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Gangster Blog

Birthday Blessing/12 Years an Author

Thank you to all who sent birthday wishes. I began the day at the Lake Elmo (MN) farmers market, where I joined friend [Gloria VanDemmeltraadt](#), author of 9 books, at her weekly site — we met lots of people (over 500 people passed through the market). Then, I was off to help my long-time friend Donna with miscellaneous last minute details, as she was getting married (at age 79) the next day... I would be the photographer for the nuptials. That evening, my sweet husband took me to dinner at one of our favorite restaurants, Andiamo, in Woodbury. This birthday marked another milestone: twelve years as an author (4 books).



A Memoir makes a great Christmas gift

Whether one wishes to write a memoir of 4 pages or 400 pages, like mine — *We Are Eight, a Memorial* (2015) — in my 90 minutes workshop, I provide all the tools needed to create a memoir that future generations will treasure.

More importantly, there is plenty of time to complete a memoir in time for Christmas gift-giving.



THE BLACK BAG OF DR. WILTSE *Murder on the Prairie* (2021)

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August NE Iowa Book Tour — Highlights

Attendance was small at my author talk at the Plainfield library on August 6th, but the enthusiasm for the stories behind book two in the Gangster Series, *The*

Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse, Murder on the Prairie, was again extraordinary. The most common comment I receive is about how thoroughly the book was researched.

Iowa was admitted to the Union as the 29th state on Dec. 28, 1846. The northeastern portion of the state was first settled by immigrants from Europe and Canada. A criminal element surfaced as settlers reverted to any means necessary to survive. Land grabs and property thefts became commonplace. Many a corpse was found lying next to a creek, without a clue as to who the murderer was.

Turns out, pioneer physicians knew more about “forensics” in the mid-1800s than one might at first suspect, and authorities frequently sought their help in solving mysterious deaths — such was often the case for Dr. Wiltse.

Banditti gangs also plagued the prairie. Stolen horses, valued at fifty dollars a head, were taken to timbered areas across the border into Wisconsin until they could be sold.

Tracy Moore, author of *The Fire She Fights* (2021), wrote this review of *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse*: “This book takes readers on a complex trip through history. The story is organized by the numerous medical challenges presented due to war, illness, misjudgment/mistreatment and murder. This book proves: not only was there a Wild West but an equally Wild Mid-West.”

Thank you to these libraries for hosting an August author talk: Fredericksburg (Aug 6, 10 am), Tripoli (Aug 6, 2 pm), Nashua (Aug. 8), Readlyn (Aug. 9), and Plainfield (Aug. 10).

Bouchercon 2022 — Land of 10,000 Crimes



Registration: www.Bouchercon2022

I’m looking forward to being a guest panelist on “Tools of the Trade: Researching Historical Mysteries” at the World Mystery Convention in Minneapolis, September 8-11. It’s an honor to be part of this international group of mystery writers.

Author Events

FALL 2022

- **Th/Sun, Sept. 8-11**, Bouchercon World Mystery Convention, Hilton Minneapolis, 1001 Marquette Ave. S, Mpls, MN—*Panelist: “Tools of the Trade: Researching Historical Mysteries,” Fri., Sept. 9, 9:45 am, [REGISTER](#)
- **Wed., Sept. 28, 1:30 pm** Author Talk, Winding Creek Meadows Assisted Living, 1044 9th St., co-sponsored by Jesup Public Library, Jesup, IA
- **Wed, Sept 28, 6:30 pm** Author Talk, Independence Public Library, 805 1st Street East, Independence, IA
- **Fri., Sept. 30, 1 pm** Author Talk, Delhi Public Library, 311 Franklin St., Delhi, IA
- **Sat., Oct. 1, 9-3** Booksigning, Deep Valley Book Festival, 7th Edition Live, 2030 Adams Street, Mankato, MN ([FREE ADMISSION](#))
- **Sat., Oct. 15, 1-2:30 pm**, “Writing a Memoir” workshop, Waverly Public Library, 1500 W Bremer Ave., Waverly, IA
- **Mon., Oct. 17, 6:30 pm** Author Talk, Aplington Legion Memorial Library, 929 Parriott St., Aplington, IA
- **Tues, Oct. 18, 6:30 pm** Author Talk, Lawler Public Library, 412 E Grove St, Lawler, IA
- **Wed., October 19, 6:30** Author Talk, Independence Public Library, 805 1st Street East, Independence, IA
- **Sat., Oct. 29, Noon-3 pm** Booksigning, Fair Trade Books Red Wing, 320 Bush St, Red Wing, MN
- **Sat., Nov. 5, 9-3** Booksigning, “Holiday Open House,” Barn Happy, 11310 Univ. Ave., Cedar Falls, IA