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

Members need to be present to win door prizes.

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. (Be sure to visit the "links" page on our web-site. It will connect you to many interesting on-line locations, including those of many SASP members.)

Guest speakers at our monthly meetings inform, inspire, and entertain members and guests with a variety of topics, all designed to provide knowledge pertinent to writing and publishing.

SASP members are encouraged to purchase or trade completed works of and with fellow members. They are also encouraged to donate examples of their work for use as door

prizes. Those who win other members' works are expected to provide a review of that work.

Note:

SASP no longer transports name tags and display books to and from our meetings. Please take your name tag with you. It is yours to keep and maintain. Please take any books you have provided for display with SASP.

We will provide space for you to display your books, but you must bring them to each meeting.

SASP now has a dedicated e-mail account. Contact us at:
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OUR NEXT MEETING!

Please join us **Thursday, February 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 begins at 2:30.**

For our February presentation we will have a **member forum** dealing with **Marketing**. We'd like to have a handful of members pass along their thoughts and experiences on this subject. If you are interested in making a short presentation on or something related to this topic, please contact our Vice-President Sue Eller or our Secretary/Web-Master/newsletter Editor Dave McChesney. We will also have a signup sheet on hand at the meeting. (We prefer short, to the point presentations of about five minutes length and certainly no more than ten minutes. (Time limitations may mean that not everyone will get a chance to speak)

We will also resume our **Ten Minute Discussions**. This month fellow SASP Member **Dennis Held** will talk briefly about dialogue and dialogue punctuation. Naturally the floor will be open to comments, observations, or questions on the topic.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Hi-dee-ho, my follow **SASPers!** 'Tis I, your new president, Jim Parry. We're off to a great 2019, starting with Sharma Shields' wonderfully informative talk at our first meeting of the year. (Did you catch the amazing full-page article regarding her new

book *The Cassandra* in the Spokesman-Review, just three days after our meeting?)

During this new year we have many activities planned. Your officers have already discussed dozens of possibilities including but not limited to: another anthology; getting together with one or eleven of the other writing groups in the greater Spokane area; new venues at which to sell our books; getting a member or two on *Spokane Talks* (6 P.M., Sundays, Fox network); obtaining some other local media coverage of SASP; and restarting the *Ten-Minute Discussion*. How about other suggestions to "get SASP on the map?"

Onto a slightly different subject: If you have not already suffered through a Release Party, a Reading, or a Signing, I would like to clue you in.

Definitions for the Uninitiated

Release Party – Your first event, to announce the publication of your book. Send formal announcements to all friends, relatives, neighbors, high school classmates (even the ones you didn't like), and that weird guy at the end of the block. Enjoy the party because this is where you'll sell all the books you're ever gonna sell.

Reading – You'll read excerpts from your book to yourself and possibly to an accompanying author who will in turn read to you.

Signing – An event during which a dozen or so people walk by your table trying to avoid the eye contact that you are trying to establish. The only person who will stop is usually an interestingly-dressed person who will bore you with his/her one-sided, one-hour, unsolicited political/religious rantings.

Jim

P.S. – Don't forget to pay your dues, and don't forget that we need someone to step-up and take over the Treasurer's duties: **UNCLE SASP WANTS YOU!** (And it wouldn't hurt to have an official Recording Secretary. Who has good note-taking skills? **UNCLE SASP WANTS YOU TOO!**)

FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER



To echo President Jim Parry's thoughts, we seem to be off to a great start for 2019, with an informative talk by renowned local author Sharma Shields. It provides a tremendous boost of confidence in us independent self-published authors

when one who has met with success via the traditional publishing route takes the time to speak with us. And as Jim noted, a few days after she joined us for our meeting, the Spokesman-Review featured her newest book on their Sunday literary page. I hope everyone had a chance to see and read the article.



If you haven't yet paid dues for 2019, please bring you dues to our next meeting or mail them to our Post Office Box. (available on the front page of SASP NEWS and on our Web-Site.) Eventually unpaid members will discover their names removed from the "Members" list on the web-site. Thus, their Member Web-Pages and information about them and any books will not be available.

For those that are paid up, please check your **Member Web-Page** to see if it is up to date and has all the needed information. If it doesn't, contact the Editor/Web-Master (me) with updates and corrections. I can chase down some of the information, but I need to be made aware it exists and is missing.

Finally, let me know of upcoming events you have planned, such as book release parties, readings, and book signings. Given enough advance notice, I can list these happenings on the "PROGRAMS" page on the web-site as well as mention them in the newsletter.

OUR JANUARY MEETING

Correction: Last month we erroneously listed the title of Tiffani Harvey's workbook. It is, *Growing Independent*. The recently released more mainstream version is *Freedom Seeking*.

Incoming President Jim Parry started off the meeting by relating a scary story that ended as a pun. He then thanked Esther Hildahl for her time and dedication as President, and continued on to thank everyone having and doing various tasks for Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers. These included Kate Poitevin, Marilee Hudon, and Dave McChesney. Jim also noted that incoming Treasurer Bob Weldin is facing some medical problems and will not be able to fulfill the duties of that office. We are therefore looking for someone to serve as our Treasurer.

Jim brought up the hand bell that has been a part of SASP since the early days, wondering what the membership thought about

it... whether we should continue to use it or not.

We had two guests attending the meeting. Jolene Feher, a long time former member came along with Joan Carter and has since rejoined the group. Gilbert Stapleton came to see if he could find someone to act as a ghostwriter or perhaps as an editor for a writing project he is working on. Sandy Philbin, who was a guest last month came once again and has now become a member.

Vice-President Sue Eller introduced our guest speaker Sharma Shields. Sharma's presentation was informative, interesting, and entertaining. Not necessarily in this order, she talked about her writing career, what she writes, her connections to local libraries, and even a little about income from writing. She then spent several minutes answering questions posed by members of the group.



Following our break, Vice-President Sue Eller told us that copies of our anthology, *Celebrating Spokane Authors* was selling quite well at Auntie's Bookstore and they wished to keep copies on hand for future sales. Kate Poitevin said her daughter had gotten her involved in something called "StoryWorth," and that she was looking forward to its eventual completion.

Bob Manion told us he'd been in contact with Bob Dugoni and Pam Binder of the Pacific Northwest Writers Association in Seattle. That group is looking at hosting a one day, two track conference or workshop in the area. Currently they are putting out feelers as to what sort of interest there would be in something like that. Currently there is no time frame, location, or cost. Much depends upon how much interest there is. The more interest, the cheaper it

would be. They are also looking at holding it either in the Spokane area or perhaps in Post Falls. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with Bob Manion and let him know. Alternatively you can contact SASP at authors@spokaneauthors.org and leave word. We will also be contacting the Coeur d' Alene Chapter of the Idaho Writers League, and quite possibly some of the other writers organizations in the area.

Esther Hildahl asked about a list of Little Free Libraries. Marilee Hudon said one could go to www.littlefreelibraries.com to find lists and maps of locations.

Jim Parry mentioned that our file of book reviews had grown slightly. He had reviewed Chuck Lehman's *Angels Three Six*. (Additionally, Larry Danek had reviewed a book called *Haunted Murder* by D. J. Jewett, which was also added to the reviews available on the SASP web-site.)

As suggested by Dennis Held and agreed to by President Jim Parry, we will bring back the Ten Minute Discussion feature of our meetings. At our next meeting Dennis will use a few visual aids to talk about dialogue, and in particular, punctuation within dialogue. If you have any thoughts or questions about the topic, be prepared to ask or make the information known.

Our meeting ended with a drawing for door prizes. Winners included our guest speaker Sharma Shields, Fred Jessett, Joyce Caudel, Sandy Philbin, Sandy Mason, and Betty Deuber.

We are scheduled to meet next on Thursday the 7th of February. Currently we do not have information on a program for our February meeting, but as soon as we do it will be available in "Programs" on our web-site.

MEMBER WEB-PAGE GUIDE

We are providing the following guide for those that wish to provide information for a member web-page.

1. Name and photo/headshot
2. Brief biography
3. Links to any web-site, blog, or other on-line locations.

4. Information about any books published.
 - a. Book cover shot/thumbnaill
 - b. Brief description/blurb.
 - c. Amazon ASIN, ISBN or other
 - d. Locations where available.

In many cases your editor/web-master can find much of this on-line, if it is there. If it's not and you would like to have a member web-page that is as complete as possible, please e-mail information to daveeva@comcast.net, authors@spokaneauthors.org, or send via USPS to:

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

Please note: We are always ready and willing to update and correct any web-page. Do not hesitate to contact your web-master if you think your page needs attention.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SASP BOOKS ON AMAZON & KINDLE

Many SASP members' books are available on Amazon and/or Kindle™ (We are now printing shorter 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/)
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B. J. Campbell:

Close Calls: True Tales of Cougar Bob

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Bob Manion:

Santa's Heroes

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The Tree House

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The Tree House (new edition)

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Springer's Heart

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Summer Rain

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Vampire and the Cop

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Retitled

Vampire Justice

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Sabrina's Promise

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Sandra L. Mason:

(Illustrated by Natalie J. Apodaca)

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Don Brockett:

Tyrannical Rule of the U. S. Supreme Court
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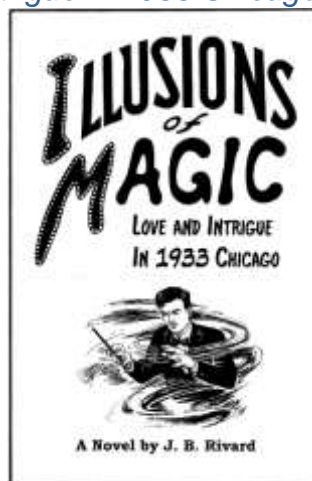
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Lewis Meline:

Lies Exposed! The Truth about Diets...
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J. B. Rivard

Illusions of Magic:
Love and Intrigue in 1933 Chicago B01EGSC8N8



Illusions of Magic: The Movie 0751RL53G

Stan Parks:

Jakob's Ladies 1532910762

Tiffani Harvey:

A Journey to Independence 1533499438

Revised and retitled:

Freedom Seeker (available on Smashwords)

Growing Independent 1533499926

Revised and retitled:

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Larry Danek

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Jed's World B00MWDJ1YY

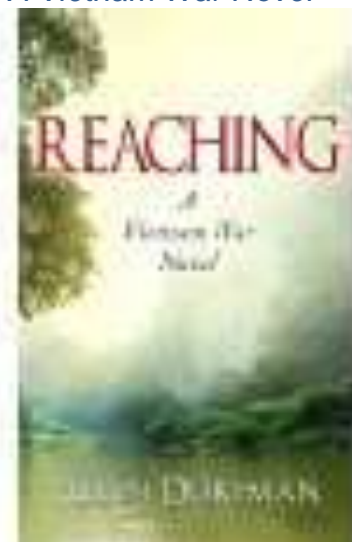
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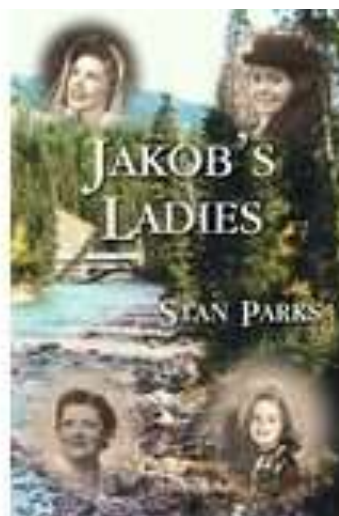
The Runaway Ghost:
A Story of the Nomadic Ghost (Vol. 3)
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Allen Dorfman:

Reaching: A Vietnam War Novel 1500489638



FEATURED BOOK REVIEW



Fred Jessett:

My Name is Tamar B00DH3REWO
Drummer Loves Dancer B073H2RP7P

Jakob's Ladies

(Western Historical Fiction)

By Stan Parks

Reviewed by E. J. Deuber

The book cover of *JAKOB'S LADIES* gives a curious view of the story and complements the information in the blurb on the back cover giving an accurate impression of a story.

SUMMARY:

Even though, his mother had already had his life planned as well as had chosen his bride, young Jacob Miller, a graduate of dental college leaves his home in Milwaukee for Sheridan, Wyoming. His first office located in a back room of the local MD's office seemed a bit dreary, but he felt grateful to have any place to work. He and Doctor Kelly become great friends. Assisting Doctor Kelly in many surgeries, Dr. Miller DDS discovers he's also a good surgeon.

As his clientele grows in Sheridan, he travels once a year to a nearby town and offers his service. He also provides dental care to the local Indian Nation. About the time he rents an office of his own, he realizes he's in love with Liz, the local schoolteacher. They marry against his mother's wishes. (Have Conflict with religious preference.) When their baby, Beth Ann is born about a year later, they expect to live happily ever after. Real life intervenes. On Beth Ann's second Christmas, Liz succumbs to cough and fever.

"Jakob was emotionally broken, numb, as he received mourners."¹

Although struggling with Liz's death, Jakob continues to take loving care of Beth Ann with the help of the housekeeper. When members of the community convince him to participate in community affairs, he becomes a well respected community servant, and leader in the annual *Sheridan Fair*.

At seven years old, Beth Ann begs her daddy for a pony. He thinks about buying her a pony. At the perfect time, Jakob runs into an

old acquaintance, Geraldine Widicker.

Jakob and Liz had met James and Geraldine Widicker several years before at a birthday party for Oliver Henry, the owner a large ranch that was an overnight ride from Sheridan.

At their first meeting, Geraldine discovers Jakob is a widower and Jakob learns she's a widow who now owns the Oliver Henry ranch and raised horses on it.

EVALUATION:

Kudos to Stan Parks. This story seems more like a memoir than a novel. The style used in introducing and developing characters is believable and charming, but sometimes too sweet. The plotting timely. This Western novel is unusual because the hero is a dentist rather than a sheriff, or marshal, and it replaces the theme of lawlessness with one of late 1800 early 1900 dentistry.

The vernacular dialog interrupts the story sometimes, but the clichés identify the period.

Unable to know what year this story began until page 116 was frustrating; I kept flipping pages to find out. I would have like to have seen Beth Ann have a closer relationship with her maternal grandparents.

Gary Cooper strutted along the streets of Sheridan, Wyoming as Dr. Jakob Miller. I recommend Stan find a professional writer of western movie scripts.

Reviewed by Robert G. Hildahl

Jakob Miller arrived by stagecoach in Sheridan, Wyoming in 1895, just having graduated from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery. Sheridan was a frontier town expecting the railroad to arrive within a few months. Then Sheridan would really start growing.

The last Sheridan dentist had died four years ago. The local doctor, Doc Kelly, rented Jakob his storeroom for a dental office. Later, Jakob found an old barber chair in need of repair to use for his dentist chair. After doing a few more things to get his office ready, Jakob was ready for business.

Zeke, Jacob's first patient, walked in, grinning his toothless smile. He wanted to

¹ JAKOB'S LADIES. PAGE 203

buy *some of those store bought teeth*, but he didn't have enough cash to pay for them. So he offered to take Jakob elk hunting in the Bighorn Mountains in exchange for his teeth. Jakob agreed.

On their hunting trip, Jakob was able to shoot a large elk. But later he was attacked by a big grizzly bear. Zeke shot the bear, but not before it shredded Jakob's right arm.

Jakob met his wife-to-be, Liz, the local schoolteacher, who helped take care of him as he recovered from his injury. Eventually they were married and moved into a small one room cabin. They were both very happy.

As time went by, Liz gave birth to a daughter, Beth Ann, and they were able to move into a much larger house. Then their happiness took a tragic turn when Liz became very ill and died, leaving Jakob and Beth Ann, who was only two years old at the time. With the help of his housekeeper, Chucha, Jakob was determined to raise his daughter by himself.

However, five years later, Jakob fell in love with Geraldine, one of England's aristocrats living in Wyoming. Beth Anne loved her, too. Before they were to be married, they traveled to England so that Jakob could meet Geraldine's family, which they did. But due to circumstances, Jakob returned home alone.

Will this be the end of their relationship? Will Geraldine ever come back to Wyoming? Will they ever get married? Read and find out.

I enjoyed reading *Jakob's Ladies*. It tells a very good story. It's never boring, and I recommend it to one and all.

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

This story begins in the 1890s when Jakob Miller, a recent graduate of the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, and against the advice of his parents, arrives by stagecoach in the frontier town of Sheridan, Wyoming. He sets up his temporary office in a storeroom rented from the town's only doctor, Doc Kelly. A repaired barber chair becomes his dentist chair. After putting an ad in the local

newspaper announcing that he is open for business, his career as a dentist begins.

Being the only dentist in town, he has lots of patients. He helps anyone who comes to his office needing dental care, including the Indians that live outside of town. Some of his patients can pay and some cannot. Zeke, one of his first patients, can't pay for the "store-bought" teeth he wants, so he makes a deal with Jakob to take him elk hunting in the Big Horn Mountains in exchange for his teeth.

The hunting trip is successful until the end when Jakob is attacked by a grizzly bear and his career as a dentist almost comes to an end. However, one good thing comes out of this experience and that is that he meets Liz, the local schoolteacher, who helps nurse him back to health. They fall in love and get married. After a while they are blessed with a baby girl that they name Beth Ann.

The railroad comes to Sheridan and the town grows and becomes more prosperous. Jakob loves Sheridan and grows with the town, becoming more involved with its local government. When business slows down Jakob decides to go to Buffalo, a town about forty miles from Sheridan, to make some extra cash fixing teeth. They don't have a dentist there and he has many patients, but he waits too long to come back and gets caught in the first winter blizzard. Snow is everywhere and he barely makes it back home.

Doc Kelly is Jakob's best friend and they help each other out, even doing complicated surgeries together! Liz spends much of her extra time teaching adult education to those who want to learn how to read and write. Eventually, Jakob and his family move into a larger house.

When Beth Ann is two years old, the family's happiness is shattered when Liz becomes very ill and dies. Jakob is heart-broken but determined, with the help of his housekeeper, Chucha, to raise his daughter by himself.

Five years go by. Then Jakob discovers love again with Geraldine, an English lady, currently running a ranch in Wyoming. Beth Ann loves her, too, especially after she gives Beth Ann a horse and teaches her how to ride.

Jakob and Geraldine speak of marriage and go to England to meet her aristocratic family.

But things happen beyond Jakob and Geraldine's control, and Jakob comes back home to Sheridan alone. He doesn't hear from Geraldine and is left wondering if he will ever see her again.

I enjoyed reading *Jakob's Ladies* and was very impressed with all the work that went into it to make it the great story that it is. I liked that Parks told the history of dentistry at that time. It was very interesting and made me realize, being a person who has had lots of dental work done during her lifetime, that I am so thankful that I didn't have to go to the dentist in those days! Also, the characters were well written--very believable. And after reading this book, I really feel that I know what the town of Sheridan was like in the 1890s.

I recommend this book for anyone who likes a little history, a love story, adventure, and humor.

Reviewed by Joyce Caudel

Jakob's Ladies is a delightful story about a young dentist trying to establish his dental practice in Wyoming in the 1800's. Mr. Parks has a way of describing the hardships of the early west that is very believable. The book is full of colorful characters both male and female.

Jakob's Ladies are as follows: Margaret, his mother. Alice, an old girlfriend, his mother won't give up on. The beautiful school teacher, Elizabeth, who nursed him back to health after a bear attack and later became his wife. Lillian Massey, better known as Diamond Lil, a patient. At her request, he put small diamonds in several of her front teeth. BethAnn, the daughter that gave him a reason to live after his dear wife, Liz, passed away. Chucha, the Polish housekeeper, whom Jakob soon learns he can't manage without. Lady Geraldine, an English aristocrat and owner of a near-by ranch, steals the heart of BethAnn and soon steals Jakob's heart also.

Jakob's Ladies is a fun read. As a modern-day dentist, I'm sure Stan enjoyed writing about dentistry in the early west.