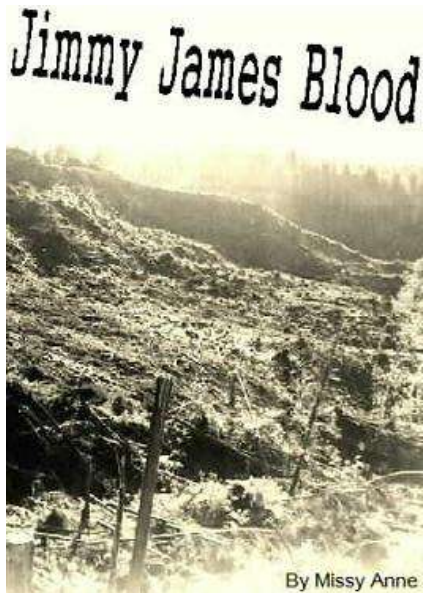


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Visit with “Jimmy James Blood” author, Missy Anne



Vera is screaming, but the sound won't come out. Generations of smothered voices pound in her blood. She is from a broken family in a broken logging town in rural Washington State. She leaves the rainy clearcuts for pressing and inexplicable reasons and ends up in a strange city, alone and severely troubled.

Melissa Peterson, pen name, Missy Anne, will read from and discuss her novel, “Jimmy James Blood,” at the Olympia Timberland Library on Thursday, August 25 from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Copies of the self-published book will be available for purchase. The library will only be open for the program, one of its popular after-hours events.

The story of Vera is told backward; the reader finds out only at the end why Vera left home but it becomes clear that she is part of a violent subculture. The book also touches on themes of dwindling natural resources and the timber industry.

Peterson had her first national publication by Seal Press at age 21. Since then, she has received a fellowship to attend a writer's residency at the Vermont Studio Center, studied medieval manuscripts in Iceland and worked to create her own publishing company. *Jimmy James Blood* is her first novel. Peterson lives in Shelton.

The [Olympia Timberland Library](http://www.olympiaticberlandlibrary.org) is at 313 8th Avenue SE. For more information, contact the library at (360) 352-0595 or go to www.TRL.org. The website for the novel is www.etsy.com/listing/77488623/jimmy-james-blood-a-novel.