

OUR MARCH 2023 MEETING

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On Thursday, March 9th, Spokane Authors once again met at the Shadle Library. In attendance were: Roger Aschenbrener, Thomas Benner, Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Larry Danek, Mary DeBord, Sue Eller, Esther Hildahl, Bob Hildahl, Marilee Hudon, Fred Jessett, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Rich McKay, Carl Northrup, Kate Poitevin, Linda Sonntag-Noble, and Bob Weldin.

Because of time constraints imposed by the library, we started the meeting promptly at 2:00 pm. President Sue Eller called the meeting to order and introduced our Vice-President Marilee Hudon, who introduced our speaker.

Our March speaker, Trent Reedy, is the author of 13 books, his first being *Words in the Dust* inspired by the true story of an Afghan girl who received the gift of rhinoplasty during Trent's service when American troops were stationed in her village. He wrote it while working towards his MFA in children's literature at Vermont College after leaving Afghanistan.

Born in Iowa, he now lives in Spokane. He told us he had always wanted to be a writer. He talked about the quandary of objections to using obscenity or references to sex or violence in his books since he writes young fiction.

His book, *Enduring Freedom*, coauthored with his friend Jawad Arash, actually put his friend in some danger of retaliation by the Taliban.

Other books include the "McCall Mountain series", inspired by his love of hunting and fishing and growing up in beautiful McCall, Idaho. His latest, *Fishing in Fire*, was published in 2023. All his books are available on Amazon and Kindle.

Refreshments were available, but because of time constraints, we did not have the raffle today at the break.

Because of the situation with the Library, Sue announced a special meeting would be held at her place on Tuesday March 14th at 1:00 pm to discuss it and search for a different place to meet.



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