

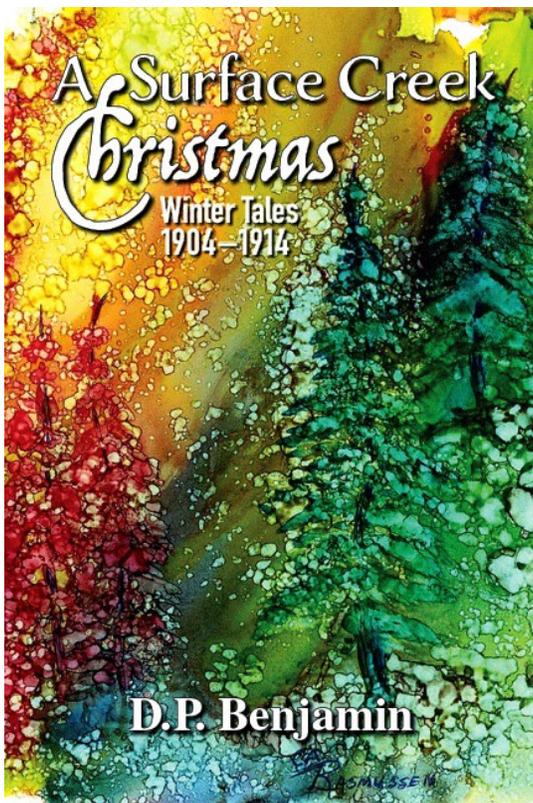


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A Surface Creek Christmas debuts next month



A decade of historic Decembers come to life in the newest book from Elevation Press. *A Surface Creek Christmas/Winter Tales 1904-1914* 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 has been compiled from the pages of the historic *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, past evergreens and aspens, to distribute life-giving water to a vast array of agricultural enterprises. Recharging aquifers and filling ditches, the creek wends its way through verdant pasturelands and lush fruit orchards, to join with the roiling Gunnison River. Beginning this Thanksgiving, the book will be available on Amazon.com. It's official in-person launch takes place at the **First Annual 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 designed by 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.

Future books in the Surface Creek series will follow, including:

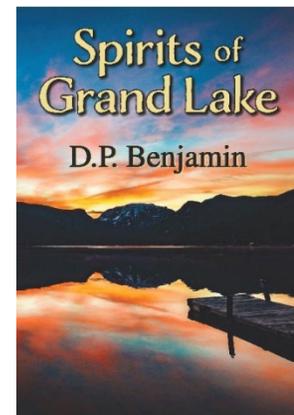
A Surface Creek Solstice/Summer Tales 1915-1925

A Surface Creek Thaw/Spring Tales 1926-1936

A Surface Creek Harvest/Autumn Tales 1937-43

Spirits novel will haunt bookshelves

The **Four Corners Mystery Series** now includes three novels. The latest installment is *Spirits of Grand Lake* which is already available through Amazon.com in paperback and e-book formats. In-person sales commence on December 10 as part of the **Holiday Book Fair** described above. An official state-wide launch takes place in September 2023 at Grand Lake, Colorado.



The Four Corners Mystery Series — 3 down & 4 to go

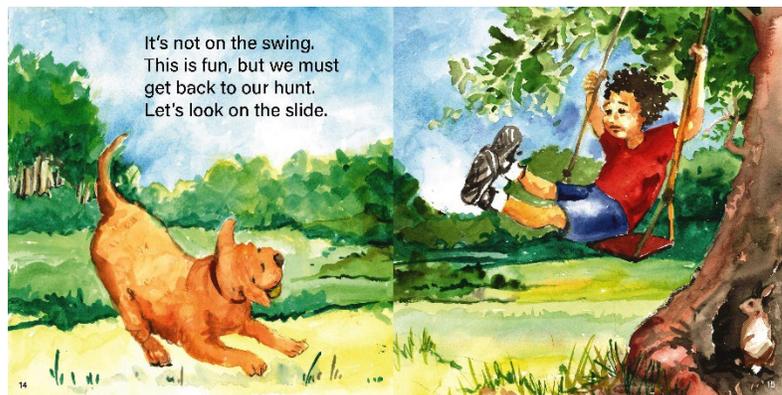


Envisioned to encompass seven books, *The Four Corners Mystery Series* is off to a good start. Here's a comprehensive list of completed and upcoming titles: **Book 1: *The Road to Lavender***—A smuggled prize, bloodthirsty treasure hunters, a hungry mountain lion, and a budding romance—it looks like a busy summer for Anne Scriptor. Navigating through Arizona and Colorado, will the spunky young student of archaeology survive her journey on the road to Lavender? This debut novel received a 2020 award for cover design from the New Mexico Book Association and won third-place in the 2019 Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers' *Colorado Gold Writing Contest*. **Book 2: *A Lavender Wedding***—**Contains**

adult subject matter and sexually sensitive topics. Anne Scriptor forms a working partnership with Detective Trinidad Sands by joining his investigative team. When the handsome detective proposes marriage, Anne says yes. The working couple explores the unsolved murder of Esau Koller, a prolific author and Colorado celebrity. And the clock is ticking as they strive to crack the case in time to orchestrate a lavender wedding. **Book 3: *Spirits of Grand Lake***—In this prequel, set years before Trinidad Sands meets his precocious wife, the footloose bachelor lands his first case. Working a seasonal job at Grand Lake Lodge, he befriends a local character, investigates a kidnapping, and risks the wrath of a vengeful arsonist. Will he be aided or hampered by the spirits which haunt Colorado's deepest natural lake? **Book 4: *The War Nickel Murders***—The brutal murder of a local hermit entangles the husband-and-wife detective team of Trinidad and Anne Sands in international intrigue. Echoes of World War II unnerve the entire village of Lavender as a deadly assassin strives to claim the key to eternal youth and uncover a hidden stockpile of counterfeit nickels. **Book 5: *Rare Earth***—Detectives Trinidad and Anne Sands decide to take a vacation from sleuthing. Trinidad has received a generous offer to purchase his lavender farm and he focuses his energy on making a life-altering real estate decision. Anne gets a chance to apply her scientific skills when a trio of visiting Chinese archaeologists arrive to explore Colorado and neighboring Utah. But these seemingly unrelated projects soon overlap in a marathon of espionage, murder, and betrayal. **Book 6: *Walking Horse Ranch***—A Hollywood movie crew comes to New Mexico hell-bent on completing a feature film in record time. Things are looking up when they locate an ideal setting and the production schedule is rolling along until the star's stand-in is murdered. There are fifty-five eyewitnesses to the crime, not to mention camera footage from seven angles. But it will take a fresh look by Trinidad and Anne Sands to unravel the mystery of Walking Horse Ranch. **Book 7: *A Lavender Farewell***—It's time for Trinidad and Anne Sands to leave the mythical village of Lavender, Colorado. The catalyst for their departure is an unsolved murder perpetrated by a notorious villain who was earlier presumed dead.

The Missing Green Crayon: a celebration of diversity

For 15 years, Michelle Camp has been teaching Denver high school students and helping them discover their path to the future. Three years ago, she and her husband, Mike, were blessed with a son. Jamal is a healthy and happy bi-racial child and Michelle wants that special boy to see images of himself in stories, reflecting a world which is richly endowed with different cultures and diverse families. "The Adventures of Teddy and Emmett" and that series' first book introduce stories which feature diverse individuals who are



often under-represented in children's literature. Elevation Press is proud to publish Mrs. Camp's extraordinary series. Lavishly illustrated by Cedaredge, Colorado, artist Barbara Torke, *The Missing Green Crayon* finds Teddy and his dog Emmett rising early to make a special gift. But their project hits a bump when Teddy's green crayon goes missing.

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