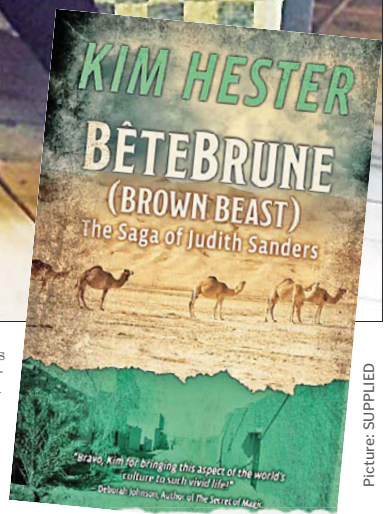


Hester pens a saga



Author Kim Hester with his Fijian wife Manjula at Oregon, US. Picture: SUPPLIED



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ALITERARY thriller novel which has settings in Fiji and the Middle East is now available on Amazon.com.

Written by a man who lived in Saudi Arabia through 18 turbulent years, *Bête Brune (Brown Beast): The Saga of Judith Sanders* is a well-informed, deeply insightful saga.

Some of the major settings in the novel are in the Fiji Islands, including Suva, Savusavu, Colo-i-Suva, and Veisaru in the district of Ba.

Author Kim Hester, who lived and taught in Fiji, says the reader can expect to see Fiji life through the eyes of a foreign diplomat who goes into the hills and homes of Fijians, revealing truths about them that one may never have thought of before.

"I lived in a neighbourhood in the Middle East that came under terrorist attack that resulted in the deaths of many innocent people, and I became a refugee fleeing to the island country of Bahrain for safety of my wife and myself.

"This event is reflected in the plot of the novel, as well as other experiences I had during the 18 years I lived in Saudi Arabia and five years living in the Fiji Islands where I taught in local schools and at the University of the South Pacific," shared Hester.

In the novel, Hester takes his readers inside the very male-centric environment of Saudi Arabia, where Judith, an American female diplomat, has been stationed.

As a young married woman, Judith had watched helplessly as her husband lost his life in the very country where she must now display unwavering strength.

The novel has several settings in Fiji, where the author once served as lecturer in the University of the South Pacific.

"Readers will find a story of eternal love and how one woman overcomes powerful forces against her to keep the love for her husband alive," said the author.

"Also, the various settings in the novel enable the reader to vicariously travel to the mysterious kingdom of Saudi Arabia and view the lives of diplomats and terrorists and ruthless dictators.

"Additional settings are the halls of the powerful in the capital city of the US, Washington, D.C., where diplomats and the president preside over wars against terrorists."

Hest said: "One of the central

themes of the novel is that true love is eternal and lasts through thick and thin, through good times and bad.

"I moreover sought the guidance of our Lord Jesus many times as I typed away at the computer 'penning' the novel, and feel I could not have completed it without His help.

"Finding time to work on the novel was a challenge, as I held a full time job that involved frequent travel to remote desert outposts, as well as moving my household across continents.

"Altogether, the novel was completed over a span of five years, from conceptualisation to publication.

○ About Hester: He is a former Marine who once served as editor with the California Department of Education and as a teaching fellow at Stanford University. He has taught at universities in the US,

The cover of Kim Hester's novel on his life experience *Bête Brune (Brown Beast): The Saga of Judith Sanders*.

Fiji and Saudi Arabia, and holds a BA and an MA in English, in addition to an MA in education. He is a member of American Mensa and lives in the Pacific Northwest with his wife Manjula.

Interested readers can access the online edition for free for only three days this week before it'll be put up for sale officially.

The Kindle version is free to download from Monday, November 12 to Wednesday, November 14, 2018 on Amazon.com.

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