

You Bring the Kerosene, We'll Bring the Matches

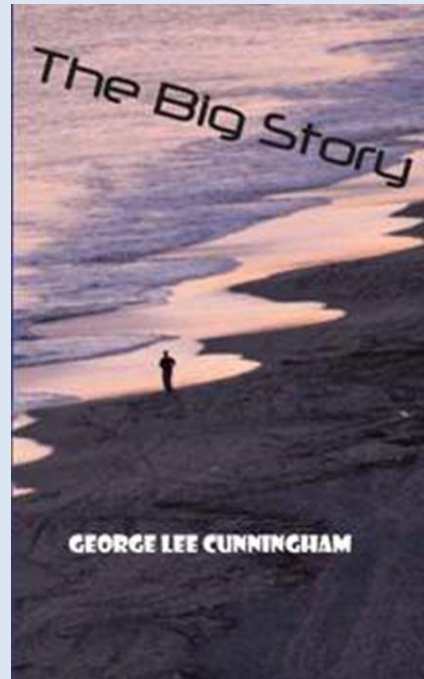
By George Cunningham

It seems that the good old days of book-burning are making a comeback. Wearside Women in Need, a non-profit group in the UK that focuses on combating domestic violence, plans on holding a bonfire where people can burn their copies of the latest outrage, 50 Shades of Grey and its sequels 50 Shades Darker and 50 Shades Freed. The trilogy – which is about a young woman lured into a sado-masochistic relationship by a handsome but cold billionaire – has sold more than 24 million copies. The Wearside ladies say the books are vile and that they give young women the message that domestic violence is somehow sexy.

Other folks, however, are horrified at the whole idea of burning books. These are many of the same folks who think burning a flag is no big deal since it's just a form of self-expression. They compare the ladies who want to burn 50 Shades with jack-booted Nazi storm troopers trying to suppress ideas they don't like.

I have never been a fan of book burning, but I have to side with the ladies on this one. If that's how they want to express their disgust, more power to them. And I have to agree that

George Lee Cunningham's



A hard drinking reporter has to decide whether to keep chasing his big story or to make his bosses happy, rekindle the flame with his ex-wife, and be a responsible adult. Guess what he chooses. Mobsters, corrupt police, sissy editors, and the body of a nude girl on the beach. What more could you ask for?

[Click to order on Amazon](#)

[Click to order on Barnes&Noble](#)

the book is pretty vile. It's not the erotic content – that doesn't bother me – but the fact that it is so poorly written. I gave up after less than 100 pages.

As a publisher, I actually encourage book burning. We currently have three titles available, and if anybody wants to buy them and burn them, well I think they should feel free to do so without restraint or criticism.

One of our books, *The Big Story*, is about a journalist, who drinks to excess, sleeps with women to whom he is not married, and fails to follow his superiors' orders at work. It features violence, bad language, and disrespect for the law. It is a vile book and deserves to be burned. Please feel free to buy several copies and burn them all.

A second book, *LOST!*, is about three boys who get lost in the mountains and have to survive in hostile circumstances until they can be rescued. The boys get in this jam because they ignored the instructions of an authority figure who warns them not to wander off. The book includes animal cruelty as the boys kill fish and forest creatures in order to eat them, and a violent confrontation with a bear. It belongs on the bonfire.

The third book, *Major League Encounters*, is a non-fiction recount of various baseball players and managers the author has met over years as a sportswriter. Some of these individuals were drinkers, some even did drugs, and they often expressed themselves in crude language and actions. Many had huge egos and even bigger paychecks. Certainly, a book worthy of burning.

We apologize for publishing such filth and we encourage you to please buy these books – lots and lots of them – and let's burn them together. If you bring the kerosene, we'll bring the matches.

You can contact George Cunningham at george@readerpublishing.com be his friend on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/george.cunningham.94695> and be his sweetheart at <http://twitter.com/#!/GeoCunham> His novel, *The Big Story*, can be ordered at www.readerpublishing.com.