

Ripplinger releases fourth book in series

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The wait is over for fans of Saskatchewan best-selling author Henry Ripplinger's *The Angelic Letters* series as Book 4 has hit store shelves.

The Angelic Occurrence was released in May and readers will finally gain an insight into Ripplinger's own "angelic occurrence" which haunted him for years and became his inspiration to write the six-book Christian romance series.

At a hefty 578 pages, *The Angelic Occurrence* spans only two years (1986-1988) in the lives of Henry Pederson and Jenny Sarsky, but readers won't be disappointed at the pace this story moves along.

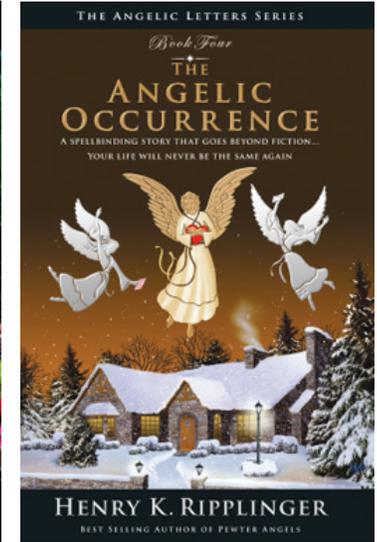
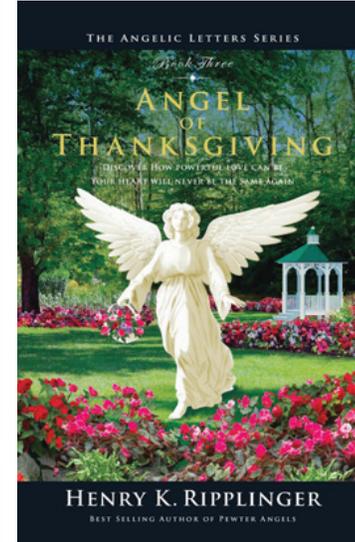
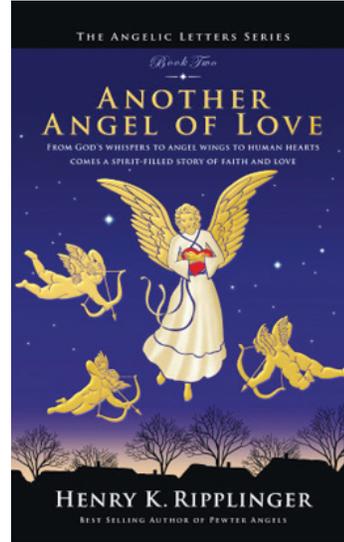
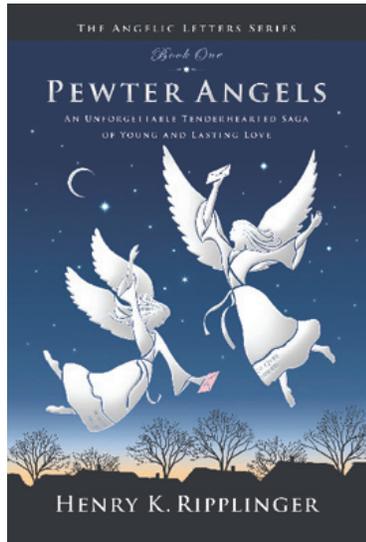
"The story develops in a much more powerful way," explains Ripplinger, about Book 4.

Readers who have been following the story of the main characters who met as teenagers and fell instantly in love, but were suddenly separated by circumstances will have a hard time putting this book down as they find out whether Henry and Jenny's paths will finally cross. As one can come to expect from *The Angelic Letters* series, mainstay character Mr. Engelmann continues to offer up wisdom about faith, family and valuable life lessons, equipping readers with the tools they can use in their own lives to face almost any situation.

The theme of guardian angels continues to run strong in Book 4 as we see how fate has a hand of stepping in time and time again through this 50-year spiritual odyssey.

Sales of the new book have been brisk for Ripplinger as he tours the western provinces.

The award-winning series is a best seller in Canada.



The Globe and Mail on June 22 posted *Pewter Angels* (Book 1) as Number 2, *Another Angel of Love* (Book 2) as Number 5 and *Angel of Thanksgiving* (Book 3) in 7th place on the Top 10 bestsellers list.

"It's been quite a journey so far," says Ripplinger. "This year, I really feel the demand building for the series. People can't seem to wait until the next book comes out.

"It's been a miracle in my life that these books have been so well-received."

Much of *The Angelic Letters* series reflects Ripplinger's own life. He is an artist and has his own gallery and cafe/gift shop. Some of the experiences are his own with his imagination doing the rest of the work to tell the inspirational story.

"I'm glad we're finally at this angelic occurrence because people are always asking me what it is," says Ripplinger who has only ever hinted about his own experience in previous books. "It really is something extraordinary and (readers) will see how it haunted me for five years."

With all of the success the series has enjoyed in

Canada, Ripplinger is hoping there can be a market for it in the United States. He already has had to turn Canadian distribution over to a different company as it is too much for him to manage himself.

"I do have some major publishers interested in buying the rights," he says, but for now is sitting tight and focusing on finishing and releasing the next two books in Canada.

With 10,000 copies of Book 4 printed, Ripplinger in late May already only had about 500 left so a second printing was scheduled.

All four books of *The Angelic Letters* series are available at Chapters/Coles stores and Costco in Medicine Hat as well as in Lethbridge in Alberta as well as at Walmart in Swift Current.

Ripplinger will be in Medicine Hat for a book signing. He will be at the Costco on July 5 and 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. He will also be at the Lethbridge Costco on July 3 and 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. He will be in Swift Current at Walmart on July 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More information is available on the website at: <http://www.henryriplinger.com/>.