

SASP

NEWS

November 2018

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers
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*Our Book Sale...Yard Sale at Joan Carter's
near Green Bluff.*

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

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<https://twitter.com/AndAuthors>

OUR NEXT MEETING!

Please join us **Thursday, November 1st** at the **Golden Corral** on Spokane's **North Division Street**. The meeting room will be available for dining, conversation, and general socializing at 2:00 pm. **Our meeting and scheduled presentation begin at 2:30.**

Our guest speaker will be **Dean Cameron**, *President* and *CEO* of www.flootie.com and **Top Drawer Media**.

Top Drawer Media is the publisher and developer of *Northwest Aerospace News* www.northwestaerospaceneews.com, and *Art Chowder Magazine* www.artchowder.com,

"Beyond that, Dean is just a super nice guy and a great boss!" (M. J. Hudon)

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



During the months of October, November, and December there are many craft shows in our area for vendors to sell their wares. Since there are hardly any places where a local writer can go anymore to have a book signing in Spokane, my husband and I decided last year to participate in some of these shows. We have sold many books at most of them, but there were a few where the customers were more interested in spending their money on other things. These shows, especially the two-day ones, can be very tiring, for the hours are long. I have found that I almost always sell more books on Saturday than Sunday. And I definitely prefer the one-day fairs, which I'm always looking for.

Recently, I was asked by one of our SASP members how I found out about craft fairs. I always knew craft fairs were around, but I never thought about participating in them until a relative of a relative of mine suggested that I give them a try. I decided to do just that when all the Hastings stores went out of business and I had very few other places to sell my books locally. I Googled Spokane craft shows. I had some success, but I found that much of the information was not up to date and didn't offer applications to download for the latest show. I checked the weekend newspaper and sometimes found upcoming events listed there. Once I found a newspaper advertisement asking for more vendors.

However, I have discovered the best way for me is to simply call the school or church where an upcoming event is being held

ELECTIONS

On or about Thursday the 25th of October, ballots for our election will be/were e-mailed or otherwise sent to all members of Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers. Ballots are provided in a couple of different formats to account for individual computer capabilities. They may be downloaded, marked and returned by e-mail, either to the official SASP e-address (authors@spokaneauthors.org) or to our secretary Dave McChesney (daveeva@comcast.net) Or you may print them out, mark your choices and turn them in at our November 1st meeting. Additional blank ballots will be available at the meeting for anyone who otherwise did not receive or complete one.

A copy of the SASP roster is being provided to assist members in determining whether or not they are considered as currently "paid" and thus eligible to vote. Non-current members may vote with payment of dues for 2018.

and ask for an application to be sent to me. They will do this or tell you how to get in touch with someone who will. These applications are one page long and easy to fill out. Then you send it along with a check, usually \$25-\$60, back to the person or organization in charge of planning it and you are set to go. Once you participate in one of these shows, you are on their list and will be sent an email or application each year after that. Also, while doing a show, you can find out about other shows from different vendors you talk to.

After our SASP yard sale at Joan Carter's place on October 6th, she generously gave me eight small paintings she had done. Her idea was to give one away to each customer that purchased my book(s). I tried this at my next craft show and boy did it work! The kids loved it. Thanks, Joan, for a great idea!

Happy writing!

Esther

FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER



Hi Everyone. I'd like to pass along a reminder that if you move, change your e-address, or in any way change your contact information, to please let SASP know. We haven't had much of a problem with this, but it has been a situation in another organization I belong to.

I heard from one member that another member wasn't receiving e-mailed copies of the newsletter. I wrote and posted a letter to the individual in question but did not receive a reply. I thought no more of it until I came

across the letter recently while going through my computer files. As I had had no response from this person, I again contacted the one who had originally informed me about the other not getting stuff I sent out. To make a long and possibly boring story a smidgeon shorter, it turned out that the member in question had not only changed his e-address (or we had it wrong), he had also moved and had not passed along his new mailing address.

Please make note of both the mailing address, and the e-address of Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers. If you find you are not receiving newsletters and other items from SASP, please let us know. (Of course it helps if you are a paid or recently paid member of the group.)

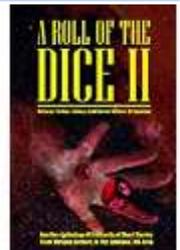
OCTOBER'S MEETING



We were originally scheduled to have a presentation by a member of the Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Writers of Spokane. When it was determined this

individual would not be able to be there, the group sent along a slide presentation and our Public Relations Person volunteered to do the honors. However, on meeting day that individual was not able to attend, so presenting information about this other local group of writers fell to Vice-President Sue Eller. She did not have the slide show, but did have the information to pass along about these fellow writers.

"We are a group of Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror writers. We offer critiques, motivation, and support for writers of these genres, and offer peer advice on the unique challenges that exist in these genres."



“A casual, laid back group of aspiring writers, we’re welcoming, friendly, and relatively drama free. We provide a supportive environment to share our writing, and get and give constructive feedback. Our meetings are not really structured, but it’s a good place to read and be heard.

“We meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at the North Town Barnes and Noble Café, usually around 2:00 pm.”

Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Writers of Spokane have published two anthologies (pictured above) which are available on line. The group can be found on Meetup.com and on Facebook.

Someone mentioned that we continuously hear about new writing groups in the local area. In general these groups are very supportive of each other. It was also noted that we always seem to hear of and meet new local writers.

There was some brief discussion to clear up things regarding the SASP Book and Yard Sale slated for Saturday October 6th. President Esther Hildahl also reminded everyone that we will be holding elections at our November meeting. Secretary Dave McChesney asked that anyone desiring to run for any office or position submit his or her name by Sunday the 21st of October so he will have time to construct a ballot. He also mentioned that ballots would be sent out by e-mail and that members could vote and return them the same way. They can also be turned in at the November meeting, and blank ballots will be on hand for those who may not have received one earlier.

We also talked a little about the Open-Mic Session coming up in December. It seems the biggest complaint about these presentations is that a few people tend to go way beyond the allotted time. Someone suggested that individuals should time themselves reading their chosen work, and if need be, reduce the amount of material they plan to read.

Three new faces put in an appearance at our October meeting. We are glad Barbara Mulvey Little, Rich McKay, and an individual whose name we did not get decided to spend

their Thursday afternoon with us. Rich is now a member of Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers.

Chuck Lehman told us of his latest book, *The Apostle’s Wife*, a story about Peter’s spouse. It is being released as an audio book with Books In Motion and later will be available from Amazon. Larry Danek announced a new cover for his first book; *I’m the Ghost in this Body: The Nomadic Ghost*. Esther said she had recently sold a book on Amazon. Sue Eller told us about *Waxing is Useless*, and passed around a proof copy. This is Marilee Hudon’s first book and is nearly ready for release. Congratulations Marilee!

As always, door prizes were plentiful. Winners included Larry Danek, Sue Eller, Joyce Seebaum, Linda Sontagg, Tiffani Harvey, Esther Hildahl, Bob Manion, Marion Lehman, Joan Carter, Fred Jessett, Harry Sasser, and Dave McChesney

We are scheduled to meet again on Thursday the 1st of November. Besides conducting elections for our officers, we are scheduled to have a presentation by a local magazine publisher. It is understood he was instrumental and getting us into the Art at the Market in Liberty Lake last month. Our December 6th meeting will feature an open-mic session, and on January 3, 2019 our speaker is scheduled to be well-known local author Sharma Shields.

SASP’s BOOK SALE/YARD SALE

Fellow Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers member Joan Carter recently extended an invitation to the group to hold a book and yard sale at her place. The morning of Saturday October 6th saw several of the group converge at Joan’s place near Green Bluff, north of Spokane. While it had rained the day before and earlier that morning, skies cleared and the day turned out to be blustery but nice. Amongst those taking part were Bob and Esther Hildahl, Joyce Seebaum, Marilee Hudon, Chuck Lehman, Jim Parry, Tiffani Harvey, Joan Carter, Kylie Carter, and Dave

McChesney. (This list is compiled from memory, so apologies if anyone is omitted.)



Art work for sale, by our host Joan Carter

As a group we not only offered a number of great books for sale, but also various works of art, including paintings by Joan Carter, photo-prints of paintings by Dave McChesney, and a variety of blankets or throws created by Joyce Seebaum.



Books and baked goods for sale here!

Located directly off of Mt. Spokane Day Road, we had plenty of traffic passing by and a few folks noticed and stopped in to look around. Sales however were slow, and the saving moment came when our host, Joan Carter bought books from everyone to stock up her *to be read* pile for the coming winter.

SASP FINANCIAL STATUS

At the beginning of September we showed a balance of \$2757.85. Over the course of the month we collected \$15.00 in dues and expended \$10.00 in compensating our speaker. Our ending balance is \$2762.85

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

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 **B00I3RYFW6**
Years of Stone **B00LF3FY4S**
Rivers of Stone **B077M1TFLP**

Kate Poitevin:

Saving Tir Gaeltacht **1503167844**
(This book is currently being reissued as a three volume set. Information will be provided when available.)

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 **B007R0NPW6**
The Shepherd **B00HJBN4P6**
Rogue 6 **B01H7N8G2G**
Exposure: A Story of Survival and Intrigue **B01H5W4V64**

B. J. Campbell:

Close Calls: True Tales of Cougar Bob **1936178044**

Bob Manion:

Santa's Heroes **1936178095**
The Tree House **B004IZLHLE**
The Tree House (new edition) **1946882003**
Springer's Heart **0978850742**
Summer Rain **B00ZM3S2IM**
Vampire and the Cop **B00ZM4BBOS**
Retitled
Vampire Justice **0996864415**
Sabrina's Promise **0996864407**

Sandra L. Mason:

(Illustrated by Natalie J. Apodaca)
N is for Nativity **1517614880**

Don Brockett:

Tyrannical Rule of the U. S. Supreme Court **B01GW712VU**

Stan Parks:

Jakob's Ladies **1532910762**

Tiffani Harvey:

A Journey to Independence **1533499438**
Revised and retitled
Freedom Seeker
Growing Independent **1533499926**
Revised and retitled
Freedom Seeking

Allen Dorfman:

Reaching: A Vietnam War Novel **1500489638**

Fred Jessett:

My Name is Tamar B00DH3REWO
Drummer Loves Dancer B073H2RP7P
Getting Past Point No Point 1725865211

Lewis Meline:

Lies Exposed! The Truth about Diets...
 0997915501

J. B. Rivard

Illusions of Magic:
Love and Intrigue in 1933 Chicago B01EGSC8N8
Illusions of Magic: The Movie 0751RL53G

Larry Danek

I'm the Ghost in this Body:
The Nomadic Ghost B01I0Z500Q
Jed's World B00MWDJ1YY
Ghostly Reunion:
A Nomadic Ghost Story B077KHR33M
The Runaway Ghost:
A Story of the Nomadic Ghost (Vol. 3)
 1986978605

Diana Wickes

Home is Where the Heart Is 1523381841
Elegy to a Montanan: A widow's Song
 1523382414

Andy Brown

Warnings Unheeded:
Twin Tragedies at Fairchild Air Force Base
 0997863404

Esther J. Hildahl

Meadow Pond 154244828X B072FS1CLL
Mr. Inky: Spider with an Attitude
 1542451248 B07177PLGX
Marie's Marvelous Tomato
 1548307653 B073SFTS74
Poopie the Fly and Friends
 1724038427 B07HNQLKMW

Kathy Rae:

The Jewel of Hope: Book 1:
The Hope Trilogy 1500236578
Ducky Day or Yucky Day...You Choose
 154139142X
Deprogramming a Bully: Book 1:
The Barber Chair Series B06W5NP6Y1

Margaret Albi Verhoef & Rita Gard Seedorf:

Letters from Brackham Wood B00JEMX656
Letters from a Wary Watcher B01EKOHO2C

Russell H. Ford

Depop B019NGA00Q

Wayne Kyle Spitzer

That Thing We Killed B076QF8XZY
Comes a Ferryman B074SJF1TJ
The Tempter and the Taker B074SV557F
The Pierced Veil B074STJMGW
Black Hole, White Fountain B074SY83RW
To the End of Ursathrax B074SWXM61
X-Ray Rider 1 B0755QN1N6
X-Ray Rider 2 B0755PY9NB
X-Ray Rider 3 B0755QPM67
 Algernon Blackwood's "The Willows," a
 Scriptment B07575JDFS
 Flashback B07689XLTX
 Flashback Dawn: "Naaygi" B07836PYT5
 Flashback Dawn: The Devil's Snambnala
 B078NHDKZN

Faraway, Nearby B076PNH7V8
Behind a Pale Mask 1973289415
Wet Bark B077RJ463S
Killer in the Looking Glass B0779DM1QH
Lean Season B074VD53SF
How About a Coke and Some Fries?
 B077TPR77D

Flying the Fog Roads of Cascadia B077WTSXZN
Red Marillion B077M3ZHWP
Coffin Road B076XQY5FK
Napoleon B076FBPRYV

Azalea Dabill

Falcon Heart B00VOEQXIO
Falcon Flight B019YRTIRO
Lance & Quill B010ZD7PVS
Path of the Warrior B00W4JYHL8
Falcon's Ode B075ZZBPKR
Nightshade & Knitbone 1943034109

Karen Jean Matsko Hood

Blood Heiress 1592108857
Bloom of Autumn Gold 1592102166
Huckleberry Delights B0045U9U34 1596493852
Transracial Adoption 1594346186
Petting Farm Fun 1594346186

Finding Rudolph B074JZPG9X 1598082957
Morning Reflections B00DH70LVG 1930948557
(This is a partial list of Karen's books. More will be added with time.)

Tom Wallace

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

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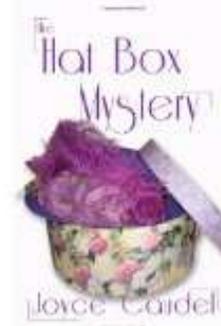
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Marilee Hudon

Waxing Is Useless B07HY4Y85T 172128186X

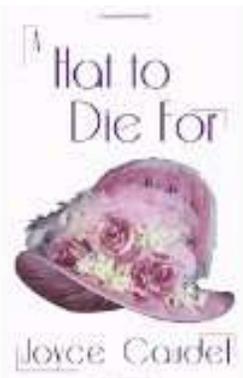
This book tells a very good story about changing your life for the better and finding forgiveness from new friends because of the changes you have made. I recommend this book to anyone who likes a good mystery.

Available in several Spokane area bookstores and on Amazon.



Reviewed by Robert G. Hildahl

FEATURED BOOK REVIEWS



Reviewed by Robert G. Hildahl

A *Hat to Die For* is Caudel's third mystery novel involving the Red Hat Society and the good people of their town. Like her other two novels, this one is just as exciting and interesting to read.

Chancy Goodnight is a bestselling author. She writes mystery novels. One day, she receives some red roses and a package with no return address on it. Since she has been receiving threatening phone calls, she tells the delivery boy to take it back. Later she finds out that inside the package was a dead rat!

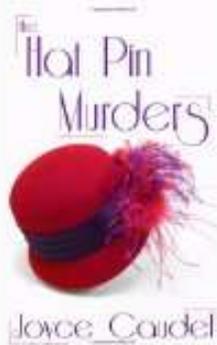
When Chancy throws a party at her home for all her friends, it is interrupted by a dead man found in one of her flower beds. And the next day, she discovers that her granddaughter, Brandy, is missing.

Rachel Davis, a member of the Mystery Mama's Red Hat Book Club, awoke around three in the morning to find three masked men in her kitchen. When she confronted them, they were surprised that she was there, for they only broke into homes where the owners were not home. When one of the men got rough with her, she called Jake, her Great Dane dog. Jake ran into the kitchen and attacked the man, clamping his big teeth on the man's arm. The other two men ran off while Rachel called the police.

When Jake is wounded in a drive by shooting a few days later, Rachel wonders if the same masked men that broke into her house could be trying to get even with her and her dog.

Thus, begins another great story by Joyce Caudel. I recommend this book to anyone who likes a good mystery with many interesting characters, such as Milo Jenkins, Rachel's wealthy uncle. It has a good ending and a good lesson in humanity and caring for those who have very little to nothing.

Available at several Spokane bookstores, Amazon, and on Kindle.



Reviewed by Helen Foster

Maggie Coppenguee loves her Red Hat Chapter and the “Hatties,” as she calls her friends. Fun loving and committed to having great times, she can’t believe anyone at a Red Hat luncheon would kill her special friend, Mary Reed, and with a hat pin, of all weapons for a killer to use. Maggie becomes the prime suspect and must find the real murderer in order to clear herself.

The Hat Pin Murders is a fun book to read. Joyce Caudel writes in an easy manner as she leads the reader on a trail of discoveries and clues in her search. Along the way Joyce lets us know why the Red Hat Society has become such a popular group.

The Hat Pin Murders is an enjoyable book and was an award winner in the General Fiction category of the USA “Best Books 2011” Awards. It’s available at several Spokane area bookstores, as well as on Amazon.

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

Maggie Coppenger and Mary Reed live in Sommer, Washington, and have been best friends since kindergarten. Mary, a recent widow, only lives a few blocks away from Maggie, and they often do things together. Both enjoy being members of the Red Hat Society, which is all about dressing up in purple, wearing red hats, having fun, and spending time with their friends.

However, things turn tragic at the Red Hat Society Spring meeting, at the Sommerset Hotel, when Maggie finds Mary murdered with a rhinestone hat pin. Maggie and her friends are shocked that Maggie becomes the prime suspect. Therefore, her fellow Hatties,

the Mystery Mamas, set out to find the real killer.

But who would want to kill Mary? Could it be Edith, Mary's neighbor, who pushed her and threatened to do her harm after an incident involving Edith's dog? Darlene, Mary's unfriendly, greedy stepdaughter? The mystery woman at the club? Or, could it be the driver of the black Mercedes who tried to run Maggie and her friend Jess off the road?

When the killer strikes again, this time attacking Marie Reader, a member of the Singing Sisters, and others at the Red Hats fashion show at the mall, Maggie and her friends come closer to having their questions answered.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, the first of Caudel's *Red Hat Mystery* books, and learning about the Red Hat Society. Caudel is a talented writer who spins a great mystery with numerous twists and turns. The reader is never bored. Her characters and settings are well-defined and interesting. I recommend this book to anyone who likes to read a good story that is a page turner and has a very satisfying ending.

Available in several Spokane area bookstores and on Amazon.

Reviewed by Kate Poitevin

The Hat Pin Murders is a delightful cozy murder mystery. Ms. Caudel has created a group of interesting characters, ladies “of a certain age” who are members of The Red Hat Society. Excitement abounds as they prepare for an event with all the area groups. Sadly, it wouldn’t be a murder mystery without a murder. When one of their own is killed, it rattles her friends to the core. No one would really expect them to sit by and wait for the police to do their jobs, especially the prime suspect. Then the story takes a turn. We find ourselves immersed in mob activities. I’ve read many books of this genre and am pretty good at guessing where it’s going to end. This one artfully twisted and turned until I was totally clueless and I couldn’t venture a guess at all. The ending was certainly not on my radar! Well, done!