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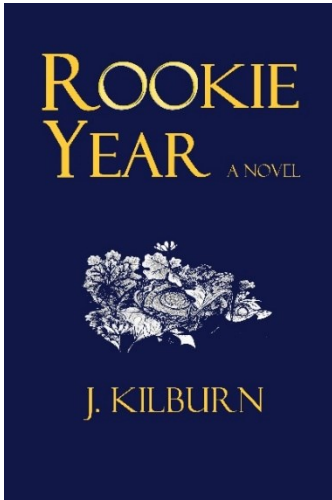
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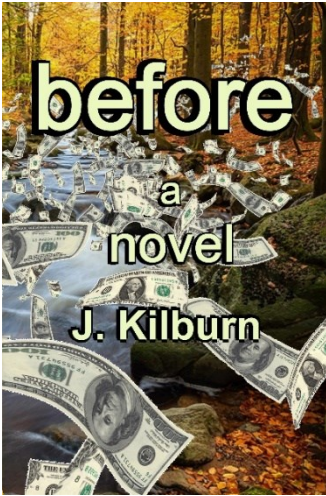
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THINK YOU KNOW THOSE KIDS NEXT DOOR? YOU SURE ABOUT THAT? J. Kilburn's novel BEFORE takes your average teenagers, gives them family and community, and then plausibly and seamlessly drops them into international intrigue in a small New England college town. These teenagers go about their sweet and sordid adventures blissfully unaware of their role in larger and more complicated regional events. BEFORE is a Coming-of-Age story, but it's also a story about international Organized Crime and the role that small-town folks, your neighbors, your loved ones, and even the Honors Student next door might play in that dark and dangerous world.

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calls BEFORE by J. Kilburn

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***InD'tale Magazine*** says:

“Mr. Kilburn is a master at writing character development!”

***Independent Book Review*** says:

“Kilburn weaves this story with threads of secrets... the tension is thick... the characters are exceptionally well written... excellent... refreshing... nails the depiction of a small town...”

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What started as a short story became a book, and then a whole saga: stories about undercover policing and organized crime, but also about family, coming-of-age, romance and friendship. Each novel is independent of the others, but they all revolve around the same two communities: a small college town, and the Organized Crime underworld of a major port city. The cast of characters is common to each place - each character somehow has skin in the game in both places. The bright sunny streets found in one chapter mesh and turn with roiling dark edges that come in the next. That was hard to do, but important: We are not islands. We sometimes participate in both worlds, whether we know it or not. That the reader can be both disturbed and entertained by one of my books... that means I got it right. The novels are complex and full of surprises - just like life itself.



The young woman portrayed in the pages of some of these books, as well as in the Imprint Trademark image, represents the extended victims: those who forever wait for a missing or murdered law enforcement officer to walk back through the door. **Visit the website to learn more.**



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**Vermont novelist J. Kilburn is the author of three books and also a feature-length investigative-reporting newspaper article that got the whole page in his community's newspaper in 2012.**

J. Kilburn's novels are suspenseful and drama-filled character-driven fiction that blur the line between literary prose and market fiction. His conscious disregard of style and genre conventions and his ability to artfully portray the inner lives and motivations of a variety of characters have resulted in accolades and 5-star reviews from readers and editorial reviewers alike.

Kilburn lives a quiet and private life on the shore of America's sixth Great Lake. He has lived and worked in Vermont, Massachusetts, Illinois, and Minnesota. During these travels, Kilburn has dabbled in law enforcement, private security, emergency medicine, truck driving, and horse-logging. Other occupations have included at-risk youth mentor, big-city process server, park ranger, industrial wastewater treatment operator, and plastics processing machinery mechanic. Along the way, he's pedaled to 14,000 feet above sea-level in a major bicycle race, been marooned overnight on a deserted island, ridden a motorcycle from Chicago to Thunder Bay, and hiked Vermont's highest peaks to watch sunsets on both the longest and coldest days of the year.

When not at work he and his wife enjoy life around a little urban farm complete with greenhouse, garden, and mini-barn. Their current flock is composed of chickens, a turkey and a cat named Sierra Feral.

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