

Third book in *Angelic Letter* series now on store shelves

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A month after the release of the third book in Henry Ripplinger's best-selling *The Angelic Letters* series, the response continues to be overwhelming for the Lumsden, Sask. author.

Angel of Thanksgiving was released just in time for Mother's Day this year and it likely wasn't soon enough for fans of the six-book series who have been eagerly anticipating its arrival since they put down the second book *Another Angel of Love* last year.

"The way the whole series came about, I still believe it is an inspired story the way it unfolded so naturally and in stages," says Ripplinger about his work.

The Angelic Letter Series follows the lives of Henry Pederson and Jenny Sarsky who meet as teenagers, but through circumstances and trials are separated.

Over the span of 50 years, readers will learn whether Henry and Jenny will be reunited again and along the way glean important life lessons.

Ripplinger says there are three basic things people will get out of reading the series.

"It is a heart-warming, love story; it exudes timeless life lessons that come through the main character's relationship with his mentor; and the story reminds us of our guardian angels."

Spanning the years, 1962-1983 *Angel of Thanksgiving* continues to follow the separate lives of Henry and

Jenny as they marry, have children and watch them grow.

This third book has the largest span of time so characters could reach certain ages to help the story unfold. It has also been one of the most challenging books for Ripplinger to prepare for press.

"When I finished my signings (for Book 2) in mid-December, I had 250 pages written," said Ripplinger.

"It was the last half of Book 3 but it wasn't a complete book."

Ripplinger spent the summer thinking about various ideas and felt he hadn't developed the character of Julean, Henry's wife, enough.

"From mid-December to the first week of February, 250 pages were added to Book 3. To me that honestly is a miracle," says Ripplinger. He had to meet a tight deadline in order to have the book ready for the press and released for mid-May.

Angel of Thanksgiving, while a challenge to finish, has also been the most emotional one for Ripplinger to write.

"The whole book was so emotional for me. My life weaves in and out and even more so in Book 4," he adds. "I think a writer writes what he knows and uses characters you are familiar with. Your life experiences help you develop the characters.

"The stories in my mind are really strong in character development. They are written with my heart strings and I coat the words with emotion."

Readers agree with Ripplinger as witnessed by their feedback about the books.

"I am an avid reader of a lot of different types of

books but I have never been captivated by any series as much as I have with *The Angelic Letters* series," wrote one.

Another email reads: "There were so many interesting story lines in this last book it was very difficult to put down. I also loved the scripture references, and have been challenged in my own prayer life this week. I made a trip into Regina today from Moose Jaw and imagined Henry and Julean everywhere I went."

"I have just finished reading your third book in *The Angelic Letters* series and would like to tell you that I have never read another book that has moved me as much as yours has. I think that every man, woman and child should read your books. Then maybe this world would be a better place," a third person wrote.

Even young people are reading *The Angelic Letters* series: "I'm in Grade 8 and these books are some of the best I have read. They are very appropriate for kids my age, and for those old people like my mom too."

Other reader reviews include: "I love the roller coaster of life, faith and emotions your storytelling takes me on," and "What an inspiring, thought-provoking, spiritual and emotional roller coaster."

Ripplinger has also received more accolades from his peers. The second book in the series, *Another Angel of Love*, recently received the silver medal for Religious Fiction at the 2012 Independent Publishers Book Awards (IPPA awards). Last year, *Pewter Angels* tied for the gold medal in the same category.

Books 1-3 of *The Angelic Letters* series are available at Coles and Costco in Medicine Hat as well as Costco stores in Calgary, Lethbridge and Edmonton in Alberta. In Saskatchewan, the books are available at Chapters, Coles, Henry's Cafe and Gift Shoppes and all Walmart stores as well as Costco stores in Regina and Saskatoon.

Ripplinger hopes to release the fourth book, *The Angelic Occurrence*, in January or February of 2013. More information is available on the website at: <http://www.henryriplinger.com/>.

