

## *Local Authors Inspired By Real Life Events*

Inspired by real life events, Na'mow is a story of mountain living at its best and its worst. Women that form a family circle and celebrate each other during a four day forest fire with back stories of times past with each other, significant others, husbands and children make up a tapestry of colorful reading.

The times past were memorable to me especially as I lived through similar mountain experiences around those same times with nature, weather and that special bond only those that choose a high country lifestyle can truly understand. The places and locales will be familiar to other folks who have chosen Boulder County Colorado to call home.

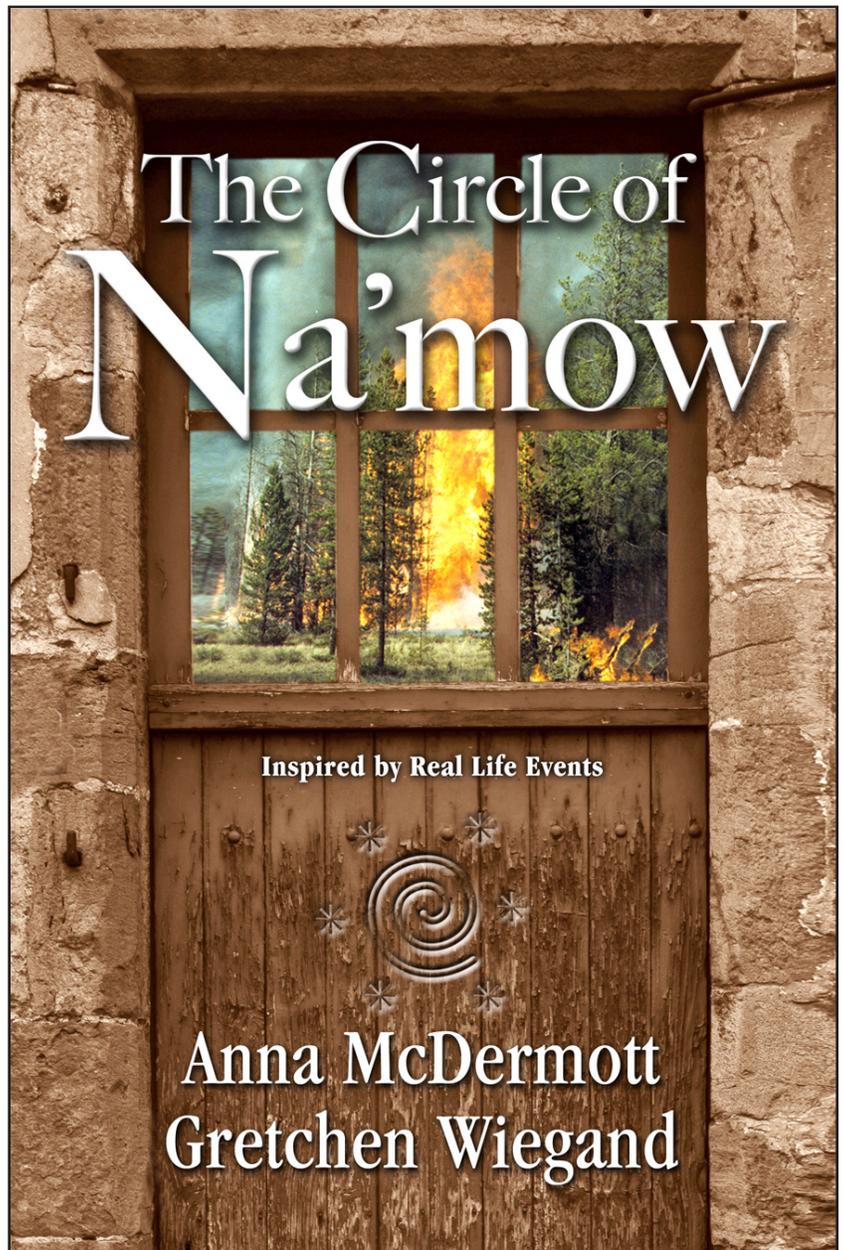
Any reader curious about high mountain forest living will find the hardships, voluntary return to lack of amenities and solitude interesting as well as doubtful in the bountiful returns received from those choices. Most people would never give up running water or toilets just to enjoy wintertime nature at altitude.

It takes a special kind of person to sacrifice running down to the 7-11 whenever you need something for being on top of the world and experiencing elk walking through the front yard on a regular basis.

People that choose their family from friends they meet instead of the ones they were born to have chosen freely and in my opinion more honestly. The characters in Na'mow do this seemingly effortlessly, but find the rewards to be great and long lasting.

The feminine divine is referred to and cherished with ritualistic practice while at least one character finds it all too 'foo foo' and makes fun of her friends' beliefs. This ability to live and let live flows throughout the book and even when things are going all wrong with lives at risk from an out-of-control forest fire – acceptance and loyalty prevail with little fanfare.

The events and characters will stay with you long after you finish the book because they have special meaning and focus on ideas more important than material possessions. Lessons can be learned by



anyone open enough to let these wonderful women, men and community bonds forge a lasting impression with their shared thoughts and experiences.

Anna McDermott and Gretchen Wiegand have done a wonderful job in gathering together such memorable events and how their characters lived, loved and survived all together. It is my hope their effort will be appreciated by many readers for years to come. This is a brand new book and is just now being published and printed, and hopefully available at where you buy your books.

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