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Former Weather Underground Member Pens YA Novel

Protestor. Nurse. Author. Advocate. Kit Bakke's improbable story includes as many twists and surprising turns as the lives of characters in her novels. Meet this beloved Seattle author and member of the Seattle7 Writers during her appearance at Chatwin Books' booth (#2351) from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan 26.

In the 1960s, Bakke joined the infamous Weather Underground and participated in anti-war and anti-capitalism actions around the country. After returning to her native Seattle, Bakke became a pediatric oncology nurse at Seattle Children's Hospital. She now works as an independent writer and consultant, supporting philanthropic organizations focused on immigrant rights, health care and education.

In 2017, Chatwin published a third, revised edition of Bakke's powerful young adult novel, *Dancing on the Edge*. After her mother's sudden and senseless death, twelve year-old Dot finds herself dancing on the edge of everything. With all familiar anchors swept away, Dot's offbeat aunt takes her on an international voyage of literary discovery and time travel. Drawing on Bakke's experiences as a pediatric oncology nurse, *Dancing on the Edge* offers readers a memorable, powerful journey into life in the wake of profound loss.

Bakke other books are *Miss Alcott's Email* (David R Godine) and the nonfiction *Protest on Trial* (Washington State University Press). Her writing explores the importance of dissent for democracy, the lives of historical women who rejected social and cultural norms, and a personal love of British literature and the English landscape.