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DEADLY CIRCLES

A CJ Hand Novel

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Government is not reason; it is not eloquent; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.

George Washington



Deadly Circles by C. G. Haberman

CJ Hand Novel Volume 1- Fiction Crime Mystery.

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5 Stars: Crime Mystery That Enchants Readers!

Deadly Circles: A CJ Hand Novel is a fast-moving fiction crime mystery that enchants the reader with breath taking descriptive beauty with possible environmental struggles within the Great Plains of the USA.

The main character, CJ Hand was born in Hand County, South Dakota. As a criminal investigator CJ Hand takes the reader on a vivid pictorial trip down the winding rural roads of Nebraska into the small towns where life and love among other things thrive with a cast of over 40 characters. The dialog flows very smooth and this reviewer can visualize this book series becoming an excellent made for TV series.

Enjoy the descriptive beauty of the landscapes and relate with the rural folks going about their daily lives. Just keep in mind that nothing is perfect and even here there festers a quiet under tone of mystery, personal and political greed, crime and an unexplained death.

Haberman weaves a tale that keeps the reader turning the pages with descriptive artistry like in this quote: "A breeze whispered through the pine and cedar trees as he entered the small acreage. Colored lichens dotted gravestones and the stately old trees. He moved from grave to grave reading the inscriptions. Several large round, prairie-hay bales rested in the warm autumnal sunshine in the east half of the cemetery, devoid of headstones. CJ squatted down, grasped a handful of loose hay, examined the dried vegetation, and rolled it between his palms. The earthy, redolent grass brought a melancholy rush. The

death of a friend's son brought him here and a tragic farm accident united him with the woman he loved. He stood in the earthly solitude, stillness within him. A wind gust interrupted the moment. An important task lay ahead."

I encourage you to read *Deadly Circles: A C.J. Hand Novel (Volume 1)*. You can follow this book up with *Mill Creek Malice (Volume 2)* as the series continues to unfold under the mastery of Author C. G. Haberman.

Editorial Review (Book Marketing Global Network).



Review by Lynn R.: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Intriguing. Reviewed in the United States on May 2, 2013. Verified Purchase. *Deadly Circles* is a great read if you like mysteries. While the mystery is a great story, I enjoyed meeting the characters in C.G. Haberman's book. The book is set in south-central Nebraska and Haberman does a wonderful job describing the miracles of the prairie. If you are familiar with the sights, sounds and feel of the prairie you will enjoy this...if you are not familiar, you are also in for a treat. C. J. Hand is the charming main character in *Deadly Circles*, and I look forward to following him in the next book.

Review by Lonnie Fehrenbacher: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Five Stars. Reviewed in the United States on January 8, 2017. Verified Purchase. I very much liked the familiar areas and topic.

Review by Jerrell R. Johnson: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. A well-told, fast-paced tale. Reviewed in the United States on July 7, 2013. *Deadly Circles* introduces us to C J Hand, a solid citizen who finds himself in the midst of mysteries and with a talent to unravel those mysteries. The book also introduces us to Haberman's style of fast-paced story telling that draws you to read just one more chapter before putting the book down, again and again until C J reaches his conclusion and you are reaching for another of his tales. The setting of the book adds much to the story as Haberman paints vivid pictures that place the reader at Hand's side in the small towns and country roads of rural Nebraska.

Review by Bruce A. Morrison: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Riveting! Reviewed in the United States on April 21, 2013. *Deadly Circles* was impossible to put down; one of those stories you find yourself drawn into! The story takes you on a fast pace through an intertwining plot in the best way - don't second guess this one! C.J. Hand is someone I hope to see more of! A great read!

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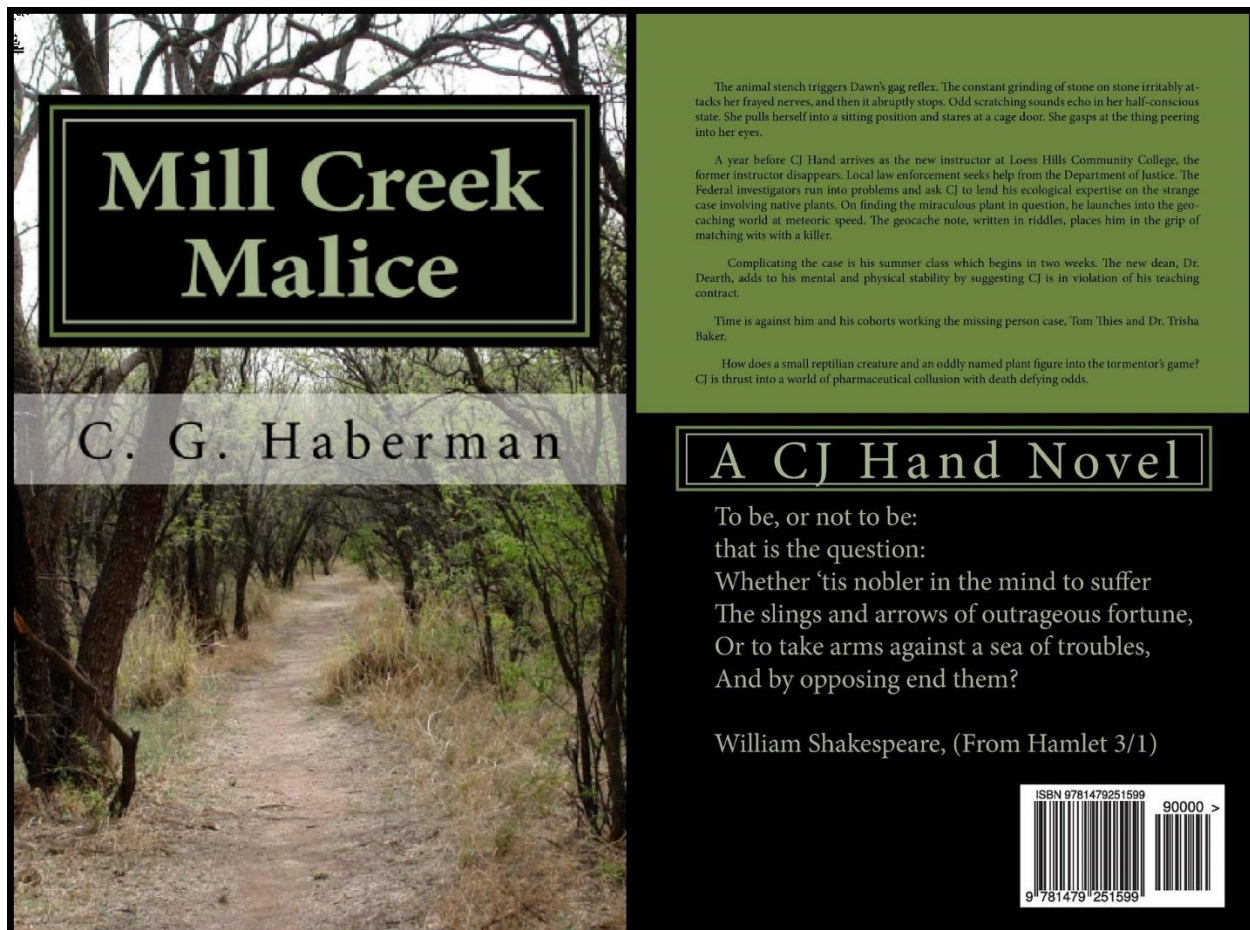
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Mill Creek Malice by C. G. Haberman

CJ Hand Novel Volume 2- Fiction Crime Mystery.

The animal stench triggers Dawn's gag reflex. The constant grinding of stone on stone irritably attacks her frayed nerves, and abruptly stops. Odd scratching sounds echo in her half-conscious state. She pulls herself into a sitting position and stares at a cage door. She gasps at the thing peering into her eyes.

A year before CJ Hand arrives as the new instructor at Loess Hills Community College the former professor inexplicably disappears. With the case going cold local law enforcement officers seek help. Investigators run into problems with the strange case involving native plants and seek CJ's expertise.

CJ is thrust into a world of pharmaceutical collusion when he finds the rare plant in question, but he also discovers an old ammunition box. When he opens it, a nightmare begins! A geocache note inside written in a riddle, places him in the grip of matching wits with a killer. Key to the investigation, and the game, are—a small reptilian creature and the rare plant.

The new General Education Dean adds to CJ's mental and physical anguish, suggesting the violation of his teaching contract. The summer class begins in two weeks and CJ has a choice to make: stop his part in the investigation or resign from his contract.



Review by Bruce A. Morrison: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Mill Creek Malice. Reviewed in the United States on April 26, 2013. What a wild ride! And a fun one too...a well woven story with plenty of anticipation and suspense. A great diversion; and even better read!

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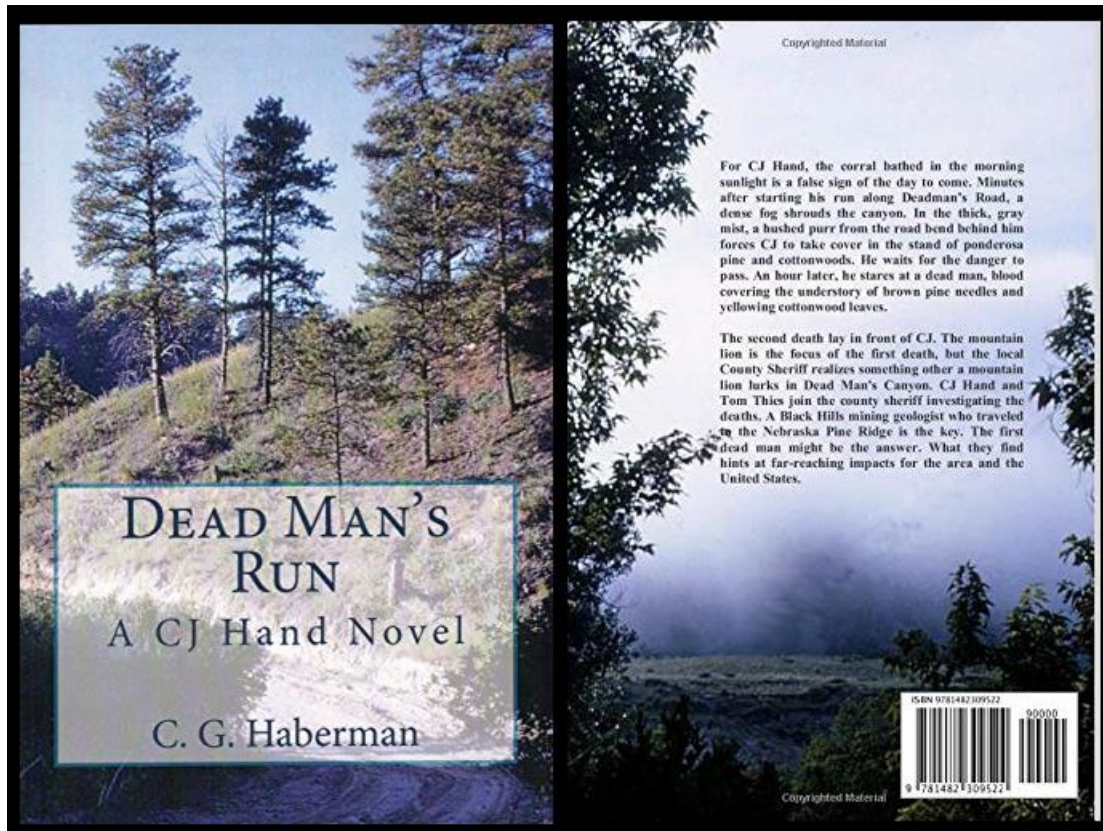
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Dead Man's Run by C. G. Haberman

CJ Hand Novel Volume 3- Fiction Crime Mystery.

For CJ Hand, the corral bathed in the morning sunlight is a false sign of the day to come. Minutes after starting his run up Deadman Road, a dense fog shrouds the canyon. In the heavy, gray mist a hushed purr from the road bend behind him forces CJ to take cover in the stand of ponderosa pine and cottonwoods.

He waits for the danger to pass. An hour later he stares at a dead man, blood covering the understory of brown pine needles and yellowing cottonwood leaves. The second death lay in front of CJ. The mountain lion is the focus of the first death, but the local County Sheriff realizes something other a mountain lion lurks in Dead Man's Canyon. CJ Hand and Tom Thies join the county sheriff, investigating the deaths.

A Black Hills mining geologist who traveled to the Nebraska Pine Ridge is the key. The first dead man might be the answer. What they find hints at far-reaching impacts for the area and the United States.



Review by Bruce A. Morrison: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Dead Man's Run. Reviewed in the United States on June 16, 2013. Where will C.J. Hand and friends find themselves next??!! Another great mystery/crime novel set out on the Great Plains...don't second guess, let the story unwind and enjoy the ride!

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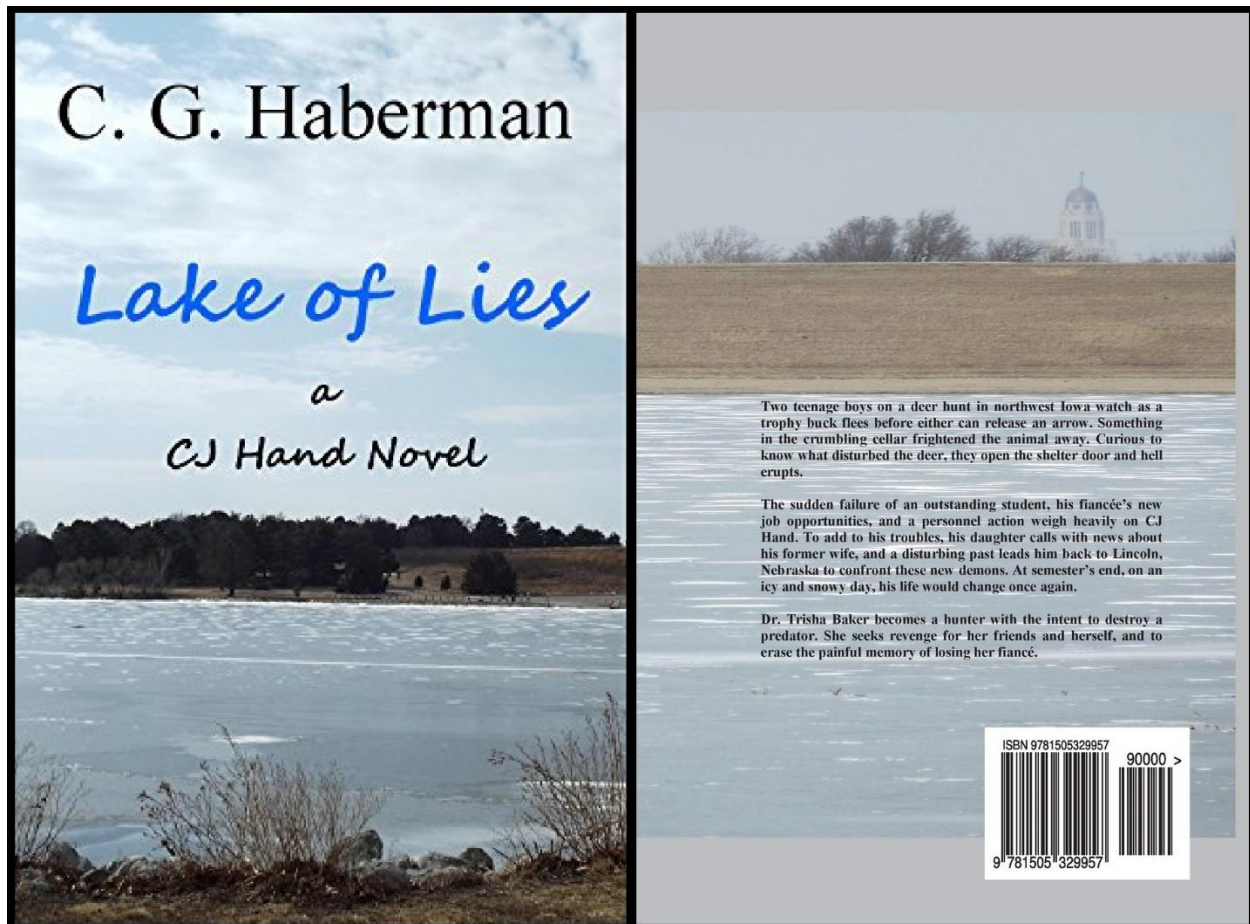
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Lake of Lies by C. G. Haberman

CJ Hand Novel Volume 4- Fiction Crime Mystery.

Two teenage boys on a deer hunt in northwest Iowa watch as a trophy buck flees before either can release an arrow. Something in the crumbling cellar frightened the animal. Curious to know what disturbed the deer they open the shelter door and hell erupts. The sudden failure of an outstanding student, his fiancée's new job opportunities, and a personnel action weigh on CJ Hand. His daughter calls with news of his former wife. A disturbing past leads him back to Lincoln, Nebraska to confront demons. At semester's end on an icy and snowy morning, his life would change once again. Dr. Trisha Baker becomes the hunter with the intent to destroy a predator. The revenge is for her friends and herself, and to erase the painful memory of losing her fiancé.



5 Stars: Hard To Put Down!

Main character CJ Hand uses his love for, comfort of and the serenity of the back roads from Iowa to South Dakota to capture its breathtaking beauty through his camera photo lens which illustrates lessons that he shares with his ecology and botany students.

Intuitive moments and detailed memories have become part of his life since working for the Department of Justice. While forcing himself to move forward, CJ's past is never far behind. The news hits him hard when the parole board releases Tom Vaughn and he knows someone must warn Tom's wife Donette to stay alert.

A call from his daughter Meaghan stirs some of the personal demons that haunt him. A trip down memory lane brings him back to the lake where he and his wife Marnie had spent countless, glorious hours together. He sits and stares out across the lake to the shoreline where the shadows still hold remnants of ice and watches as several boys cast their fishing lines into the cold water with hopes of catching a catfish. The ring of his cell phone brings him back to the present.

His life with his fiancée Dee, his many influential friends and co-workers find their world mostly centered on the Mill Creek State University and the surrounding communities. CJ reluctantly confides in psychologist Dr. Adriane Peterson. Like all psychologists she asks a lot of questions, like "You said there were other students, especially female nontraditional students with sudden grade drops, correct?" He nodded. "The question is: why the focus on Tammy Day?"

Two boys brave the frigid temperature at the southern edge of an abandoned farmstead in hopes to "get the biggest damn buck you ever did see." Hiding in silence they hold their bows taught with arrows when the approaching deer notice something and their heightened awareness and instincts cause them to bolt. Understandably upset the boys strike out on a new hunt for the source of the hunting debacle and what they discover makes them gag.

It is more than Dr. Trisha Baker who works at Mill Creek State University in the Psychology Center can stand. She sets out to seek revenge for her fiancé, friends and most importantly to "destroy a predator".

I encourage you to read 'Lake Of Lies: A CJ Hand Novel' by C. G. Haberman. Each book in the CJ Hand Novels crime, fiction, mystery series stand alone. I also have the privilege of reading and reviewing 'Deadly Circles: A CJ Hand Novel (Volume 1)'. I encourage you to read all the CJ Hand Novels. Enjoy the written mastery of author C. G Haberman.

Editorial Review (Book Marketing Global Network).



Review by Bruce A. Morrison: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Another great CJ Hand! Reviewed in the United States on April 30, 2015. "Lake of Lies" - another great C.J. Hand novel! CJ is finding himself swept into twists and turns that take him by surprise...once it starts, hang on! A new favorite - don't miss it!

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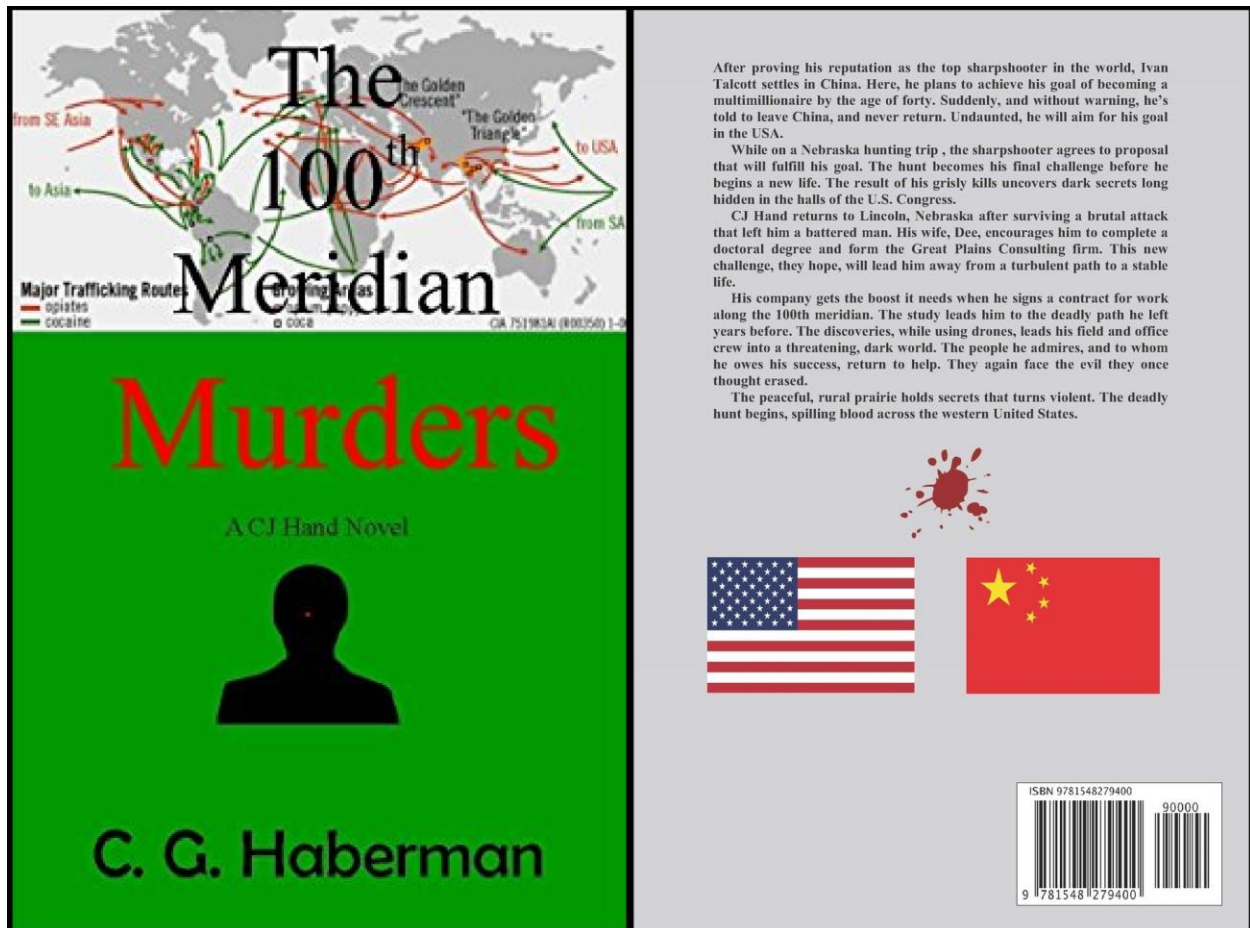
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The 100th Meridian Murders by C. G. Haberman

CJ Hand Novel Volume 5- Fiction Crime Mystery.

After proving his reputation as the top sharpshooter in the world, Ivan Talcott settles in China. Here, he plans to achieve his goal of becoming a multimillionaire by the age of forty. Suddenly, and without warning, he's told to leave China, and never return. Undaunted, he will aim for his goal in the USA.

While on a hunting trip in Nebraska, the sharpshooter agrees to a proposal that will fulfill his goal. The hunt becomes his final challenge before he begins a new life. The result of his grisly kills uncovers dark secrets long hidden in the halls of the U.S. Congress.

CJ Hand returns to Lincoln, Nebraska after surviving a brutal attack that left him a battered man. His wife, Dee, encourages him to complete a doctoral degree and form the Great Plains Consulting firm. This new challenge, they hope, will lead him away from a turbulent path to a stable life.

His company gets the boost it needs when he signs a contract for work along the 100th meridian. The study leads him to the deadly path he left years before. The discoveries, while using drones, leads his field and office crew into a threatening, dark world. The people he admires, and to whom he owes his success, return to help. They again face the evil they once thought erased.

The peaceful, rural prairie holds secrets that turn violent. The deadly hunt begins, spilling blood across the western United States.



5 Stars: Fans Have Been Waiting For This!

For those of us following criminal investigator CJ Hand, this is what we have been waiting for, and you won't be disappointed with 'The 100th Meridian Murders: Volume Five by C. G. Haberman.

Realistic characters, descriptive writing that transport you to the Mid-West, USA, and a well-constructed mystery will keep you engaged all the way to the end of the 60th chapter.

Let me begin by telling you that character Ivan Talcott has studied people well for years and blends into each crowd with ease. He is a businessman by degree with a life goal of "building an empire of wealth without government interference". His professional skills as the top sharpshooter in the world help him secure funds to offshore accounts and keep him on track to become a millionaire by age forty. Called back to the US from China, he accepts a proposal.

Investigator CJ Hand who now suffers from PTSD after recovering from being beaten nearly to death and left to die three years ago returns to Lincoln, Nebraska. His wife Dee stands by his side and encourages him to complete his doctoral degree. He is challenged by his entrepreneurial spirit to form his own consulting firm. One of his first consulting contracts leads him into familiar territory that he thought he had left behind when a man in Keya Paha County finds a human skeleton.

An environment activist group that stumbles into the 100th meridian study wants to know who or what group sponsored the study?

Like any good mystery, it is the readers job to relate to one or more of the characters. Join CJ Hand as crime comes in a secretive fury like the tornadoes that thunder across the Great Plains of the US.

I encourage you to read "The 100th Meridian Murders" and all books by C. G. Haberman.

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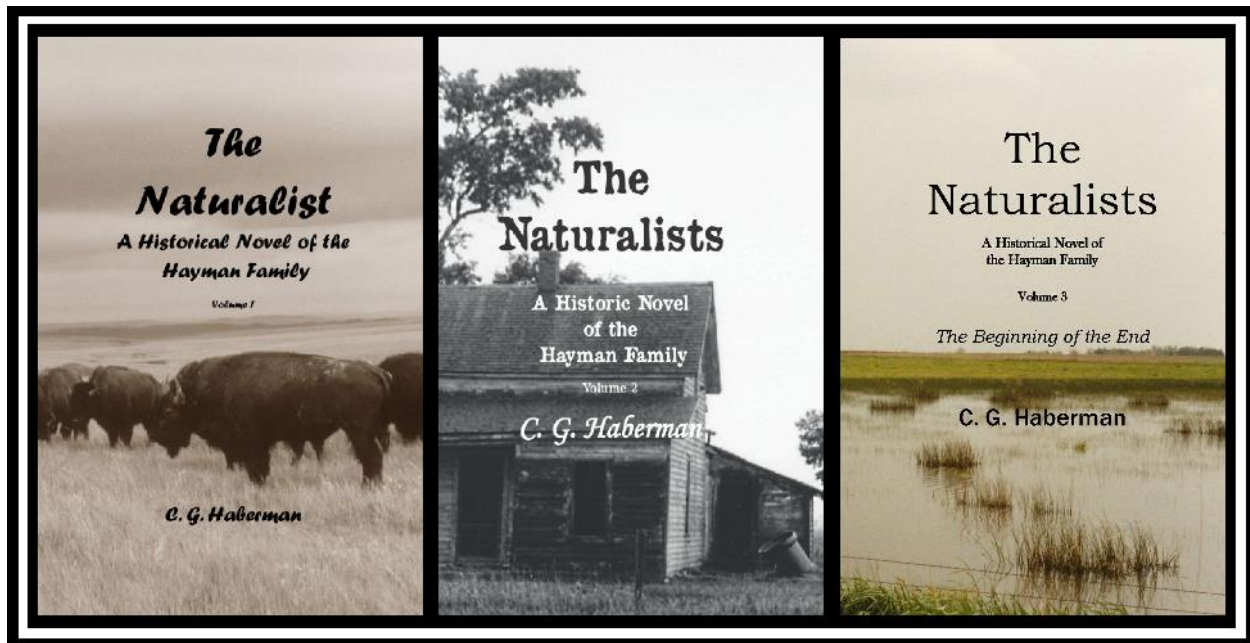
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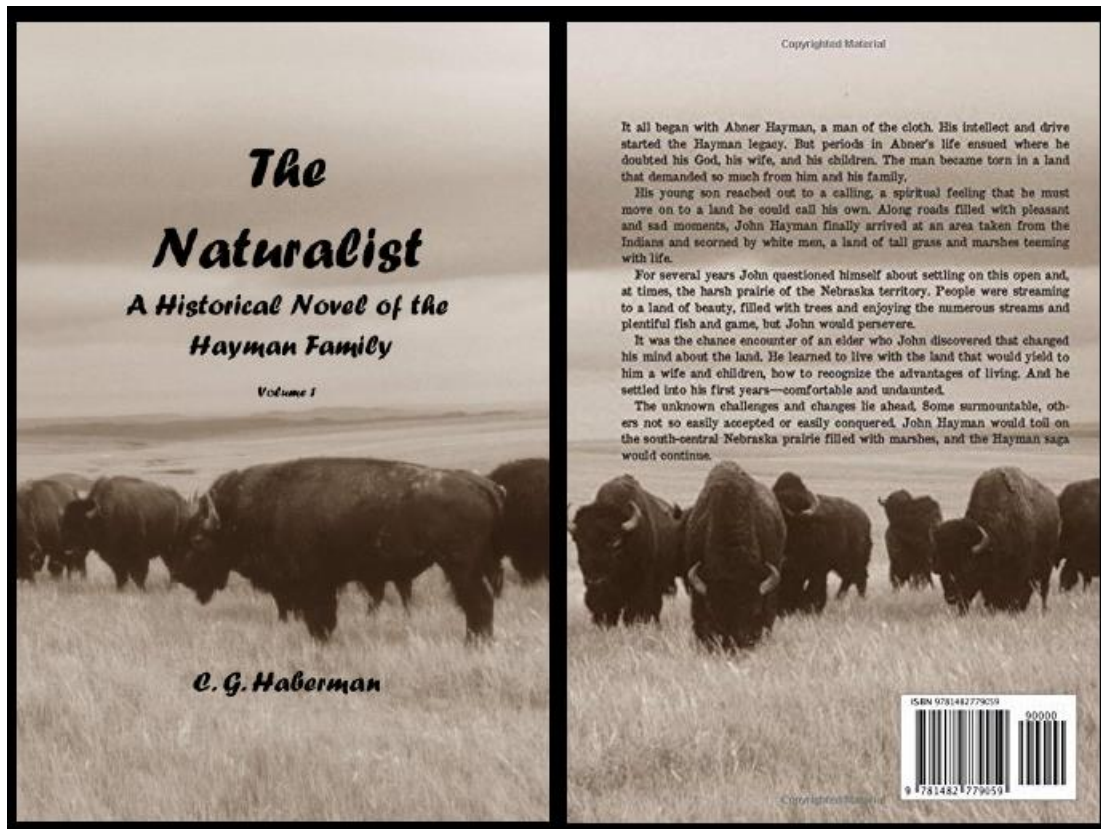
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**The Hayman Family Saga
Historic Novels Volume 1-3 by C. G. Haberman**



The Naturalists: A Historic Novel by C. G. Haberman

The Hayman Family Saga: Historic Novel Volume 1.

Where is Nebraska? The measure lies in locating Chicago and Denver, then calculating the midpoint between the two. There exists land called the Rainwater Basin. To find the remains of the best basins requires a calling, the calling to understand the startling dependency of life. In the heart of the United States the last of the Hayman lineage, Chance Hayman, experiences the nibbling erosion and decimation of this North American keystone.

The Naturalist begins in the 1820s with a minister full of desire to serve his God. Reverend Abner Hayman is not the normal German Reformed minister. His ministerial sincerity and verve excite his Pennsylvania congregation. As with many successful men he will gain fame and follow a path fraught with temptation, deception, and loss. His path across the rapidly expanding nation leads him to Illinois. There he loses a son to a calling of his own.

John Hayman does not scorn the country known as the Great American Desert. Abner Hayman's son finds a land that fills his spiritual yearning, a land of grass and marshes that is unyielding, but teems with life and promise. It is this young man, the naturalist, who finds love of life, land, and women who is the taproot for the future Hayman families who fight to save the rainwater basins from extinction.



Bruce A. Morrison: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. The era depicted has been one of great interest personally. Reviewed in the United States on January 15, 2015. The Naturalist was an extremely interesting trip back in time, and the era depicted has been one of great interest personally. I considered John Hayman as the most interesting character of this novel and am even more interested in seeing how his great grandson Chance Hayman shakes out in Volume 2.

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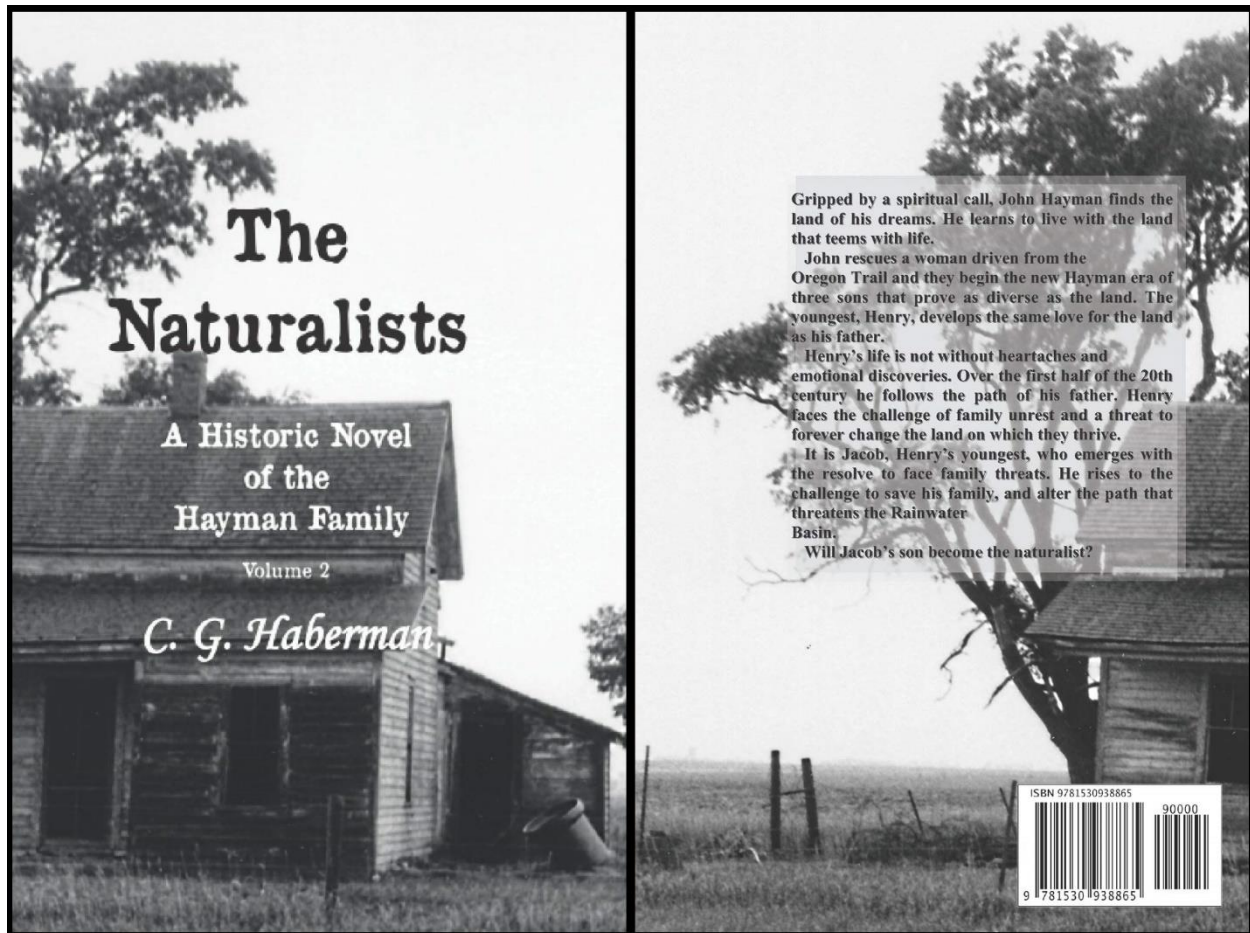
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The Naturalists A Historic Novel by C. G. Haberman

The Hayman Family Saga: Historic Novel Volume 2.

Gripped by a spiritual call, John Hayman found the land of his dreams. The land tested him, but he learned to live with it and survived to foster a land ethic.

In the second volume of *The Naturalists*, the new era of John's three sons unfolds, and they are as diverse as the land. The youngest, Henry, focuses on what his father dreamed about: a peaceful land covered with grass and marshes. As more people settle the area, Henry faces changing land use that gives little thought to the effects. His life is not without personal heartaches and devastating emotional discoveries.

Over the first half of the 20th century, he and his youngest son, Jacob, follow the path recorded in journals that have become the focus for future Hayman naturalists. A deep family unrest threatens to forever change the Haymans and the land on which they thrive. Out of this turmoil, Jacob emerges to face the trying task of altering the path that threatens the Rainwater Basin and his family.

Will Jacob's son inherit a tranquil path to the 21st Century?



Review by Bruce A. Morrison: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. The Naturalists - A historic Novel of the Hayman Family Vol.2. Reviewed in the United States on February 28, 2017. Verified Purchase. The Hayman family story continues, a trip definitely worth the ride! The Naturalists Vol. 2 is the continuing story of the Haymans- a family I could identify with in their love for the land, their roots in the untouched and wild wetlands, with reverence for this heritage they've come to deeply respect and love. Touching, sometimes heartbreaking, and full of hope in the same moment - I am grateful for being among the marshes with Henry, Walker...Will and Jacob - all the Haymans and their brethren; looking forward to Volume 3!

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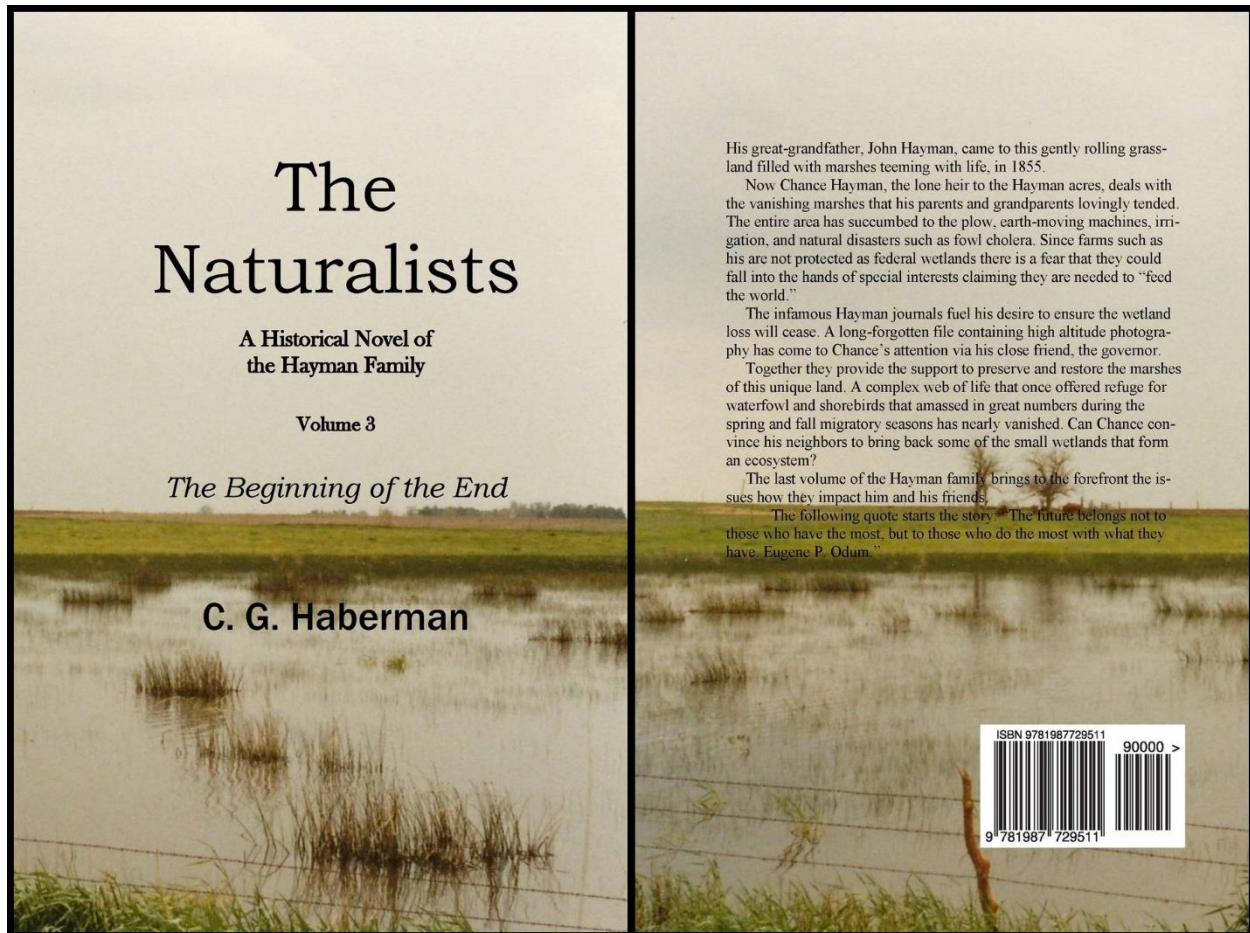
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The Naturalists: A Historical Novel by C. G. Haberman

The Hayman Family Saga: Historic Novel Volume 3.

His great-grandfather, John Hayman, came to this gently rolling grassland filled with marshes teeming with life, in 1855. Now Chance Hayman, the lone heir to the Hayman acres, deals with the vanishing marshes that his parents and grandparents lovingly tended. The entire area has succumbed to the plow, earth-moving machines, irrigation, and natural disasters such as fowl cholera. Since farms such as his are not protected as federal wetlands there is a fear that they could fall into the hands of special interests claiming they are needed to 'feed the world.'

The infamous Hayman journals fuel his desire to ensure the wetland loss will cease. A long-forgotten file containing high altitude photography has come to Chance's attention via his close friend, the governor. Together they provide the support to preserve and restore the marshes of this unique land. A complex web of life that once offered refuge for waterfowl and shorebirds that amassed in great numbers during the spring and fall migratory seasons has nearly vanished.

Can Chance convince his neighbors to bring back some of the small wetlands that form an ecosystem? The last volume of the Hayman family brings to the forefront the issues how they impact him and his

friends. The following quote starts the story. "The future belongs not to those who have the most, but to those who do the most with what they have. Eugene P. Odum."

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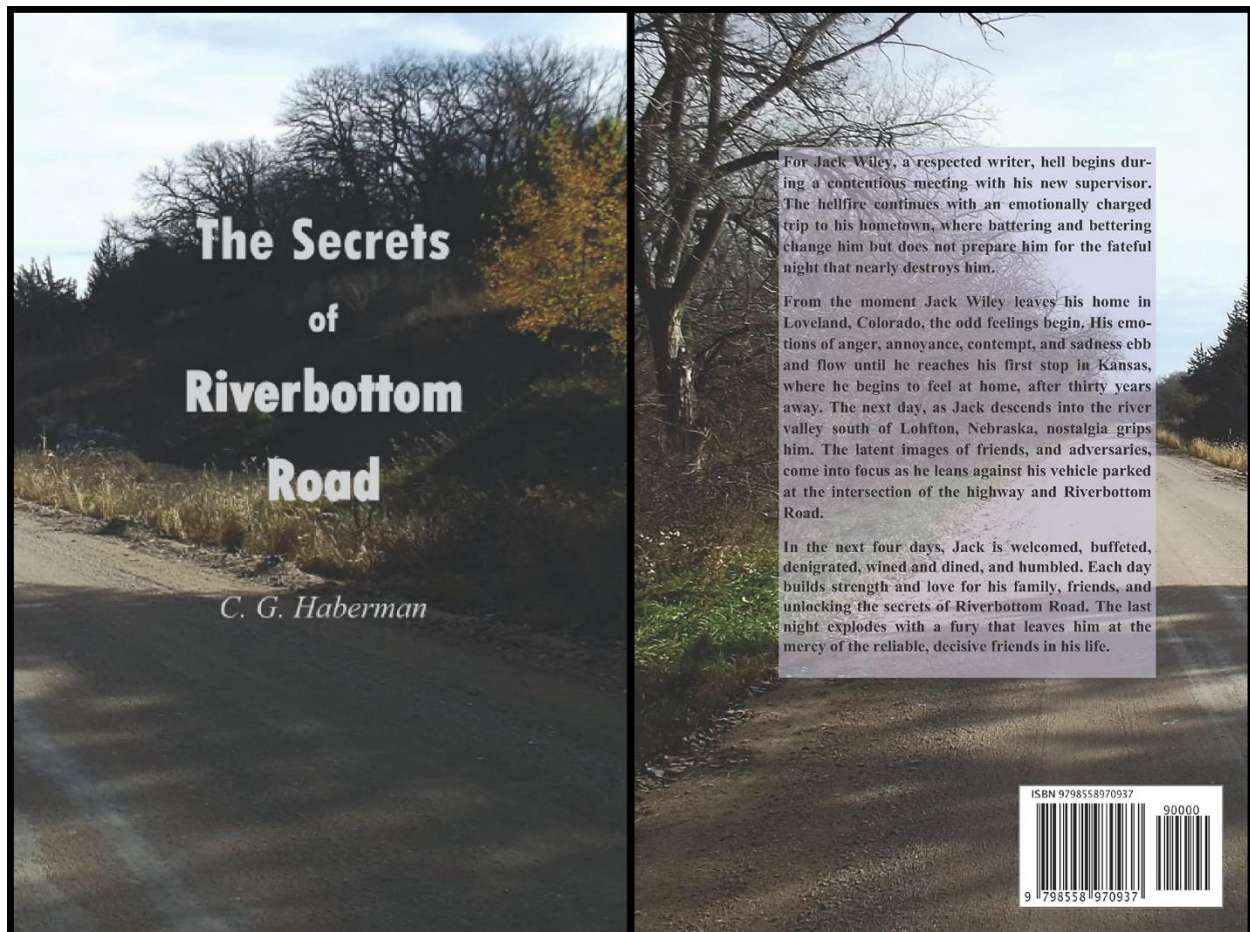
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The Secrets of Riverbottom Road by C. G. Haberman

Stand-Alone Novel (Not In Series).

For Jack Wiley, a respected writer, hell begins during a contentious meeting with his new supervisor. The hellfire continues with an emotionally charged trip to his hometown, where battering and bettering change him but does not prepare him for the fateful night that nearly destroys him.

From the moment Jack Wiley leaves his home in Loveland, Colorado, the odd feelings begin. His emotions of anger, annoyance, contempt, and sadness ebb and flow until he reaches his first stop in Kansas, where he begins to feel at home after thirty years away. The next day, as Jack descends into the river valley south of Lohfton, Nebraska, nostalgia grips him.

The latent images of friends and adversaries come into focus as he leans against his vehicle parked at the highway and Riverbottom Road intersection. In the next four days, Jack is welcomed, buffeted, denigrated, wined, dined, and humbled. Each day builds strength and love for his family, friends and unlocking the secrets of Riverbottom Road. The last night explodes with a fury that leaves him at the mercy of the reliable, decisive friends in his life.



5 Stars: Reflecting On Life!

Chapter One opens with Jack Wiley (writer) reflecting on his life, his wife Elise and the swing set standing empty in the yard, as his two grown daughters are now attending the college of their choice. He has the privilege of using his home office for his work, when he is not traveling. Miriam Mason, administrative assistant for the Public Information Office, reminds Jack of a staff meeting at one o'clock in the Denver at the Reclamation Bureau's Conservation Division Office in Denver, 60 plus miles from his home in Loveland, Colorado.

Jack was recognized, within and outside the agency, for his positive impacts on water and land conservation practices in the western United States. His supervisor Nick Miller had abruptly resigned. Today would bring Jack great sadness and a contentious meeting between himself and Bertram C. Harvey (new supervisor). This day would set Jack on a path that nearly destroys his life.

October was the beginning of something new and something old. Elise packed her bags for a new career as Hospice Coordinator for the eastern slope of New Mexico border to the Wyoming border. Jack packed his bags for the two-week excursion through the Republican River Valley. After thirty years away from Lohfton, Nebraska. His visit will reflect some nostalgia, but the secrets of Riverbottom Road will reveal who his friends and enemies are.

Let me bring you into the story at Chapter 18:

...Most rural communities in south-central Nebraska had survived periodic economic downturns over the past two decades. A few towns made small industrial gains, but Lohfton remained in good health, grounded in the rural culture. As Jack strolled southeast, a question entered his mind: Why live in this part of the country? The answer: a slower life and an excellent place to raise a family with few worries.

...The community center and surrounding grounds occupied a full square block. The entrance faced southwest, providing a good view of the river and the trees adorned in various gold shades. A large river bend, cut off by the historical high flows, became an oxbow filled with water, seeping from the slow-flowing river. The U-shaped area became the center of attention by the town council, and eventually, a park with walking paths surrounded the new water body. Jack and Lori had spent many summer evenings on the trails talking about their futures.

...As Jack neared the building entrance, he noticed a Chevrolet Silverado pickup with a huge black Labrador retriever seated in the bed behind the club cab, eyes following his approach. A logo with pheasant and quail in flight covered the pickup doors. Stenciled beneath the birds: telephone and P.O. Box numbers. Arching over the game-bird logo were bold green words "Hunter's Haven." The big retriever stood as Jack neared the expensive pickup. When Jack walked in front of the truck, the dog moved to the other side, nostrils flaring as it sampled the unfamiliar scent.

...The community center glass door swung open; Walt Johnson stepped out. "Bart, sit." Walt smiled at Jack and held out his hand. "You've changed little over all these years, Jack." His head turned toward the pickup. "Bart!"

...Jack turned to look at the big Lab, tongue lolling out its slightly graying muzzle.

... "Not many people try to approach the truck," Walt stated.

... "I wonder why," Jack chuckled.

...He's friendly, but you never know what an old dog might take a mind to do. Kinda like old farmers."

...Would this black Labrador retriever be an Omen of what dangers lay ahead?

This is the 4th novel that I have read and reviewed by Author C G Haberman. I encourage you to read 'The Secrets of Riverbottom Road'. This is a well written fictional literary mystery where the past, and the present intersect, to change Jack Wiley's life forever.

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