

SASP

NEWS

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**Happy
New Year!**

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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www.facebook.com/pages/Spokane-Authors-Self-Publishers/1640079982945679

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1646364128981815/>

“Follow” us on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/AndAuthors>

OUR NEXT MEETING!

Please join us **Thursday, January 3, 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.**

Our January speaker is slated to be local author **Sharma Shields**.



Sharma Shields is the author of a short story collection, *Favorite Monster*, and a novel, *The Sasquatch Hunter's Almanac*. Henry Holt will publish her next novel, *The Cassandra*, in early 2019. Sharma's writing has appeared in *Electric Lit*, *Slice*, *The New York Times*, *Kenyon Review*, *Iowa Review*, *Fugue*, and elsewhere, and has garnered such awards as the 2016 Washington State Book Award, the Autumn House Fiction Prize, the Tim McGinnis Award for Humor, a Grant for Artist Projects from Artist Trust, and the A.B. Guthrie Award for Outstanding Prose. She received her B.A. in English Literature from the University of Washington (2000) and her MFA from the University of Montana (2004). Sharma has worked in independent bookstores and public libraries throughout Washington and now lives in Spokane with her husband and two young children. Sharma is the President of the Board of the Friends of the Spokane County Library District and also serves on the programming committee for Spokane's Spark Central. Visit her web-site at www.sharmashields.com

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



As we move into January 2019, Jim Parry assumes the duties as President of Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers.

FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER



I thought our Open Mic Session at the December meeting went well. With one or two exceptions, no one ran over the time limits imposed. This allowed a greater number of members to share their work with the group, and prevented boredom and frustration from setting in as a presenter droned on and on. The variety of material read mirrored the vast array of writing styles and subject matter of our membership.

Once again, a quick reminder that dues are due for 2019. If you haven't yet paid, 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.) After a reasonable amount of time into the new year, 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 (or who are planning to be) 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 know there are some web-pages that need a member photo and information on books. While I can chase down some of that, I at least need to be made aware of it.



DECEMBER'S MEETING

Every year at our December meeting, Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers presents an *Open Mic* session. Members and guests have the opportunity to share brief excerpts of their work with their fellow writers. Our December 6, 2018 meeting was no exception. We welcomed back Vice President Sue Eller, now well on the road to recovery following surgery. She then introduced each of our readers.

Mel Brown read a couple of Christmas Stories, reminiscing about Holidays of long ago. Sue then shared a brief excerpt from the forthcoming *Send in the Drones*, the next *Emily Trace Mystery*. Marilee Hudon presented a bit of her newly published *Waxing Is Useless*, while Dave McChesney allowed us to visit a scene near the end of *Sailing Dangerous Waters: Another Stone Island Sea Story*.

In his presentation, Fred Jessett revisited Christmas 1961 with the Rosebud Lakota people, and was followed by Joyce Seebaum. Tiffani Harvey shared a bit of *Seeking Independence*, her workbook and guide for people with disabilities. Sandy Mason was back with us for the first time in a long time and blessed us with a bit of poetry.

President Esther Hildahl shared her experiences in skiing on the bunny slope, and Larry Danek read some poetry excerpts from his *Wandering Ghost* series of books. Chuck

Lehman entertained us with a reading from *The Shepherd*. Lastly, our guest Sandy read from her book *Whispers of Inspiration*.

Esther Hildahl commented on current policies at Auntie's Bookstore, and Chuck Lehman remarked about difficulties he's had in publishing on Kindle. Sue Eller passed along her thanks to Esther Hildahl, Kate Poitevin, Bob Weldin, and Marilee Hudon for their recent efforts or for volunteering to fill certain offices.

We had a fairly intensive debate regarding Tiffani Harvey's proposal to rent a booth and sell books at the North Town Mall. In the end it was agreed that the cost to rent a booth was too high, and that we did not have the people power needed to operate it over the time required.

Door prize winners included Cindy Silliman, Joyce Seebaum, Caryl, Marian Lehman, Tiffani Harvey, Linda Noble Sonntag, and our guest Sandy.

Our January 3rd meeting will feature a presentation by local author Sharma Shields. In addition, our newly elected officers and advisory board members will begin their terms of office.

SASP FINANCIAL STATUS

Because unknown persons pretending to be SASP Officers are contacting our Treasurer asking for non-existent expenses to be paid, we will no longer publish the organization's financial status. Our balance will be announced at meetings, and members may contact the Treasurer if not in attendance.

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/thumbnail
 - 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

(Since this list is getting so long, we will print shorter segments on a rotating basis. The complete list will be available on the web-site, under "NEWS")

Many SASP members' books are available on Amazon and/or Kindle™

(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

Various SASP members

*Celebrating Spokane Authors:
A Collection of Poetry, Essays, and Short
Stories* **B077GBTQ67**

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**

James Parry:

*Book All the Teachers:
An Irreverent Ride through Middle
School* **1501042211**

Bob Weldin:

The Dry Diggin's Club **0578106825**
The Adventurists **153027253X**

Sue Eller:

Return from Armageddon **B005JVAJKQ**
Meadowlark Madness **B0097D599**
Send in the Drones **Coming Soon!**
The Gluten Free Gourmand **150853134X**
Taming of the T-Bird **1505963982**

Beth Camp:

The Mermaid Quilt and Other Tales **B0090VHKBC**
Standing Stones **B0013RYFW6**
Years of Stone **B00LF3FY4S**
Rivers of Stone **B077M1TFLP**

Kate Poitevin:

Saving Tir Gaeltacht (original, entire story) **1503167844 B00QJA8B3I**
Saving Tir Gaeltacht (part One) **1986153959**
Saving Tir Gaeltacht (part Two) **1986179486**
Saving Tir Gaeltacht (part Three) **1986179923**

Joyce Caudel:

The Hat Pin Murders **1936178397**
The Hat Box Mystery **1481959107**
A Hat to Die For **1530028612**

Helen Christine (Foster):

Full Disclosure **0990722201**
The Lenders **0990722228**

Chuck Lehman:

Angels Three Six **B00KMJXQR8**
The Big Woods **B007SQ4CTE**
Asher **B00HNZ6TTG**

Lazarus Arise
The Shepherd
Rogue 6

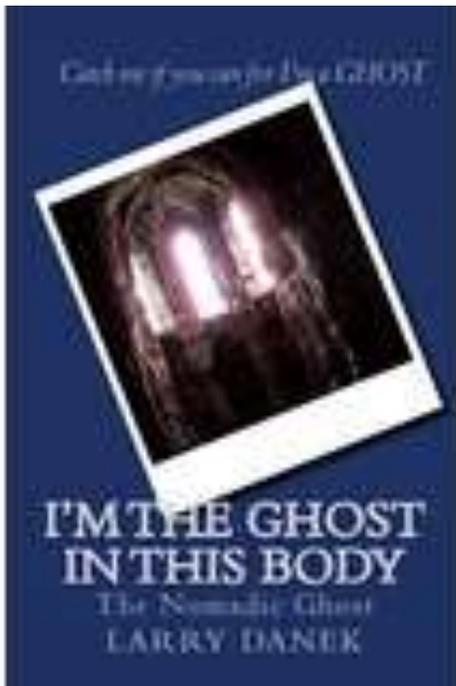
Exposure: A Story of Survival and Intrigue

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Reviewed by D. Andrew McChesney

FEATURED BOOK REVIEW

I'm the Ghost in this Body: The Nomadic Ghost by Larry Danek



Reviewed by Sue Eller

Not just another ghost story...

As the nomadic ghost was drawn into a recently expired body, I was drawn into his story. Author Larry Danek masterfully relates the tale of a spirit being who struggles to take charge on the physical plane and strives to tame the mental chaos of memories from past and present lives. This story could only be told from the perspective of the nomadic ghost himself, and Danek masterfully weaves a tale of cold-blooded murder and revenge contrasted with compassion for some down-and-out but decent people who need his help.

The ghost has inhabited many bodies in the past. Now he occupies the body of a young Chicago man mistakenly gunned down in a gangland firefight. When medical personnel pronounce the body dead, he uses his ghostly abilities to revive it and makes his way to St. Louis.

Aided by other ghosts that do not inhabit any bodies he sets out to eliminate those involved in drugs and other nefarious activities. Along the way he aids a number of people he has met, including a hit man sent by a drug lord to take him out. Once he has his affairs in order he realizes it is time to leave this body behind and move on to another one.

This proved to be an interesting read. Danek's take on the spirit world is unique and well thought out. It is the first in a series, with the third story, *RUNAWAY GHOST* being recently published. This reviewer looks forward to reading the remaining stories.