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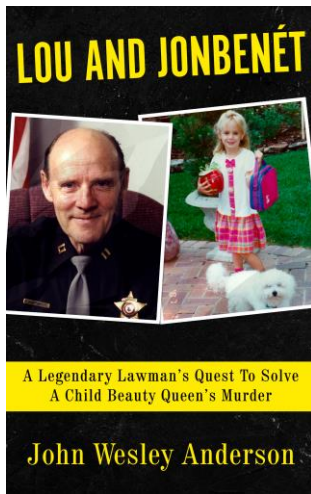
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LOU AND JONBENÉT

A LEGENDARY LAWMAN'S QUEST TO SOLVE A CHILD BEAUTY QUEEN'S MURDER

By: John Wesley Anderson

True Crime: On Christmas Night 1996, six-year-old JonBenét Ramsey was murdered in her family's home in Boulder, Colorado. A ransom note was found in the home, but it was hours before her father, John, found her body in the basement. She had been strangled with a garrote and her skull was fractured. The media sensationalized the tragic death of the "child beauty queen" and public speculation and rumors ran rampant. What followed was one of the most notorious unsolved murder investigations in American history. Boulder police fixated on JonBenét's parents as suspects. Needing investigative help, the Boulder DA brought in legendary homicide detective Lou Smit. However, he was soon disenchanted with law enforcement's obsession with the Ramsey family as the primary suspects, excluding other possibilities. Now, for the first time, Anderson tells the story of Lou Smit's investigation.

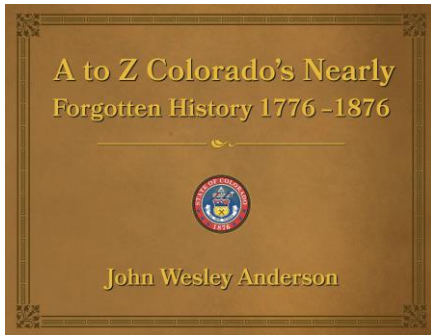
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Honoring the Past



Shaping the Future



A TO Z COLORADO'S NEARLY FORGOTTEN HISTORY 1776-1876

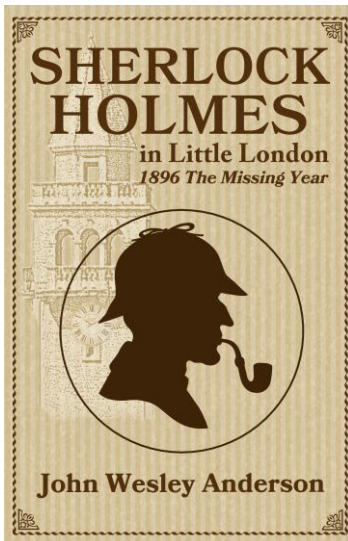
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Non-Fiction/Colorado History: This is a storybook about Colorado history. It tells 26 short stories, each a chapter, one for each letter of the alphabet. Within each chapter are interrelated historical vignettes of real people, places and events which served as building blocks providing the foundation upon which the State of Colorado was built. The common threads which runs through these 26 stories is that these people, places and events happened within a 100 year period, in what is today Colorado, and are at risk of being forgotten. This period of time, 1776-1876, was one of unprecedented change worldwide. Change was the catalyst which fueled the birth of a nation, the United States of America in 1776. This book culminates in 1876 with the addition of a new state being added to that union – Colorado. But before Colorado had earned the right to become the 38th State of the United States, it was first forged in the calloused hands of indigenous, Spanish, French, Mexican and American people who lived during this century of conflict.

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SHERLOCK HOLMES IN LITTLE LONDON 1896 THE MISSING YEAR

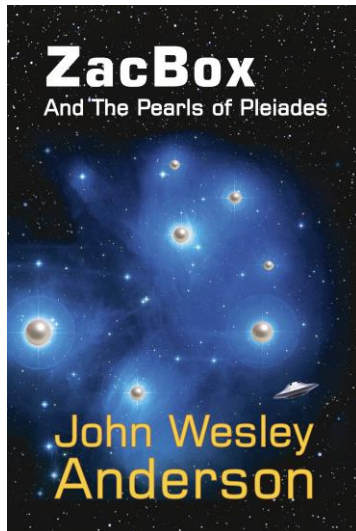
By: John Wesley Anderson

Fiction/Mystery/History: Sherlock Holmes fans the world over have long wondered what to make of 1896; the “Missing Year.” Of the fifty-six short stories and four novels, which constitute the canon of Sherlock Holmes

written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, one year has remained a mystery – where on earth did Sherlock Holmes and his intrepid friend, Dr. John H. Watson, spend the better part of 1896? Finally we know! During a chance discovery, in the spring of 2020, a black pocket notebook belonging to Dr. Watson was discovered. The notebook contained Dr. Watson’s personal notes detailing an unpublished investigation of an international counterfeiting ring which drew Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson away from their warm flat at 221 B Baker Street, London, England, and across “the pond” to Glen Eyrie Castle, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, a small town in the American West once known as Little London.

Bio: John Wesley Anderson, MBA, is a published author, storyteller and TEDx speaker. Growing up on a small ranch in Colorado, John spent endless hours riding horses, collecting coins and reading. One of the first books he remembers reading was *The Adventures of Silver Blaze* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. After graduating high school in 1972 John joined the Colorado Springs Police Department where he enjoyed a 22-year career. John served six years as a homicide detective and taught criminal investigation courses. To teach investigative fundamentals, John shared quotes from the Canon of Sherlock Holmes, written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. In 1995 John was elected Sheriff for El Paso County Colorado. Term-limited in 2003 he went to work for Lockheed Martin. In 2012 John retired from the corporate world to launch a private consulting business allowing him the freedom to pursue his love of writing, history and the arts.

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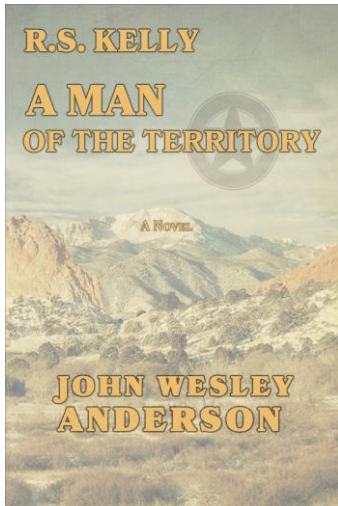
ZACBOX AND THE PEARLS OF PLEIADES

By: John Wesley Anderson

Science-Fiction/Young Adult: For thousands of years ancient man gazed up into the stars and dreamt of returning to Pleiades. That dream now rests in the hands of Zac Box, a typical 15-year-old high school boy, interested in track, cars and girls, with dreams of his own to one day attend the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Zac's mother graduated from the Air Force Academy to become a combat pilot. She was killed when her helicopter was shot down during a Pararescue mission in the Middle East. Zac's father, a smoke jumper, spends most summer months away from home fighting forest fires. Zac must spend his summers with his great-grandfather, White Elk, on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation in the Four Corners area of Colorado. This summer will prove life-changing for Zac; not because he finds a flying saucer – but because a flying saucer find him! This book can be a good extension for summer reading programs (a free STEM student/teacher study guide is available by emailing the author).

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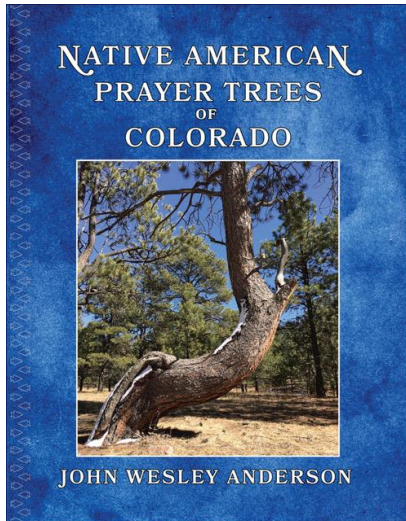
R.S. KELLY, A MAN OF THE TERRITORY

By: John Wesley Anderson

Historical Fiction/Western: John Wesley Anderson debuts his first work of historical fiction ... *R.S. Kelly, A Man of the Territory*. The American West was a wild and lawless frontier when the Pikes Peak Gold Rush began in 1859. Over 100,000 adventurous men, women and children from all around the world were drawn into this uncharted land west of the Mississippi River. Thirty-three year old Rankin Scott Kelly was one of these rugged pioneers who rushed into what would become the Colorado Territory. Only Kelly wasn't rushing to anywhere. Thinking he had killed his sister's fiancé – he was running from his past. After joining the Pennsylvania Infantry and going into combat during the Mexican-American War, Kelly heads west after his honorable discharge and follows the Santa Fe Trail. He settles in the small frontier town of Colorado City. It is here in Pikes Peak country where he encounters bandit outlaws, cattle rustlers, and battles with the hostile Indians ... and, eventually, finds the love of his life.

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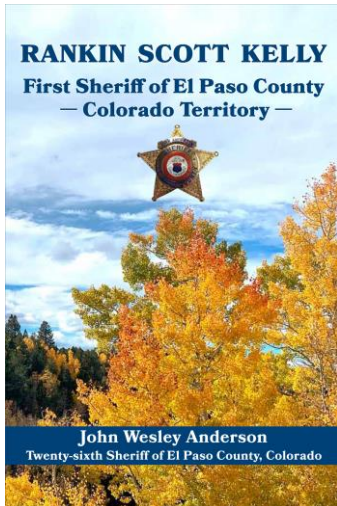
NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER TREES OF COLORADO

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Non-Fiction/History: There are Ute Elders who remember their ancestors, the Mountain People, teaching about the importance of trees. They tell of the many reasons trees were modified. Some were bent to mark a trail or an important location; others told a story or serve as a memorial honoring loved ones who have “walked on.” Each tree modification began with prayer, which remains part of the tree. Still today when some Ute Elders approach these sacred trees they speak softly to the spirits of their ancestors. Culturally Modified Trees are recognized around the world; still some believe Native American Prayer Trees are simply a myth or freaks of nature. This book will allow you to make your own mind. Come join John as he continues to share his journey with tribal elders in search of Native American sacred trees and places across Colorado.

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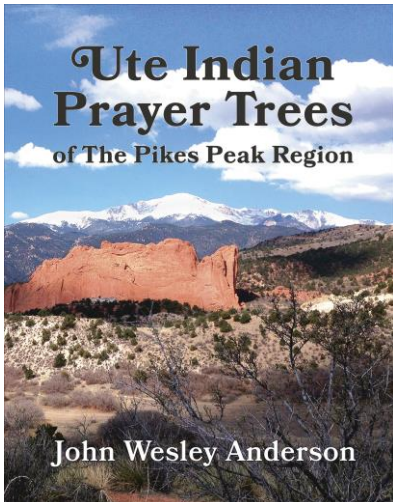
RANKIN SCOTT KELLY FIRST SHERIFF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO TERRITORY 1861-1867

By: John Wesley Anderson

Non-Fiction/History: This book tells the true story of the life and times of the first lawman in the Pikes Peak Region. Attempting to conceal his darkest secret, Rankin Scott Kelly traveled west on the Santa Fe Trail, arriving with a wagon train of about 50 men, women and children in Colorado City on June 5, 1860. Scott Kelly, as he was known to his friends, was appointed Sheriff the following year, when the Colorado Territory was first established. Sheriff Kelly had his horse shot out from under him twice and was involved in four gunfights; including shootouts with the Big Tooth Jim Gang, the Hank Way Gang and the Salt Lake City Jim Gang of seven cattle rustlers, which ended with two outlaws being killed and a third wounded. This book shares the story of Sheriff Kelly capturing Jim Clarke, who had embezzled thousands of dollars in gold and cash from the Denver Mint in 1863 and of skirmishes with hostile Indians across the Colorado Territory.

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UTE INDIAN PRAYER TREES OF THE PIKES PEAK REGION

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Non-Fiction/History: *The Ute Indian Prayer Trees of the Pikes Peak Region* is more than just a story about Culturally Modified Trees; this is about the advanced culture of the deeply spiritual people behind the trees. The Ute were the indigenous people of the Pikes Peak

Region who skillfully modified trees for navigational, spiritual, burial, medicinal, nutritional and educational purposes. The Ute name for Pikes Peak was Tava, meaning the Sun Mountain, and Tava was the most sacred of all the Shining Mountains for the Ute believe the Creator allows the day to start there first, and each day is a gift from Creator. This book includes beautiful 8x10 color photographs of these living Native American cultural artifacts and lessons learned from Ute tribal elders.

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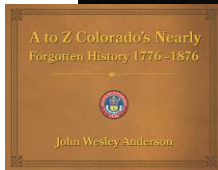
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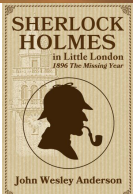
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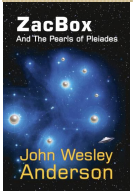
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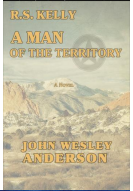
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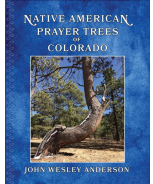
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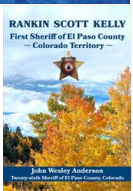
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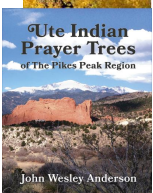
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