

Tulsa native releases debut novel

Ken Steele writes coming-of-age story
'The Promise of Unbroken Straw'

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Yorkshire Publishing announced the release of the historical fiction novel "The Promise of Unbroken Straw," written by Tulsa native Ken Steele.

Paul's teachers say he's distracted, and they're not wrong. With the demands of a struggling farm, Allied boots in Europe and secrets surrounding his mother's death, who can blame him? And the expectations of his unapproachable father are seemingly out of reach. When a financial windfall sparks a rags-to-riches transformation, it also sets in motion events that will test young Paul to his core.

This coming-of-age story connects Paul's tumultuous adolescence to his unfulfilled adulthood. Across those decades, he searches for redemption and reconciliation with the ghosts of his past.

Steele's own father and grandfather, who lived on a wheat farm, served as the inspiration for "The Promise of Unbroken Straw."

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humously, to reconnect with those who came before me," Steele said.

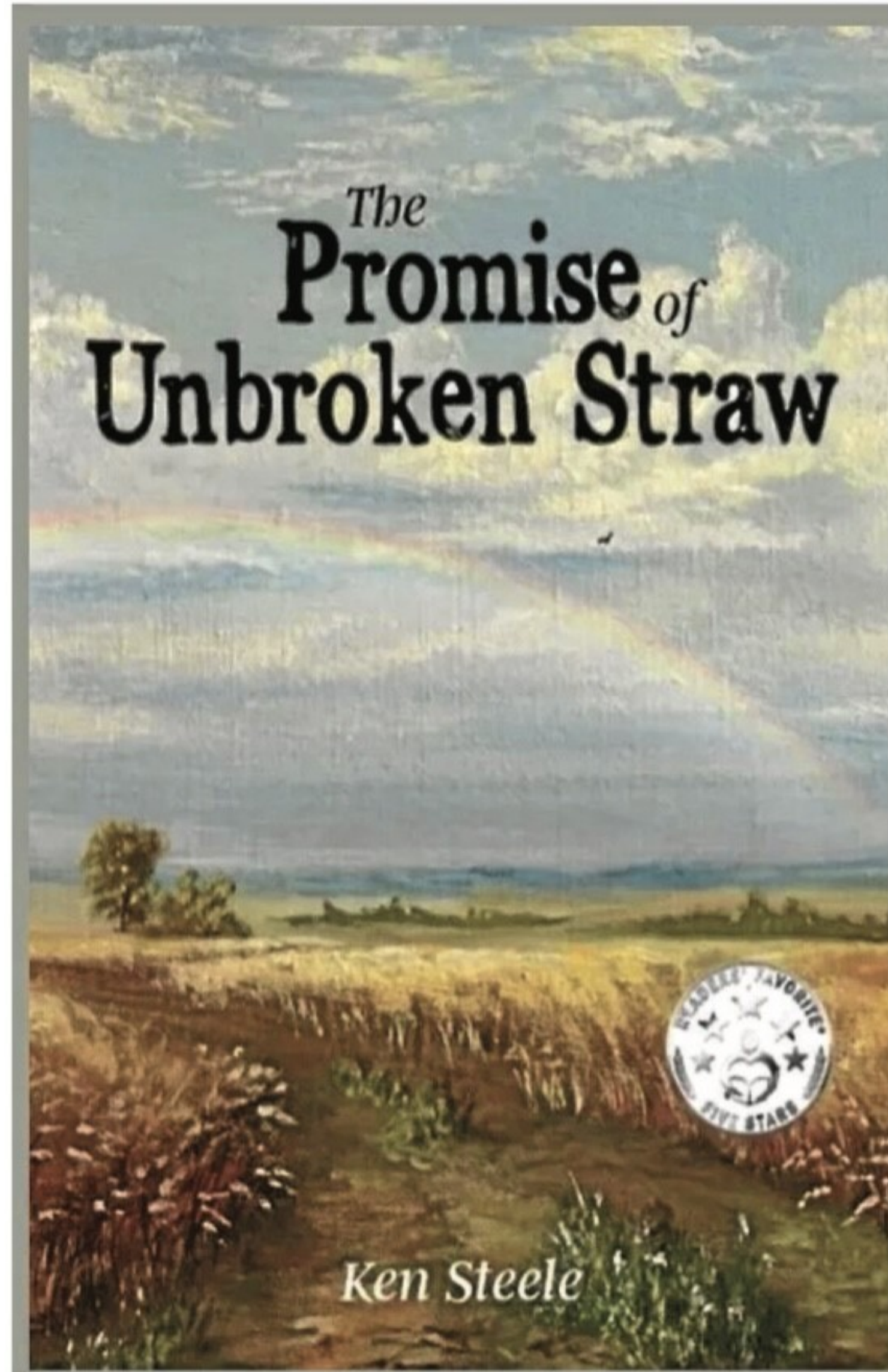
Through the story, Steele hopes to give voice to anyone going through pain.

"Through the experiences the characters must navigate, and their struggles in finding their way, I wanted those readers to understand the hope that awaits on the other side," he said.

Prior to its release, "The Promise of Unbroken Straw" received positive reviews from outlets including Readers' Favorite, Midwest Review and The US Review of Books.

Steele holds degrees in civil engineering from Oklahoma State University and MIT. "The Promise of Unbroken Straw" is his debut novel. He resides in Colorado with his wife, Cathy, of 41 years, and his days are filled with skiing, pickleball, golf, hiking and all that the mountains can offer. For more about Steele, go to kensteeleauthor.com.

"The Promise of Unbroken Straw" is available via Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bookshop.org and other places books are sold.



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