



SASP

NEWS

November 2022

I Can't  
Rest Now  
Lord!

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers  
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I'm Responsible...

*30 Days from Burnout to the Heart of God*

*Gena Bradford*

**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 **second** 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 individuals to bring food in, but we provide refreshments such as cake or cookies. We pass the hat, so to speak, to help reimburse whomever brings such refreshments.

**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 two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting. **(October 27<sup>th</sup> for the November 2022 issue.)**

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by SASP member Gena Bradford

## OUR NEXT MEETING!

We are scheduled to meet at 2:00 pm. on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Shadle Park Library, 2111 W. Wellesley Ave., Spokane. We will be in the largest meeting room, the Events Room, which will be open at 1:00 pm. This will be our normal location and time for the next year.

At our November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, Terrace Hahn Metzger will present her debut novel, *Attached*.

Although her formal training is in medicine as a Doctor of Nursing Practice-Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, her heart and soul were yearning for something else.

As a recovering people pleaser and empathetic caregiver, Hahn Metzger was burnt out and needed a way to express herself creatively. She decided to embark on this immense self-development journey through the experience of writing Ellie's story. She knew this venture would challenge her at every corner. She not only wrote a story about difficult topics such as worthiness, generational trauma, and toxic relationships but also wrote it in a way that is provocative, spicy, hopeful, and poignant.

## A message from your president...

November brings many things to our group, among them election of SASP officers. Please either email your ballot to our webmaster or attend the meeting November 10<sup>th</sup> and cast your vote.

Another ballot for your attention and action is the city, county, state, and national issues and candidates on the general election ballot. Let your voice be heard, and if you haven't done so already, mail in your ballot or drop it in one of the collection points by November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Veterans' Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>, a cause for us to remember why we still have the opportunity to vote. Many have sacrificed much to ensure our freedoms.

Finally, Thanksgiving Day is coming up November 24<sup>th</sup>. One of our precious freedoms is to gather and celebrate, to enjoy our families and friends, and to give thanks for all the blessings in our lives.

See you November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Shadle Library.

*Sue Eller*, President



## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

November – a month to vote, to remember, and to be thankful!



## FROM YOUR EDITOR, WEB-MASTER, TREASURER

This month's issue will be the third one in which I've used a member's book cover on the front of the newsletter. I'm learning as I go, so hopefully the presentations will improve. At the same time, many seem to be a little pixelated and that is due to the copies I have being quite small. I hope that doesn't detract too much from the overall appearance. And again, if anyone would prefer I don't use the cover of your book, let me know. Again, I'm working my way down our members list as it appears on our web-site.

By the time you receive this, you should have received a ballot for our annual elections.

Please return it to either the SASP e-mail or my e-mail address, or bring it to our upcoming meeting. At this point it looks as if we will simply be confirming our current slate of officers and advisory board members for another year.

Again I remind you that as we near the end of 2022, it's time to think about dues for 2023. You are more than welcome to pay early. And if you haven't yet paid for 2022, there is still time to do so. Remember, you need to be current in your dues to be listed on our Members Page on the web-site, and to have a link to your Member Web-Page. Plus that, it's a pain to have to take member web-



pages down when members aren't current, and then put them up when they pay later in the year. I usually don't do that for a couple of months, by why wait. And remember, since we now meet at the library, we no longer have to buy a meal at

every meeting, so all should have some funds available for 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave McChesney".

## OUR OCTOBER 2022 MEETING

Compiled by Linda Sonntag and Dave McChesney

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> saw members of Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers gather once again at the Shadle Library. Attending were: Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Sue Eller, Esther Hildahl, Bob Hildahl, Marilee Hudon (and husband Gene), Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Carl Northrup, Linda Sonntag, and Sarah Vail. Present as guests were Ed Hart, Mary De Bord, Kay Comer Liepton, Peter Quint, Micheala Hutsell, Anna Bade, Dwight Thompson (and daughter), and Suzanne Holland. Mary, Dwight, and Suzanne joined during the meeting and are now members of SASP. (Apologies for any misspelling of our guests' names.)

Sue Eller welcomed everyone and then introduced our guest speaker - Shannon Potratz, an artist, illustrator, and graphic designer. He told us he attended an outstanding program at Spokane Falls Community College and then worked for a couple of companies for about twenty-five years before he started freelancing through social media.

He created the mural for a taco stand before the pandemic hit and everything shut down. He felt he was at a crossroads and in April of 2021 he started self-publishing and began a novel in October that year.

He has designed the covers for M. J. Hudon's *Waxing is Useless* and *Lilac City Lunacy*. By chance M.J. revealed the cover of her second book at the meeting. He also created the Sasquatch logo for the 1974 World's Fair. Following his presentation, he answered our questions, and we were able to examine a lot of his work up close and even purchase examples if desired.

Sue Eller talked a little about branding and logos, with input from Shannon. She also noted that we would be electing officers in November. Marilee Hudon announced that our November speaker would be Terece Hahn

Metzger, author of *Attached*, a work of historical fiction. Several members announced upcoming events, largely at school and community craft fairs. As we neared the end of our time, we drew for door prizes and went home. As always, thanks go out to those members (and guests) who donated books and other items for the drawing.

## 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.
5. Send as much information as possible to: [daveeva@comcast.net](mailto:daveeva@comcast.net), [authors@spokaneauthors.org](mailto:authors@spokaneauthors.org), or  
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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

Shadle Park High School Craft Fair  
 Saturday and Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Esther and Bob Hildahl, Dave McChesney

Ridge Line High School Craft Fair  
 Saturday, and Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Dave McChesney, Carl Northrup  
 Tiffani Harvey (Saturday only)  
 Esther and Bob Hildahl (Sunday only)

Mead High School Craft Fair  
 Saturday and Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Quite possibly some SASP members will be

participating.

Inland Northwest Writers Guild ZOOM meeting  
 "Marketing and Promotion"  
 Wednesday, November 16, at 7 pm.  
 Linda at [lindathewriter@gmail.com](mailto:lindathewriter@gmail.com) for info.

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers  
 Open Mic Session  
 Thursday, December 8, at 2 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)

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](http://www.amzn.com./dp/B008TXC332) 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.

### 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

**Elinor Young**

*Running On Broken Legs: My Journey to Joy*

B09XFDWC4X 1646455746

**Sarah Vail**

*Old Schoolhouse Road*

B09PMNPPMW 1490025583 1940025575

*James Street*

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*Snow Country Lane*

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Reviewed (four stars) by Larry Danek

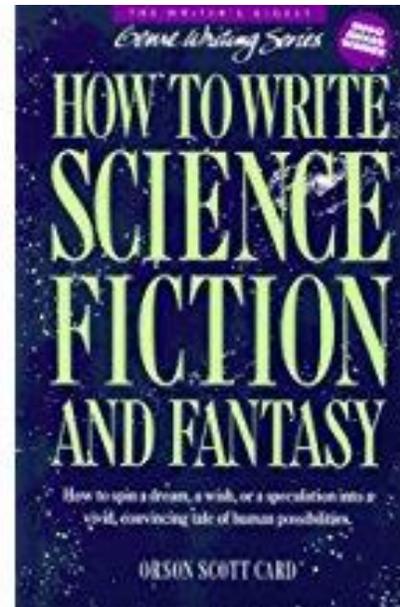
I normally don't read ghost stories although I wrote some. This story by Mr. Jewett contained a lot of the usual lines associated with this genre, but I found the plot to be quite interesting

I had trouble putting the book down although I had a heavy schedule

## 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.)

Reviews here and on our web-site or most often reviews of books by our members, reviewed by our members. Some may be reviews our members have written of other books, and on occasion they are of our members' books written by someone outside the group.

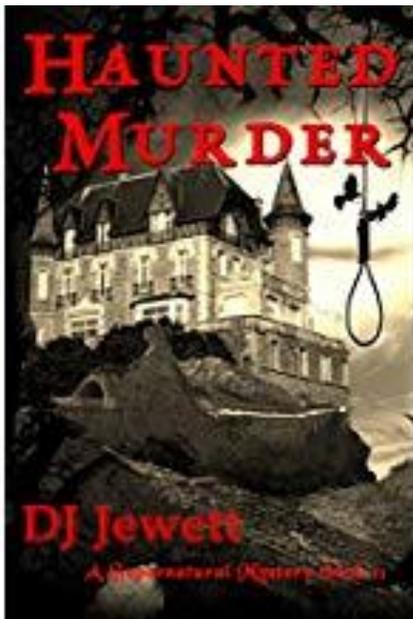


By Orson Scott Card

Reviewed by D. Andrew McChesney

I ended up with a copy of this relatively slim work because someone had donated it as a door prize at a recent Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers meeting. I read a lot of science fiction and fantasy and as well incorporate it in my own work. I thought it would be interesting to see what a well-known writer has to say about it.

Mr. Card begins by defining the genres, combining the two into *speculative fiction* while maintaining a sometimes narrow difference between the two. He also looks at genre as a marketing tool, or as a means of classifying work and what shelf it will go on in the bookstore. He also looks at science fiction and

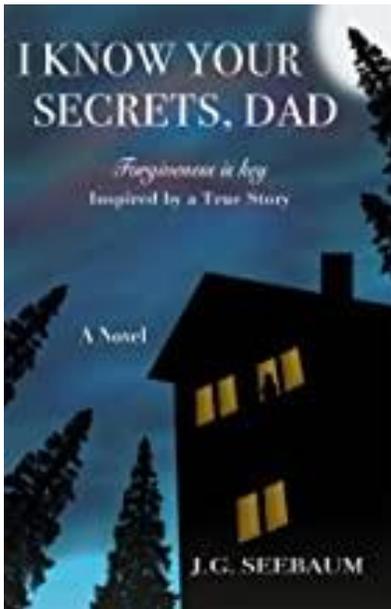


By DJ Jewett

fantasy standbys such as world building, possible scientific breakthroughs, and the creation of magic. I was a little miffed as he seemed to dismiss Star Trek's Warp Drive as being scientifically impossible.

Mr. Card also spends a little time offering advice on getting published. As the book was published in 1990, some of this might be a bit dated. He suggests that one seeking traditional publication need not look for a literary agent until offered a publishing contract. In more recent times one generally needs an agent in order to even approach a publisher.

On the whole, this is an informative and educational work. I feel that my time in reading it was well-spent.



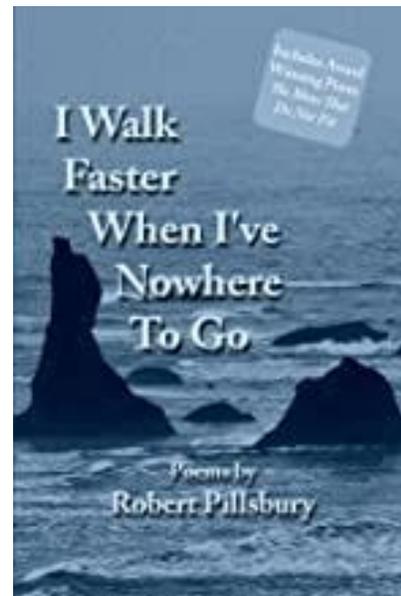
By J. G. Seebaum

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 Robert Pillsbury

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

*I Walk Faster When I've Nowhere To Go* is a book of poems written by one of our former SASP members. It includes the award winning poem "The Shoes That Do Not Fit." I like to read poetry that rhymes and makes me happy, laugh, nostalgic, sad, and introspective. I like poems about the beauty of our seasons, our surroundings, and our planet. This book of poems has all that and more.

The following are some of my favorite poems in this book: "Brother Gone" tells of

finding happiness in a dream. "Christmas Too" is about life as we age from youth to old age. Another poem I enjoyed is "Howling" which I can identify with, for it's about procrastinating when one should be writing their wonderful stories. "Spring" is a poem that expresses sadness at losing a loved one. I also liked "Last Leaf on the Tree, which Pillsbury wrote with Charles Semtner. And for humor with a surprise ending, read "Library."

Pillsbury has written an enjoyable book that is fun to read aloud. I recommend this book to one and all.

novel about struggling professional stage magician Nick Zetner. The backdrop – and the author's excellent illustrations throughout – furnishes a good deal of the charm of the book. Nick Zetner's adventures, part screwball comedy and part Dashiell Hammett, combine with the richly authentic atmosphere of the setting to create a quick and very enjoyable read that smoothly intermingles Nick's love life with a challenging case he takes on for a corrupt banker.

The book reads like a breath of fresh air – recommended.

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl



By J. B. Rivard  
(Illustrated by J. B. Rivard)

Reviewed by Johanna Urquhart  
(Historical Novel Society)

1933. J. B. Rivard centers part of his novel *Illusions of Magic* around a true-life and little-known historical incident: an attempted assassination of Franklin D. Roosevelt in Miami in February of 1933. The assassin, Giuseppe Zangara, had allegedly been trying to shoot Roosevelt when he accidentally shot Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak instead (Cermak later died of his wound).

This incident is part of the dramatic backdrop of Rivard's fast-paced and punchy

*Illusions of Magic* tells the story of an unemployed magician in Chicago during the Great Depression in the year 1933. He is eventually hired by a banker to get some compromising photos back after they were taken in a bank robbery. Thus, the adventure begins as he is drawn into the underworld of Chicago, which eventually leads to finding his lost love of twenty years. The setting of the story takes place during the fatal wounding of the city's mayor who took a bullet meant for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

I enjoyed reading this story. The characters are well-defined and interesting. The story is fast moving and exciting right to the end, which has a surprise ending. I also liked the book cover and the black and white illustrations. It was a good read.