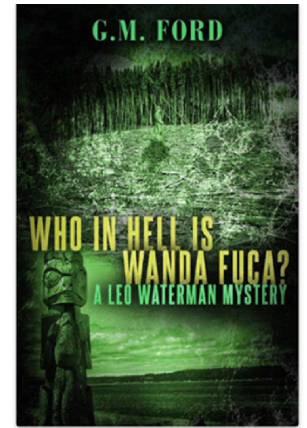


## Our book club discussion July 17, 2023

Who in Hell is Wanda Fuca, *A Leo Waterman Mystery* by G.M. Ford as described: Ford's first novel (1995) deals with exploits of a Seattle detective. When an old gangster friend of Leo's father makes a request he "can't refuse," Leo and his band of drunks delve into the world of environmental politics in search of Caroline Nobel, a spoiled brat, without the sense God gave a gopher. With the help of "the Boys" — a group of aging winos who are his modern day "Baker Street Irregulars" — Leo fights Native American tribal politics, industrial pollution, and psychotic grannies to fulfill his obligation to a friend.

About the author, Gerald Moody Ford: . . . "escaped teaching English at a community college to write full time. He never (well, rarely) suffers fools, and he enjoys music, cooking, boating, golfing, and arguing about everything under the sun . . . "



### **Our discussion**

An easy read

The do-badders vs. spinster sisters

Somewhat of a "skid talker"

Some things may seem confusing – don't over-think!

Some words politically incorrect nowadays

Were any of Ford's characters named after his first in-laws?

Involving environmental and climate issues

Tribal politics along with industrial pollution

Enjoyed it!

And let's read his wife's first book!!

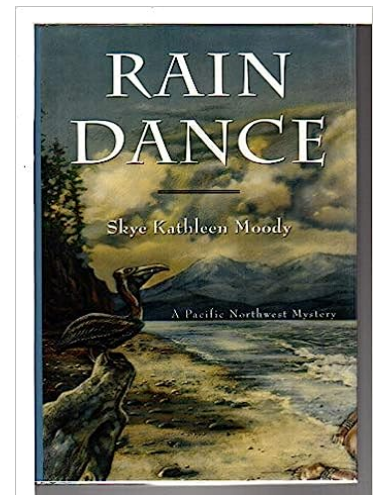


### **Our next book for discussion August 28<sup>th</sup>: Rain Dance**

by Skye Kathleen Moody, widow of author G.M. Ford (above)

About the author, Skye Kathleen Moody is the creator of the "Venus Diamond" mystery series, a collection of novels which characteristically educate readers on environmental topics and perspectives while leading them through a mystery.

*Rain Dance*, the series debut, introduces the series' heroine, Department of Interior agent Venus Diamond. In *Rain Dance* the short, motorcycle-riding, daughter-of-a-movie-star sleuth returns from Singapore to determine the relationship between a violent murder and the altered pelican habits on Seattle's Ozone Beach. Calling the story "utterly captivating," *Booklist* contributor Emily Melton praised *Rain Dance* for its "fresh-as-a-breeze style, in-your-face humor, offbeat plot, and delightfully sassy heroine." A *Kirkus Reviews* critic maintained that Moody's "spirit and sophistication ... smooth any number of rough edges".



"Exciting and suspenseful"

Did you catch the moody name of both? Gerald Moody Ford was married to Skye Kathleen Moody.

G. M. Ford's Who in Hell is Wanda Fuca was written in 1995 – his first novel in the Leo Waterman series: a private investigator

S. K. Moody's Rain Dance was written in 1996 – her first novel in the Venus Diamond series: a Fish and Wildlife agent