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Character-driven fiction with a touch of spice.

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Book Launch Party Sci-fi western celebration.

It's a book birthday! My latest release, *Hideaway*, a romantic science fiction western with a Canadian flavour about family and belonging, exists in the world. Join me for a party on Thursday, September 24, starting at 7:00 p.m. (reading at 7:30) at Art Bar, 229 20th Street West, Saskatoon.

Wear your fanciest western duds or favourite sci-fi gear, or come as you are. Drinks and food available for sale along with my books (even if you've already got a copy, join me to celebrate).

Like my previous two novels, this one has been on a seven-year journey from its initial draft in November, 2019, through revisions, critiques, more revisions, manuscript evaluation (which resulted in a new chapter one added on), more revision, more critique, and four months working with my Saskatchewan Writers' Guild mentor. Oh, yes, and more revision. It started out set in the mythical Old West like the television shows that inspired it, but ended up on a farm on a distant planet settled by people who nostalgically named towns for Earth cities. Fellow Saskatchewanians will catch a couple of those names.

If you're looking for ebooks, *Hideaway* and plenty of other science fiction romance reads are available in a special Epic Sci-Fi & Fantasy Romance group [promotion](#). I get points for each click, so check it out [here](#). Please click.

Hope to see you soon. Keep in touch.

Thanks for being with me on this journey!

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