about his adventures in a very humorous way. Often his adventures and ideas were quite dangerous and it's a wonder he lived through childhood. I enjoyed reading this book and found that it became quite addictive. Most of the chapters are short and action packed and I couldn't read just one chapter and stop. I had to read more and more to see what crazy thing would happen next. His characters—friends and relatives—were all very interesting and entertaining. The life and times of his childhood reminded me of my own childhood and brought back fond memories. This book was a fun book to read.



Reviewed by D. Andrew McChesney

Who steps in to aid Santa and the rest of the Christmas Delivery Team when events do not go as planned? The answers are found in *Santa's Heroes*. A varied assortment of individuals, ones you could meet on the street and those that exist only in your imagination help Santa through many adverse situations. Unlikely helpers include a cowboy and his horse, sled dogs that can fly, and the United States Marine Corps Reserve. In this relatively small volume we also learn much of how Santa accomplishes his yearly task. How does he fit presents for a world of children in one bag? Why does no one ever catch Santa in the act of leaving gifts, unless it is meant for one to see him?

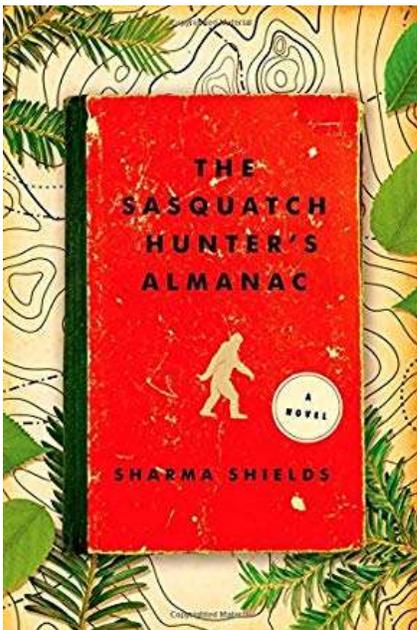
Santa's Heroes is a delightful book, suitable in my opinion for anyone capable of reading it. One might also read it, a story or chapter at a time, to preschoolers. Yet it has qualities that make it worthwhile for adults to read. Older readers with a sentimental heart will feel their eyes water in places. Goodness, cooperation, and happy endings prevail. It is a *feel good* read.

Santa's Heroes, ISBN 978-0-9788507-3-9 was originally self-published by Robert L. Manion. A newer edition, ISBN 978-1-936178-

09-4 had been published by [Gray Dog Press](#) and retails for \$13.00.

Reviewed by Kate Poitevin

Santa's Heroes is a collection of light hearted, fanciful, and imaginative tales about Santa. Mr. Manion tells behind the scenes stories of Santa and his other friends, and it is full of wonderful, rich characters. There's Sydney, the little girl who visits Santa's Village in her dreams (and apparently we all can) A lonely cowboy with a big heart, flying sled dogs, a missing penguin egg, last minute panic when the gift count comes up short, and even a mischievous Leprechaun to please us Irish folk. The best part, though, is finally learning the secret about how Santa gets all those gifts into one bag. Don't try to get me to tell you. I've keep the secret of *The Sixth Sense* to this day, I'm not likely to be bribed to tell this one.



Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

The Sasquatch Hunter's Almanac tells the story of Eli Roebuck who in 1943 was a perfectly happy nine-year-old boy who lived with his mother and father. Then one day his mother brought a very large hairy creature to

their home, when his father was at work, and introduced him as Mr. Krantz to her son. A short time later she left with this monster and hand in hand, while her son watched, walked into the woods and disappeared from Eli's life. This event changed his life and the decisions he made forever. He became obsessed with meeting this creature again, who he now considered to be a Sasquatch, to prove that he was real and later to kill him.

This book is well written and has well-defined characters. And the author has written many descriptive scenes. One of the scenes I liked the best was when Eli, after many years, accidentally came upon his mother in the woods. Her auburn hair had turned white and he is shocked to see how old and terrible she looked. However, the awkward meeting was soon over as a white "snow" started to fall and the smell of sulfur was all around them, for it was May 18, 1980 and the volcano Mt. St. Helens was erupting.

This book is a good read, especially if you like to read about strange and weird happenings in our world. It's never boring and is a page turner.

