

Raised in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon, William Kent Krueger briefly attended Stanford University—before being kicked out for radical activities. After that, he logged timber, worked construction, tried his hand at free-lance journalism, and eventually ended up researching child development at the University of Minnesota. He currently makes his living as a full-time author. He’s been married for over 35 years to a marvelous woman who is an attorney. He makes his home in St. Paul, a city he dearly loves.

Krueger writes a mystery series set in the north woods of Minnesota. His protagonist is Cork O’Connor, the former sheriff of Tamarack County and a man of mixed heritage—part Irish and part Ojibwe. His work has received a number of awards including the Minnesota Book Award, the Loft-McKnight Fiction Award, the Anthony Award, the Barry Award, and the Friends of American Writers Prize. *Vermilion Drift*, released in September of 2010, was a *New York Times* bestseller. The eleventh book in the series, *Northwest Angle*, is scheduled for release on August 30, 2011.

Awards

Bush Artist Fellowship, 1988

Loft-McKnight Fiction Award, 1998

Minnesota Book Award, 1999

Anthony Award for Best First Novel, 1999

Barry Award for Best First Novel, 1999

Friends of American Writers Prize, 1999

Minnesota Book Award, 2002

Readers Choice Award, 2003

Anthony Award for Best Novel, 2005

Anthony Award for Best Novel, 2006

Midwest Booksellers Association Honor Award in Fiction, 2007

Minnesota Book Award, 2007

Dilys Award (Independent Mystery Booksellers Association), 2008

Lovey Award (Love is Murder Conference), Best PI/Police Procedural category, 2008

Minnesota Book Award, 2008

Northeastern Minnesota Book Award (NEMBA), 2008