

RAGGEDY MAN

A Detective Toussaint Mystery

Clyde Curley

Detectives Matthew Toussaint and Missy Owens search through the damp chill of a Portland February morning for clues about the death of a young drifter, found under one of the city's many bridges. The victim: Ben Foeller, the errant younger son of Portland's premier dynastic family. With the help of Toussaint's bookstore-owning brother, Parker, the detectives wade through multiple clues to narrow down their river of suspects: a drug dealer, an East Coast art collector, a political radical, a used car salesman, and members of Foeller's own family.

"Raggedy Man is a classic page turner, in the top quality of fiction I've read in recent years, incorporating excellent character development, an exciting plot, and important social and philosophical issues."

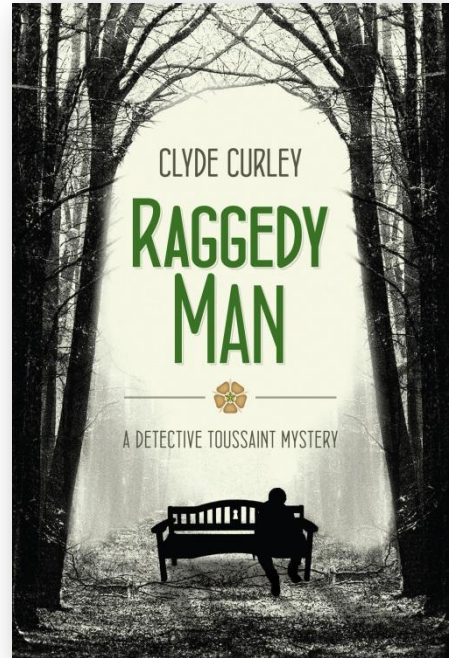
—**Mike Abrams**, Custer, Washington

"Raggedy Man is a complex, thought-provoking mystery with characters you care about. Fans of Elizabeth George will want to follow detective Toussaint."

—**Sara Stamey**, Bellingham, Washington (author of Islands)

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This is Clyde Curley's first novel. He comes to it after a lifetime as an avid reader and deep appreciator of fiction of all sorts. Clyde earned a B.A. and a California Teaching Credential at San Francisco State College (followed later by an M.A.T. from Portland State University) and went on to a 31-year career teaching high school in Oregon. He chaired the English Department at Milwaukie High School and taught Special Ed. Language Arts to ninth-graders and Honors Survey of English Literature to twelfth-graders. An avid folk musician, he resides with his wife, Susan, in Bellingham, Washington.



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