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Ken’s first novel was published not long after turning 75. Ken hails from Meridian, Idaho and has recently signed to have his second novel published as well as a children’s photo book on Africa and a photo/poetry chapbook.

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