

## William Kent Krueger: Biography

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 40 years to a marvelous woman who is a retired 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, the Dilys Award, and the Friends of American Writers Prize. His last nine novels were all *New York Times* bestsellers.

*Ordinary Grace*, his stand-alone novel published in 2013, received the Edgar Award, given by the Mystery Writers of America in recognition for the best novel published in that year. The companion novel, *This Tender Land*, is scheduled for publication in September 2019.

### **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  
Midwest Booksellers Choice Award for Best Fiction, 2013  
Dilys Award (Independent Mystery Booksellers Association), 2014  
Squid Award (Left Coast Crime), 2014  
Edgar Award, 2014  
Minnesota Book Award, 2014  
Northeastern Minnesota Book Award, 2014

Anthony Award for Best Novel, 2014  
Barry Award for Best Novel, 2014  
Macavity Award for Best Novel, 2014  
Lefty (Left Coast Crime) Award for Best Novel, 2018