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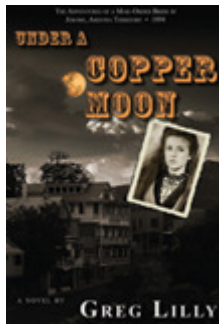
Domestic Violence Prevention



Author donates to Avalon

Local author Greg Lilly recently donated proceeds from his novel "Devil's Bridge" to assist Avalon: A Center for Women and Children. The promotion ran October-December and included a book-signing and print and Internet promotions, which produced sales from across the country. Also pictured are Juanita Graham, Avalon's director of outreach services (left), and Avalon executive director Maria Saunders.

Novels by Greg Lilly

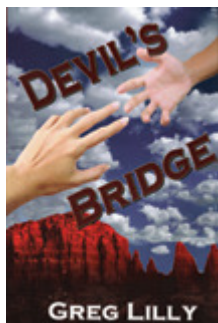


Under a Copper Moon

Thanks to all of you for spreading the word and buying *Devil's Bridge* to help stop domestic violence.

I took a check to Avalon and we had our picture made in front of the office. In that hallway, t-shirts are on display that some of the women created to express their experiences with domestic violence. The words and images on the shirts show strength and determination -- and a newfound hope.

It's NEVER too late to make a change.



Devil's Bridge

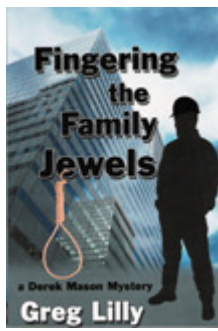
Get Autographed Books

I will be signing books on Friday, March 6 at the William & Mary College bookstore in Williamsburg, Virginia. The book signing is from 4 - 7 p.m. If you're in the area, please stop by and say hello.



If you can't make it, you can still get an autographed book by calling the bookstore to order it. I'll personalize it during the book signing and the store will ship it to you. William & Mary College bookstore's phone number is: (757)253-4900.

Other retailers with signed books are: Well Red Coyote Bookstore (928) 282-2284 and Sedona Green Gallery & Gifts (928) 282-2335



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Cherokee McGhee Publishing

In late 2007, I decided that I wanted to help bring great books to readers. I had published two novels with a publisher and knew that I had acquired skills in editing, graphic design, and marketing...And in recognizing a great story and characters. Also, I had seen some really wonderful manuscripts ignored by the big houses in New York.



To test my concept and skills, I decided to publish my own manuscript first to work out the kinks before trying to publish another author's work. That first novel was *Under a Copper Moon*. The book has performed well and pulled in great reviews and awards.

The Team

My publishing company Cherokee McGhee moved forward. Today, I have signed on two amazing authors, both award winners with new manuscripts ready for the light of day. Along with the authors, I assembled a team of editors, graphic designers, and other production professionals. I know it's a risky time to embark on something like this, but one thing my family taught me was that dreams won't find you, you have to chase them.

E.M. Schorb

The next release from Cherokee McGhee will be from internationally-renowned writer and poet E.M. Schorb. E.M. combines the words of a poet with the plotting of a novelist. He is the winner of the International eBook Award Foundation's Grand Prize at the Frankfurt Book Fair, multiple poetry awards, and the 2008 winner of the Writer's Digest International Self-Published Poetry Book Award. This novel *Fortune Island* will be released in May. It's a tale of hope, tragedy, and revival set in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. After reading the manuscript, I couldn't get the story out of my head.

Kris Neri

Kris Neri is a Derringer Award winner, and the first and only small press author to have ever been honored with Agatha, Anthony and Macavity Award nominations, the triple-crown of mystery fiction awards, for her first novel, *Revenge of the Gypsy Queen (A Tracy Eaton Mystery)*. I'm honored to work with Kris to bring the third installment of the *Tracy Eaton Mysteries* to print. *Revenge for Old Time's Sake* is an exciting and fun adventure that I couldn't stop reading from the first page of the manuscript. Look for it in the early spring of 2010.

Cherokee McGhee Give-Away

To help keep everyone up-to-date on releases from Cherokee McGhee, I

And by popular demand:

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boxers!



More items in the
Merchandise Store at
GregLilly.com.

Join Our Mailing List!

have created a sign up form for its newsletter. Like my newsletter, I don't share lists and I don't bombard you with e-mails.

I'm offering an incentive to build the newsletter list: a chance to win a free autographed hardcover copy of ***Under a Copper Moon***.

Sign up at the Cherokee McGhee website (the newsletter link is at the bottom of the page), and on **March 20th** I'll draw a name from the list to win the book.

In the little over a year that Cherokee McGhee has been in existence, I'm thrilled at the recognition it has received and the quality of authors it has attracted. Thank you all for your encouragement and support.

WALT class

The Williamsburg Area Learning Tree (WALT) has scheduled me to present a writing class on Tuesday, April 21. "Git 'Er Done" is my presentation on Writer's Block and the ways to avoid that barrier to a finished project.



And yes, I am rolling along on the next *Derek Mason Mystery*. I have to refer to these techniques myself to stay on track (and sometimes to kick-start myself).

If you are interested in attending the class, WALT's website has all the details.

WritingTIP

Speaking of writing and tricks to keep going, here is a tip on finding the time to write (by the way, this works for other activities like physical exercise!):

In Julia Cameron's book *The Artist's Way*, she has you do "morning pages" which are daily writing exercises that you do first thing in the morning, as soon as you wake up, before you do anything else.



Many people going through *The Artist's Way* groups, complain about this part. It's invasive to your morning routine...And that's the point. She wants to mess up your routine - *it ain't working for you*. She wants to get writing inserted into the morning schedule. We all have a series of things to do before work, and to get another item in is not easy. But, that morning routine is the best place to add something that you want to do on a daily basis.

Make writing part of your daily routine. Set the alarm for 20 minutes earlier and don't hit the snooze button. Don't sit down in front of the TV. Pick up your notebook or settle at the computer and write. Just do it. Same time each day. After a few days, the new routine falls into place and you're writing (or exercising or painting or golfing) every morning.

The new morning routine becomes yours, and your family will recognize this is your time and it's off-limits to interruption.

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.

Greg Lilly

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