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| John Hunt Publishing - **Roundfire** - announces the new title | | |
| **Ezekiel's Third Wife**  John Bennion  It's past midnight in the desert of Utah in the 1890's. Rachel, the third wife of a Mormon patriarch, sneaks out to make love to her secret, second husband. Instead, she finds her sister wife murdered in an irrigation ditch and her new husband’s boot prints around the body.  Her stepfather gathers a posse to track the apparent killer. Rachel is left behind in town, trying to uncover the real killer before her stepfather catches up to her husband. As independent-minded amateur detective Rachel uses evidence and logic to uncover the murderer, she is also exploring the texture of the very fabric that holds the settlers together. Resources are precious in the arid land they farm; a scarcity which often results in anger and violence. Can she untangle the tight web woven by diverse peoples welded into powerful communities in the harsh landscapes of western Utah?  **Author Bio** John Bennion writes fiction and essays about life in the forbidding landscapes of the Utah desert. He teaches creative writing at Brigham Young University, and he leads outdoor writing programs to promote creative growth. He lives in Provo, Utah. Online: [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/john.bennion.520), [Author Website](https://www.johnbennion.com/), [Blog](https://www.johnbennion.com/)  **Previous Titles** Falling Toward Heaven (9781560851400), Signature Books, 2000. Breeding Leah and Other Stories (9780941214940), Signature Books, 1991.  **Endorsements** *John Bennion’s novel immerses us in the Utah Territory of the late 1890s, a time of hardscrabble farming, plural marriage, and outsider suspicion. A dead body in a ditch after midnight raises questions of murder. But deeper still, this is a novel about individual and communal values: What debt do we owe others, and what joy can we claim for ourselves?* ***Jack Harrell, author of Caldera Ridge***  **Promotional Plans** Readings at Brigham Young University and local bookstores, promoting to the Association for Mormon Letters and the Association of Writers. Author to speak at the Historical Mystery Writers and the Western American Literature conferences. Interviews with local radio and television stations. Promotion through author blog and website, JHP Fiction social media.  **USP** A resourceful young woman works against time as her stepfather hunts down her secret husband. Explores the tension prevalent in nineteenth century Mormon communities.  **Competing Books** With Blood in Their Eyes 9780816531059, by Thomas Cobb University of Arizona Press, 2014  **Categories** FICTION (General)(FIC042070) -> Christian (General)(FIC042070) -> Western(FIC042070) FICTION (General)(FIC022040) -> Mystery & Detective (General)(FIC022040) -> Women Sleuths(FIC022040) FICTION (General)(FIC051000) -> Cultural Heritage(FIC051000) |  | **Publication Date** May 2019  **Paperback** ISBN: 978-1-78904-095-1 $15.95  |  £10.99 8.5x5.5 inches | 216x140 mm 248PP  **e-book** ISBN: 978-1-78904-096-8 $7.99  |  £4.99  **Library of Congress** 2018940334 |
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