

Richard S. Wheeler

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Richard Wheeler is the author of more than 50 novels published since 1978. In 2001, he won the Owen Wister Award for lifetime excellence in literature about the American West. He is also a four-time recipient of the Spur Award from the Western Writers of America. Among his titles are *The Exile* (2003), *Eclipse: A Novel of Lewis and Clark* (2002), *The Fields of Eden* (2001), *The Buffalo Commons* (1998), and the 13-book "Barnaby Skye" series. His short stories are collected in anthologies, and he specialized in editing western novels while a book editor from 1972 to 1987. Before writing fiction, Wheeler attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and then worked as a reporter, editor, and editorial writer for the *Phoenix Gazette* in Arizona, the *Oakland Tribune* in California, the *Nevada Appeal* in Carson City, Nevada, and the *Billings Gazette* in Montana. Wheeler lives in Montana with his wife Sue, a professor of English at Montana State University-Billings.

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