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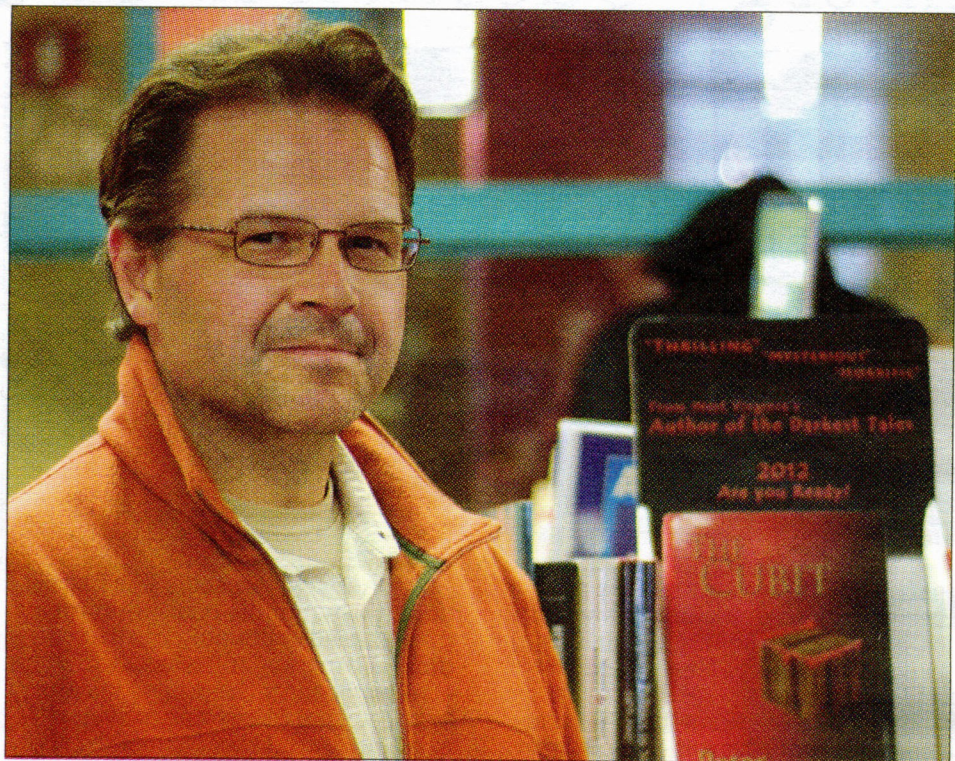


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An assistant professor of communication at West Virginia Wesleyan College, Peter Galarneau Jr., has written "The Cubit" — the first part of a trilogy.

Galarneau on the Shelf

Peter Galarneau Jr., assistant professor of communication at **West Virginia Wesleyan College** in Buckhannon, is now a published author.

His book — "The Cubit" — is a 316-page novel that Galarneau describes as "a horror thriller with roots that are fact-based fiction."

In a news release, the college said the book is built in two parts. Back-story is provided in Part One. Part Two follows the main character Billy Jo Presser who has left MIT in disgust after his ideas are stolen by other professors and used for their personal gain.

The fiction world of "The Cubit" has been an idea of Galarneau's for more than a decade.

"At first, I put my ideas for 'The Cubit' in short story form," Galarneau said. "Back in the '90s, I was moving into the horror genre circles, writing short stories and having them published in small press magazines and attending conventions in an attempt to get my name out there with editors and writers. But then the opportunity became available to return to school and that halted my ideas to continue the storyline."

Galarneau, who has degrees from Wesleyan and **West Virginia University**, decided "The Cubit" would be

the first part of a trilogy. Galarneau has started writing the plot points to the second book of the trilogy entitled "The Djed."

A glimpse of the novel is available as an e-Book on the novel's Web site at www.thecubit.com, where the book can also be purchased. The novel also will be available at the West Virginia Wesleyan College **Barnes & Noble** Bookstore, the Buckhannon 7-11 store and **Aseops Bookstore** in Buckhannon.

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