

Mystical Mysteries in the Desert: D.L. Blanchard Releases *Blue Moon Bench*

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Montrose, Colorado - January 22, 2026 — What happens when the past refuses to stay buried? In her latest novel, *Blue Moon Bench*, Montrose local author **D.L. Blanchard** invites readers into a world where breathtaking southwest landscapes, Hopi traditions, and haunting secrets collide.

Living in the shadow of Alex's late wife Rachel, Jessica finds herself struggling with jealousy, doubt, and fear. When whispers suggest Rachel's death at the Grand Canyon was no accident, Jessica is forced to confront the terrifying possibility that the man she loves may not be who he seems.

Blanchard's novel blends the timeless beauty of the Southwest with the pulse of psychological suspense. From the sacred Hopi Kachina dances to the silent depths of the Grand Canyon, every setting becomes more than scenery—it becomes part of the mystery itself. Themes of love, loss, betrayal, and resilience make *Blue Moon Bench* both thrilling and deeply human.

"I wanted to create a story that shows how fragile trust can be when secrets linger," says Blanchard. "The desert holds beauty and silence, but it also holds echoes of the past. My characters are forced to decide whether they will be consumed by those echoes or find the strength to move forward."

Blue Moon Bench will resonate with fans of suspenseful, character-driven fiction. Readers who enjoy mysteries entwined with cultural richness and emotional depth will find themselves drawn into Jessica's journey—a story about love tested by shadows, and the courage it takes to uncover the truth.

About the Author

The author of *Blue Moon Bench* is a Tibetan Buddhist now living the western slope of Colorado. She is a fine artist and author who lived in Arizona for over 17 years and spent many days hiking in canyons and deserts in the southwest. She has written many articles for magazines such as *Southwest Art Magazine*, as well as the Article "Shaman's and Master Artists" published by the American Rock Art Research Association. *Blue Moon Bench* is the first in a series of mystery novels based on the southwest. She loves including the mystical part of the sacred beliefs and ceremony of the native people because they are very similar to Tibetan culture and rituals which she carries in her heart. She is on the Board of the Montrose Center for Arts, Western Colorado Friends of the Himalayas, owns Meditation Spaces, a small shop in Montrose, Colorado, and she leads weekly group meditation for a new group on the Western Slope.

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