



# SASP

# NEWS

October 2020

Another "Stay Home Stay Healthy" Issue

**Looks like we won't be meeting for a while, due to Covid-19 concerns**

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**BOO!**

**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](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. 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. (Or when the next meeting would normally be held.) (October 29<sup>th</sup> for the November 2020 issue.)

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## OUR NEXT MEETING!

This pandemic seems to be dragging on longer than we expected. At this point it's hard to predict when we will be able to meet again. Until then, stay home as much as possible, wear a mask when out and about, and try to maintain your social distancing.

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi-dee-ho my fellow SASPers and SASPerillas, Hokey smoke! It's time for our October non-meeting. A couple of thoughts:

It has been mentioned in past *From the President* columns that one of the few good things to come out of this pandemic is more time for writing, and I see (thanks to Dave) that some of you have taken advantage of that time. A couple of SASP members have come out with new books: Michael Zargona is offering his book *Turn Red Tomorrow* as a free Kindle Download, and has a new tome



scheduled for publication very soon. Harland Eastwood has a recent book out titled *Northwest Marine Sampler*. Joyce Wilken's newest effort is *Poetry Pie*, while Stephen Lalonde has just published *Sinon of Kirra*. Kudos to those four! Anyone else?

I did put what I thought were the finishing touches on my screenplay, *Where the Hormones Hit the Fan*, (based on the near-bestseller, *Book All the Teachers*), but Dennis Held looked it over and determined that it would equal a nine-hour movie, so it needs

some fine-tuning, paring down, and deletions - until it's one-fourth its current length! Or, perhaps, it could be a mini-series like *Roots*.

Hey, how about sending to Dave or me a short story or poem about the pandemic (the virus itself, social distancing, masking up, constantly washing your hands, your new dress code, eating habits, what you're bingeing on, how you're losing your mind, etc.)? We'll put it in the next newsletter.

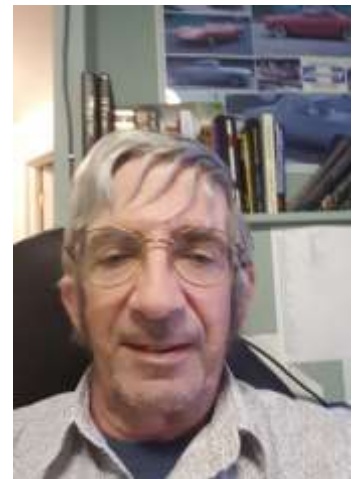
Stay safe and spread kindness,

*Jim*

## FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER

Congratulations to our members with recently published, or soon to be published works! As your newsletter editor, I'm happy to have received word about these milestones in time to include them in this issue of SASP NEWS. I'll try to get your member web-pages updated with your new books in the near future.

I'm looking forward to reading and publishing here in the newsletter, any inputs you may send out regarding Jim's suggestion at the end of his column above. As a newsletter editor, I like it when I have material to include, and ideally, when I have to pick and choose due to space constraints. Honestly, it makes the job a lot easier than when I have to dig around and scrounge up material.



Not a whole lot has changed for me during the pandemic. Being fully retired now, I was staying home most of the time anyway. I do find that now I tend to plan the trips I make in a bit more detail and try to combine errands into fewer trips. The biggest thing to me is simply the idea of maintaining the social

distance, wearing a mask, and washing my hands more often. I also find that sometimes my level of ambition, which is never all that high, is even lower than usual. So, I have all this time to do stuff, and I seem not to want to do anything.

But I have somehow drummed up enough energy to work on this edition of SASP NEWS, perhaps because today started out as a wet soggy day... something we've needed for some time.

Keep writing,



### OUR SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING

Due to the Corona Virus/Covid 19 pandemic, we did not meet on Thursday, September 3, 2020.

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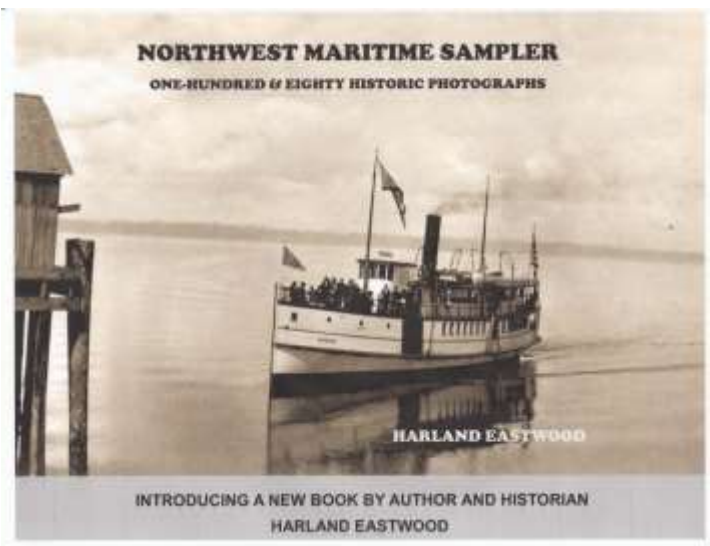
Check out other member web-pages at [www.spokaneauthors.org](http://www.spokaneauthors.org). Click on the "Members" button and then on the member's page you wish to view.

Contact your web-master if your page needs to be updated or corrected. **A lot of them are still "bare bones basic."** Send information to your editor/web-master and let's get them up to speed!

### MEMBER'S NEW BOOKS

Most people would probably agree that moving through the Coronavirus pandemic has not been easy, however, there has been at least one benefit. In case you are still scratching your head, I am speaking of all the extra time we found ourselves with and no place to go. For me, it meant spending great amounts of time in front of my computer. Since I have had an interest in Northwest marine history for many years, I decided to put some of my marine photos into some type of booklet, but never a book to be published. As I progressed, it became apparent that I might have enough material to complete a book. I am referring to my new book, **Northwest Marine Sampler**. It is a collection of 180 old postcard photos and personal photos from my files. Each photo has a detailed, historical caption. The chapters are varied and include Marine Mishaps, Mosquito Fleet, Tow Boats, Unusual Marine Views, Ferryboats & Landings, Shipyards & Boat builders, and more. At this time my new book is available only on my website: <http://www.harlandeastwood.com/> Thanks for your consideration and stay safe. Sincerely,

*Harland Eastwood*



Hi all,

After 6 years of work, I'm excited to share my new color coffee table book! **Poetry Pie** is a hardcover, embossed cotton case book with dust jacket. It is a 190 page, 6 x 9 inch book of vibrant paintings, illustrating narrative, rhyming poetry on topics like: Travel, Hawaii, art theory, people, nature, landscape, retirement together, tea, walking sticks, lilacs, Spokane, wildflowers, shoes, boats, winter, Bloomsday, bon appetit for all ages, humor, history, story, surprise and inspiration

Wish I could have shared this book at a meeting....but alas, it is not to be so far.

Right now the book is available on my website: [joycewilkens.com](http://joycewilkens.com) or by mailing check to:

**Joyce Wilkens**  
**PO Box 30942**  
**Spokane, WA 99223**

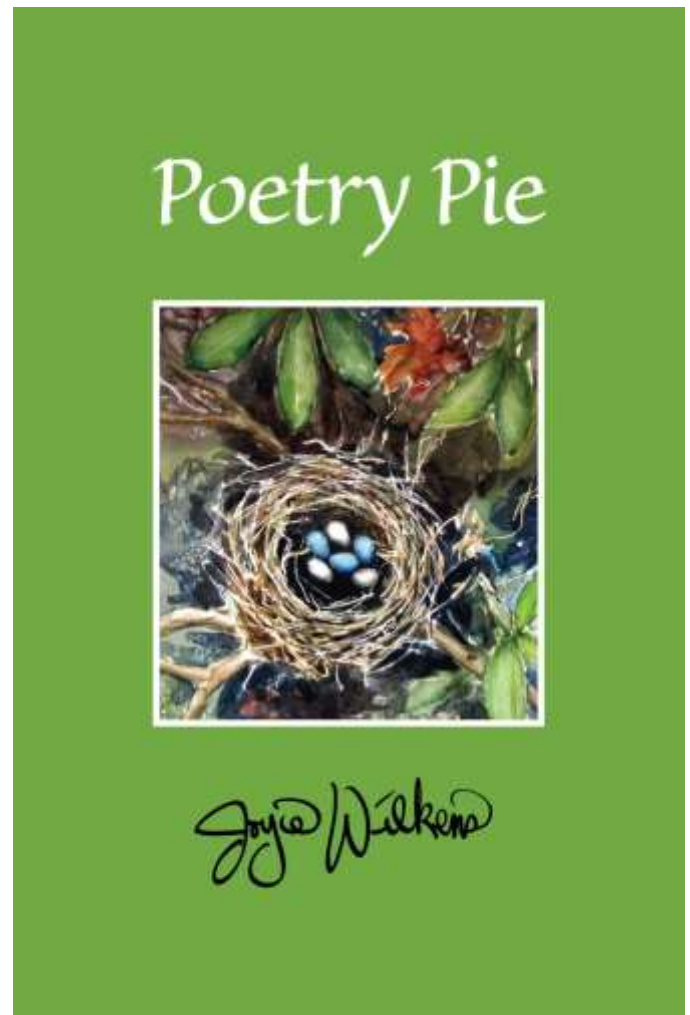
Let me know if you'd like it signed!  
Cost is \$21.73 per book, which includes tax and shipping. (Free in the US).

The book is also for sale on Spokane's South Hill at:

**2nd Look Books**  
**2829 E. 29th Ave, Suite C**  
**Spokane, WA 99223**

I'm working on a "come and go" book signing where I can safely have the paintings from the book exhibited for viewing. I will keep you posted on that.

*Joyce Wilkens*



**Sinon of Kirra** takes place in the last year of the 41st Olympiad (ca. 612 BCE). Sinon, 16 years old, goes to the Oracle of Delphi to ask what his future will be. He is sent on a journey to the land of Colchis at the end of the Black Sea. He takes his Nubian servant, who is really more like a brother, with him. Together they navigate the trials and tribulations of the physical journey and more importantly the psychological journey of becoming men.

I taught mythology for 29 years. This book draws on that background. More information on the book is available on my website: [stephenlalonde.us](http://stephenlalonde.us)

Thanks,

*Stephen Lalonde*

## READERS WANTED

Dave McChesney is looking for one or more individuals willing to read and provide critical feedback of the third *Stone Island Sea Story*. (He appreciates the comments and the finding of many small typos the one reader so far pointed out.)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Note: Many events have been cancelled or postponed to a later date because of the current Corona Virus/Covid 19 outbreak. If cancellation or change isn't indicated here, please check to see if it is still taking place.**

Contact [daveeva@comcast.net](mailto:daveeva@comcast.net) or e-mail [authors@spokaneauthors.org](mailto:authors@spokaneauthors.org) to get your event listed.



Michael Zargona has (had) his book, *Turn Red Tomorrow*, available for free Kindle™ downloads through Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup>. This is in anticipation of the sequel being released sometime in October.



### On Going:

The **Inland Northwest Writers Guild (INWG)** meets the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm at Perkins Restaurant and Bakery, 12 East Olive Ave., (downtown) Spokane, WA.

**(Probably cancelled for the immediate future. If you are on the group's mailing list, you may have received an invitation to participate in an on-line meeting.)**

## 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 list is available on the web-site, under "NEWS")

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### Michael Zargona

*Turn Red Tomorrow* B07Q7TNLTC 1092144404

### M. Kari Barr

*Once Again Tales of Destiny*

B07H8Q5CJD 1732140103

*They Came From the Sea (D. P. Waters, co-author)*

B07FDK1VKG 1722744367

(audio) B07GC5WXS2

*Thinktacular Thoughts (Illustrated by Stoyan Dobrev)*

B07GNYD2C4

*Rain on Me: Poetic Frenzy*

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*Arcadium Autum Emporium: Tales of the Gate Keeper*

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### Dennis Held

*Betting on the Night*

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### Gena Bradford

*I Can't Rest Now, Lord! I'm Responsible...*

1072677067

### Phillip Jones

*The Casebook of Thadeus Rede & Other Stories*

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*Inventions and Discoveries: A Trip Through History*

B00FBHNRW 149038460X

*Forensic Science for Writers: A Reference Guide*

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*Criminal Investigators, Villains, and Tricksters: A Trip Through History*

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Visit : [www.amzn.com/e/B003ZPI81K](http://www.amzn.com/e/B003ZPI81K) for more of Phillip's books.

### Lauri "Midge" Cline

*Prey to the Order: An aon Lah Hathra*

*Adventure*

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*Wyndham Hall*

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*Shadow Blades (The BREED Fae Chronicles)*

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### Kylea Carter

*Out of the Sand*

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### Johanna Price

*Raising Buckshot: A Family's Experience with Autism*

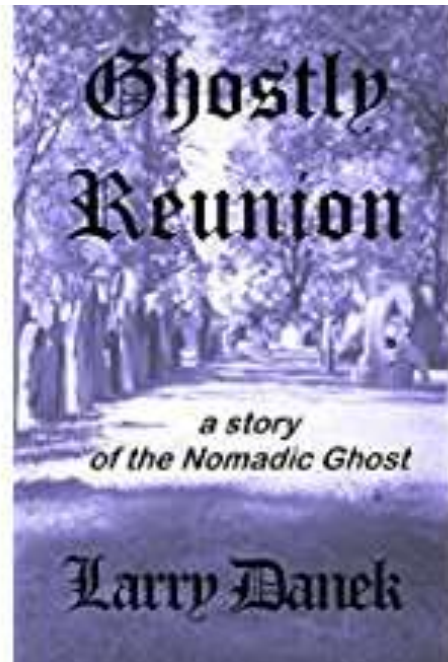
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### George Critchlow

*Travels with Vamper: A Graybeard's Journey*

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## FEATURED BOOK REVIEWS



Reviewed by Sue Eller

*The Nomadic Ghost* returns to take care of some unfinished business from his time as Robbin Simms, and finds himself in the Boise River, swimming desperately for shore.

In this second installment of the *Nomadic Ghost* series, Danek and his ghost deal with the challenges of a resident mind that is insecure and has some mental issues. The ghost persona must strengthen the body it occupies in order to finish the work begun in the last body as it struggles to find out just what that work had been.

Not your usual ghost story, *Ghostly Reunion* is more a tale of the living than the dead, as the main character jumps from consciousness to consciousness, and body to body, to right some of society's wrongs and bring together people who need each other.

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

*Ghostly Reunion: a story of the Nomadic Ghost* is the author's second book in his ghost series. The ghost in these stories inhabits the body of a person who is about to die. His purpose is to go on a journey to help this person complete any unfinished task that needs to be done before the person dies. He does this with the help of other ghosts and some living persons who know he is a ghost.

This is a unique twist on ghost stories and is well worth the read. It has good dialogue, well-defined characters, and the story moves right along.

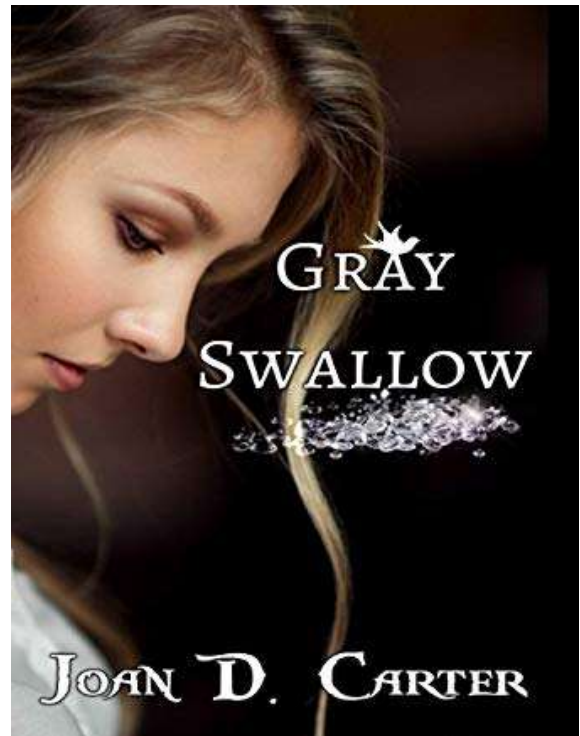


Reviewed by Kate Poitevin

This little cook book is full of easy to make recipes for those of us who can't have wheat. Ms. Eller has taken old favorite comfort food and adapted the recipes for us. She even gives us a basic mix to make them easier and faster.

My favorite so far is the waffles. They are so wonderfully crispy they hold up under the onslaught of syrup and I make extra to use as sandwich bread. The holes are great for holding in the peanut butter and jelly and they don't get soggy by lunchtime.

Many of the recipes are naturally gluten free and make this a one-book resource for your whole meal to satisfy all members of the family.



Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

*Gray Swallow* tells the story of two brothers, one adopted, who at the advice of their dying mother leave France and travel to Canada to get some worldly experience before they settle down. They communicate with their father, Stephan, by letter and when they mention lemons or lemonade, it means that there is a secret message to be revealed by the use of a match.

David, the oldest son, meets and falls in love with a fellow doctor named Marsha, who had been raised in an orphanage in Russia. After they are married they decide to go to Russia to be doctors for a while. Soon they are blessed with a daughter. Then the unthinkable happens—David is murdered. And Marsha and



her daughter disappear for years. David's family is heart-broken.

Meanwhile, Joe becomes a Mountie and after a failed relationship with a Native Canadian woman, he takes a job as an undercover agent who tracks stolen and smuggled diamonds across the world.

Carter has written an exciting mystery with well-defined characters and lots of twists and turns as Marsha searches for her daughter and Joe and Stephan search for them. It's fast paced and has an exciting ending. A good read.

Reviewed By Kari Barr

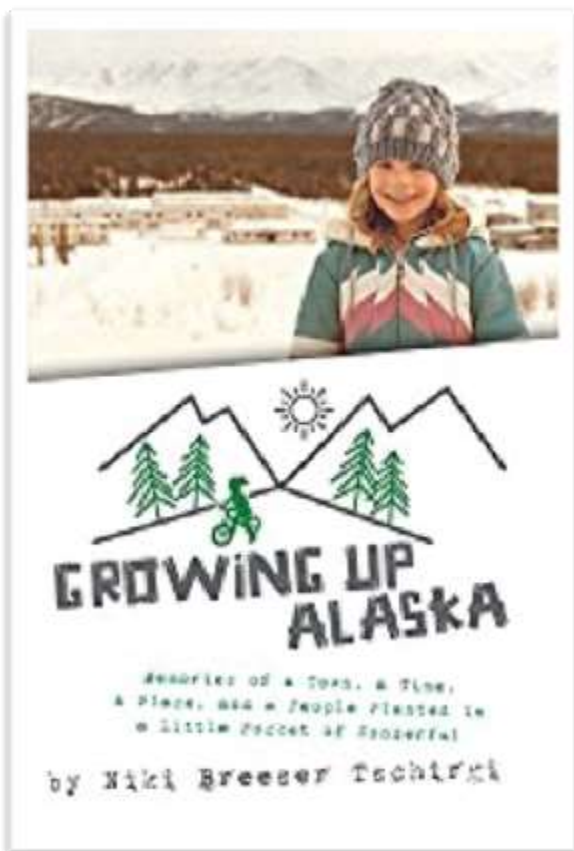
Nice conclusion!

The book starts slow but still keeps one's attention. It becomes more intriguing as we go along. The ending was expected but satisfying. It makes a nice rainy day read.

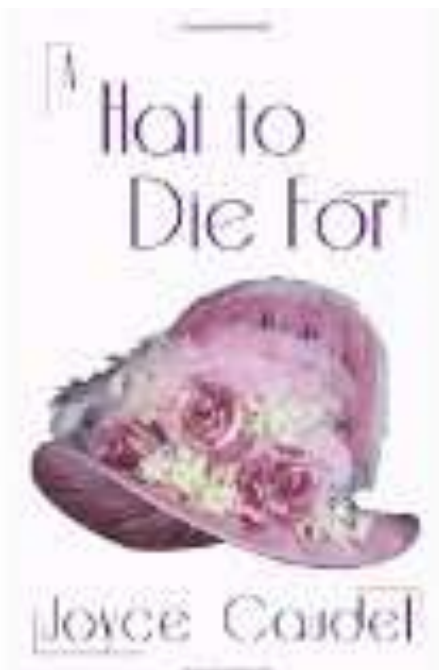
During her first grade year, Niki and her family moved to Tok, Alaska. Her Dad worked with the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the position in Alaska fulfilled a lifelong dream. Niki soon adapted to the uniqueness of life in a small remote town in Alaska. The cold long dark winters, the brilliant short summers, and the distances travelled to connect with others became normal. She and her family resided there until she was nearly ready to graduate from high school. Once again they followed her Dad as he moved on to another desired position, this one back in the *Lower Forty-Eight*.

This slender volume is Niki's recounting of the time spent in Alaska, starting with the trip north. Besides describing the realities of live in such a rugged and cold place, she vividly describes the people, the animals, and the bonds that made her experience unique and memorable. It allows the reader to sample a small portion of what life was (is) like in Alaska, and perhaps causes a desire to partake of it themselves.

Born and raised in Alaska until beginning the first grade, this reviewer has a special interest in this book. It points out what life may have been like during his school years, had he and his folks stayed. Much of what Niki describes brings back ancient, half-buried memories or provides a sense of familiarity and understanding. Reading this also reinforces the idea that once someone experiences Alaska, it will always be a part of them.



Reviewed by D. Andrew McChesney



Reviewed by Robert G. Hildahl

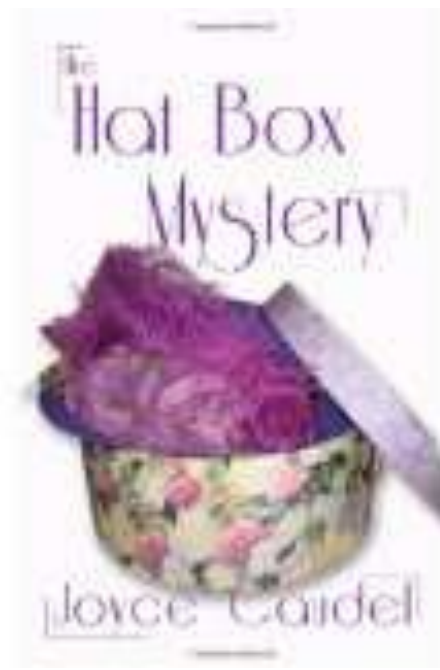
*A Hat to Die For* is Caudel's third mystery novel involving the Red Hat Society and the good people of their town. Like her other two novels, this one is just as exciting and interesting to read.

Chancy Goodnight is a bestselling author. She writes mystery novels. One day, she receives some red roses and a package with no return address on it. Since she has been receiving threatening phone calls, she tells the delivery boy to take it back. Later she finds out that inside the package was a dead rat!

When Chancy throws a party at her home for all her friends, it is interrupted by a dead man found in one of her flower beds. And the next day, she discovers that her granddaughter, Brandy, is missing.

This book tells a very good story about changing your life for the better and finding forgiveness from new friends because of the changes you have made. I recommend this book to anyone who likes a good mystery.

Available in several Spokane area bookstores and on Amazon.



Reviewed by Robert G. Hildahl

Rachel Davis, a member of the Mystery Mama's Red Hat Book Club, awoke around three in the morning to find three masked men in her kitchen. When she confronted them, they were surprised that she was there, for they only broke into homes where the owners were not home. When one of the men got rough with her, she called Jake, her Great Dane dog. Jake ran into the kitchen and attacked the man, clamping his big teeth on the man's arm. The other two men ran off while Rachel called the police.

When Jake is wounded in a drive by shooting a few days later, Rachel wonders if the same masked men that broke into her house could be trying to get even with her and her dog.

Thus, begins another great story by Joyce Caudel. I recommend this book to anyone who likes a good mystery with many interesting characters, such as Milo Jenkins, Rachel's wealthy uncle. It has a good ending and a good lesson in humanity and caring for those who have very little to nothing.

Available at several Spokane bookstores, Amazon, and on Kindle.