

Striving: Barnstorming America for Role Models in the Shadow of Lindbergh

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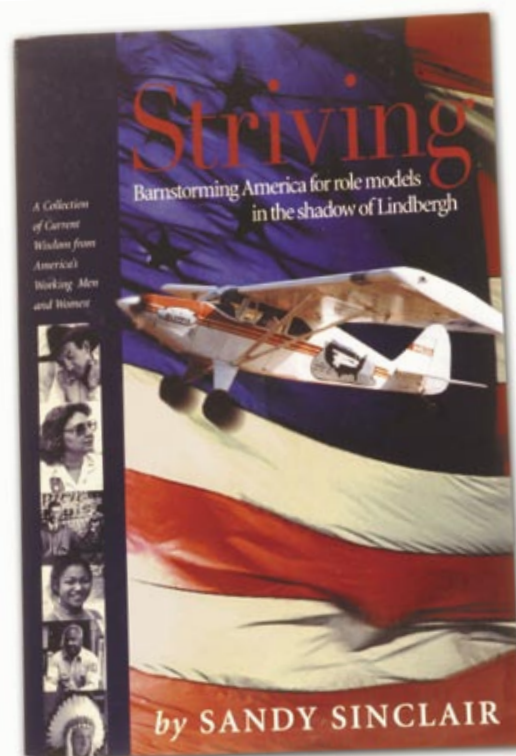
Striving is a nonfiction book of research, exploring the American work ethic – with a flying adventure twist.

On a quest for current positive role models, Sinclair flew his old taildragger, The Spirit of Olympia, to the four corners of America. Along the way, he interviewed people who he found to be “role models.” His route closely followed Charles Lindbergh’s 1927 flight around the country.

Before Sinclair began his journey, he pondered these questions: How can we feel that all is well in America when the media is filled daily with scary headlines? Is the work ethic that built our country a thing of the past? Are there any true role models in America? *Striving* transitions from its basic plot into deeper meaning, from the work ethic of each character interviewed to a philosophic stance that “all is well in America” and that this country still offers a wonderful promise to its residents.

Sinclair bases the authority for that optimism on the hundreds of American workers he interviewed. This quick-read offers insights into the hearts, minds and souls of men and women of every ilk – a cowboy philosopher, a stepmother, a college professor, a crop duster, a Mohawk chief, a solo sailor, a professional soccer player, a restaurateur, a tour guide and a prison guard, to name a few.

Striving is available through e-mail at osaltsandy@msn.com or Old Salt Publishing House, 9030 Salty Drive NW, Olympia, WA. 98502.



Unlikely Soul Mates

David Paul Vorpahl, '78 M.A.-biology, college instruction in physical education

Throughout the books of the New Testament, readers are introduced to numerous characters. Some are spoken of repeatedly, while others appear only once, never to be heard from again. What were these people with the cameo roles really like? Did they have families? How old were they? Did they have jobs? How did his or her one encounter with Jesus affect life thereafter?

In *Unlikely Soul Mates*, Vorpahl speculates about the personalities of Claudius, a Roman centurion of great faith, and Rachel, the woman who washed Jesus’ feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. Both characters are mentioned in the seventh chapter of Luke, but the biblical account does not tell about their lives that led to their encounters with Jesus and afterward.

The love story Vorpahl conceives is bolstered by the couple’s confrontations with religious laws and the politics of religion that lead to intrigue, adventure and attempted murder.

Unlikely Soul Mates is available from RoseDog Books, online at <http://www.rosedogbooks.com/ind.html> or phone (800) 834-1803.



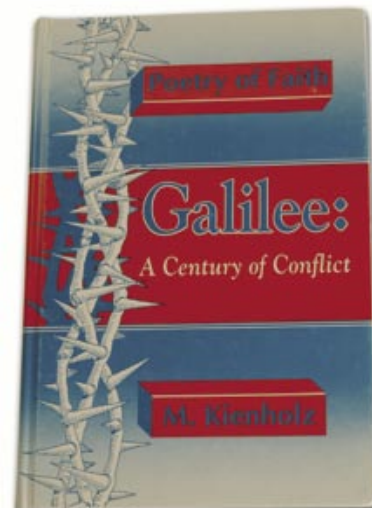
Galilee: A Century of Conflict Police Files: The Spokane Experience 1953-1995

M. Kienholz, '88 B.A.-business administration, general studies

Galilee: A Century of Conflict is a book of poetry based on an exposition of historical incidents and is not intended primarily as a religious book. Poems are framed by brief geographical descriptions or summaries of biblical reference. The first section of the book covers the invasion of Jerusalem by Rome half a century before the Christian Era; the second relates the life of Jesus of Nazareth from birth through childhood; the third takes the reader through the ministry and crucifixion of Jesus; and the fourth is devoted to the Christian faith after Jesus' death.

Kienholz's poetry narrates a history of generations steeped in turbulence. Her in-depth research paints colorful pictures of the prophets' dreams and produces intense imagery of life at peace, in conflict and at the doorstep of death.

Galilee: A Century of Conflict is available from the author, (509) 535-5792, or online booksellers.

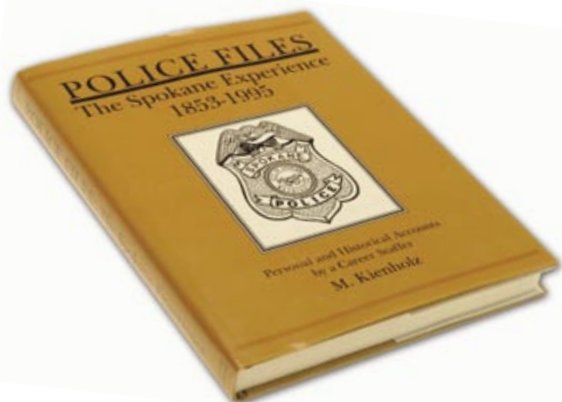


In 1977, Mary Kienholz was hired as a police stenographer for the Spokane Police Department. Upon entering the "inner sanctum," she found herself immersed in an organization thriving with dynamic personalities and structural hierarchies. Kienholz, who took detailed and copious notes during her 18 years with the department, began compiling *Police Files* after retiring from the SPD in 1995.

From homicides, rapes, robberies and prostitution to investigative techniques, mental illness complexities and public relations, Kienholz presents a history of the Spokane Police Department and some of the more notorious police cases in Spokane's history. She examines the controversial perspectives of law enforcement on various issues, as well as officers' intuition that led to life-saving decisions and solved cases. The result is an eye-opening insider's narrative offering what Kienholz calls the "Big Picture of police problems during the periods covered."

The book is fully indexed and includes several photographs. While technological facets of the crime lab have advanced since 1995, a section devoted to forensics should interest EWU students who are studying that field.

Police Files is available at most Spokane area bookstores and through online booksellers.



You Are a Dog

Terry Bain, '92 MFA

Anyone who has watched in bewilderment as a dog chased a car, barked relentlessly at a ringing telephone or cocked its head in question as its owner spoke will enjoy Bain's hilarious commentary that addresses life as seen through the eyes of a dog.

After reading the author's whimsical, sweet vignettes – conveyed in the voice of Everydog – dog's best friend may finally get a leash around the simple philosophy that's generated between those two floppy ears. Dog lovers and others will equally appreciate the good-hearted humor approach that Bain (a.k.a. "He Who Leaves the Seat Up So That You Might Drink") takes to explain to canine's people how much they are loved (with sloppy, annoying licking) and protected (from the likes of the evil vacuum).

You Are a Dog will be available in a bookstore near you Oct. 19. Until then, visit the dog blog at <http://youareadog.com>. Bain will be reading from his book at Auntie's Bookstore in Spokane on Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

