

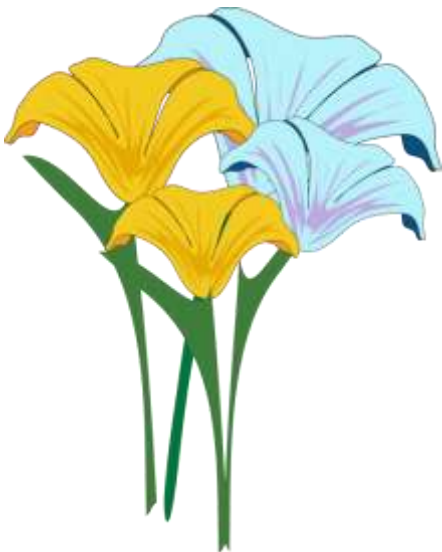


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NEWS

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Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers
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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.

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 and stands for you to display your books, but you must bring them for each meeting.

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.

(Schedule variations will be posted on the SASP website, www.spokaneauthors.org, and current members notified via e-mail or telephone.)

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.

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

OUR NEXT MEETING!

Please join us on **Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 2:30 pm**, at the **Golden Corral, 7117 N. Division**. (The room opens at **2 pm** to allow for dining and mingling prior to the start of the meeting.)

SASP member **Beth Camp** will present, **“Strategies for the Self-publishing Writer: Tackle that Marketing Dragon!”**

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Remember last month when I wrote about a book that one of my great-aunts had given to me as a Christmas present when I was a small child? Well, something strange happened to me concerning that book. A book I hadn't previously thought of or heard about in years. The book was entitled *365 Bedtime Stories* and was published by Whitman Publishing Company.

A few days ago, my husband, Bob, and I were chatting with a new neighbor who had recently moved in down the street from us. The subject of me being a writer came up, thanks to Bob, and out of the blue, our new

neighbor asked me if I had ever read *365 Bedtime Stories*." Yes, about 65 years ago!" I exclaimed, very surprised. It seems a copy of it had come into his possession and he had been reading the different stories in it. Then we found out that one of his children, a boy, loves to read, so I gave our neighbor a copy of each of my two children's books. He, in turn, gave me the *365 Bedtime Stories* book.

After looking the book over, I realized that this wasn't the "exact" book of my childhood. It had the same title and the same publisher, but it had been published in 1955 and mine was published in 1944. I know this because I googled it and recognized the book cover. Nevertheless, except for the cover, which shows a grandmother and several children (mine showed two sisters, with their little dog, lying in bed reading a book), the rest of the book was the same. Mostly one story per page with a picture at the top of each page. The 1955 version was done by author Nan Gilbert and illustrator Jill Elgin.

This got me to thinking about the author and illustrator. Imagine writing 365 stories of approximately 260 words each, or imagine drawing 365 illustrations to match these stories. What a challenge! Could you do it? I don't think I could, but I'm tempted to try once my current three books are completed.

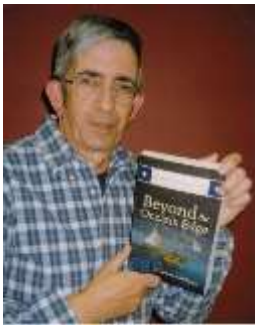
One very positive thing, though, is that this project would be wonderful practice for anybody just starting out as a writer or an illustrator. As for me, I couldn't think of a single thing to write

about this month until I met our neighbor and he mentioned this book. Hmm, maybe it was meant to be.

Esther

P. S. The topic for our “10 Minute Discussion” will be: “Marketing Techniques for Kindle™!”

FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER



We are often reminded to write reviews for books by our fellow authors. Reviews are a great help in the marketing effort, especially when posted on those sites where books can be bought on line. Beyond that, we should make an effort to let other writers know we read and hopefully enjoy what they have written.

Sometimes writers post excerpts of their works-in-progress or other writing efforts on their blog or elsewhere. They may even send you a copy. If you have a chance, read it and let them know you did read it and that presumably, you enjoyed it. Writers in general love to hear that people are reading what they write.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Dave McChesney".

APRIL's MEETING

At our meeting on April 7th, fellow Spokane Author and Self-Publisher Joyce Caudel spoke about writing children's books. Indicating that doing so can be harder than writing for adults, she told us of her research into the process. She discussed the various types, ranging from board books for infants and toddlers, through young adult offerings.

Our “ten minute” topic dealt with querying magazines in order to have an article or short story published. In line with this subject, SASP President Esther Hildahl did some research and created a handout covering a wide variety of query letters. The handout showed examples of both good and bad query letters involving fiction and non-fiction magazines, as well as for fiction and non-fiction books.

Stan Parks pitched his recently published book, *Jacob's Ladies*, and Betty Deuber pitched her children's book *Jody Visits Tooth Fairy Land* with illustrations by her late husband, Harry H Deuber.

Esther mentioned that one more book review had been added to the collection on the SASP web-site. Dennis Held once again put in a good word for the upcoming *Get Lit Festival*, sponsored by EWU. It was suggested that we compile a list of local editors for hire, members or otherwise that we could tell each other or other writers about when in need of editing services. Dave McChesney noted that he would attempt to update and expand the *Spokane Area Independent Authors* list.

He noted it had begun as a personal project but had decided to make it available to all. (It can be seen on the web-site as a *bonus* page under Newsletters. In addition, Dave can e-mail a printable version if you wish to have it for handouts at signings or other author events.)

Please note we are well into the new membership year. Names of unpaid members have disappeared from the roster published on the web-site. You can return your name to the list by bringing your \$15.00 dues for 2016 to our next meeting. You may also send a check or money order to: Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers, P. O. Box 18573, Spokane, WA 99228-0573.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Contact daveeva@comcast.net to get your event listed.

Sue Eller...

Signing:

Saturday, 28 May, time tba

Auntie's Bookstore

Sue Eller and Kate Poitevin...

Signings:

Saturday, May 7th, from 2 – 5 pm

South Hill Hastings

Saturday, May 14th, from 2 – 5 pm

Valley Hastings

D. Andrew McChesney...

Signings:

Saturday, May 21st at 3 pm

Valley Hastings

Saturday, June 18th at 2 pm

South Hill Hastings

Johanna Price...

Reading at:

["Listen to Your Mother"](#)

Sunday (Mothers' Day), May 8th, at 7 pm, Bing Crosby Theater, Downtown Spokane

SASP BOOKS ON AMAZON and KINDLE

Many SASP members' books are available on Amazon and/or Kindle™ (Contact the editor/web-master at daveeva@comcast.net to get your Amazon/Kindle books listed. Please ensure your books can be found!) Go to amazon.com and search for the following titles:

D. Andrew McChesney:

Beyond the Ocean's Edge: A Stone Island Sea Story

Sailing Dangerous Waters: Another Stone Island Sea Story

James Parry:

Book All the Teachers: An Irreverent Ride Through Middle School

Bob Weldin:

The Dry Diggin's Club

The Adventurists

Sue Eller

Return from Armageddon

Meadowlark Madness

The Gluten Free Gourmand

Taming of the T-Bird

Beth Camp

The Mermaid Quilt and Other Tales

Standing Stones

Years of Stone

Kate Poitevin
Saving Tir Gaeltacht

James Vasquez
Men Who Knew Jesus Well
Women of the Bible: their Story in Verse
Prophets of the Old Testament: A
Classic Collection of Bible Heroes in
Verse
Words Jesus Spoke: In Verse
The Psalms: In Verse
Prayers from the Bible: In Classic Verse

Joyce Caudel
The Hat Pin Murders
The Hat Box Mystery
A Hat to Die For

Helen Christine (Foster)
Full Disclosure
The Lenders

Chuck Lehman
Angels Three Six
The Big Woods
Asher
Lazarus Arise
The Shepherd

T. A. Bratcher
The Road Chosen

B. J. Campbell
Close Calls: True Tales of Cougar Bob

Bob Manion
Santa's Heroes
The Tree House
Springer's Heart
Summer Rain
Vampire and the Cop

Sandra L. Mason
(Illustrated by Natalie J. Apodaca)
N is for Nativity

Jody Visits Tooth Fairy Land



(Sorry, no cover illustration available)

Written by E. J. Deuber
Illustrated by Harry H. Deuber

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

Jody has lost a tooth and she wants to talk to the Tooth Fairy. Her wish comes true when the Tooth Fairy appears and invites Jody to fly with her to Tooth Fairy Land. Here the Tooth Fairy, Wee Fairies, and Wee Elves live. Jody, wearing her magic tooth necklace, has an exciting time exploring Tooth Fairy Land and discovering where teeth go and what they are used for after the Tooth Fairy takes them.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this charming children's book. It's creative, well-written with interesting characters, and has a surprise ending. An excellent story to read aloud to young children. Plus, the illustrations are great. They, too, are creative, well-drawn, colorful, and fun to look at.

I recommend this book to anyone who has ever lost a tooth!