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Authors discuss Cold War fiction and basis in real-life experience

Local authors Hal Burton and Mel Williamson will give a presentation on their related books, one a novel and the other a memoir, at the [Olympia Timberland Library](#) on Tuesday, November 8 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Burton will give the background and a synopsis of “The Cronus Cypher,” his novel of Cold War intrigue on the high seas, followed by Williamson, writer of the military memoir, “A Journey of One... and More,” upon which the novel was in part based. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



While “[The Cronus Cypher](#)” is a work of fiction, the incidents and the experiences of the protagonist are based in significant part on Williamson’s career as a Navy Chief Petty Officer and communications/cryptology technician for the National Security Agency. Mr. Williamson is now retired.

Burton is the author of six published novels, four of which are set on the Olympic Peninsula. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and has a Masters degree from Indiana University. He lives in Lilliwaup with his wife Jeanette and has extensive hiking experience in the Olympic Mountains.

The Olympia Timberland Library is at 313 8th Avenue. For more information, call the library at (360) 352-0595 or visit www.fmhbooks.org/2.html or www.TRL.org.

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