



*Over all the mountaintops is peace.
In all the treetops you perceive scarcely a breath.
The birds in the forest are silent.
Wait, then;
soon you, too, will have peace.*

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

[Betsy and Dean, Wilson & Pollack]

22 April 2015

Dearest Carol,

We are so sorry for your loss. Words fail at times like this, but do know that we - and everyone Ivan touched - keep you & Ivan in our daily thoughts.

We were so privileged to have known Ivan. I remember that first meeting on the St. Petersburg trip talking on the top deck of the ship. Ivan was so engaged, occasionally taking out a little notebook and jotting down something - I know not what, but capturing a thought, a moment, a whimsy forever.

May all the wonderful times and memories wash over you when you need them most. Please know that you are in our hearts.

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WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Betsy & Dean

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[April 22]

Dear Carol,

Phil & I were
traveling when the news
of Joan's death came
to us. Words failing,

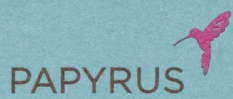
we think of you
both, first as friends
and second as forces of
nature. Joan is and
will continue to be
missed so much.

I know everyone

will be more eloquent
about his writing. I
can only say I loved
how he made people &
places real.

Personally, I can tell
you I'll miss seeing
him and his warm, slight
smile.

Phil & I look forward
to seeing you on our
walks up 175th (aka "Big
Hill") and hope to tell you
all this in person,
with love & thoughts,
Phil & Molly Cook



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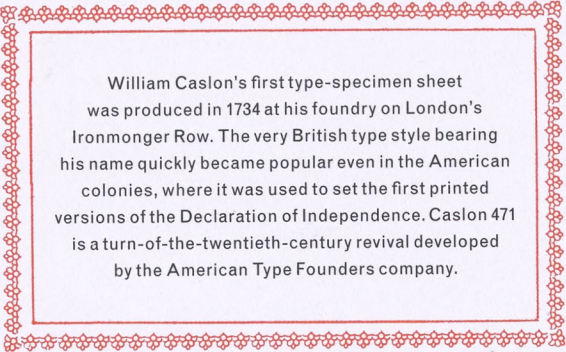
[April 23]

Dear Carol,

Our sympathy and condolences to you and your Family with the loss of Ivan. My signed editions and accompanying meticulous letters of helpful instruction and explanation sit in a separate and honored place on my book shelves.

I will be sending \$500 to the SCC Library's Foundation account in his memory requesting that it be spent on books related to the history of the Pacific NW and the western movement. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to support you.

John Backes & Pat Smith



William Caslon's first type-specimen sheet was produced in 1734 at his foundry on London's Ironmonger Row. The very British type style bearing his name quickly became popular even in the American colonies, where it was used to set the first printed versions of the Declaration of Independence. Caslon 471 is a turn-of-the-twentieth-century revival developed by the American Type Founders company.

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[Sue Armitage]

April 23

Dear Carol -

Long ago, before any of his Montana books were published, Ivan and you drove to Pullman, where Ivan spoke to my summer class about Winter Browsers. It was that long ago! I had to check to see if it was still in print.

Ivan was the first historian I knew who wanted to reach beyond the usual audience with fiction that was history-based but engrossing, full of real characters. As you know, he did it with great success, book after book. This was so long ago

that we historians believed we were teaching "facts" in an objective way. Now we know better, and I am sure that I am not the only historian to admire & try (usually unsuccessfully) to follow his example. More than that, I also think that Ivan was the western writer who convinced eastern readers that real people lived in the West, not just Tom Mix and John Wayne, and to do it ~~my~~ by ordinary scenes like a description of haying.

Quite aside from literary achievements, I remember Ivan as a quiet and gentle person, not inclined to tout his own horn. I am glad I knew him, and I am sure that his books & personal example will be longlasting.

With best wishes - Sue Armitage

Winter Wheels

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Nancy L. Greenfield



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Before it was stopped, the
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Blankenship is the closest
fire department
about an hour
from the fire

Columbia Falls near the
Fork Road

The ALERT helicopter
landed to transport Barnes
to the hospital for treatment.
Barnes declined the flight
and said he would drive himself
to the hospital. Flight nurses
dressed his wounds.

A Border Patrolman
was on the scene to help as
Glacier National Park
Flathead

[Marcella Sherry Walter]

Friday, ~~Aug~~ April 24, 2015

Hi Carol -

I better not make it August yet - the summer is too sweet - at least if we get rain.

Here's the clipping that Karen sent. I'm a bit ambivalent about the cartoon - though it speaks to a sense of personal connection to Iran - perhaps among other beliefs. You must experience so many moments when you can hear Iran's voice and what he'd be saying -

Take care -

Love -

Marcella

Doig spoke to and for Montana

An important, dynamic voice in literature about Montana and the American West was stilled last week with the death of Ivan Doig at age 75.

Doig, a Montana native, wrote 16 books — many of them historical novels set in Montana.

Many readers are familiar with the exploits of Doig's iconic McCaskill family that run through many of his novels.

Through the McCaskills and many other characters, Doig brought an incisive, creative view to Montana history.

"I'm drawn to write about the past, I guess, because it seems to be such a part of our bloodstreams," Doig told the *Inter Lake* in 1999. "I do think the past really counts in people's lives."

His writing about the past earned him widespread popularity.

Australian author Thomas Keneally described Doig as "one of the great American voices, full of grace, abounding in humanity, easeful in narration,

Inter Lake editorial

hypnotic in pace, grand in range."

He will be missed, but he will also be read for years to come.

Farewell, Gov. Babcock

Another giant figure from Montana's landscape also left us recently.

Former Montana Gov. Tim Babcock was notable for rising up from his farm childhood in Eastern Montana to becoming a leading figure in politics during the tumultuous 1960s. Along the way, he also served his country by serving in the U.S. Army Infantry in World War II.

Babcock was elected lieutenant governor on a ticket with Gov. Don Nutter, and when Nutter perished in a plane crash in 1962, Babcock helped heal Montana's wounds with

his level-headed leadership. He was later re-elected to a full term, but failed in his bid for a seat in the U.S. Senate.

In his later life, Babcock was "Mr. Republican" in statewide politics, attending every national GOP presidential convention for 60 years. His longtime wife, Betty, brought her own special touch to Republican politics as well as well, having herself been a state legislator and serving as a delegate to the state Constitutional Convention.

There were some hard times as well, especially his ill-fated association with industrialist Armand Hammer, which led to a conviction on a campaign finance violation that occurred in Richard Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign.

Nonetheless, Tim Babcock was the real deal. As Gov. Steve Bullock noted, "He was a pillar of politics in Montana" and he "will be missed."

Letters to the editor

Questions about the revision of the forest plan

Having participated in the preparation and review of the original Environmental Impact Statement and the Flathead National Forest plan of 1986, I attended the March 17 open house to see what changes were proposed.

I was not surprised to see that most of the forest (with the exception of Tally Lake District and the "Island Unit") was either proposed as new wilderness, wild and scenic creeks, or some other "look, but don't touch" recreational area. This plan is supposed to deter-



**Ivan Doig
1939-2015**

Alan Furler
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Guilty for his role in robbery

District Court. He is convicted of accountability for a felony.

According to court documents, two men took money from a Northwest Drug Task Force agent during a January undercover deal. They fled to flee in a car that

Landwehr was driving.

The undercover agent had made plans to meet Jacob Sauls in Evergreen to purchase methamphetamine. While making the deal in the agent's car, Sauls allegedly took the money and reached at his waistband, where he had a handgun.

Sauls and another man got into the car with Landwehr and drove away. Agents pulled them over and found the money on the floor of the car.

Landwehr reached a plea agreement this month that would give him a 10-year suspended sentence.

Storm-drain project begins on Monday

Construction crews are preparing to break ground on a storm drain project in southwest Kalispell and advise caution around the work site.

The job includes the installation of a 12-inch storm drain and some ditch grading along Darlington Drive, Garden Way and Bluestone Drive.

Downing Underground, Inc., the contractor for the city project, said in a release that the work "creates a dangerous environment for those persons not related to construction."

Downing asks people to be careful around work sites and stay out of pipes, trenches and equipment.

According to Downing, preliminary work will begin April 20 and construction will start on April 27. The project has a 30-day window.

Crews will hit Darlington Drive first, followed by Garden Way and then Bluestone Drive. Parking will be restricted from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on active streets.

Trash and mail service should continue, and home access might be restricted during pipe installation in front of a property, according to the contractor.

Questions can be directed to Downing Underground at 892-0219.

Swan Lake boat ramp back in action

The boat ramp at the Swan Lake Day Use Site is now open for public use. Repairs to the damaged ramp were completed on Thursday.

Five damaged concrete planks on the ramp's upper section were removed and replaced. Damage to the ramp was discovered last week. Ice and wave action over the winter moved the planks, making the ramp unusable for launching.



and Columbia Falls battle a structure fire about 11 miles south of the Canadian border on Thursday. The structure was a complete loss, but firefighters and neighbors were able to stop the fire from spreading to all as his neighbor's home. (Chris Peterson/Hungry Horse News)

Building, injures man

Neighbors smelled smoke and alerted him to the fire at 1:30 p.m.

Barnes suffered burns to a leg as he tried to put the fire out since the structure was attached to his home.

He apparently didn't have a fire extinguisher on.

A neighbor called the Flathead County Sheriff's Office, and firefighters started fighting the fire in about an hour.

Both Blankenship and Columbia Falls firefighters responded to the scene and were able to keep the fire from spreading to Barnes' home as well as other homes, but the outbuilding, along with about 10 cords of firewood, were a complete loss.

Before it was stopped, the fire covered about 3 acres.

Blankenship is the closest fire department to the site, about an hour's drive from Columbia Falls.

Columbia Falls near the North Fork Road

The ALERT helicopter landed to transport Barnes to the hospital for treatment, but Barnes declined the flight and said he would drive himself to the hospital. Flight nurses did dress his wounds.

A Border Patrolman was also on the scene to help as well.

Glacier National Park and Flathead County Fire Department

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Sacred Refuge

*Nancy L.
Greenfield*

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Missoula, Montana



4/25/15

Richard Green

Dearest Carol,

Belatedly, I wanted you to know how sorry I was to hear of Leon's passing.

It was such a joy to have known him, and it warms my heart to know that he will be with us always through all of the wonderful books he created -

Warmly,

Bill Speer



[Jim Sawyer] [April 24]

On the Range

This round-up scene shows part of a typical day in the life of the western cowboy. As the cattle and horses graze by the watering hole, the cowboys relax in the saddle, always with a vigilant eye to their herds. Note the chuck wagon across the pond.

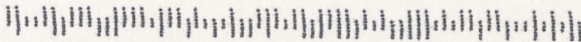
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MRS. Doig,
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you ARE
well! Here's A
love I think you'll
like! Jim Sawyer

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[Parkplace Books]

[April 24] CAROL -

HE IS A TREASURE!

OUR DEEPEST & BEST
THOUGHTS GO OUT TO
You.

SINCERELY,
Rebecca & Mary

Sabatini's Photography
Framable Art



"The Palouse"-Steptoe, WA MS9727

Just a note...



[Darlene and Robert Simmons] [April 25]

PLEASE KNOW WE THINK OF YOU OFTEN
AND FONDLY.

Baby & Dee Simmons

Dear Carol,

Please know we share your sorrow and sense of loss. We are all much diminished by Ivan's death.

We hope that you find some comfort in the many tributes and expressions of shared loss that we've seen in the media, from those who found compassion, laughter and understanding in our friend's wonderful stories.

Our first acquaintance with his work was "This House of Sky" shortly after we moved to Seattle from L.A. in 1977. It remains at the top of our list of favorites, along with English Creek & Rascal Fox.

We've been amazed at Ivan's energy and his ability to capture our imaginations so vividly. I'm sorry we've sort of lost track of each other in the past few years after we moved north.



Dear Carol, [Chambliss]
[April 25]

Today I received an ARC of Last Bus and realized that I had not sent you a note.

I really cherish the wonderful reception that you and Ivan gave to me and René, when we visited for that interview a few years ago. I was also - maybe for the first time - really impressed with how closely you and Ivan worked. I expect we all owe you more than we know for the success of his book.

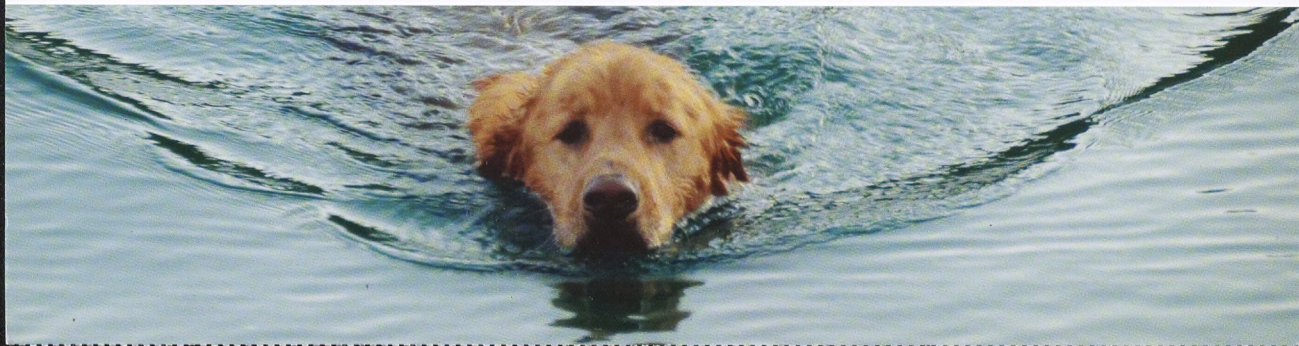
It's truly hard to believe he has died. Please know that there are a lot of us

thinking of you and sending you our very
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Thom Chambliss

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— MARGARET HALE



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Pedernales Falls, Texas

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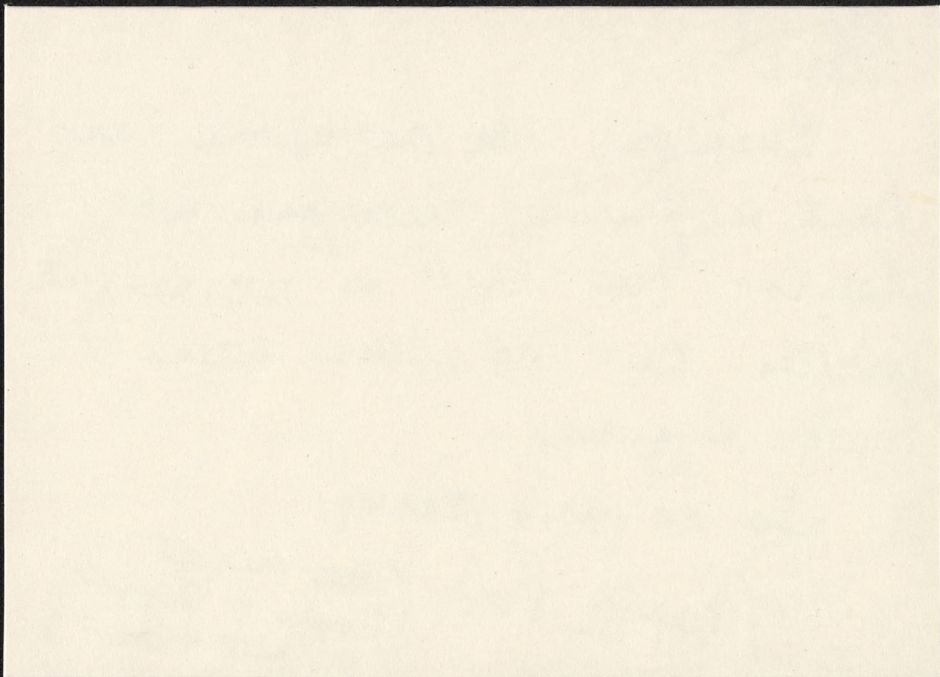
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[April 25]
Carol

Everyone who met Ivan has
lost a friend, everyone who
reads has lost a wonderful
writer, but no loss can
match yours.

I'm so very sorry.

Merry Nye (we met at
henda & Jeff's
a few times)







[Wendy Manny, Third Place Books]
[April 26]

Those we love are never far away.
They live in our hearts forever and always.

In Sympathy

Card.

I was saddened to hear
of your loss. I am thinking of
you and Ivan. It was such
a joy to work with you both.
If there is anything you need
please do not hesitate. I hope
to see you in the store.

My deepest condolences

Wendy Manny
Third Place Books



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April 27, 2015

Dear Carol,

Just a quick note to let you know you are often in my thoughts.

How confirming and rewarding it must be to know you met and chose such a spirit who connected with so many. (The article in the recent Sunday "Seattle Times" was another wonderful tribute)

The new preface for the 15th Anniversary of "This House of Sky" was wonderful to read again. Now I am rereading "This House of Sky" since that was my introduction and connection with Ben.



Steve is in Valiseille this week and he hopes to get some photographs around the open part of Glacier Park.

The weather seems to tempt us with warm and then chilly rain! Such a beautiful spring earlier this year. I imagine you have had some pretty views from home.




Hoping all your wonderful memories bring you strength and much joy.

A big "Montana" bear hug,
Mary Helen Windell

P.S. I thought you might like photo of "Dana" on tour.

William Arthur

A Message of Sympathy



Love lives on within our hearts
and keeps a steady glow...

It guides us on our daily path,
wherever we may go...

[April 28]
Carol-

4/15

It was with sadness I read of Ivan's passing. How wonderful were his writings! What a treasure he has left! Of course, your accompanying help and support was part of it ALL!

My ^{and I} mom (who is now gone also) met you and Ivan some years ago at a reading of Ivan's at Auntie's Book Store in Spokane. My great-grandmother was the German lady mentioned at Ringling in This House of Sky. She owned the Harder Hotel and Restaurant. Ivan's uncle Ed was my great uncle. He was married to my great-grandmother's daughter (Christine). Who was the German lady from Ringling in Ivan's book, This House of Sky. over

Carol and Family

It lights the way when times are dark
and reminds us every day
That our love lives on and on
in every single way.


With Sympathy

Sincerely

Linda Jett

Life is Fun, convoluted and
strange in all the connections
we have with Everyone.

Anyway, my thoughts and
prayers are with you in this
difficult time!

Special 
Thoughts



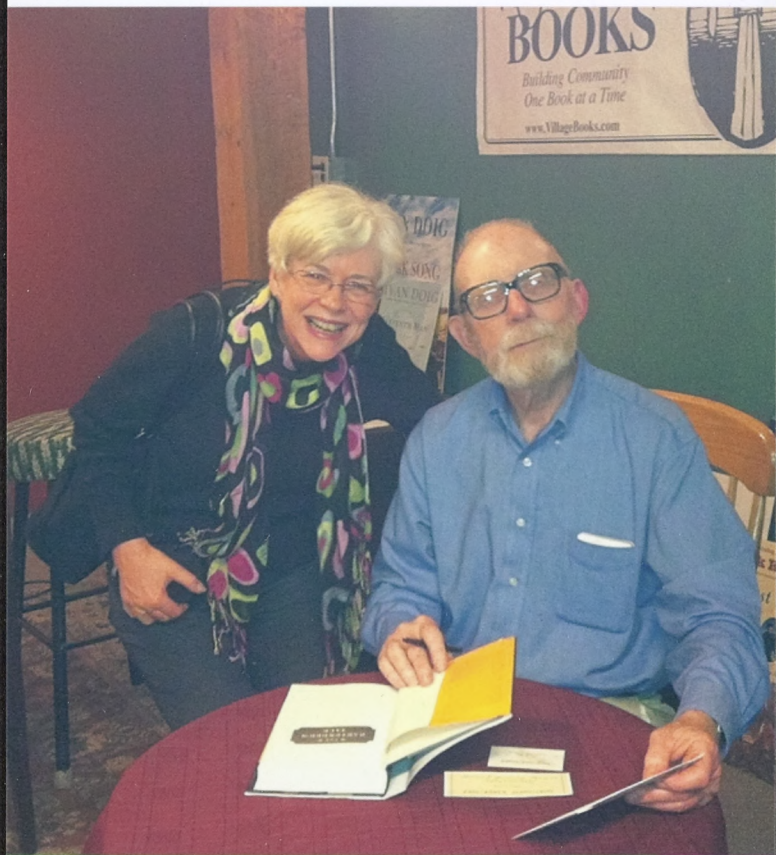
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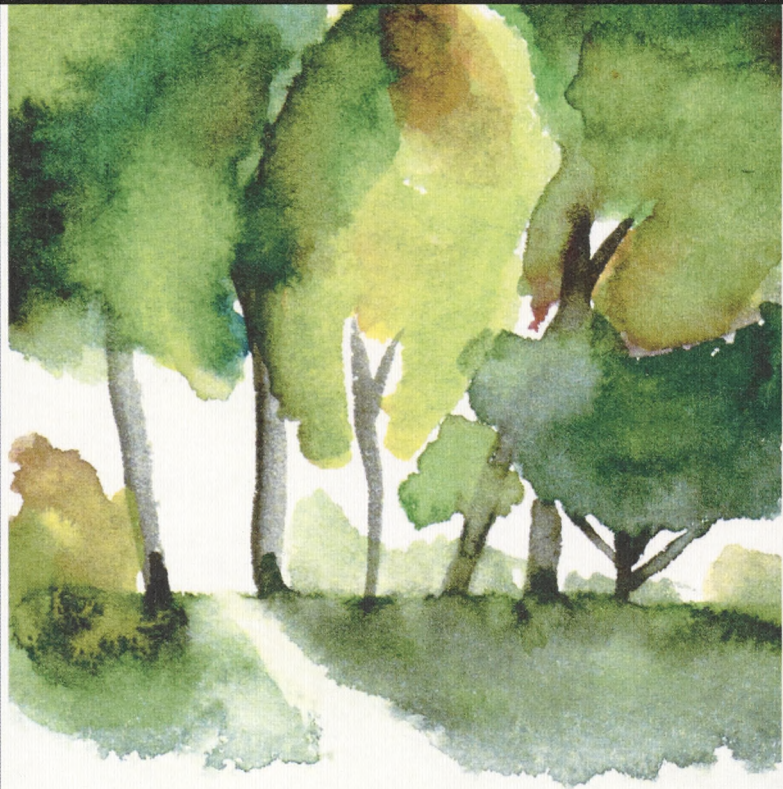
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[Pennie Clark Fanniciello]

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
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in sweet and happy memories
that will forever remain

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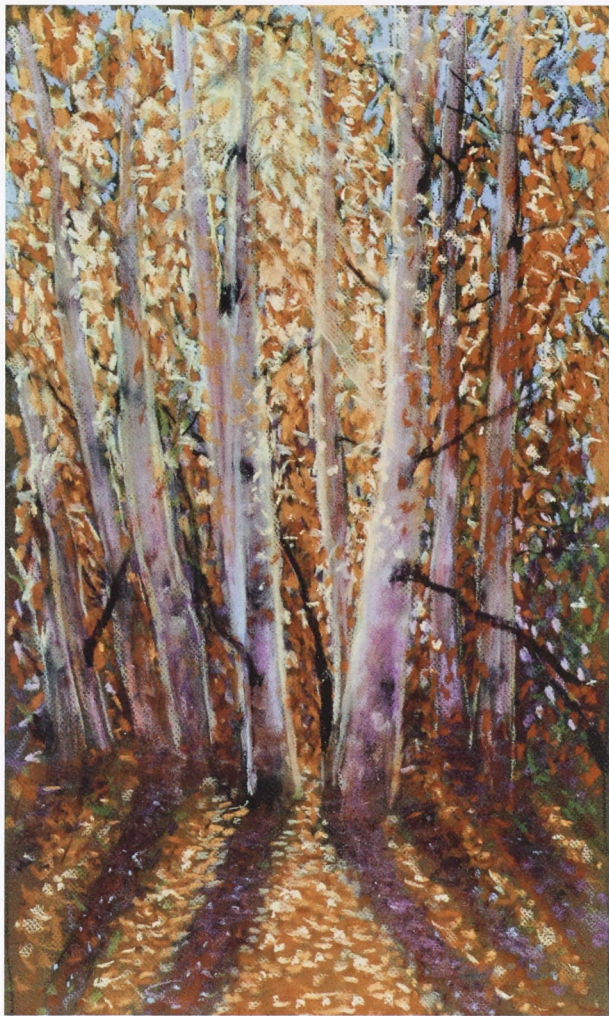
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[Paul Lerner!]

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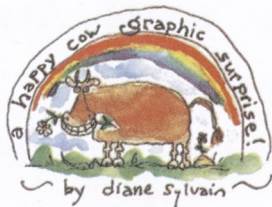
Iran: work and his perspective
and reverence for this difficult
place we live, informs our
work every day.

Paul Lerner
exec. director

We are sorry to hear of
the loss of your partner, Ivan.
The staff and board of High
Country News holds you both
in our hearts.

WHAT IS THAT YOU EXPRESS
IN YOUR EYES? IT SEEMS TO
ME MORE THAN ALL THE
PRINT I HAVE READ IN MY LIFE.

-WALT WHITMAN



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