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**Descendant of Colorado History Rides Imagined Boulder Future Tech Into Deep-Time Fiction**

Great, great, granddaughter of Civil War veteran hopes to carry on Colorado arts and education heritage as she imagines Colorado’s future high tech in the emotional thriller *Once Again: A Novel*

Langley, WA, USA – July 20, 2020 – Catherine Wallace Hope, a Colorado native and descendant of Colorado arts and education pioneers, hopes to create an early October virtual return to her home state for the launch of her novel that features a Boulder setting and futuristic local high tech.

The story in *Once Again* centers around a Boulder family caught in a time-slip phenomenon that could change their fates, and the author conducted an extensive deep-dive into quantum mechanics to create the science element of the story. Using the National Institute of Standards and Technology as a starting place, Hope researched up-to-the-moment developments in gravitational-wave astronomy, time crystals, and black holes to place the narrative as near as possible to actual science and near-future advancements. Once the author knew the premise of the story, “it felt like synchronicity,” she said, that the narrative could take place in Boulder, where the NIST’s atomic clock sets the standard for measurement of time in the United States.

Hope comes from a heritage of early Colorado arts patrons and educators. Her great, great grandfather, Civil War veteran William Henry Wallace, came to the state with his family in 1890 when he started the Colorado Ice and Cold Storage Company in what is now LoDo. Wallace and his family helped build such arts institutions as The Denver Art Museum and Central City Opera, and Wallace’s daughter, Mary Kent Wallace was one of the three Marys who founded The Kent School in 1922. “Aunt May” was the school’s principal until her retirement. A number of other relatives were Denver educators, and Hope has done a bit of teaching as well, leading creativity workshops at Lighthouse Writers Workshop in Denver only blocks from where the original ice house stood.

Hope attended the high school her great, great, great aunt founded and then went on to study liberal arts at Loretto Heights and the University of Colorado as well as several gap years studying in New York and California. For the time being, she and her family find themselves on an island in the Pacific Northwest; but the author always considers herself a Coloradan.

Hope’s speculative thriller *Once Again: A Novel* is featured in the inaugural season of a new publishing imprint, Alcove Press. The novel launches on October 6, 2020, and is available immediately for preorder at booksellers everywhere. For details about her virtual return to Colorado for the release and to get a review copy, check her website at [www.catherinewallacehope.com](http://www.catherinewallacehope.com), and follow her on social media @catwallacehope. ###