

About Anne Hillerman

After a long career as a non-fiction writer, Anne published her first mystery, *Spider Woman's Daughter*, in 2013. The story and the series that followed, continued the adventures of Navajo law enforcement characters created by her father, Tony Hillerman and added many new twists. Her tenth mystery, and the 29th in the series, *Shadow of the Solstice*, was set for release in 2025. Each of the books has been a *New York Times* best-seller.

Born in Oklahoma, Anne Hillerman came to New Mexico as a child. She grew up in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, the eldest of the family's six children. Even as a little girl, she loved to make up stories.

Anne received a journalism degree from the University of New Mexico. Before becoming a bestselling mystery writer, she worked in radio and print journalism as a reporter, feature writer, editor, columnist, book and restaurant critic, and freelancer. She helped organize the acclaimed Tony Hillerman Writers Conference, which featured her father as a presenter and highlighted the work of many authors from New Mexico and the Southwest. She wrote several nonfiction books before she made the leap to novels.

Anne has received numerous awards for her writing, including the New Mexico/Arizona book award for best New Mexico Book, the Frank Waters award for contributions to the literature of the Southwest, the Will Rogers Medallion Award for outstanding achievement in Western Mystery, and the Rounders Award for helping keep the spirit of the American West alive. She was a finalist for the Oklahoma Book Award and is an executive producer of the television series *Dark Winds*, based on characters in her book and those by Tony Hillerman.

Anne enjoys interacting with readers both in person and virtually. She is an enthusiastic supporter of literacy programs and public libraries. In her rare, non-working moments she enjoys hiking with her dogs, gardening, skiing, reading and visiting the Navajo Nation.