

Unrest in Eden

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Publisher: Twilight Times Books

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Edition: First

Author (Use Nom de Plume if Applicable): Florence Byham Weinberg

Author's Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Author's Biography (60 words max):

A native of Alamogordo, NM, Florence traveled extensively with her military family during World War II. Travels continued after marriage to scholar-critic Kurt Weinberg in Canada, France, Spain and Germany. After earning her PhD, she taught for twenty-two years at St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY, and ten at Trinity University, San Antonio. She continues to travel and write, enjoying riding, hiking, swimming, and good conversation.

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Synopsis of Book (175 words max):

Father Ignaz Pfefferkorn, ex-S.J., released in January, 1778, and destitute after ten years of Spanish imprisonment, begs his way across France to his home in the Rhineland. He arrives in Unkel-on-the Rhine to find factional strife and ultimately murder in his hoped-for paradise. He is recruited to solve the crime, aided by unlikely helpers: a wealthy Cologne socialite and a head smuggler. He succeeds, only to find himself caught in the cross-fire of the French Revolutionary Army's invasion of his homeland.

Bulleted Points (25 words max each):

- Readers of the Pfefferkorn mysteries will find this one intriguing, the setting new, carrying the hero through 18 years of later life.

- The precise and colorful recreation of Rhineland social life in the Baroque Period, from burgher to aristocrat, will pique the interest of historically-minded readers.
- Depiction of Cologne’s mysterious underground—its Roman-era tunnels and chambers—as inhabited by its smuggler’s underworld will intrigue and appeal to readers.
- History buffs will discover little-known material on the invasion of the Rhineland by the French Revolutionary Army, seen from a close, personal point of view.
- Powerful emotions drive well-drawn characters in scenes of starvation, illness, homecoming, wedding, childbirth, passion, death, and the horrors of war in this mystery –history- love story.

Marketing Points (Budget & Plan) (25 words max): National and local media—print, broadcast and electronic. Media interviews, library and bookstore appearances and signings.

- I have hired a publicist to assist with various media appointments, interviews and talks.
- I plan to set up interviews with local TV and radio stations, and to solicit a review from *The San Antonio Express-News*.
- I will set up talks and signings about my work in nearby towns, wherever there is a local independent bookstore or a library with a book club, church groups, Lions Clubs, etc..
- I will speak and sign books in Carlsbad, NM, in El Paso, Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Denver, Tucson, Phoenix, and wherever I can arrange an appearance.
- I will make a more concentrated effort to reach San Antonio writers' groups and library branches. Central organization is missing in SA, but my work so far has revealed many small interested groups.
- Budget for all this—whatever it takes.

Is This a New Title? Yes xx No ___ If Yes, Describe the book in 50 words

Unrest in Eden, woven in precise detail from 18th-century historical sources, portrays a man’s return home after a twenty-three-year absence, his adjustment to life in a small Rhineland city, his solution of a murder, and his attempt to avoid war, only to be caught in the thick of the fighting.

Comments:

As always, the author succeeds in weaving together known facts of the life of her protagonist, Ignaz Pfefferkorn, S.J., with what he may have undergone: here, from Spanish imprisonment to the invasion of the Rhineland by the French Revolutionary Army. The captivated reader lives the story along with him, thankful that he at last finds peace. In between: the long trek through wintry France, murder and strife at home, war and plunder. Episode after moving episode restores that remote period to sparkling life.

~Dr. Renate Scharffenberg, Editor, *Marburger Forum*

In the fourth volume of the Pfefferkorn-Quartet, F. Weinberg portrays Father Ignaz Pfefferkorn’s return to his home town, Unkel on the Rhine. Instead of the anticipated paradise, he finds factional conflict, which ensnares him. Once a mysterious murder is solved, peace returns again to “paradise.” Weinberg’s gripping novel portrays, with historical precision, the cultural and spiritual situation in the Rhineland of the 18th-century. For the intellectual reader, this book is highly recommended.

~Rudolf Vollmer, City Historian, Unkel-am-Rhein