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Gangster Blog

As Though We Were at Dinner Without An Audience

AUTHOR JIM KOSMO summed up my thoughts perfectly about the kickoff of the Metropolitan State University Alumni Author event on Oct. 27.

I want to thank you [Kristine Hanson, Alumni Relations and Annual Fund Director] for pulling the virtual event together and introducing me to Betty and Alan. I had a wonderful time sharing thoughts and ideas with kindred spirits from the writing dens. I have ordered both of their books and look forward to reading their words. Writing often is a lonely experience, one that only another writer can understand. It was superb getting the opportunity to share ideas. Hopefully, those who tuned in enjoyed watching the three of us carry on as though we were at dinner without an audience.

Jane's Book Club via Zoom, Nov. 16

MAGGIE: *I grew up in Iowa. I thought I wasn't going to like this book...thought it was going to be about killing. I loved the characters!*

BONNIE: *This book is really about the people in this small town, great descriptions. Read more comments on my website: ([link](#)).*



COMING!

**Sequel to
Gangster in Our
Midst:
Winter 2020!**

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“Where Women Talk,” Feb. 2

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE Nadia Giordana has invited me to an interview on her Minnesota cable program “[Where Women Talk](#)” that airs on SPNN and LMCC. Nadia entered into agreements with Kirk House Publishers, Fox Pointe Publishing, and Deep Valley Book Fair (Mankato) to interview their active authors over the course of 2021. My interview is scheduled for Tuesday Feb 2nd and will be available a few days after that (I’ll send the interview link in a future **Gangster** BLOG.) My writings have also been featured in Nadia’s literary magazine, [WINK: Writers in the Know](#) in 2019-2020.



“Where Women Talk”

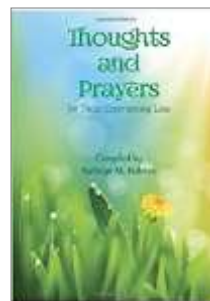
Fairbank Islander Newspaper

I BEGAN WRITING A MONTHLY COLUMN for my hometown of Fairbank, Iowa in June 2020. The town had been without a newspaper for many years. In my column I tell the stories of long-time Fairbank locals, many with connections to characters in *Gangster in Our Midst*, 2017. A couple months ago the newspaper went digital (FREE) and was made available on the [City of Fairbank, Iowa](http://fairbank-ia.org/departments.php) website (<http://fairbank-ia.org/departments.php>). Click on “City Newsletters.”

Two Books in 2020

I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT two recently released books by Minnesota authors, which include submissions of mine. You can support these authors through purchases and writing reviews. Thank you!

- * *Thoughts and Prayers for Those Experiencing Loss*, an Anthology by Kathryn M. Holmes, \$9.95. ([Amazon](#))
- * *Saints With Slingshots 2: MORE Daily Devotions For The Slightly Tarnished But Perpetually Forgiven Christian* by Meg Blaine Corrigan, \$17.95, available Dec. 1. ([Amazon](#))



Another Clue (Book #4): 2nd in the Trilogy

AS I SAID IN MY LAST BLOG, the 2nd book in the trilogy will give readers more of what they liked in the first book (*Gangster in Our Midst*, 2017), whose setting was Oxbow (similar to Fairbank, Iowa). The 2nd book has other settings, too, with different goals and stakes, for entirely different reasons.

And I admit to loving the new characters and stories as much as those in *Gangster in Our Midst*.

As I put this BLOG to bed, so to speak, I’m thinking how nice it would be if Book #4 was published in time for the interview with Nadia Giordana in February. Oh, well...if there is one thing I’ve learned about writing books: NO RUSHING IS ALLOWED.

My latest clue about Book #4: It will be a prequel to *Gangster in Our Midst* (2017), though remains—UNTITLED. Ugh!

I am thankful for
YOU!



Author Events (2021)

- Thurs., Jan. (date TBA), 5 pm, “Fireside Chat,” Sweet Reads Bookstore, Austin, MN
- Tues., Feb 2 (Zoom), Interview, “Where Women Talk,” Spring Park, MN
- (**pending**) Jul. 16-17, Waverly Heritage Days, Memorial Park, 515 5th Ave SW, Waverly, IA

