

THE PRISONER



The author hard at work with his trusty assistant.

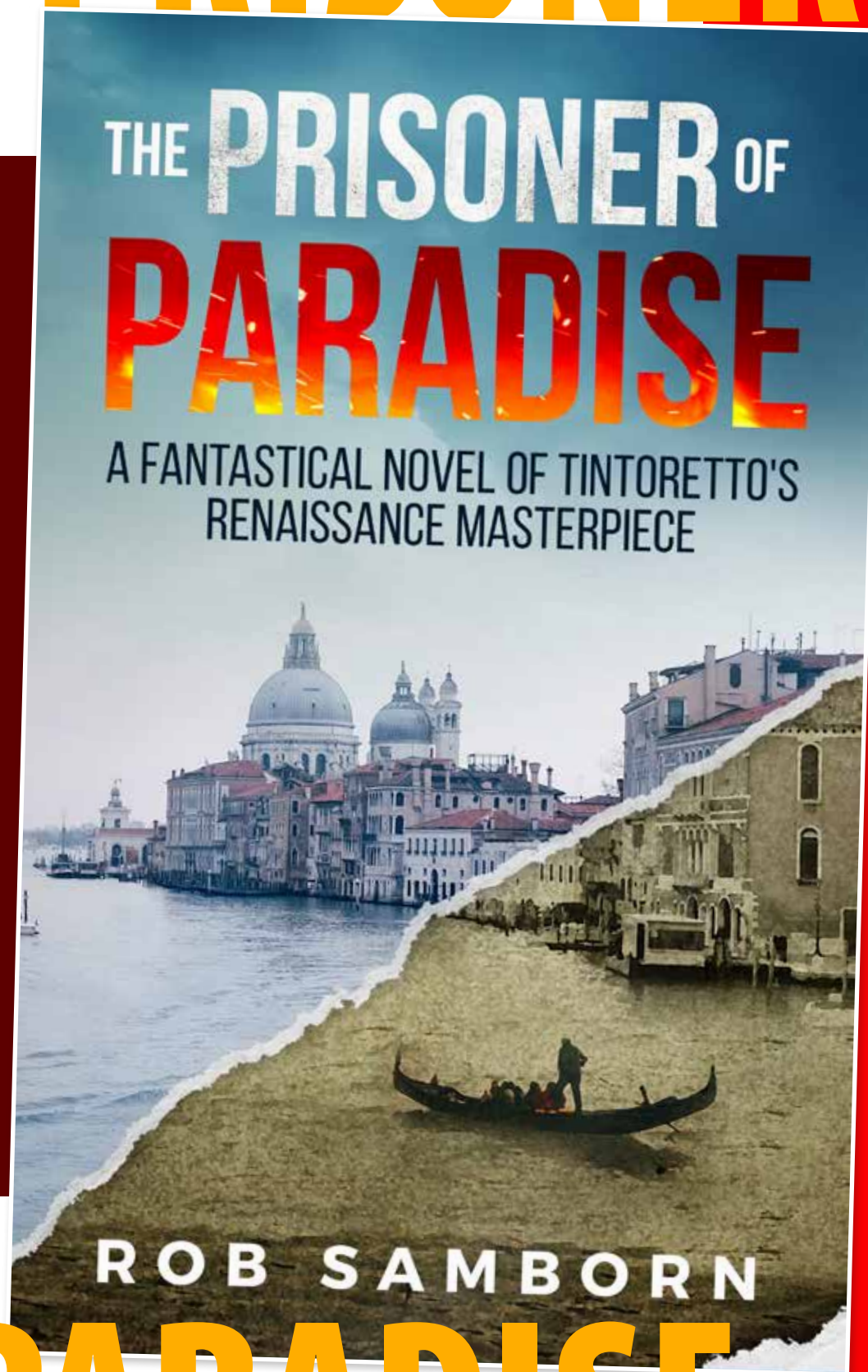
book release

By Bonnie Brae Resident **Rob Samborn**

Imagine a painting so powerful in scope and artistic grandeur, it evokes visceral emotion and captures you in heart ... and soul.

Bonnie Brae resident Rob Samborn's debut novel, *The Prisoner of Paradise*, was released on November 30 through TouchPoint Press.

The book is a blend of thriller, historical fiction, and fantasy genres and has already garnered stellar reviews. It follows an American couple who travel to Venice, Italy, on vacation. When the husband comes to believe his true soul mate is not his wife but a woman whose soul has been trapped in a massive Renaissance painting, he goes on a quest to free her but gets embroiled with a secret society that will do anything to stop him.



OF PARADISE

The world's largest oil painting. A 430-year-old murder. A disembodied whisper: "Amore mio." *My love.*

Nick and Julia O'Connor's dream trip to Venice collapses when a haunting voice reaches out to Nick from Tintoretto's *Paradise*, a monumental depiction of Heaven. Convinced his delusions are the result of a concussion, Julia insists her husband see a doctor, though Nick is adamant the voice was real.

Blacking out in the museum, Nick flashes back to a life as a 16th century Venetian peasant swordsman. He recalls precisely who the voice belongs to: Isabella Scalfini, a married aristocrat he was tasked to seduce but with whom he instead found true love. A love stolen from them hundreds of years prior.

She implores Nick to liberate her from a powerful order of religious vigilantes who judge and sentence souls to the canvas for eternity. Releasing Isabella also means unleashing thousands of other imprisoned souls, all of which the order claims are evil.

As infatuation with a possible hallucination clouds his commitment to a present-day wife, Nick's past self takes over. Wracked with guilt, he can no longer allow Isabella to remain tormented, despite the consequences. He must right an age-old wrong - destroy the painting and free his soul mate. But the order will eradicate anyone who threatens their ethereal prison and their control over Venice.

Rob is an entrepreneur, avid traveler and former screenwriter and came up with the idea on a trip to Venice. There's a story tucked in the corner of every tight alley or dancing on the surface of a canal in the beautiful sinking city, but from the moment he saw Tintoretto's masterpieces, the concept was born. *Paradise (Il Paradiso)* in Italian) was finished in 1592 and is located in the Doge's Palace in Venice.

You can often find Rob with his wife, Tiffani, and daughter, Sienna, in Bonnie Brae Park, at one of the local restaurants, or walking around the neighborhood with their dog, Bayli. Sienna's in first grade at Cory.

The Prisoner of Paradise is available through all major online retailers and select indie bookshops. If you don't see it, please ask for it! Rob will be doing signings around Denver and elsewhere. You can sign up for his newsletter and social media links at www.robsamborn.com.



Rob and Tiffani in Venice a few years back.



St. Mark's Square, Venice, Italy.