

Ripplinger releases second book in Angelic Letter series

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The wait is over for fans of The Angelic Letter Series.

Author Henry Ripplinger, who wrote the best-selling *Pewter Angels*, has released the second book in the six-book series — *Another Angel of Love*.

The Angelic Letters series is a love story following the lives of Henry and Jenny, who met as teenagers and were soon separated by circumstances and parental interference. They are guided through the struggles and victories in their lives by their guardian angels.

Set mainly on the prairies, Ripplinger, who resides in Lumsden, Sask., continued the love story in this second book as Henry and Jenny find new loves, but still let their minds wander to their first love. The reader also becomes more immersed in the life of store owner Mr. Engelmann who faces his own struggles and makes some life-changing decisions.

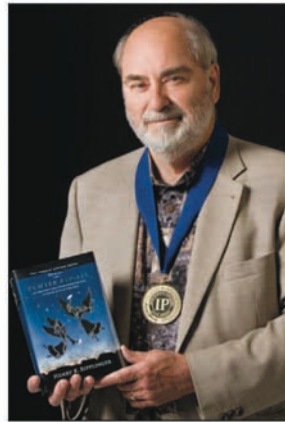
Ripplinger initially started writing the love story between Henry and Jenny in 2005 and after four years, ended up with enough to create a five-book series. Through the process of preparing the second book for publication, Ripplinger realized there was more story to be told, and decided the series would expand to encompass six books.

“The real essence of the story’s underlying message is about life lessons,” says Ripplinger.

He takes his characters through various challenges in the hopes readers can learn something from how his characters choose to respond to adversity.

“Book 2 continues with what was started (in Book 1),” says Ripplinger. “It’s a spirit-filled story that delves even deeper into the realities of faith and love.”

One of the biggest challenges Ripplinger had in preparing the second book for publication was convincing readers that Henry could find a new love, yet throughout the book there is still that hope created in the reader, Henry and Jenny might find each other



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Henry Ripplinger's first book in the series, *Pewter Angels*, tied for the Gold Medal Award for religious fiction from the 2011 IPPY Awards.

again one day.

“People just love it,” says Ripplinger, about the response so far to *Another Angel of Love*. He adds people want to know how and when these two main characters may finally get together again.

The series will chronicle the “love and adventure in the lives of two people, whose story shows us how angels and the heavens are intricately involved in all our lives and that miracles happen when we follow our hearts,” writes Ripplinger in the preface.

Through the lives of his characters, Ripplinger hopes to be able to show how choices can determine a person’s happiness and suggest positive values and principles for living.

“I really believe in the story and the message,” says Ripplinger.

He hopes readers find the books engaging and hard to put down.

“I hope it stimulates them emotionally and spiritually. Through the characters and the consequences of their actions, (I hope readers learn) it’s our choices and decisions that determine our happiness and inner peace.”

The theme of guardian angels continues as the story progresses. The characters become more aware of these beings in the series and become friends and allies with them.

Ripplinger himself is a believer in the existence of angels who watch over and protect people. He hopes by reading the *Angelic Letters* series, readers are reminded of the existence of these beings.

“It is my belief that from the moment we are conceived a guardian angel comes to our side to watch over, guide and protect us. We owe our angels profound respect for their presence, untiring solicitudes on our behalf, their love and their power to watch over us daily,” says Ripplinger. “Unfortunately, for many we either take for granted our helpers or are unaware of them. Throughout the book and series the characters

are reminded of their angels through promptings, their dreams, and sometimes small and big miracles.

“Like the characters in the story, the more we become aware of our guardian angels and acknowledge them, the closer our relationship becomes with them. We will come to realize that they are our best friends and allies, our unseen link to God.”

Just after the release of *Another Angel of Love*, Ripplinger received good news about the first book in the series. *Pewter Angels* tied for the Gold Medal Award for religious fiction from the 2011 Independent Publisher Book Awards (IPPY Awards).

He was up against 3,900 other entries from across the United States, Canada and seven countries overseas.

The Canadian bestseller, with more than 8,000 copies in circulation since its release in May 2010, was judged on first impression; cover design; interior layout, typeface and illustrations; use of language; message delivery and relevance.

“It was very exciting. I consider it an honour to have the book selected,” says Ripplinger about the award.

Now while trying to promote *Another Angel of Love* with signings and readings, Ripplinger is also working on the third book in the series.

The second book included 12 new chapters which weren’t in the original document, so that effects the following books in needing to wrap up some story lines and deal with some of the issues raised.

“I’m finding I’m still learning and growing myself as a writer,” says Ripplinger. “To keep things moving along, characters have got to be constantly challenged by something.”

More information about Ripplinger and the Angelic Letters series is available online at www.henryriplinger.com.

Pewter Angels and *Another Angel of Love* is available in all Chapters/Indigo stores across Canada as well as Chapters, Coles, Ripplinger Art Gallery, McNally Robinson, WalMart and Costco stores in Saskatchewan. It is also available at the Coles bookstore in Medicine Hat.

