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Rivaling Proust's Work in Size, this 19-Volume Series Begins in Indiana Before Moving to the Pacific Northwest

Chatwin Books is excited to host J.G. Perkins, author of the 19-volume "Darkness Before Mourning" series, one of the largest bodies of fiction ever created by a single author. Perkins will be appearing at Chatwin's booth (#2351) from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Over 40 years in the making, each independent work in "Darkness Before Mourning" acts as part of a biographical continuum. The books explore Perkin's searing experiences in a profoundly dark, semi-fictionalized form. They offer readers a remarkable window into American society, life, and familial relationships from the 1950s to the present.

In volume 1, *The Announcers* (Chatwin, 2015), main character Jack Lewis relives a pivotal period in his life: the two seasons he spent in Little League with his father, the team's announcer, who was secretly dying of cancer.

Volume 2, *Harvest of Ashes* (Chatwin, 2017), finds Jack Lewis facing not only the usual Christmas pressures felt by parents of young children, but a long list of difficult situations. He's promised his wife to be happy this year (despite sad anniversaries), work has become a minefield, and his mother suddenly falls ill.

Originally from Kokomo, Indiana, Perkins now lives in Seattle. His literary archive is housed at the Lilly Library, Indiana University. Visit Chatwin Books' booth (#2351) on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to meet Perkins and learn more about his remarkable series.