



PROFILE

Donald Paul Benjamin is an American novelist who specializes in cozy mysteries, speculative history, and high fantasy. He is the author of the "Four Corners Mystery Series" and the "Great Land Fantasy Series." He's a contributing writer to Colorado newspapers. He also works as a freelance author, photographer, and cartoonist. A U.S. Army veteran, he served three years as a military journalist and illustrator, including a tour in Korea. He lives in Cedaredge, a small town on the Western Slope of Colorado. He and his wife, Donna Marie, operate Elevation Press, a service which helps independent authors self-publish their work.

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HOBBIES

Fishing
Hiking
Metal Detecting
Gardening

DONALD PAUL BENJAMIN

Freelance Author and Cartoonist

EDUCATION

Oregon State University

1979 - 1982

Graduated with a master of arts degree in College Student Service Administration/minor in business administration

University of Northern Colorado

1966 - 1970

Graduated magna cum laude with honor with a bachelor of arts degree in Elementary Education/minors in psychology and media arts

WORK EXPERIENCE

Novelist

2014 - Present

Published novel writing mysteries, historical fiction, and fantasy.

Phoenix College: E-Advisor

2009 - 2014

Advised community college students. Operated the college chatline.

Arizona Commission on the Arts: Artist-in-Residence

2001 - 2008

Taught cartooning and story illustration to elementary students.

Arizona Board of Regents: Policy Analyst

1995 - 2001

Researched statewide policy issues and wrote technical summaries for board members who govern Arizona's three universities. Wrote legislative proposals and worked with governor's office and legislature on behalf of higher education. Authored major policy studies.

SKILLS

- Master writer and storyteller.
- Policy analyst and technical writer.
- Cartoonist and illustrator.
- Art instructor.
- Writing coach and editor.