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Author looks to his Winifred roots as inspiration for new novel

Marcus Andrews seeks glory in his small hometown of Eaden, Mont. He is entering his senior year of high school and has yet to attain the athletic fame that he has dreamed of his entire life. He is further burdened by his father's mental illness and confusing preoccupations.

When Eaden loses its final football playoff game to its rival school, Marcus sees the upcoming basketball season as his last chance to claim immortality within his community.

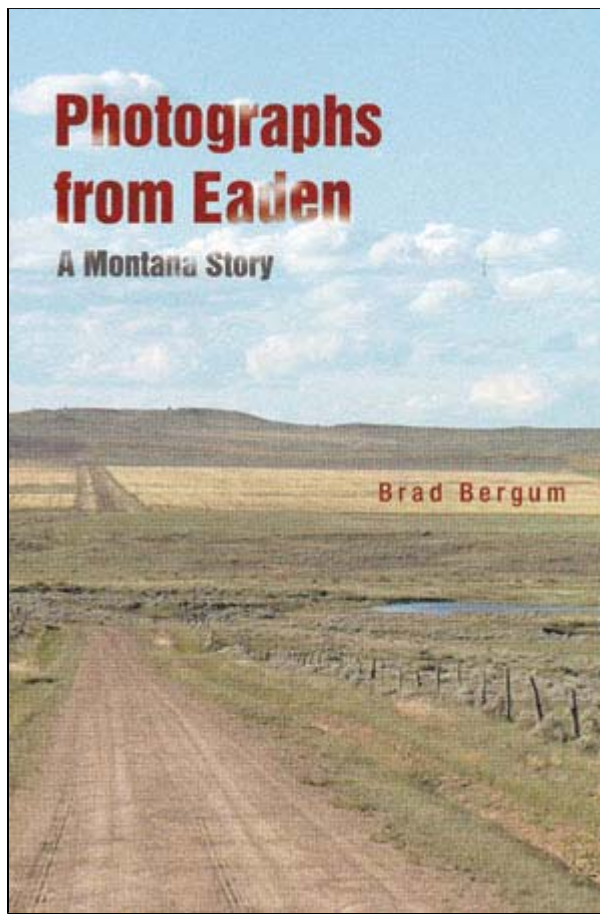
When one of his teachers assigns a Montana History writing project, Marcus reaches out to George O'Sullivan, an old man known in Eaden for his knowledge of local Native American history as well as for rumors about his sexuality. As Marcus's friendship with George grows through his final year of high school, secrets are revealed that will change Marcus's life and impact his entire family.

"Photographs from Eaden: A Montana Story" is the debut novel from Brad Bergum, a Winifred native. The book is set in a town named Eaden, Mont., a place that shares the successes and bears the scars common to many small Montana agricultural communities. The story is one of seeking adventure, understanding what it means to be a part of a close-knit community, and finding the value and strength of family.



Bergum

Bergum's intimate appreciation for the unique Montana communities that are located far off the beaten path is seen throughout the novel as he tells a story that is



The cover of Bergum's new book portrays the solitude of rural Montana.

inspired by the pride and passions of the real people and places that make up Montana's rural spaces.

"In appreciation of the community that raised me, as well as all of the communities like it across the state, I am donating all profits from the publication of this book to the Central Montana Foundation," said Bergum.

"This donation will go directly to community projects and improvements that will benefit the children of today in much the same way that the contributions of others benefited me as I was growing up."

"Photographs from Eaden: A Montana Story" can be purchased from Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and selected Montana bookstores. For more details visit www.bradbergum.com.

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