



SASP

NEWS

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Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers
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September and time for football!

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. **September 30th for the October 2021 issue.**

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OUR NEXT MEETING!

We are scheduled to meet at 2 pm. on Thursday, September 2nd at the Golden Corral on N. Division Street. We have opted to keep the meeting room scheduled and invite those willing to get together informally for the afternoon. We have not been notified of a scheduled speaker and are unsure of there being any planned program.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello again fellow SASPers and SASPerillas,

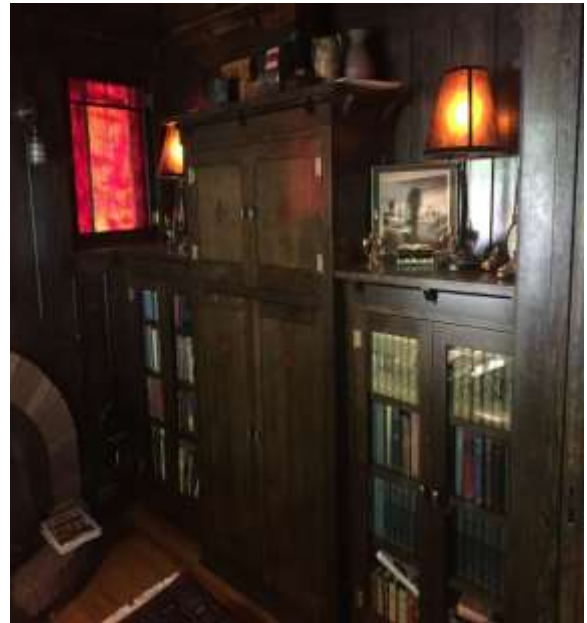
My wife just found the following in *Country Living* magazine. I assume that most authors' homes look something like this. (Actually, I substituted photos from my own house in place of the similar photos that originally accompanied this article. Also, I like the writer's writing style/phrasing, and thought you might identify with the subject matter.)



"A room without books is like a body without a soul." While the sentiment behind this phrase (commonly attributed to Roman philosopher Cicero) is some 2,000 years old, the words feel more relevant than ever. In

this era of the ephemeral, transitory tidbits of information and decluttering at all costs have fallen into favor at the expense of a happily hoarded home library. But building a personal collection of books is character-building in the richest, truest sense. As is the case with any well-designed room, the personalities in the pages (Jane Eyre, Mr. Darcy...) invite you to sit and stay awhile. But here's the plot twist: Perfection has no place here. Like the most

memorable and relatable literary characters, the most interesting bookshelves are beautifully messy and a tad unpredictable. Symmetrical stacks? No, thanks. We'll take a few titles that tilt. Color-coded spines? We prefer a happily mismatched miscellany. Add a quirky or sentimental object to punctuate a pile, and you're well on your way to a home that better tells your own story. And isn't that, dear reader, the whole point?



Two satellite dishes got married. The wedding wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

"So you're selling that wig for a dollar?" "Yes, it's a small price toupee."

A FAREWELL ADDRESS

For most of my life I had this naïve belief that approximately ten percent of the population were selfish jerks and the rest of us were decent human beings, but in



November of 2016 it was proven to me that the percentage of egotistical, mean, racist idiots was much higher, more like 50 percent. I have been somewhat disappointed, demoralized, and dejected ever since.

And now, as the Covid pandemic continues, I must add *angry* and *scared* to this list. These morons are now endangering my life, my friends' lives, and my family's lives. The pandemic would be over with by now had it not been for millions of selfish sub-humans running around yelling, "You're infringing on my rights by making me wear a mask and/or making me get vaccinated. I have the right to infect [and possibly kill] other people." No, you don't!

And now we're sending millions of children, under the age of twelve, back into the classroom – totally unvaccinated!

The number of cases is rapidly rising with this new wave of the Delta variant. You may take it lightly – until it happens to you or someone close to you. But me: I'm a big chicken, so I'm just going to hide in my fraidy-hole until all of the anti-vaxxers die off, which may be next year or the year after or seven years from now. I'm fond of all of you (except that one guy,) but I like myself and my family even more. So I'm going to have to resign as your president, because I ain't goin' into the Golden Corral where half of the throng are unvaccinated* and all are eating without masks. Perhaps Sue can take over and/or those of you still alive and well on Sept 2 may want to hold an election. I shall miss you.

If you believe in God, may she/he/it/Ed/they be with you. See you on the other side.

**It's understood that a very few people cannot be vaccinated.*

Jim, born on the wrong planet

**FROM YOUR EDITOR, WEB-MASTER,
TREASURER**

Last night I sat down to begin putting this issue of SASP NEWS together. After I received and inputted Jim's presidential

message, I found that my mind was too conflicted to keep going. Thus I've set it all aside and am now back at it on Thursday afternoon, a week before our scheduled meeting.

Can't say I blame Jim for not wanting to go to meetings these days, and I understand his need to resign as president. It's frustrating to say the least. We have a vaccine, actually

three that are very effective. We can wear masks to help curb the spread of this dangerous and often deadly viral infection. Yet there are those who refuse a jab in the arm or the presence of a mask over nose and mouth, simply because they insist it interferes with their so-called freedom. However, their irresponsible action interferes with our right to be at less risk for falling prey to this deadly pandemic. I firmly believe that if everyone eligible for the vaccine would have gotten it as soon as possible, and that if everyone would wear a mask when asked or required, we'd be over or nearly over it all. We'd be much closer to normal and we could expect more of our members to show up at our recently resumed meetings.

As far as I know, we are still on track for our September meeting on Thursday the 2nd at the Golden Corral on North Division. As I prepare this issue of SASP NEWS, I understand we do not have a speaker scheduled, so it looks like it will be another informal gathering as was our August meeting. That does give those of us willing to brave the risk of the Corona Virus a chance to get together and catch up on our writing endeavors. If you consider the risk to be minimal and have time, please stop by and renew your acquaintance with fellow SASP members. At the same time, if you feel it is too much a risk, no one in the group will think less



of you. We'll see you when things are more settled.

I have to apologize. As I begin work on this issue I realize there were a number of things I could have worked on and posted on the web-site, since our last meeting and prior to now. I guess I'm just out of practice.

Because of the Pandemic we haven't been screaming for dues, but if you want to pay, the easiest way is to mail 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. Once we are meeting again, you may also bring you payment to a meeting.

If you are ever looking for our mailing address, it's on the front cover of each and every issue of SASP NEWS. It's also on the Welcome Page and the Membership Forms page of our web-site. I hope that helps.



OUR AUGUST 2021 MEETING

For the first time since March of 2020, Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers met on Thursday August 5th at the Golden Corral on North Division Street in Spokane. The relatively small contingent enjoyed each other's company and tried to bring each other up to date on writing projects and writing progress.

Vice President Sue Eller kept things organized. Larry Danek shared a copy of the first chapter of Pioneer Ghost and asked for a bit of critical feedback on it. He also used our submitted forms to conduct a drawing for a copy of the book. Dave McChesney took home that copy.

Chuck Lehman introduced his latest book, **Double Exposure**. This is a sequel to

his earlier **Exposure** and involves a repossession of a business jet. Steve Lalonde told us about his book **Sinon of Kirra**, a story set in the ancient world. Carl Northrup mentioned an internal debate regarding traditional versus self-publishing for his first book. He is currently at work on his second.

Bob Weldin talked a little about his current writing project, while his friend John, one of our guests mentioned that he was just now beginning an adventure in writing. Caryl Briscoe-Michas told us she'd worked in theater arts for years and was writing short stories or brief memoirs based on that experience.

On behalf of any potential new members, Dave McChesney introduced himself as Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. He also mentioned his newest book, **Darnahsian Pirates: The Third Stone Island Sea Story**.

Beyond that, copies of books were exchanged, copies of cover art were sold, and it seems everyone had a great time. All felt it was good to finally see each other again after nearly a year and a half.

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

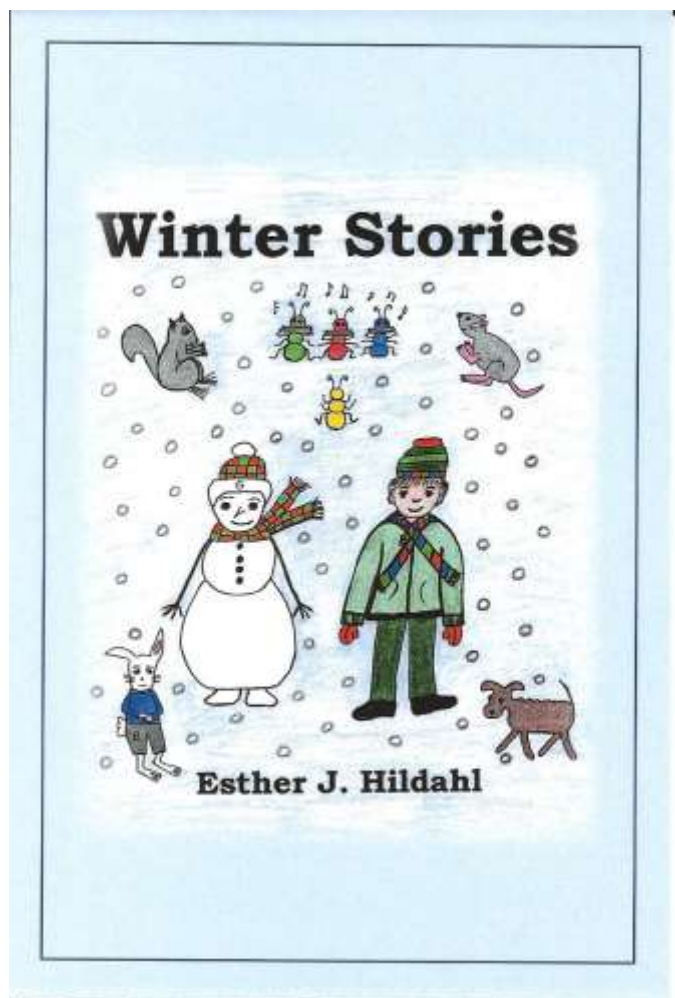
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MEMBER UPDATES

JB Rivard's Blog

J.B.'s August Blog issue is live on <http://illusionsofmagic.com/illusions-of-magic-book-blog> He features searching for a mysterious duchess and some early zeppelin disasters, all uncovered during research for his new book.

New Books!



Read and enjoy five very different stories, all taking place during the winter. It has many illustrations and is a fun read-aloud book with lots of exciting characters.

“**Billy Skoomble**” is a boy who gets himself in trouble, but because of it, he has something to take to school for Show and Tell.

Zuri the Squirrel is taken from her family in the forrest, but with the help of two new friends, she hopes to find her way back home and see her family again.

Winter Surprise. Three snow liadies, with the help of magic, affect the lives of the little white bunnies they visit.

Angus the Rat finds happiness and friends, but also danger, in a new home with a large back yard.

Christmas Bugs. A lost boy wanders into a magical forest and meets the colorful, talented Christmas Bugs that live there.

New Member!

Let's welcome **Debby Chase Putnam** of Liberty Lake. She is writing the *Darcy and Dawn's Impossible Adventures* series, with the first book, *The Swedish King's Gold* due this winter.

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 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
(Recently it seems Amazon is assigning its own unique ASINs to the paperback editions of books, rather than using the ten-digit ISBN as

they previously did. In the future we will attempt to point this out in individual listings.)

Tom Wallace

To Kill a Poacher: A Psychological Case Study in Empathic Health and Applied Spirituality
0595475442

Ed Des Autel

III Minutes to XII B07B3YDPLK 1641382511

Marilee Hudon

Waxing Is Useless B07HY4Y85T 172128186X

Joan Carter

Gray Swallow B07PXM1VXC

Sonja Mongar

Two Spoons of Bitter 069205524X

Michael Zargona

Turn Red Tomorrow B07Q7TNLTC 1092144404
Sixteen Hooves Thunder
B08LHK5PKF B08LJPKCM2

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
B07GNVPQX9 1468123378

Arcadium Autum Emporium: Tales of the Gate Keeper
173214012X

Dennis Held

Betting on the Night 0966861280

Gena Bradford

I Can't Rest Now, Lord! I'm Responsible...
1072677067

Phillip Jones

The Casebook of Thadeus Rede & Other Stories B00HWXAWTW 1492181730
Inventions and Discoveries: A Trip Through History B00FBHNRW 149038460X

Forensic Science for Writers: A Reference Guide B008Y2MX8S 1475267207
Criminal Investigators, Villains, and Tricksters: A Trip Through History
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Gail Saunders

Cluckenstein: The Halloween Chicken
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Asia Rachel Cohen

Fire of Thorns B07YW6838N 1973671298

Lauri "Midge" Cline

Prey to the Order: An aon Lah Hathra Adventure B07Z48BR56 1700086456
Wyndham Hall B07FY59VRP 1723480436
Shadow Blades (The BREED Fae Chronicles)
B07MDT8B52 1791691226

Kylea Carter

Out of the Sand B01E4FARAE

Johanna Price

Raising Buckshot: A Family's Experience with Autism
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George Critchlow

Travels with Vamper: A Graybeard's Journey
B0787NRJ8Y 1506905277

Joan M. Kop

The Freedom Chaser B07PNYVCSF 0578217740

Joy Linn

I've Been Born Again! Now What?
0977342808
Ten Keys to Freedom B07B67SQ4M 1640289283

Stephen D. Lalonde

The Phoenix Gift B07KGMSBDJ
A Palette of Verse B01NCJ8IP7

Various SASP members

Celebrating Spokane Authors: A Collection of Poetry, Essays, and Short Stories
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D. Andrew McChesney:

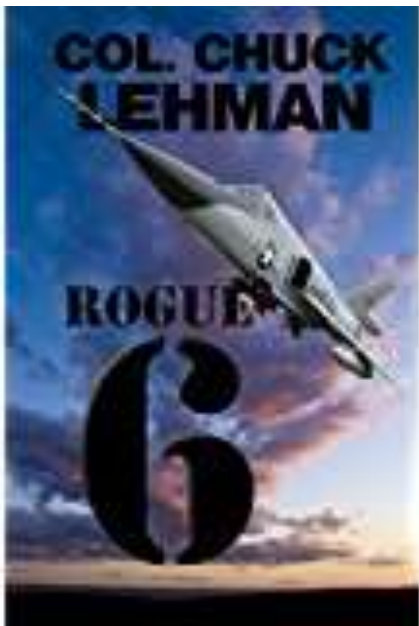
Beyond the Ocean's Edge: A Stone Island Sea Story B008TXC332 1432780379
Sailing Dangerous Waters: Another Stone Island Sea Story B00HF9Y05K 1478721898

*Darnahsian Pirates: The Third Stone Island
Sea Story* **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**

FEATURED BOOK REVIEWS



Reviewed by Sue Eller

Air Force Captain Rusty Markham is sent on a mission to shoot down his childhood friend, who is flying an F-106 fighter plane to Cuba to turn over to Communist dictator Fidel Castro. Set in the era of the Cuban Missile Crisis and an uneasy peace between Cuba and the United States, agencies and countries on both political sides focus on the chase.

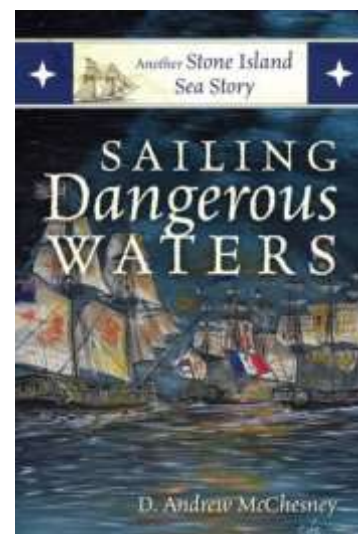
Lehman begins near the end of the tale and uses the tension and conflict to keep the reader engaged as he weaves back story and relationships in ever more complicated detail. The author's first-hand knowledge of the planes, the techniques, and the lingo bring a realism to the story that makes it hard to

believe it's fiction. The values of duty, honesty, integrity, and friendship sometimes seem to war against each other, while an unexpected element tweaks the outcome.



Reviewed by Robert Hildahl

I have read all of Larry's books and this one, the third in his *The Nomadic Ghost series*, is my favorite one. It takes place in a ten-year-old boy's body who was abused and starved. The Nomadic ghost enters the boy's body and what he does is unexpected and surprises everyone. This story is fast paced, well written, and very entertaining. I recommend it to everyone, especially, those who like ghost stories.



Reviewed by Kate Poitevin

Sailing Dangerous Waters picks up where *Beyond the Ocean's Edge* left off. Equally well written, I continued to love/hate the characters accordingly, and was present as they explored and settled into the new world, made new friends and got caught up in the local politics. I was frustrated along with Pierce and his men as they strove to make ready to return to England.

Mr. McChesney is a talented writer who can make you smell the sea air, feel the deck roll beneath your feet, and even duck and cringe and cover your ears at the sounds of cannon. He really must get that third installment out.

Reviewed by Sue Eller

Captain Pierce misses his beloved Evangeline, and tries everything in his power to get back to her. He leaves Stone Island to return home, but his plans and hopes are thwarted by an enemy who should have been a friend. Pierce struggles to understand an unfamiliar government dynamic, uses all his diplomatic skills to try to get his ship released, and makes some unexpected friends along the way. *Sailing Dangerous Waters* continues the Stone Island Sea Stories as McChesney captivates the reader and draws him in to another thrilling adventure.

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

It's the early 1800s. Captain Edward Pierce of the HMS Island Expedition and his crew, who are thought to be pirates by the Tritonish Government, have been held captive for a year.

When they are finally freed, Edward's hope is to leave this parallel world and sail home to England. He is anxious to see Evangeline, the love of his life, who he hasn't seen for three years. But before they can leave, their ship needs to be repaired.

After repairs are completed, they are on their way. However, their journey is a

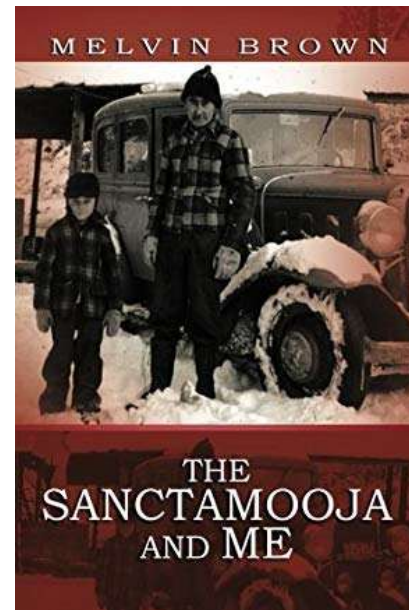
dangerous one, for England and France are still at war. They have a fierce battle with a French ship and Captain Pierce is shocked when he discovers who the captain of this vessel is.

Eventually, Edward and his crew arrive home. Edward worries that no one will believe his stories of the strange, but similar other world, he and his crew discovered beyond the ocean's edge.

Sailing Dangerous Waters, the second of the *Stone Island Sea Story* series, ends with Edward and Evangeline meeting to discuss their future. Much has happened since they last saw each other, especially in Evangeline's life.

McChesney spins an exciting story with lots of detail and action. His characters are well-defined and interesting. He is very knowledgeable on naval history. He has a good command of the language of the time and knows how a ship and its crew works.

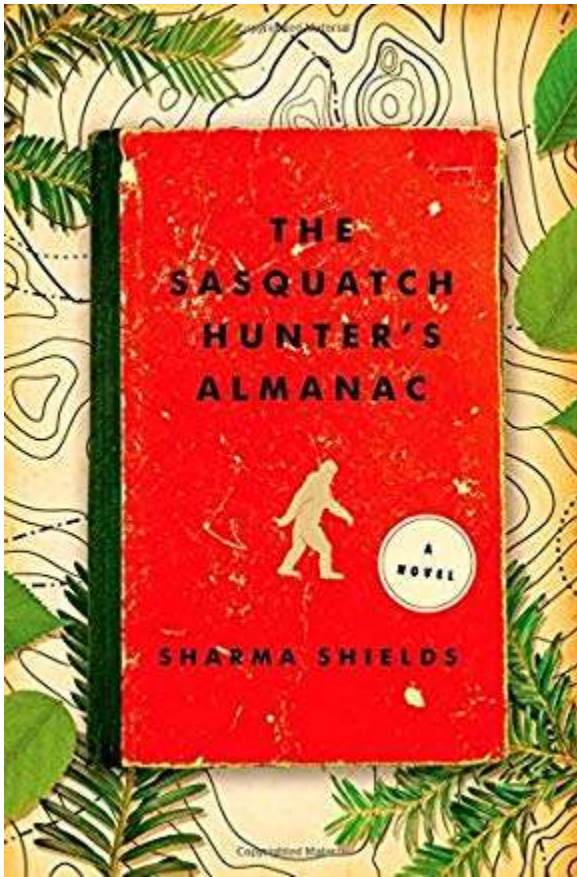
I enjoyed reading this book and recommend it for one and all.



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 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.