

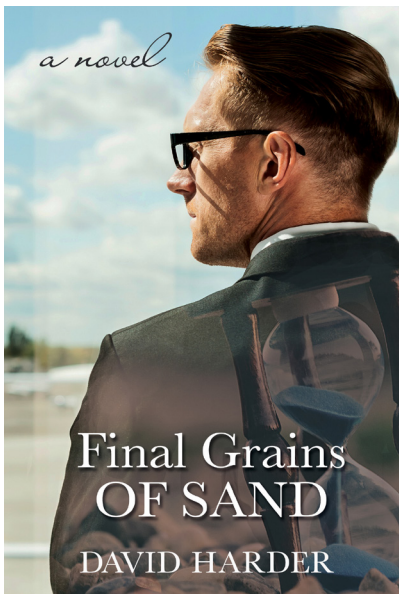


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## NEW LITERARY FICTION CONSIDERS ONE MAN'S JOURNEY CHOOSING TO FACE DEATH



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**For immediate release:** Death is never uncomplicated, leaving an empty void filled with vanishing memories for those remaining behind. Those who face death often turn back to look at their journey and what they will be leaving behind. Will their loved ones hold onto their legacy? Do they have even have a legacy to leave?

In his new book *Final Grains of Sand* (Ambassador International; July 1, 2018; \$16.99), author David Harder tells the story of James (Jim) Kreider who receives devastating news that his life is being cut short with cancer. When the shock and disbelief subside, Jim methodically prepares for his final days, and tries to heal old wounds. Jim spends hours pondering the legacy he will leave for his friends and children.

In preparation for the end, Jim selects five individuals to represent his life at the funeral service. This group includes Jim's boss, his personal physician, a neighbor, the pastor of his church, and a woman whom Jim was involved with in a long-term affair. None of the individuals know each other or why they were chosen, but throughout the funeral preparation they begin to see the bigger picture.

Jim's story not only transforms the five representatives but also alters the lives of the funeral guests. They realize the value of one's life is less about the length of time, but rather how they touched other people through their actions and words.

When asked why he wrote *Final Grains of Sand*, Harder replied, "Inspiration for writing this book came from a friend concerning her father. As I listened to her try to explain her dad and all he accomplished in his life, I realized we hardly know people. All too often, we don't get the whole picture about an individual until they have died, which is tragic. Many people will identify with the main character, because we all want to leave a positive legacy. Life is more than the sum of what we gained or accomplished, but rather how we impacted those around us while we were on our journey."

**About the author:** David Harder currently resides in the White Mountains of Arizona. In addition to writing, he is a featured clay artist. He grew up in southern California and served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam conflict. For nearly eight years, he lived and worked in Germany. From sales and marketing, he eventually became a CEO and business owner before moving to Arizona. A graduate of San Jose College with a degree in business, David also studied at Santa Clara University.

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### **Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:**

1. What motivated you to write a book about someone dying and electing five people to represent them at their funeral?
2. If you take the essence of your story and reduce it to one or two sentences, what would that be?
3. There is a lot of emotion written into the story line, what is your resource for the characters in this book?
4. What message do you want your readers to take away from the book?
5. Why did you include an epilogue and from heaven's perspective?
6. What did you find to be the most difficult exercise when writing the book?
7. Is this your first book?
8. Was it difficult to write a whole book when the main character dies within the first three chapters?
9. Are you planning any sequels to *Final Grains of Sand* in the future?
10. Are you currently writing any more books?



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