

Oct 2019 Newsletter

Hello everyone

Here's my October writing news update!

I am now officially a full-time writer :-). My last day at UBC was Friday, September 27th and I had a lovely sendoff. I sneaked back in this month as I had to sign some retirement papers at the UBC Pension Office. I arrived just in time to share some birthday cake - it was my ex-boss's birthday - and they were all very happy to see me :-).

UBC Faculty of Medicine did a really nice **Spotlight** on me just after I left. You can read it here:

<https://mednet.med.ubc.ca/ProfileSpotlight/Pages/Meet-Winona-Kent.aspx>

I had a wonderful time at **Word Vancouver**, Western Canada's largest celebration of literacy and reading, which took place at the Central branch of the Vancouver Public Library in September. I took part in the **Crime Writers of Canada** panel, *Setting in Crime Fiction*, on Sunday, September 29th. You can see a picture of me, and the panel, here:

<http://www.winonakent.com/news.html>

I also helped out at the Crime Writers of Canada table, chatting with other writers and helping to promote the CWC. I've now officially taken over as co-director for CWC's BC/Yukon/NWT - I'm sharing duties with Liz Bass, who looks after Vancouver Island, while I'll be looking after the Lower Mainland.

My next big event is a reading from my novel, *Notes on a Missing G-String*, at **Noir at the Bar**, along with fellow mystery writers Eileen Cook, Owen Laukkanen, Robin Spano, Dietrich Kalteis, Grant McKenzie, Derrick Carew, Don English and Aaron Chapman. The readings are here:

Shebeen Whiskey House (inside The Irish Heather, 110 Carrall Street, Vancouver (Gastown))

Wednesday November 6, 2019

7pm to 9pm

If you're in Vancouver, please do drop by and say hello! I'll have copies of *G-String* for sale (of course).

Also, waaay in the future, but still something to put in your calendars... I'll be doing a reading at the Writers Showcase at the Central Branch of Vancouver Public Library, on February 23, 2020. The event is from 2.00pm-3:30pm and will be likely in the Montalbano Family Theatre on Level 8. Four or five writers will be

featured and we'll each have 10 minutes to read. After each reading there will be five minutes for questions, and at the end of the event there's time to mingle and visit the table where our books and swag will be available.

I've just finished writing a short story which I hope will be included in a new anthology being published this fall. And I'm about to begin working on the second novel in my Jason Davey mystery series.

A reminder that the first novel in that series, ***Notes on a Missing G-String***, is now available in ebook and paperback from Amazon in all marketplaces.

<https://www.amazon.ca/Notes-Missing-G-String-Winona-Kent/dp/0988082659>

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<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Notes-Missing-G-String-Winona-Kent/dp/0988082659/>

For other markets please check Amazon!

The first time we met *G-String's* hero, Jason Davey, he was entertaining passengers aboard the Alaska cruise ship *Star Sapphire*, Eight 'til Late in the TopDeck Lounge. Then he came ashore, got a gig playing lead guitar at London's Blue Devil jazz club, and gained a certain amount of notoriety tracking down missing musician Ben Quigley in the Canadian north. Now Jason's back again, this time investigating the theft of £10,000 from a dancer's locker at a Soho gentlemen's club. You can read more about Jason's latest adventure here: <http://www.winonakent.com/gstring.html>

Notes on a Missing G-String is published by **Blue Devil Books**. <http://www.bluedevilbooks.com>

If I've added you to my mailing list using your UBC address and you'd rather I use a personal email address, please do let me know! And if you know of anyone else who might enjoy receiving my updates, please do forward this newsletter to them and let them know I'd love to add them to the list.

That's it for this time!
See you in November!

Cheers
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