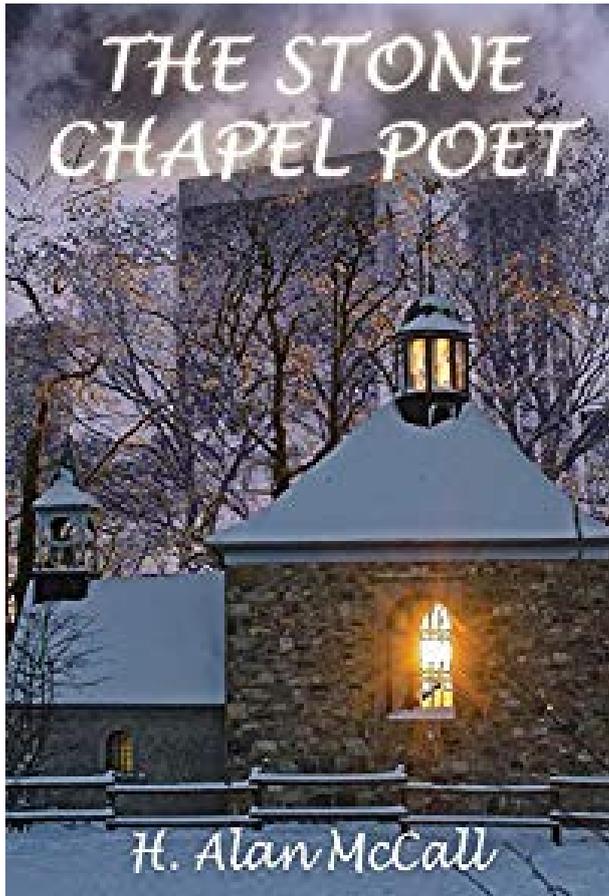


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IN A CITY FILLED WITH DROWNING, DESPERATE SOULS, DARRAGH FINN, A DRUNKARD, FELON AND ATHEIST, BECOMES THEIR UNLIKELY HAND OF DELIVERANCE. While the pews and altar table were being hauled out through the back door of the chapel, Preston used the claw arm of the 1400K Excavator to start digging up the stones of the walkway leading to the chapel. He was thankful that the engine's diesel roar drowned out any sounds of protest from the crowd, and he kept his head down, purposely not looking at the crowd, so he could not see agitated disappointment at the fall of this humble, little church.

Christmas morning and a solidly constructed stone chapel that was not there the night before sets in Central Park. That day's front page of the New York Times is blank except for a single poem signed only "df." Then each day, a new poem from the enigmatic "df" appears in seemingly miraculous ways no one can explain and people in need are helped. Is it a sign from heaven, a miracle for today's secular world or somebody's sick joke or computer hack? The powers that be want the chapel demolished and removed from city property, but some see this as a sacrilege and stand in opposition. "...poignant scenes that melt even 'a fisherman's winter heart.'"—Dr. Keagan LeJeune, professor, McNeese State University. "... masterfully inventive ... vibrant and iridescent ... the reader feels the soft kiss of snowflakes, hears Salvation Army bells and smells evergreen needles ... destined to be an annual holiday refresher for everyone who, as a child once upon a time, knew the undeniable magic of Christmas morning."—Rick Norman, author of Fielder's Choice. "This book had me

from the first paragraph. An intriguing story of a Christmas miracle, where the author paints vivid pictures of the characters, and of New York City. I loved it and plan to read it again.

Definitely five stars.”— Lisa Stewart.