

**Join Kirby Jonas for a book signing this Saturday
December 3, 2022
Idaho Unlimited on East Cedar Ave in Pocatello**

Kirby Jonas is one of Eastern Idaho's most prolific authors. Although Kirby was born in Bozeman, Montana and moved around a lot in his youth, he has spent much of his life in Idaho. Kirby attended school in Shelley, Idaho, where he penned his first novel, *The Tumbleweed*, in the sixth grade. Motivated by the inspiration of Louis L'Amour, Kirby continued to write and published his first western novel, titled *Season of the Vigilante*, in 1994, which he had written as a senior in high school. He admitted in a recent interview with the *Shelley Pioneer Reporter* that he can't keep track of how many novels he has published since then. (Goodread.com lists 46 books available from the author.) Kirby's latest novel, *Windfall*, will be released soon and is available to preorder. His list of published novels, short stories and even poetry is impressive, but Kirby has accomplished much in addition to his writing.

Kirby retired from the Pocatello Fire Department in 2017, but his resume includes a long list of jobs including moving irrigation pipe, sorting potatoes and running a pet store. He has also worked for Pocatello Police Department, the Bureau of Land Management, and Idaho Fish and Game. One of his more interesting jobs placed him behind the wheel of a Wells Fargo Armored Truck. He joked that the job would be the closest he would come to being a stagecoach guard in the Old West.

In addition to his novel-writing career, Kirby has written Western songs and works in oil paints. He has painted his own novel covers which often feature his own likeness. For the author who is very much a real-life western character himself, he has had to clarify that very western name of Kirby Jonas is his actual name and not a "fake" name. He has also earned the nickname of "The Renaissance Cowboy".

Some of Kirby's more recent activities carved into his multi-faceted life would include his collecting of classic cars which he incorporated into his SAVAGE LAW series of novels, which is set in the 1970'S. The author acknowledges that being a devoted family man is his greatest accomplishment. In recent years, Kirby and his wife Debbie have been delving into new adventures with the addition of grandchildren to their family. Could these precious additions lead Kirby down the path of children's picture books? The talented writer and painter is certainly capable and no doubt has the inspiration for some great stories. With all his accomplishments and plans for the future, Kirby noted in an interview for STORYTELLERS: (<https://tomrizzo.com/storytellers-7-kirby-jonas>)

"In short, I have sadly found that there is not enough time in the world to do all the things you want to do."

Kirby invites feedback from his readers and fans. He tries to respond to all emails and can be reached at pocatellocowboy@gmail.com. He still tries to reach out to his fans in Eastern Idaho by doing occasional book signings and is also available on Facebook. His books are available on Kindle and in paperback, as well as seven of them on audio books.