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Former Pinetop “Cowboy Baby Doctor” visits old hometown

**DR. KEN JACKSON VISITS PINETOP BOOKWORM
FOR READING, SIGNING**

Dr. Ken Jackson – a family physician with a private practice in Pinetop for more than 10 years in the 1980s – will be at the Pinetop Bookworm, located at 20 East White Mountain Blvd., on Sat., April 10 from 2 - 4 p.m. for a special reading of his first novel, [*Manifest West*](#). The novel is a contemporary Southwestern suspense story that takes the reader deep into the heart and soul of the Apache people in a tale of passion, medical mystery and redemption in the American Southwest. Dr. Jackson will also be signing copies of his book during the event.

The cities and towns in Arizona are Dr. Jackson’s first stops on his book tour, after successfully launching *Manifest West* in his current hometown of Kingman on March 10, where he was feted by hundreds of patients, friends and local community leaders, including Mayor John Salem, who proclaimed the date as “Dr Ken Jackson Day.”

Manifest West has been a project of passion for Dr. Jackson.

“Early in my medical career, I signed up with the Indian Health Service and began a two-year tour of duty that later stretched into five,” said Dr. Jackson, who was recently honored with a “Patient’s Choice Award” by the Kingman Regional Medical Center. “While practicing there, I became fascinated with Native American culture. The people had a depth and edginess to them I’d never seen. Out of my admiration for the Apaches sprang the seeds for *Manifest West*, although it would be 20 years before I put pen to paper.”

Colorful characters and vibrant Southwestern settings continued to fascinate Dr. Jackson as his practice moved on to Pinetop and then to its current home in Kingman. To this day, he still assists the Hualapai in Peach Springs, Ariz., and on the last Friday of each month, he descends into the Grand Canyon on horseback to provide pre-natal care for the Supai, who live within the canyon walls.

He's twice crossed the entire state of Arizona on horseback, treks documented by *Arizona Highways Magazine* and PBS, as well as in other media. These adventures triggered a wave of creativity and contributed to the authenticity of *Manifest West*, which he finished in 2008.

From "Bitch Cassidy" to "Dazen Confused," all of the people, places and storylines Dr. Jackson brought to life are fictional but based on real people he encountered and real events he experienced on and off the reservation.

"*Manifest West* is exciting, intriguing and keenly written. A terrific read. Dr. Jackson has penned a winner – an original, tense journey into medicine as it is . . . and was," said 14-time *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Second Opinion*, Michael Palmer.

Dr. Jackson has great respect for the survivability and resiliency of the Native American people. He also has deep passion for their lifestyle and history. His goal is to weave stories that bring Southwestern and Native cultures to life for all his readers.

"*Manifest West* is a gripping story of loss, sacrifice and redemption. The characters are deftly drawn and the scenarios frighteningly believable. A sensational debut," said *New York Times* best-selling author of *Wrongful Death*, Robert Dugoni.

For more information, to purchase the book or to learn about Dr. Jackson's upcoming appearances, please visit www.manifestwest.net.