

Henry Ripplinger Biography

Entrepreneur, Artist, Best-selling Author, Teacher, Counselor, Gallery Owner, and successful businessman, Henry Ripplinger was born and raised in Saskatchewan. Upon graduating from both the University of Saskatchewan and University of Regina with his BA, BED and Post Graduate Diploma in Counseling, Henry has made the prairies his home.

As Henry began to embark upon his teaching career, it soon became evident that he is a man who follows his dreams. Starting out as an educator, then counselor, his passion for painting soon drew him into the world of art. Not only was Henry able to support his growing family as a professional artist, he also built and developed an Art Gallery and Café in downtown Regina which quickly became a landmark for the city and province, drawing people from all over the world to his award-winning heritage complex.

Henry has become one of Canada's foremost prairie artists. His work is on display at Ripplinger Art Gallery in Regina, Saskatchewan and can be found in private and corporate collections across Canada and the USA. He is also the illustrator of the critically acclaimed and award-winning bestselling book, *If You're Not from the Prairie*.

After 20 years as curator and businessman of his gallery complex rather than retire into his advancing senior years, Ripplinger once again followed his dreams to pursue yet another career as an author. Motivated by a powerful spiritual experience, in 2005, Henry utilized his empathetic abilities combined with his lifelong experiences and eclectic career to craft an inspirational, Christian, spirit filled love story series and indirectly realize his aspirations of writing a self-development book.

As both author and artist, Henry communicates from the heart, painting pictures with words that are vivid and real. Readers feel and visualize every aspect of their own lives intertwined with the lives of his beloved characters.

Since the release of **The Angelic Letters Book Series** in 2010, Henry's style of writing combined with the captivating story he has spun, has enjoyed phenomenal success. His books are winning numerous awards: *Pewter Angels*, book one, in the series has won two Gold Medals; the Independent Publishers Book Award (IPPY) for Best Fiction in the Christian/Religious Category and in 2011 the Gold Medal in the Living Now Book Awards for Most Inspirational Book of the Year. *Another Angel of Love*, book two, won the Silver Medal IPPY Award for Best Fiction in the Religious Category in 2012. All first five books in the seven-book series: *Pewter Angels*, book 1; *Another Angel of Love*, book 2; *The Angel of Thanksgiving*, book 3; *The Angelic Occurrence*, book 4 and *Angel Promises Fulfilled*, book 5, are National Bestsellers and all have been listed in the Toronto Globe and Mail Top Ten Bestseller list. After a two-year retreat, the final two books in the series are now out: *The House Where Angels Dwell*, book 6 in 2017 and book seven, *The Heart of an Angel* in June of 2018. The combined sales to date of all seven novels exceed 225,000 books.

Henry Ripplinger's books are listed on Goodreads.com and can be reviewed at that site.

Ripplinger's second book, *Another Angel of Love* is also listed as the #1 Top Pick for Christian Romance Fiction, rated by wiki.ezvid.com

Baker & Taylor is the USA distributor for the Angelic Letters Series.

Henry resides with his wife in the panoramic valley setting of Lumsden, Saskatchewan, Canada. Their four children, two boys and two girls are married and raising families of their own.

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