

BRIAN KINDALL BIO:

Brian Kindall writes books – some for kids, some for grown-ups – brimming with the absurdity, beauty, and mystery of life. He crafts his stories to join the finest qualities of literature with large doses of adventure, peopling them with one-of-a-kind characters you won't soon forget. He is a master at playing humor against pathos, and fairytales against reality, all for the sake of a good (and sometimes quirky) read. He loves mountain climbing and paragliding and his wife and three kids. He lives with them on the shores of a pristine mountain lake, somewhere in the middle of Idaho.

Brian is the author of *The Epic of Didier Rain* adult fiction novels DELIVERING VIRTUE and FORTUNA AND THE SCAPEGRACE, and middle grade fiction novels BLUE SKY and PEARL.

THE EPIC OF DIDIER RAIN adult fiction series blurb (five books projected, two currently published):

The Epic of Didier Rain is a projected five book series in which we follow Didier Rain, versifier and rogue, through a succession of journeys that span such various settings as the American West, The South Seas, Japanese Snow Country, and Greece and France. These picaresque novels draw from an array of literary traditions ranging from Voltaire, Fielding, Byron, Twain, Darwin, Melville, Homer, Basho, and, finally, Rimbaud. Two of the five books are published, *Delivering Virtue* and *Fortuna and the Scapegrace*. My intent for this series is to take the series' antihero, paramour, and would-be poet – one Didier Rain – and send him through myriad misadventures that pit his highbrow aspirations against his lowbrow inclinations. Rain serves as an everyman, an example of someone struggling to find his place in the cosmos. His is the age-old human dilemma of how to manage the conflicting forces of the sacred and the profane. In true picaresque tradition, Rain's own foibles and delusions satirically reveal the hypocrisies and righteous inconsistencies of the cultures in the various corners of the world through which he travels. Although the books are set in the 1850s, my inspiration for writing these novels is in large part taken from the timeless struggles of humanity as I see them played out in the world of today.

DELIVERING VIRTUE adult fiction, press release:

DELIVERING VIRTUE, The Epic of Didier Rain Book 1

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Diving Boy Books

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ISBN: 9780990932864, \$11.99, 264 Pages, published November 7, 2015, literary fiction/historical fiction/magical realism

Keywords: dark comedy adventure series, american magical realism, western pioneer trail, zealots, historical fiction 19th century series, humor and satire, satire adventure

Available at all online retailers and for distribution through Ingram.

Didier Rain is broke, lovesick, and just off a three-day whiskey binge. And yet, The Church of the Restructured Truth has been told in a vision that he's the man to fulfill their Holy Prophecy. He must deliver Virtue - a blue-eyed infant - 1,000 miles along the western pioneer trail to their prophet's stronghold as his child bride to be. Savages, zealots, and wildfire all stand in Rain's way, not to mention a list of Thou-shalt-nots designed to thwart any man's most basic comforts. But, there's something holy about the job - something, Rain suspects, that might just turn his sorry life toward a better path.

In *Delivering Virtue* - Book One of *The Epic of Didier Rain* - Brian Kindall takes the classic novel of the West and turns it on its head. Grandiloquent humor and wit, pathos, and a cast of absurd, depraved characters all come together in an American Frontier world inspired by myth and legend, creating a surreal and disarmingly poignant adventure reviewers are calling *a triumph of American Magical Realism*.

Praise for DELIVERING VIRTUE:

"Author Kindall has a magical way with words. His prose has a visionary quality; he truly shows while he tells this story. His use of dialogue is funny, thoughtful, bawdy and entirely entertaining. Every single character in *Delivering Virtue* is necessary and intriguing who move the story forward and the book closes with a fully-satisfying denouement. ... He's immensely talented and I hope for more great work from him. He's definitely a writer to watch out for." - Bookish Jen, thebookselfblog.wordpress.com

"This provocative, wholly satisfying novel is a Western adventure told in the language of magic realism. It skillfully blends historical insights, moments of fantastical humor, stories of travel through exotic climes, and references to European poetry, Homeric mythology, and even Oedipal psychology. ...By its end, all the revelations, disclosures, surprises and their aftermath bring the novel to a gratifying and rewarding end. If it raises more questions than it answers, the questions are surely worth the asking." – BlueInk Reviews

"Rain and his little charge encounter lunatics, killers, American Indians, fanatics, and, eventually, the prophet himself and his followers. As the narrative climaxes and unhinges, Kindall steps up the violence of his narrative and its poignancy, and the combination of action, cynicism and dogged hope (with heavy helpings of magical realism) is oddly effective. A remarkable and *sui generis* historical novel." – The Historical Novel Society, Editor's Choice

FORTUNA AND THE SCAPEGRACE adult fiction, press release:

FORTUNA AND THE SCAPEGRACE, THE EPIC OF DIDIER RAIN Book 2

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ISBN: 9780999456941, \$12.99, 312 pages, published January 15, 2019, literary fiction/historical fiction/magical realism

Keywords: sea stories, historical fiction 19th century series, zealots, dark comedy adventure series, humor and satire, irreverent comedy series, south seas adventure

Available through all online retailers and for distribution through Ingram.

Didier Rain has never been so destitute, forlorn, and in dire need of a bath. As he roams the rain-muddied streets of San Francisco, it appears the angels of good fortune have finally forsaken him. Hunted by factions that would seek to do him harm, and suffering an acute case of soul pain, the once dandy rogue sees little promise for sunnier days.

But then, miraculously, all the stars of the cosmos move into a seemingly favorable position as a seductive albino soothsayer launches Rain onto the next leg of his life's stormy voyage. Will said voyage carry Rain to the soft bosom of comfort and contentment he so longs for? Is he the Chosen One, singled out by providence to lead God's people in their new South Seas church? And is Rain truly the newfangled man he believes himself to be? Or, as he fears, are the gods just having a bit of fun with their favorite gullible scalawag?

At turns ribald, horrifying, and hilarious, *Fortuna and the Scapegrace* follows *Delivering Virtue* as book two in Didier Rain's unfolding epic adventure of foibles, hope, and quest for love and redemption.

Praise for FORTUNA AND THE SCAPEGRACE:

"...The author handles this tasty stew of a plot with verve and humor, remaining in tight control of every deviation. This allows readers to easily follow the many plot turns and revel in the lively characterizations. While every character fits into the story's fantastical construct, the narrator/protagonist stands out, in particular, as a most memorable rogue." - BlueInk Starred Review

"Once again 5 stars for sure, because I honestly do not find a single flaw in this book. It is educational, poignant, well written, humorous, scandalous, and makes you think. It would not be an exaggeration to say that Brian Kindall is a genius of sorts. I look forward to reading many more of his wonderful works in the future." – M of OhJustBooks.blogspot.com

BLUE SKY, middle-grade fiction, press release:

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Available through all online retailers and for distribution through Ingram.

Blue Sky can climb like an ibex. She was raised by the herd in the highest peaks of the Alps and named for the color of her eyes. She's never known anything but rock, wind, snow, and ice, until the day she rescues a young climber from a stormy spire and learns of the world of humans beyond the crags. Sky longs to follow him. Can a girl raised by ibex in the mountains ever join the world of humans? A tale of self-reliance about finding strength in being who you really are and the courage to follow your dreams.

Praise for BLUE SKY:

“Brian Kindall’s middle-grade folkloric fantasy is a lyrical dream-like coming-of-age tale and powerful allegory of what it means to be human. ...the story’s wonder-inducing tone and its endearing protagonist Sky, whose purity of spirit make her a character readers will identify with and root for.” – BlueInk Reviews

“A fairy tale–like story about growing up and claiming one’s place in the wide, mysterious world. ...readers will be enchanted.” – Kirkus Reviews

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Available through all online retailers and for distribution through Ingram.

Pearl can't move. She's never wanted to, until now. Life above the waves beckons to her as she watches the boats moving along the surface of the water above her. Pearl is a statue carved of milk-white stone that has stood on the floor of an ancient sea for a thousand years, but she's waking up, and she wants more. As desire builds within her, it propels her on a journey that takes her to an exotic island grotto, into the midst of a bloody revolution, underground into a rat-infested tomb, and, at last, to a magical mountain paradise. Crazy rebels, wise philosophers, greedy grave robbers, and a few other friendly people and fish accompany her along the way, as she asks the question, "Is desire enough?" She'll have to have faith in the stars. She'll have to muster more courage than she's ever imagined. But perhaps by journey's end, Pearl will believe in herself, experience a miracle, and realize her greatest desire of all.

Praise for PEARL:

"*Pearl* is a creative and imaginative juvenile fantasy with memorable characters who tap into the magic and mystery of the universe. This is an enchanting, literary dive into the lightness and darkness of the world, its beauty and casualties, and a glimpse of the emotions that can arise out of young love." – Foreword Reviews

"...Brian Kindall's *Pearl* is an all-ages fable about an ancient statue of a girl carved from "the purest milk-white stone" whose life is irrevocably changed when a diver pulls her from the sea. ...a story about internal growth—a fantastical journey of self-discovery ... thematically powerful." – BlueInk Reviews