



## The Sulphur Springs Cure A Mystery by Jeffrey Round

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Just before World War II, Violet and her parents visit the legendary Sulphur Springs Hotel. Famed for its curative waters, the spa attracts a diverse crowd. Some desperate for a cure, others for more intangible things.

During her time at the hotel, curious young Violet begins to suspect something devious is going on behind the luxury façade. It's not until she unwittingly becomes party to a murder that she realizes how desperate people really are.

But it is never too late to make peace with your ghosts. At eighty-four years old, Violet travels back to the hotel, now in ruins, to recover clues to the forgotten murder. Her return brings back memories of her family, a much-missed girlhood friend, and of her own sexual awakening. But what happens when the past brings hurtful truths with it?

### The Author

Jeffrey Round is an author, playwright, and filmmaker from Toronto. His previous books include the Dan Sharp Mysteries, the Bradford Fairfax Murder Mysteries, and the acclaimed war novel *The Honey Locust*. He co-founded the Naked Heart Festival. *Lake on the Mountain*, the first Dan Sharp Mystery, won the Lambda Award for Best Gay Mystery and two other books in the series have been shortlisted for the prize. Jeffrey is currently at work on a feature film project.

### Advance praise:

"Long-buried surprises, dead reckonings — this is sulphurous ground for even Marple to tread, but it's just as much fun to watch Jeffrey Round dig it up." — Dawn Rae Downton, author of the memoir *Seldom*, chosen as one of the best books of the year by the Editors at Amazon

"Time and loneliness are dramatic agents in this mystery novel that grows in momentum and cleverness. A veritable page-turner from a versatile writer!" — Keith Garebian, author of *Three-Way Renegade*

"With clarity and elegance, Round moves between the past and present day, beautifully recreating the late 1930s time period leading up to WWII. A beguiling read." — Melodie Campbell, author of *The Merry Widow Murders* and *The Goddaughter*

"Jeffrey Round deftly intertwines a taut, provocative mystery with a story of kindled passions and lost innocence in a world on the brink of war."

— Robert McGill, author of *A Suitable Companion for the End of Your Life*



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