

Happy Valentine's Day



On the Homefront

Relocation



We've moved from Sedona, Arizona to Williamsburg, Virginia.

Family reasons called us back from the Wild West, and it's good to be here closer to family.

I had forgotten how beautiful the woods can be in the winter. And as spring arrives, I look forward to trips to the Chesapeake and to North Carolina's Outer Banks. Plus, I'm closer to my writer friends in Charlotte, and I hope to be able to spend more time with them.

So, it's a new chapter.

Speaking of chapters...I plan to finish the manuscript for the next Derek Mason Mystery by year's end (if not sooner). I'll keep you updated.

Welcome to my first newsletter. I'm trying out a new program, so please be forgiving...It's a work in-progress.

Since this one happens to fall on Valentine's Day, I thought I'd try the Heart theme.



New Novel

Under a Copper Moon

I have a new novel published called *UNDER A COPPER MOON*.

Here's the blurb:

At the beginning of the twentieth century, the *New York Post* branded Jerome, Arizona the "Wickedest Town in America." From mine explosions, rowdy men, and enterprising prostitutes to Chinese slavery, opium dens, and a lonely sheriff, a young girl fights her way to independence and respect.

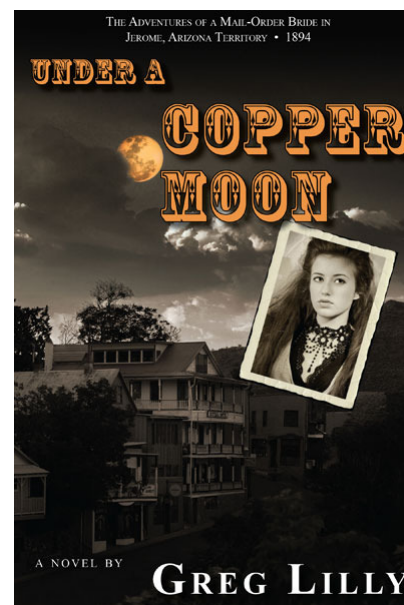
It's 1894 and a young woman finds herself alone and hopeless after her mother dies, then she discovers adventure in a newspaper ad. After a long train ride across the country, Inez meets her future husband Josiah who paid for her trip to the mining town of Jerome in the Arizona Territory. Before the wedding, she boards with Sam and Lottie, Josiah's friends. Being a true Victorian age woman, Lottie decides to mold Inez into the perfect lady. The copper mining town of Jerome is booming. Inez has never encountered so many different types of people, some more mysterious than others. Her inquisitiveness may get the best of her. As circumstances twist, turn, and buckle, Inez discovers another side of the town: elegant parlor houses, the mysterious Navajo Onalee, Mr. Zhen and his Chinese laundry girls, the town's handsome sheriff, and a new best friend Pearl who fancies striped stockings and a sip or two of wine.

UNDER A COPPER MOON is a story of grit, daring, perseverance, and a splash of Lady Marmalade in the late Victorian era when men were strong and women were supposed to be coy and quiet. But no one could convince Inez of that.

I think you will enjoy it. Signed copies are available from:

- [Well Red Coyote](#) bookstore
- [Sedona Green Gallery & Gifts](#)

The book (both hardcover and trade paperback) can be purchased from your local bookstore or on-line through [Amazon](#) and [Barnes & Noble](#).



Writing Tips

Eavesdropping

Whether journaling, writing articles or fiction, some of the best dialogue (and interesting ideas) can be overheard from other people's conversation. My friend Jennifer lists "Little Overheards" on her blog, and these snippets of conversation make you wonder what and who the conversation is about.

Last week, I overheard this at a restaurant: "...Daddy never understood him. I think that's why he changed his own oil." Were they discussing a mechanic or a son? Did "Daddy" suspect foul play if he didn't change his own oil? Or did the other person just have a thick accent that made dealing with him difficult?

Lots of opportunity for your mind to run wild.

So go have coffee or lunch and sit near another table, act like you're reading, but just listen and you'll be surprised at what you hear...And where it will lead your own thoughts.

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Fingering the Family Jewels



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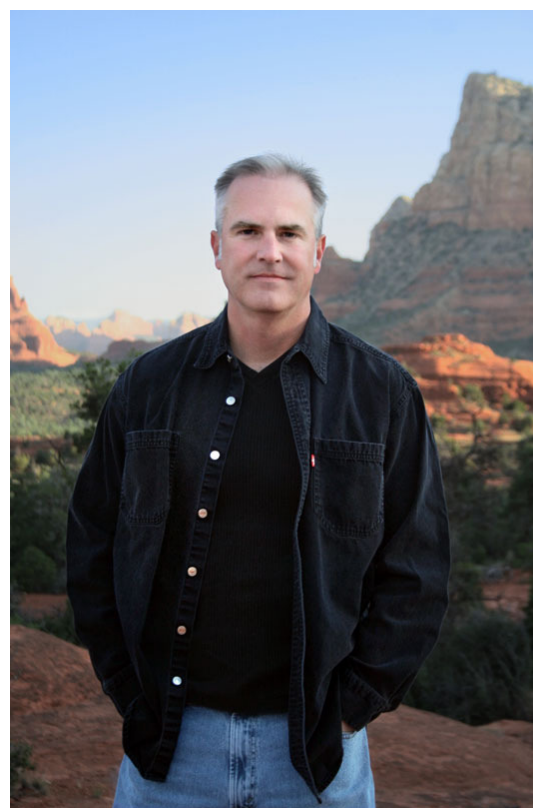
A story about a hidden lynching, a secret love, an unholy union, and the misfit son who might expose them all.

Devil's Bridge

Two friends, Topher and Myra, find strength in each other to leave their old lives for a new beginning - if her husband doesn't track them down.

Take care and Happy
Valentine's Day!!

Greg Lilly



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