

SEAVIEW AUTHOR DEBUTS NEW NOVEL, 'DANGER'

Children's novel tells tale of unlikely friends

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Author Kent D. Walsh, of Seaview, Washington, tells an action-packed tale about friendship and adventure in his new novel, "Danger."

Following the relationship between 12-year-old Richard and a purebred wolf named Danger, Walsh's novel focuses on the unique bond between the unlikely friends.

'Danger'

'Danger' by Kent D. Walsh

Available at amazon.com for \$12.99

After rescuing Danger when he's a baby and raising him as a pet, Richard and Danger become close. Despite pushback from family and friends, the pair's connection grows stronger. With Richard's wit and Danger's keen senses of smell, hearing and sight, the two get into all sorts of thrilling adventures.

Pursuing publication

Since his early 20s, Walsh has been a committed storyteller, penning poems, short stories and novels.

Initially, Walsh didn't seek publication for his writings and they lived in his desk drawers. "Danger" is Walsh's ninth published book.

Walsh's wife, Madeline, battled breast cancer several years ago. She inspired him to pursue publication.

"She struggled through chemotherapy, radiation and three operations and made it through," Walsh said. "I thought if she has the courage and so forth to fight breast and survive it, why in the heck can't I have the courage to try and get my books published?"

Most of Walsh's books are for children but some stories are intended for older audiences. All of Walsh's books stray from violence, innuendos and vulgarity, he said.

While his works vary in plots and styles, Walsh mainly enjoys writing action stories where his characters get into fun and complicated situations. Writing such material is easy for Walsh, he said, because he frequently draws on

his childhood experiences.

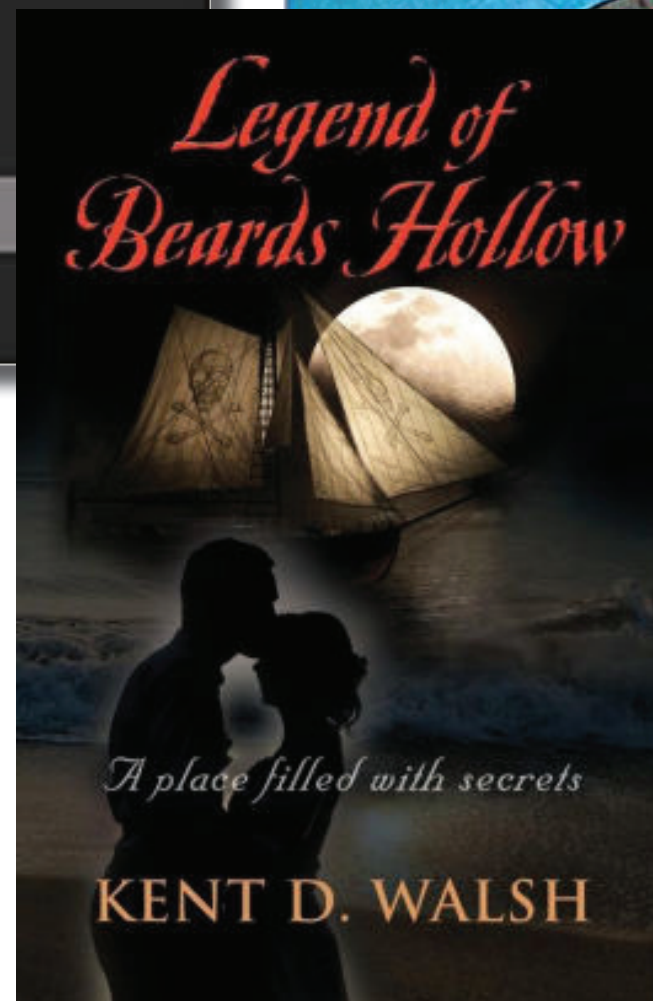
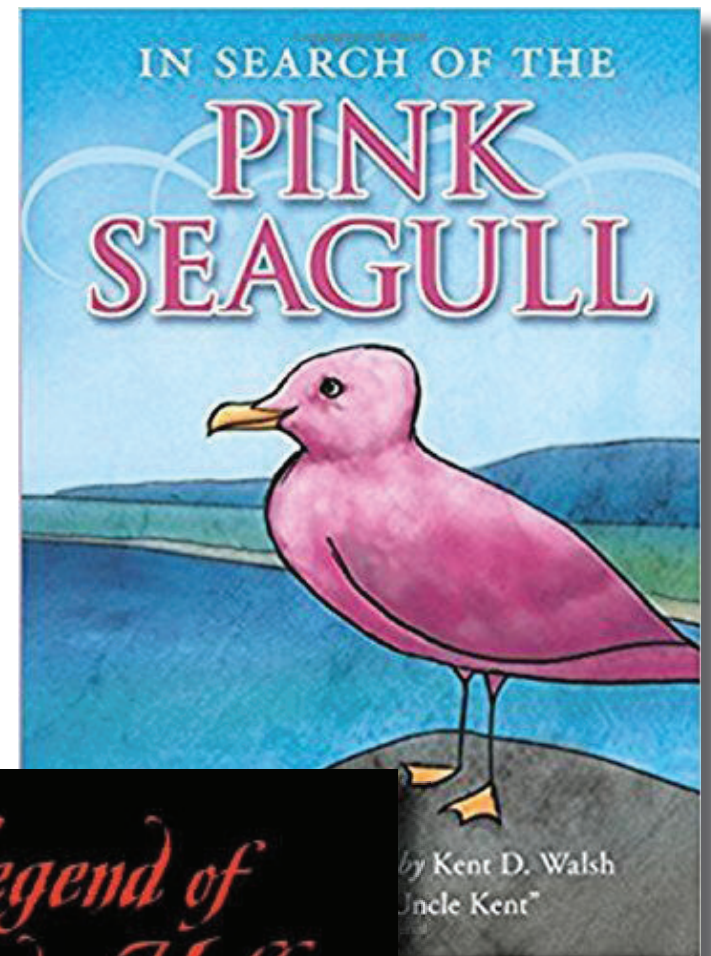
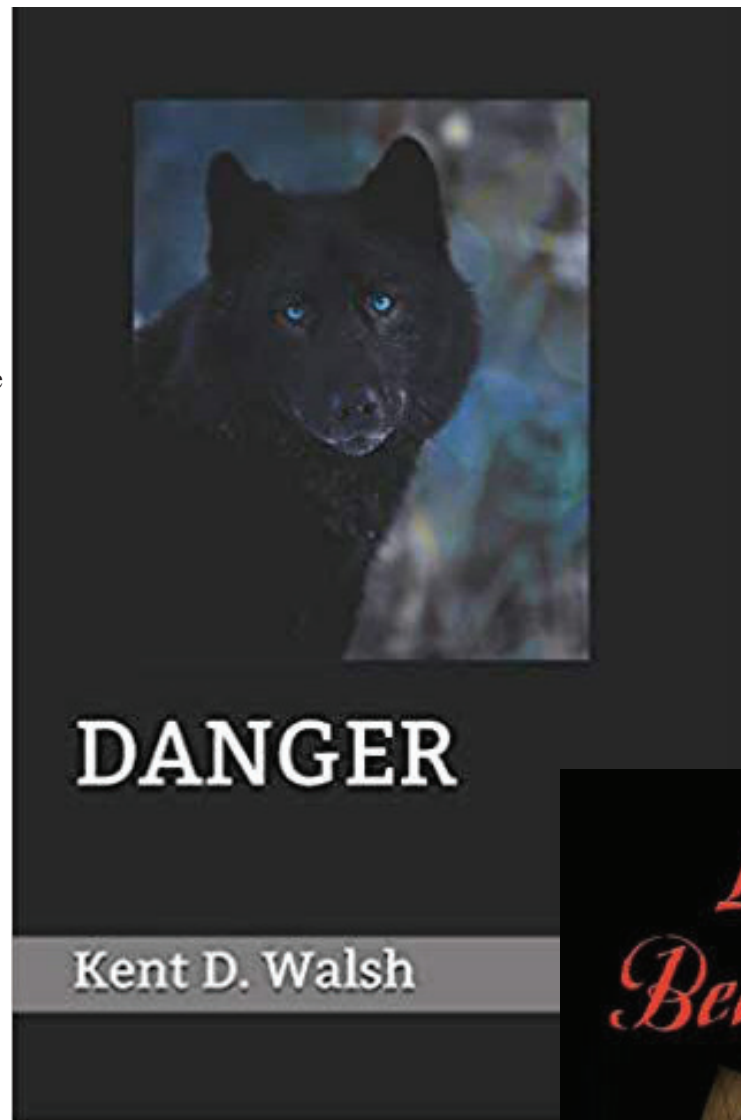
"Most of the things I put in there involve my personal experiences from when I was younger, like catching bullfrogs (in 'Danger') and such," Walsh said. "In all my books, I try to do that. I try relate to things that I've been involved in in the past or seen or felt."

The adventures of the main characters in "Danger" were inspired by Walsh's childhood but the novel's plot comes from Walsh's late mother-in-law, Ida Davis.

While visiting Davis, the two talked about Walsh's writing.

"I said to her, 'Ya know, why don't you write a book?' And she said 'I could write a book.' So I said 'OK' and she had about three pages of hand-written

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CLOCKWISE: The covers of Kent D. Walsh's latest novel, 'Danger'; Walsh's children's book 'In Search of the Pink Seagull'; and Walsh's novel, 'Legend of Beards Hollow.'