**Bios**

**Kenneth Andrus** While still on active duty, the idea for his first novel formed, resulting in *Flash Point*, the first in the five book The Defenders series. His second novel, *Amber Dawn* was published in March of 2021, and the third, *Arctic Menace* was published in August of 2021. While working his draft for “The Curartors,” the fourth in the series, he completed a novella “Twenty-one Day in December” to be included with several other Babylon Books authors in November of 2021.

**Rilla Askew is** best known for her American Book Award-winning novel about the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, *Fire in Beulah* (Viking 2001), Rilla Askew is the author of five novels, a book of stories, and a collection of creative nonfiction. She’s a PEN/Faulkner finalist, recipient of the Western Heritage Award, Oklahoma Book Award, and a 2009 Arts and Letters Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Her essay collection, Most American: Notes from a Wounded Place, was long listed for a PEN America Literary Award. Askew’s most recent novel, *Prize for the Fir*e, is about Early Modern English writer Anne Askew, who was burned as a heretic in 1546.

**Frank Ball’s** first book, *Eyewitness: The Life of Christ Told in One Story*, is a compilation of biblical information on the life of Christ in a chronological story that reads like a novel. His most recent release on Kindle Vella is *Born Blind: Voice of a Visionary*, a novel about a first-century Jew born blind, a curse in his society. His current nonfiction project is *The Discussion Bible* with thousands of unanswered discussion questions to stir people’s thoughts, with the Bible’s first five books, Psalms and Proverbs, and the New Testament now available on Amazon. To help writers, he wrote *Storytelling at Its Best*, a practical guide for effective storytelling.

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**Daniel Bautz** has done it all. Graphic designer, podcast host, writer and director of film, and radio show host. While he excelled in all of these, those accomplishments pale compared to his true calling – the written word. His debut novel, *Life is in the Blood*, has been called “an astounding achievement in storytelling.”

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**Mary Coley** is the author of eight mysteries, a non-fiction children’s book and numerous short stories. She has been a member of Tulsa Nightwriters and the Oklahoma Writers Federation, Inc., since 2002, and is a member of Mystery Writers of America, Women Writing the West, and Sisters in Crime. She won the Oklahoma Book Award for Fiction in 2022 for *Blood on the Mother Road*. Coley received the Tony Hillerman Award from New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards in 2018 for her mystery, *Blood on the Cimarron*.

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