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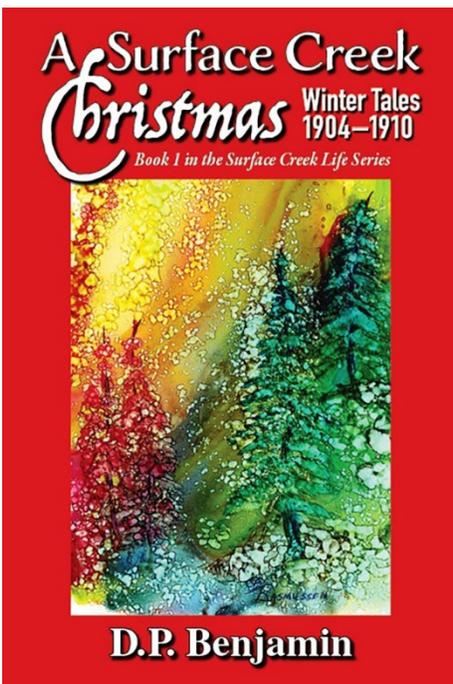
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A Surface Creek Christmas debuts this month

Historic Decembers come to life in the newest book from Elevation Press.

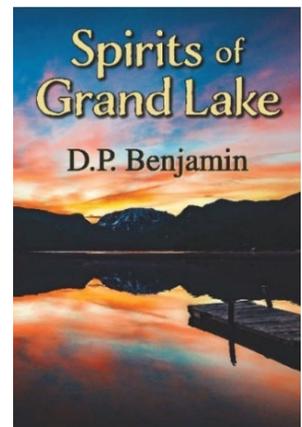
A Surface Creek Christmas: Winter Tales 1904-1910 is the story of life as experienced by early residents

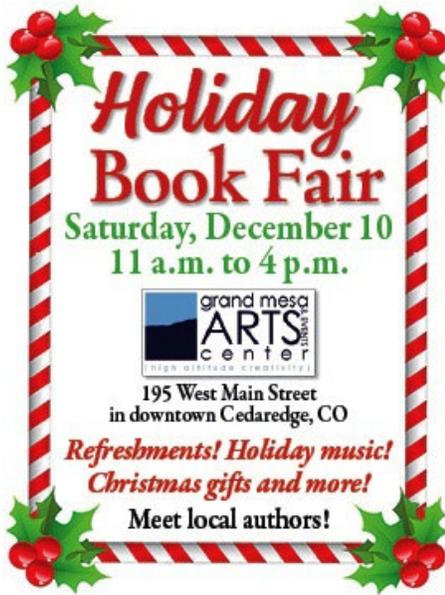


of Western Colorado's Surface Creek Valley. Conceived by novelist D.P. Benjamin, this delightful holiday book was compiled from the pages of the *Surface Creek Champion* newspaper. Published from 1904-1943, the *Champion* faithfully reported the joys and tragedies, triumphs and foibles of a bygone era. Surface Creek descends from the lofty slopes of Grand Mesa, recharging aquifers and filling irrigation ditches as it distributes life-giving water to a vast array of agricultural enterprises. The creek wends its way past evergreens and aspens, through verdant pasturelands and lush fruit orchards, to join with the roiling Gunnison River which courses on to feed the mighty Colorado River. The book is already available on Amazon.com in paperback and e-book formats. It's official in-person launch takes place at the **Holiday Book Fair** scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 10 at the Grand Mesa Arts & Events Center, 195 West Main Street in downtown Cedaredge, Colorado. With a classic cover featuring the spectacular art of local artist, Carol Ann Rasmussen, *A Surface Creek Christmas* will make a wonderful holiday gift. For more information on the cover artist, visit her website at carolannrasmussen.com.

Spirits novel will launch twice

The **Four Corners Mystery Series** now includes three novels with four more in the works. The latest addition is *Spirits of Grand Lake* which is already available through Amazon.com in paperback and e-book formats. In-person sales commence on Saturday, December 10 as part of the **Holiday Book Fair** described above. A second state-wide launch is set for September 2023 in Grand Lake, Colorado. Grand Lake is a high-country scenic paradise which lies adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park—a popular treasure established in 1915. Grand Lake is the deepest natural lake in Colorado and is believed, by some, to be the birthplace of the majestic Colorado River which flows from the Rocky Mountains to the Sea of Cortez in northwestern Mexico. Legend has it that spirits of triumphs and tragedies inhabit the sprawling 500-acre lake and the hidden haunts of its half-civilized, half-wild shoreline.





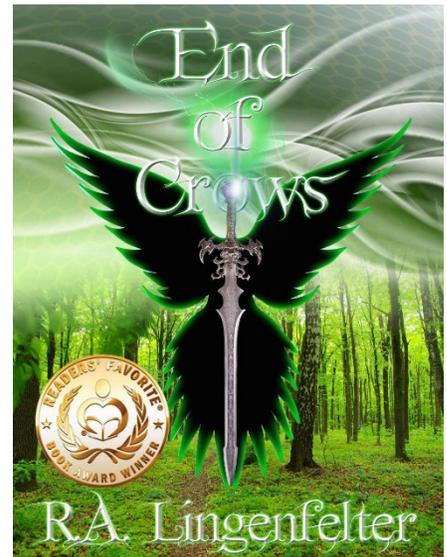
Holiday Book Fair features local authors and Christmas artisans

December 10 marks the debut of Western Colorado's First Annual Holiday Book Fair held in the Bank of Colorado Theatre at the Grand Mesa Arts & Events Center in downtown Cedaredge. Authors set to show their wares are D.P. Benjamin, Trudy Berghauser, Ann Boelter, Michelle Camp, BonnaSue Draper, Judy Fairchild, Arnie Grimm, RaeAnne Hadley, Terry Jarbo, Nicole Magistro, Mckenzie Moore, Jessica Ott, Kathy Sparacino, Barbara Torke, and Dani Tupper. Lon and Julie Anne Helmick of Anne Monroe Designs will offer their colorful greeting cards and postcards. A representative of the Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers organization will be on hand to outline their services. And an array of children's books will be read aloud in story-time performances by Robin Luster from the Delta County Libraries. Holiday music will be cued up, refreshments will be served, and the Arts Center's walls will be filled with festive wreaths which will be sold to holiday shoppers on a first-come, first-served basis.

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As pen-names go, R.A. Lingenfelter is a fine one. Independent publisher and author, RaeAnne Hadley, started her life's career as an automotive mechanic. After being fired for taking maternity leave, she began to plot ways to kill off her boss via car accident, of course! Instead, she started writing down her ideas and her father convinced her to spare the boss and turn the notes into a book. Her sarcastic humor and belief in happily-ever-after has turned her vendetta into an interesting eighteen-year career. She enjoys bringing tears and laughter into other people's lives. Her **Small Sacrifices Series** starts with *End of Crows*—the cover of which received a recent facelift to add a gold medallion, emphasizing that her epic fantasy novel is a “2022 Reader's Favorite Book Award Winner.” Other books in the series are:

Flight of Sparrows: Book Two
Rise of Falcons: Book Three
Declaration of Crows: Book Four



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