

Oregon author crafts innovative western novel

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Oregon author Jim Kennison, in his new book *Letters From A Bounty Hunter*, has deftly combined action, adventure, history and romance to create a truly unique western novel. Calling on his experience as an educator, world traveler and student of the human condition, he provides in-depth views into the thoughts and emotions of each of his characters. In a written prepublication review of the book, a professional literary colleague states as a conclusion, "The characters are very real, the dialog very natural, the story very compelling. It was a fun read! I can say with all honesty, I'll be happy to read anything you write."

Retail Price(s): \$9.95 US; \$12.95 CAN Size and Format(s): 5.50 x 8.50 Paperback Page Count: 200 Born into an economically-challenged family in rural southern Indiana, Kennison moved at a young age with his parents and three siblings to the rolling hills of central Kentucky. Although both his parents left public school after the seventh grade to find work, they were determined that their four children would attend college. Each did, and all have received advanced degrees. Kennison holds a doctorate from the University of Kentucky. Professionally, his career in higher education had taken him to New Jersey, New York City, and Seattle before he arrived at Oregon State University in 1988. Now retired, Kennison and his wife live in their oceanfront home in Newport, Oregon. Kennison attributes his love of literature to his fourth-grade teacher who would read aloud to her classes for the first twenty minutes of each school day. Her selections included, among others, the novels of Charles Dickens, Victor Hugo, James Fenimore Cooper and Herman Melville. The author of numerous short stories and works of poetry, Kennison's next novel, *A Picture-Perfect Murder*, is scheduled for publication in the summer of 2007.

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