

## About Anne Hillerman

After a long career as a non-fiction writer, in 2013, Anne published her first mystery, *Spider Woman's Daughter*. The story continued the adventures of Navajo law enforcement characters created by her father, Tony Hillerman. Her seventh mystery, and the 26th in the series, *The Sacred Bridge*, was released in 2022. Each of the books has been a *New York Times* best-seller.

Anne Hillerman came to New Mexico as a child with her mother, Marie, and her father, Tony Hillerman. She grew up in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, the eldest of the family's six children, and experience that gave her wonderful material for fiction. 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 best-selling mystery writer, she worked as a newspaper reporter, editor, columnist and restaurant critic. She was also a magazine and book editor, travel writer, and the author of several non-fiction books. 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.

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 and the Rounders Award for helping keep the spirit of the American West alive. She was a finalist for the 2022 Oklahoma book award for *Stargazer*. She also is an executive producer of the new television series *Dark Winds*, based on characters she and Tony created.

Anne enjoys interacting with readers in person and has also given dozens of Zoom talks. She is an enthusiastic supporter of literacy programs and public libraries. In her rare, non-working moments she enjoys hiking, gardening, reading and visiting the Navajo Nation.