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**Love, Heartbreak, and the Futility of War: Author's Debut Novel *Bone Necklace*
Captures the Nez Perces' Flight toward Canada**

written by Julia Sullivan

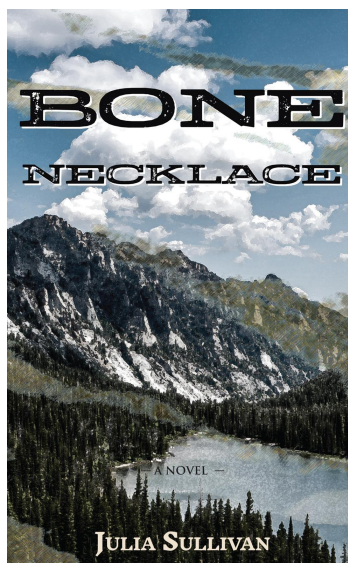
on sale June 3, 2022

"Exquisite—meticulously researched, culturally and historically authentic, and flat-out heartwrenching . . . an important contribution to the body of literature about America's last 'Indian War.'"

- Gary Dorr, former chairman of the general council of the Nez Perce Tribe

[Brandylane Publishers, Inc.](#) of Richmond, Virginia, is excited to announce the upcoming release of a new work of historical fiction, [Bone Necklace](#), written by Julia Sullivan. Blending history and fiction, this enthralling debut novel is composed of newspaper editorials, generals' dispatches, and rich description that details the last battles for the American West in an intimate narrative style that conveys authentic historical events from the perspectives of people on both sides of the conflict. Along the way, it confronts the horror the US government brought to the Native Americans, the nature of humanity and society, and the overwhelming loss that comes as a result of war.

A riveting examination of a forgotten period of US history, *Bone Necklace* is scheduled for release on June 3, 2022.



In the summer of 1877, the bedraggled remains of the Nez Perce tribe took on the US Army, and despite being badly outnumbered and outgunned, emerged victorious. Inspired by true events, Bone Necklace captures the intensity, violence, and unexpected conclusion of America's final "Indian War" from the perspectives of a Nez Perce warrior, an Idaho militiaman, and an English painter who gets caught up in the violence. Combining heart-thumping action with an unforgettable cast, the novel centers on the relationship between two fighters, who are both enemies and allies in this war.

Bone Necklace is a tale of survival in which the Nez Perce not only overcome staggering odds, but also win the grudging respect of a war-weary nation. While deeply rooted in American history, this remarkable story continues to resonate, illuminating modern debates around institutional racism, journalistic bias, and the call for courage in times of moral crisis.

About the Author

[Julia Sullivan](#) started working on *Bone Necklace* more than twenty years ago, after visiting the Big Hole Battlefield in Wisdom, Montana. She first became interested in the Nez Perce story because of the great injustice the tribe had suffered, but what kept her interested was their conduct during the war: while under attack, the Nez Perce won the respect of a society in which prominent members were unapologetic racists. At the end of the war, Canada offered them political asylum.

Julia is a lawyer in the United States and a solicitor in England and Wales. Throughout her career, she has worked to expose and root out injustice. She lives with her husband, and the two divide their time between Annapolis, Maryland; and Hamilton, Montana.

Interviews available upon request.

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