

About Gary

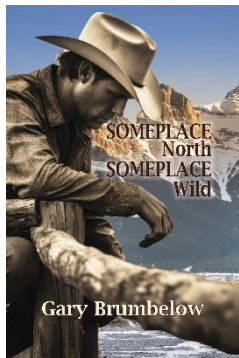
Gary Brumbelow grew up in a preacher's home in town and felt cheated because he didn't live on a ranch.

In his twenties, Gary and his bride lived in wilderness cattle country in British Columbia, Canada. They befriended the owner/operators of a 325,000-acre ranch extending from the Fraser River 75 miles west into the Coast Mountains. This magnificent ranch would become the setting of his first novel, *Someplace North, Someplace Wild*.



Gary has served as a pastor of Troutdale Community Church since 2011. Today he writes stories about mountain ranch adventures in the north.

Someplace North, Someplace Wild



Back cover copy:

Deception, blackmail, and an innocent man framed for a murder. Can the real killer be found in time? The trap is closing fast!

Twenty-two-year-old Cody Brandon's journey from Texas to British Columbia has turned into a nightmare.

After he snags a mountain ranch job ... gets smitten with a beautiful schoolteacher ... and faces down an attacking grizzly with a rock, Cody's at the top of the world.

But bad news finds him. He's wanted for murder, and the feds are coming.

Julie Stewart, meanwhile, striving in her first semester as teacher in a one-room schoolhouse in a neighboring mountain village, gets a shock. This cowboy is stealing her heart.

They share a love for adventure, the mountain wilderness, and a common faith, but will they have opportunity to share a future?.

Someplace North, Someplace Wild is a real-life 20th century contemporary western adventure. It will appeal to readers who embrace traditional values including the values of family, personal responsibility, a strong work ethic, freedom, the rule of law, and the rights enshrined in our constitution.

Endorsements

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Other

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Sample interview questions

1. Tell us the story in a paragraph.

A young cowboy—resourceful, honest but impulsive—leaves Texas for Canada to pursue his dream of punching cattle in the wild, gets a job on a remote mountain ranch, meets a beautiful girl, all the while overcoming big obstacles in his first month. Then out of the blue he gets arrested and deported because he'd been framed for murder and it took the law four weeks to find him. And not only framed, he discovers the county attorney is compromised and he can't trust the system. He has seconds to decide whether to submit to the law, as he was raised to do, or run and try to exonerate himself. What will he do?

2. What prompted you to write this book?

Communication in writing was central to my 50 years of career ministry. I had a latent desire to write a novel but it seemed out of reach. My wife showed me an offer to take a novel-writing course from Jerry Jenkins so I decided to take the plunge.

3. Every novel includes the author's personal journey, according to some people. How is that true of this book?

I grew up in two small farming/ranching towns, one in Texas and one in Nebraska. My dad was a pastor, so we lived in town. But I liked nothing better than spending time on the farms or ranches of my friends. I was a reader, fond of Jack London stories, watched John Wayne movies, developed a deep love for all things northern and western. At 25 I moved to the part of British Columbia where the story is set and became intrigued by that way of life. But the book didn't get written for two generations.

4. What well-known books or movies are comparable?

Walt Longmire series, a modern western with mystery and romance elements

CBC Heartland series, a ranch setting in western Canada with wholesome family values

Sunrise by Susan May Warren, a western motif, romance, and Northwest (Alaska) adventure

5. Tell us about the process of writing? How long did it take? How many versions before you landed on the final one?

When I began I assumed I would write one version, but not until the 11th iteration did a publisher say yes. From the first word on a computer screen to signing a contract with a publisher took five years. Then a year from contract to publishing.

6. How can your genre best be described?

The story is a contemporary western adventure with a romantic suspense dimension. It is inspirational; most of the central characters seek to live Christ-honoring, if not perfect, lives. Yet the story includes all the normal human struggles of deceitfulness, corruption, unfaithfulness in marriage (not explicit), and malfeasance including actual murder.

7. How would you describe the metanarrative of *Someplace North, Someplace Wild*? Beyond the story itself, what's your point?

You could think of the story as a book-length elaboration of something Jesus said in a very short parable about how the kingdom grows as God and man work together. Most people believe in God, after some fashion, but struggle with how God works with humans. What is God's part in a human life? What is my part? What's the part of prayer? How do praying and doing go together?

The answer has puzzled theologians for generations. This story does not resolve it, but it does speak to it to bring clarity to the question by showing how one young man learns to trust God while using his resources to escape disaster and pursue his dream.

Excerpt from *Someplace North, Someplace Wild*

<https://tinyurl.com/bd4nm4rn>

Testimonials (as of July 2024. The book does not release until 8/1/2024)



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Someplace North, Someplace Wild is a raw tale of courage, resilience, and the pursuit of one's dreams against all odds. Gary Brumbelow delves into complex relationships, unfulfilled expectations, and the transformation of letting go of the past to embrace the promise of a new beginning. **Britney Ta**, Founder and Owner of Fish4Ever Aquatics, Social Media champion with 8 million followers



We admire those who brave strenuous and risky outdoor adventures. In *Someplace North, Someplace Wild* Gary Brumbelow tells a story about challenges with elements, geography and people set in the high mountain grassland of British Columbia. Hard work, romance, crime, and biblical values shared by some of the characters kept me reading and reflecting. Fasten your seat belt—you are in for a ride! I hope for a sequel, perhaps in a rugged region of Alaska. Loren Leman, P.E., former Alaska legislator and Lieutenant

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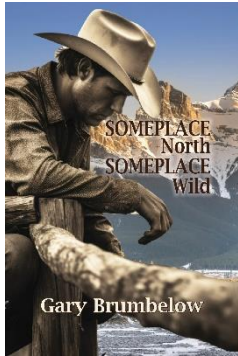
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Someplace North, Someplace Wild



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A naïve young Texan arrives at the threshold of his dream—a life in the wilderness—only to find himself charged for a murder he did not commit, cornered by a crooked county attorney, and out of options.

For years, Cody Brandon has wanted his own cattle ranch in the mountain grasslands of Canada. Armed with a fresh degree in Ag Business from Texas A&M University, he heads north to British Columbia to take a promised job as ranch manager, a step toward his ultimate goal.

He perseveres through multiple difficulties, falls in love with a beautiful schoolteacher, and has just secured a dream job on a remote mountain ranch, when the bottom falls out of his world: he learns he's been framed for murder in Idaho.

He returns to Coeur d'Alene, where he learns how he was framed, and discovers the county attorney is lying in order to milk him for incriminating evidence. Cody can't trust the system. Like David from Saul, he opts to flee. He has two weeks to find the actual killer and exonerate himself, or go to prison and watch his ranch dream die.

Gary Brumbelow immigrated to Canada in 1978 and spent two years in the Chilcotin/Shuswap region of British Columbia, the setting for *Someplace North, Someplace Wild*. After a career in Christian ministry this is his first novel.

He worked as a missionary in Canada's First Nations communities before taking a pastoral position in a local church, where he continues to serve today. Gary spent almost 12 years as editor and blog manager for an international training organization. He cowrote and/or edited several books, mostly recently *Wisdom: The Way to Human Flourishing* and *Mountain Ranch at the End of the Road: Horses, Cows, Guns and Grizzlies in the Canadian Wilderness*.



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