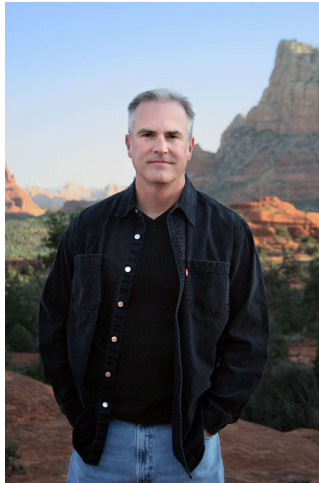


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Message From Greg



Hope you are doing well.

I'm working on the next *Derek Mason Mystery*. It's exciting to have the characters from **Fingering the Family Jewels** meet up with Topher & Myra of **Devil's Bridge**, and what better place for them to "hook up" than Sedona, Arizona.

If you haven't read **Devil's Bridge**, now is the time. See the announcement to the right about the contest. Entries are already pouring in.



Website Renovation -- First Chapters

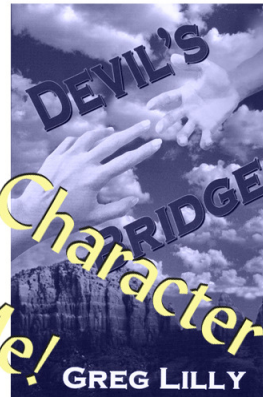
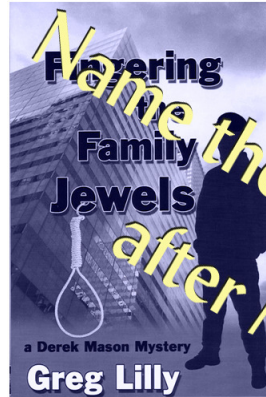
I have added the first few chapters of each book on my website... Take a look and see if you get

hooked.

[Under a Copper Moon](#)

[Devil's Bridge](#)

[Fingering the Family Jewels](#)



Announcing a Character Naming Contest

This is your chance to have a character named after you in the next *Derek Mason Mystery*.

I have had people ask about character names (Walterene,

Topher, Gil, etc.) and how I came up with them. Well, for the most part, I go through the telephone book looking for names that create an image for me of a character's gender, age, heritage. I **NEVER** use someone's real first and last name. If it turns out to be a person's name, it was purely a coincidence (and a matter of odds).

Until now... I want to use your name as a character in the next *Derek Mason Mystery*.

[This is a contest](#). So, you have to have something that qualifies you. Talent? Looks? Sex Appeal? Smarts? Nope, just be a reader.

[Answer the question on the entry screen](#) about my novel **Devil's Bridge**, and one of the correct entries will have fame that only Paris Hilton could dream of. Your name will be immortalized in the next *Derek Mason Mystery*.

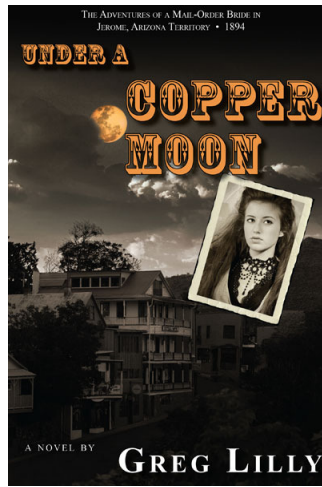
Requirements:

- You agree to allow Greg Lilly to name a character after you in the next *Derek Mason Mystery*.
- You understand that the nature and personality of the character will **NOT** be modeled after you, but from a character of the author's imagination and will not imply that the character's actions, personality, or likeness are your actions, personality, or likeness.
- The name shall be drawn from all the correct entries on May 31, 2008 and the winner will be notified and confirmed.
- Your name **CANNOT** be Pussy Galore, Anita Dick, Hedda Lettuce, or Harry Potter since those have been done too many times.

Click [here](#) to test your knowledge of **Devil's Bridge** and enter now.

Thanks for entering and I look forward to seeing your name in the next *Derek Mason Mystery*.

New Video Trailer



Movies do it, bands do it, and now books do too. I have created a video for my new book *Under a Copper Moon*.

Click on the book cover to the left to view it.

It has music, so crank up your speakers.

WritingTip

Theme

In my writing workshops, I define the "theme" of a work as: A view of the human condition that arises from other elements.

This may sound vague, but what we take away from a story is its theme. What does it mean to you? What do you "get" from the story?

A reviewer (and a really supportive man) named Amos Lassen recently reviewed *Devil's Bridge* and *Under a Copper Moon* on Amazon.com. Here is what Amos said at the end of the review for *Devil's Bridge*:

"I found myself pondering the idea of what is really necessary to insure happiness and from where does one find strength to do what he should. I really enjoy reading when the ideas can be taken from the page and applied to life."

That is exactly what I mean by theme. It's wonderful to tell an entertaining story, but to convey a view of the human condition... Now, that's what writing and communicating by story is all about.

Thank You

Thank you for reading. I know that with all the things vying for your attention, books and reading are quiet and solitary pursuits. I appreciate your time.

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