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## Books for Sale



Over the years I have written 5 books: The first two books were *Insurance Wars* (278 pages) and *Insurance Wars II* (305 pages). These two books are basically the story of how our company, Western Agency, Inc, was created and the various challenges and crisis's Linda and I went through to keep the company alive until we eventually learned how to be self employed! Many people have told me this book should be a must read for anyone thinking of going into business for themselves. I guess I have to agree because that is why I wrote the books. If Linda and I could have had such a book to read before we went into business for ourselves, it would have saved us many heartaches and much wasted cash.



The third book is *Dakota to Dakine* (244 pages): This book is a collection of poems and short stories that I have written over the years. This book is now in its third printing.

The fourth book is *Minot Down Under* (120 pages): This book is largely a chronicle of the flood of 2011 which inundated and destroyed much of Minot, North Dakota and indeed the entire Mouse (Souris) River basin. This book does not have too much prose and is primarily composed of aerial pictures I took from my airplane as Minot and the surrounding area was engulfed by floodwaters in the spring of 2011. Several of the pictures turned out to actually portray events of this disaster' real time' as we just happened to be directly overhead as several dikes broke and flooded the various areas of Minot and surrounding country.



The final book so far is *Jet Dog Jack* (166 pages): This book was actually dictated to me by our most excellent companion dog, Jack. Unbelievable as it may seem Jack was one of the few dogs who could communicate directly with humans and his book is a compilation of the many conversations that he and I had about, not only his amazing life's story, but of his "dogs view" of the world we live in. Needless to say, his candid views on our current world, how he survived his many brushes with death, and then ended up flying around the United States in a private jet makes for a most interesting read. Jack lived with Linda and me for many years and was our steadfast, loyal and fierce friend. I am happy to report that even though he now makes his residence in Dog Heaven, before he passed, he and I were able to finish his book. Early reports are that although his story may bring a few tears to your eye, it will have you laughing out loud as well.

All of my books are available electronically at [TompkinsPublishing.com](http://TompkinsPublishing.com) for \$9.99 and the physical signed books can be purchased by simply sending me a check and your return address. Prices for *Insurance Wars I & II* are \$25 for paperback and \$40 for hard cover, *Dakota to Dakine* hard cover is \$40, *Minot Down Under* is \$30, and *Jet Dog Jack* is \$20 for paperback and \$30 for hardcover. Shipping cost is included in these prices. Mailing address is: Tompkins Publishing, 1940 S Broadway, PMB 172, Minot, ND 58701.

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It seems that, in our retirement, Linda and I are simply not seeing old friends enough. Not only are we are busy every single day, but we are in Arizona quite a bit of the year. And now that I'm out of the business world it seems we just don't see everyone like we used to.

That is one reason I have been writing *Crapper Chronicles* for these past few years. It is a way for us to stay in touch with old friends and gives me an excuse to keep writing. I hope you enjoy it, but since some of the times I get toooooo opinionated, be sure and let me know if you want off the "Crapper" list.

By the same token, if you want to add someone to the list, just shoot me an email and I'll get it done. Richard Farnham of Farnham Associates on the Big Island of Hawaii does my layout work and makes sure my email list is kept secure.

For past issues of the *Crapper* go to:  
<http://www.tompkinspublishing.com/the-crapper-chronicles.html>

## Quotes Worth Pondering

**Senator Rand Paul:** “Do you realize we are still giving foreign aid to China? Not only that, the United States is actually borrowing money from China. So, insane as it may seem, we are borrowing money from China, then giving it back to them, and yet we are still paying interest on the monies loaned.” No wonder the Communist Chinese think we are idiots.

**Portland Oregon Head of School Board Michelle Depass:** “A school should not choose an evergreen tree as a mascot because trees mean lynching.” People, remember, this lady is HEAD of the Portland Oregon School Board.

**Coca Cola 2020 Annual Meeting:** “At the entrance to the meeting we will verify your registration, request to see your admission ticket, and ask for a valid form of photo ID such as driver’s license or passport.” Isn’t this waaaay more restrictive than actually voting in a NATIONAL election in many states? Just asking for a friend.

**Elon Musk:** “They don’t ban ‘hate speech,’ they ban speech they hate.”

**Jan Psaki:** “Businesses won’t raise prices just because we raise their taxes.” Folks, this is an actual quote from this former Disinformation talking head. Makes you wonder what Cracker Jack box she got her diploma out of, doesn’t it?



## Information Worth Pondering

**Why the Fuel Shortage?** Well, just for starters, in recent years seven refineries which formerly processed 806,000 barrels of oil per day have gone off line. Some were simply shut down, and some were converted to bio fuels to meet the demands of the Green (environmental) lobby. We as a nation are left with 124 refineries which is 10% fewer than we had in 2016. Also, much of our National Petroleum Reserve that is being released supposedly to “lower the price of gas,” is in fact being sold to India and China. Believe it or not, our Strategic Oil Reserves, which are to be used for emergency use only, are being sent to foreign countries, one of whom is a Communist country. Make no mistake about it, contrary to the constant stream of fake news, the cost and shortage of fuel has absolutely nothing to do with a far away conflict in Ukraine. Like so very many of our problems in the United States today it is absolutely and purely political.



**Where Are Rare Earth Minerals Mined?** China now controls 90% of the world’s rare earth supply of 17 metallic minerals. These rare earth minerals are a crucial and an essential material needed in the manufacture of ALL electronic devices. Note: we have plenty of these rare earth minerals in the United States, however, the “Green” (IE Socialist) faction of politicians currently in charge of our nation are actively preventing the mining of these minerals as well as oil in the US. These socialists are apparently perfectly OK having both oil and rare earth minerals mined in countries under Socialist/Communist control. Obviously, any pollution caused by mining in THOSE countries has no effect on their phony “Climate Change” agenda.

**Weaponized Electricity:** The use of, production of, control of, and cost of electricity will be a huge issue in the next 20 years. This will be primarily due to the insane “Green” agenda being forced on our nation by the Socialist/Communist politicians currently in power in this country. Even now in England, if needed, they can shut off your power so you can’t charge your electric car. Furthermore, if your car is charging or “plugged in,” and they want your power returned, it is possible for the power provider to actually drain power back out of your car’s battery and put it back into the grid. This availability of power, and control of it, is not simply dictated by the power company, it is controlled by direction of the Government. Folks, think about it, read some non political books on it, and quit simply relying on fake news to give you what you assume is valid information.



**Land Sales:** Believe it or not, the Chinese just purchased 300 acres of land within 12 miles of the Grand Forks, North Dakota Airbase. This airbase is home to a large part of the United States unmanned aerial weaponry being developed. Wow! This is in addition to the Chinese buying other farmland, and in the case of Smithfield Foods and the North Dakota Mill and Elevator, large portions of our country’s food processing capability. Maybe we should see if the Chinese would mind if we purchased 300 acres of their land within a few miles of one of their important military bases. Yeah, right! When will our politicians wake up? Just asking for a friend.

**Covid True Killer:** Covid is certainly a true killer. It has killed the Common Flu, Cancer, Heart Disease, Fentanyl overdoses, as well as the ability to think logically, common sense, the economy, the working class, millions of jobs, thousands of businesses, human connection, love and compassion.



**Ohio Judge Saves Himself:** Once again proving that you and you alone, in most cases, have to protect yourself from violent crime, an Ohio Judge was recently attacked, shot and wounded by an assailant. This resourceful judge returned fire with his own weapon. The man who shot him is dead, the Judge is in stable condition. His concealed weapon saved his life. Remember, violent crime in most cases happens in seconds and, by and large, the police show up AFTER a crime has been committed. When they arrive on the scene, they can either draw a chalk line around where your body is laying, or they can draw a chalk line around the criminal who assaulted you. At least for now in the United States, citizens can protect themselves and decide where that chalk line is going to be drawn.

**Poor Use of Resources:** Don’t forget it was Democrat mayors who sent SWAT teams to shut down churches and barbershops, but it was these same mayors who let Antifa, BLM and looters burn down their cities. Furthermore, many of these same mayors still support insane “defund the police” agendas. Maybe you think I’m kidding, so to help you, here are some of these mayor’s cities’ percentage rise in homicides from 2019 to 2020. Seattle +74.1%, New Orleans +61.7%, Atlanta +57.9%, Chicago +55.5%, Boston +54.1%, Portland +51.5%, Houston +42.7%, San Francisco +32.4%, Los Angeles +30.4%, and Washington DC +19.4%.



**New Rules for Old Shows:** In the past, the TV shows *Gunsmoke* and *Bonanza* were wildly popular. Reruns of both these popular old shows are widely viewed even to this day. However, they now have this disclaimer: "This picture contains outdated cultural depictions, viewer discretion advised." What these terrible "outdated cultural depictions" actually are is not explained. Whatever they are these "outdated cultural depictions" are apparently so toxic they can actually harm vulnerable "Snowflakes." Gee, bummer dude!



**Author Found to be Gray Panther:** Gray Panthers, you know who they are: Militant old people, angry old people, old people with little patience, old folks not interested in hearing more bullshit, old folks who are not at all interested in the latest computer craze, older people who actually hate to buy a new car because they don't want to "learn" how to drive and operate all the damn gadgets it has, older folks who may occasionally not be the best drivers. ....Anyway, you know who I mean. Well, over the years, I have of course known such people, interacted with them, and of course was related to some of them. I just never thought of myself as one. However, the other day, an "old guy" cut me off at the gas station. Pulled right out in front of me, didn't even look. Lucky for him, I WAS looking. Anyway, I kind of threw up my hands in disgust, but I didn't lay on my horn or get too carried away being angry. I have to tell you though, when I looked in the mirror of my vehicle, what did I see? To my surprise, I, too, was now a newly minted Gray Panther. Whatahyagonnado?

**The High Cost of Toast Revisited:** You may remember in the last Crapper I explained the high cost of buying a commercial toaster and having it installed. Long story short, it ended up costing the lion's share of \$1000. It does make nice toast in a hurry, but at a terrible cost. Now the sequel: On getting back to the farm in North Dakota, Linda went on a mission to upgrade our toaster here as well. She stopped into Target and purchased a 4 slice Oster model (on sale) for \$29. Laughing, I wondered out loud if it would even get the toast done. Surprise! It makes wonderful toast in a short amount of time and works perfectly. As usual, I should not have strayed from my lane. My approved tasks are mowing the yard and doing OUTSIDE work. Bonappitite!



## Product and Vendor Reports:

**How About Grill Cleaning?** It seems that in Arizona most all of us use our outdoor grills most of the time. Of course, like most folks, I make an effort to keep our grill clean, but like so many of our friends, to put it gently, I could be doing a far better job. Lucky for Linda and I, Bobby and Joannie Hill located a most excellent grill cleaning service in Fountain Hills, Arizona. If you live in that area, call *Acme Grill Cleaning* and owner Kevin Chavez - 480 244 8896. Kevin stopped up to the house with, literally, a trailer load of cleaning equipment and supplies. When he left a few hours later, our 18 year old grill absolutely looked and worked like new. Not only that but Kevin did not give me a hard time for letting the grill get so dirty in the first place, and the bill he presented me with was far lower than what I had been expecting! Thanks Kevin!

**How About Shaving Products?** In my search for a "non-woke" shaving company I located Barbasol Shaving Products, a Dublin Ohio company that has proudly proclaimed their "Made in America" status for over 100 years. I ordered a razor and a year's supply of blades from [www.barbasol.com](http://www.barbasol.com). I couldn't believe the price, only \$45, and even better, the Barbasol shaver worked far better than either my "woke" Gillette or my "woke" Harry's. Do yourself, your beard, and your country a favor and give Barbasol a try!



**How About Shoes?** New Balance Shoe Company produces all of their shoes in five factories located in the United States! It is not easy to find a sports footwear company that actually makes their products in the United States, and one of the only ones I could find just happens to be the shoe I have worn for years, New Balance. In Minot, contact D&S Bootery on Mainstreet. Phone: 701-838-2510, or 701-720-0075, or: [dsbootery@srt.com](mailto:dsbootery@srt.com). This is the perfect place to get yourself a pair. Stop in and see Bryan and do your feet, Bryan, and our country all a favor.



**How About Knife Sharpeners:** All I can say is over the years I have bought many different types of knife sharpeners and, to put it bluntly, by and large, most were simply not much good. All that changed when I was introduced to the Ken Onion edition knife sharpener by WorkSharp. Do yourself and your knives a favor and contact them at: [www.WorkSharpTools.com](http://www.WorkSharpTools.com). These excellent tools are made by Darex, LLC, P.O. Box 730, 210 E Hersey St, Ashland, OR 97520. Phone: 800-597-6170 or email: [info@darex.com](mailto:info@darex.com). The only problem you will have is forgetting just how sharp your knives are and getting accidentally cut!

## Points to Ponder:

**Injecting Hormones:** There are many folks who absolutely object to injecting cattle with any hormones and they abhor anything "genetically altered." Yet, unbelievable as it may seem, in some cases these are the very same people that have no problem at all injecting their own children with hormones, to try and change their gender.

**College Degrees:** If you, as a college student, got a worthless degree in a field of study where there is no hiring demand, and your degree does not generate enough value to pay for itself; what makes you think it has enough value for the rest of us to pay for it? Just asking for a friend.

**Raising Children Successfully:** Before you let Joe Biden tell you how to raise your kids, maybe you should take a quick look at how his parenting worked out. Just sayin.....

## THE CRAPPER MUSE

## Autumn in the Shaw

North Dakota has valleys and  
canyons,

Which cut cross the land.  
Sliced deep and wide,  
From water: God's hand.

Over time valleys soften,  
Grow grass; flowers, rich  
and warm.  
Trees spread their branches,  
creeks lazily wander,  
Busy beaver dams are born.

These valleys are beautiful,  
With no two alike.  
Some are quite hidden,  
Awaiting Discovery's  
delight.

One such secret, beautiful  
valley,  
As a young man I first saw.  
It was big, wide: magnificent;  
And known simply as, The  
Shaw.

Lazy days of summer,  
Let time pass away.  
Bees make their honey,  
Scenes change; every day.

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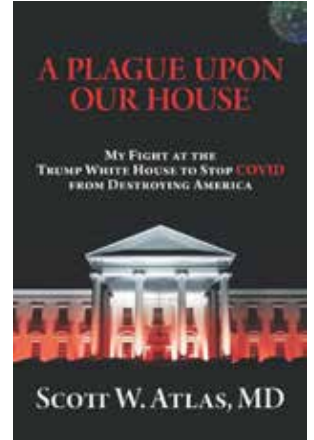


**First it Was Polar Bears:** The headlines screamed "Polar Bear Cubs Dying." Of course mankind caused "global warming" was cited as the cause. However, a few years later, an exhaustive study was done on the Polar Bear population. This study found that the population of the Polar Bear was larger than at any time since records had been kept. Of course the alarmist who had proclaimed they were becoming extinct was never challenged, and never asked where he got the bogus information for his bullshit predictions. Silence.

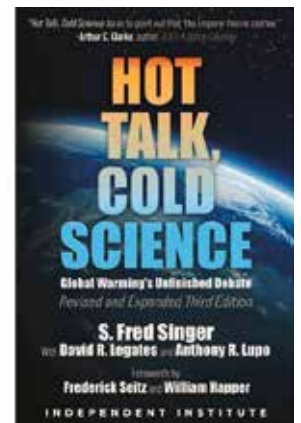
**Now it is the Emperor Penguins:** The new headline screams, "Emperor Penguins in Danger of Extinction!" Of course the new alarmist crying wolf cites the usual, and ever popular, "mankind caused climate change" as the cause. Funny how "global warming" is now out of vogue. However, just a quick bit of information, by actual satellite photography, the polar ice cap is NOT shrinking; it is growing. I wonder if anyone will challenge this new BS prediction about Emperor penguins becoming extinct or if when, it too, is shown to be sheer conjecture, anyone will be held accountable.

## Book Reports:

**A Plague Upon Our House by Dr Scott W Atlas:** This book explains in detail the journey of the "Wuhan Flu" as it worked its way through our political system. Unlike political appointees like Dr's Fauchi, Birks, and CDC head, Redfield; Dr Atlas is, in fact, a recognized and world renowned expert on infectious diseases. He was a main player in the largely unsuccessful attempt to CORRECTLY manage the "Wuhan Flu" epidemic. This book rips away the political bullshit of the "Wuhan Flu" and concentrates on the actual effects of this epidemic on various segments of our population. The events Dr. Atlas chronicles are backed up by the actual signatures of those who were in attendance at those high level government meetings. The fact that several of these very same people, such as Fauchi, Birks, and Redfield, literally left such meetings and then gave reports to the media which directly contradicted the consensus of the meeting they had just attended, is also discussed and proven. What a read! Once again, if you are going to intelligently discuss the "Wuhan Flu" epidemic, read this book. As a nation we are not done with this flu and every citizen should read Dr Atlas' book, so they can see through the intrigue and manipulation the "Wuhan Flu" has created and correctly position themselves and their families to deal with the ramifications brought on because of it.



**Hot Talk, Cold Science by S Fred Singer:** This book is simply a must read if you are going to be able to rationally and understandably discuss Climate Change. The author of this book, the attendant materials discussed, as well as other contributing authors quoted, have the undeniable, unassailable, and rock solid credentials necessary to competently discuss this subject. More importantly, they are non political and, contrary to the phony information pedaled by the likes of Al Gore, Leonardo Di Caprio (who actually did not graduate from high school), Greta Thunberg (who also lacks a high school degree), and many other people, who basically have only a political agenda to promote their phony impending "climate change catastrophe," the authors of Hot Talk Cold Science KNOW the ACTUAL science and do a great job of uncomplicating it enough for the rest of us to understand. One of the most important subjects discussed is the now famously discredited "Hockey Stick Graph" of Michael Mann. Somehow, though provably wrong and misleading, this graph, which is based on totally unproven and unreliable data, is even now being touted as believable by political Socialist Green New Deal proponents. Do yourself, and those you associate with, a favor and get this book. It will un-complicate, depoliticize and explain this most important subject for you: Without any political bullshit.



## Prayer Corner

I have no doubt in the power of prayer. If you would please take a moment and pause to say a prayer for a friend who is ill, or someone in need of a subliminal push in the right direction: While you are at it, say a special prayer for our great country to somehow, somehow work its way out of this current insane drift towards Socialism/Communism and away from God.

*As always, thanks for reading Crapper and remember, we have our families, our friends, our health, and time. The rest is simply smoke and mirrors!*

Chuck Tompkins