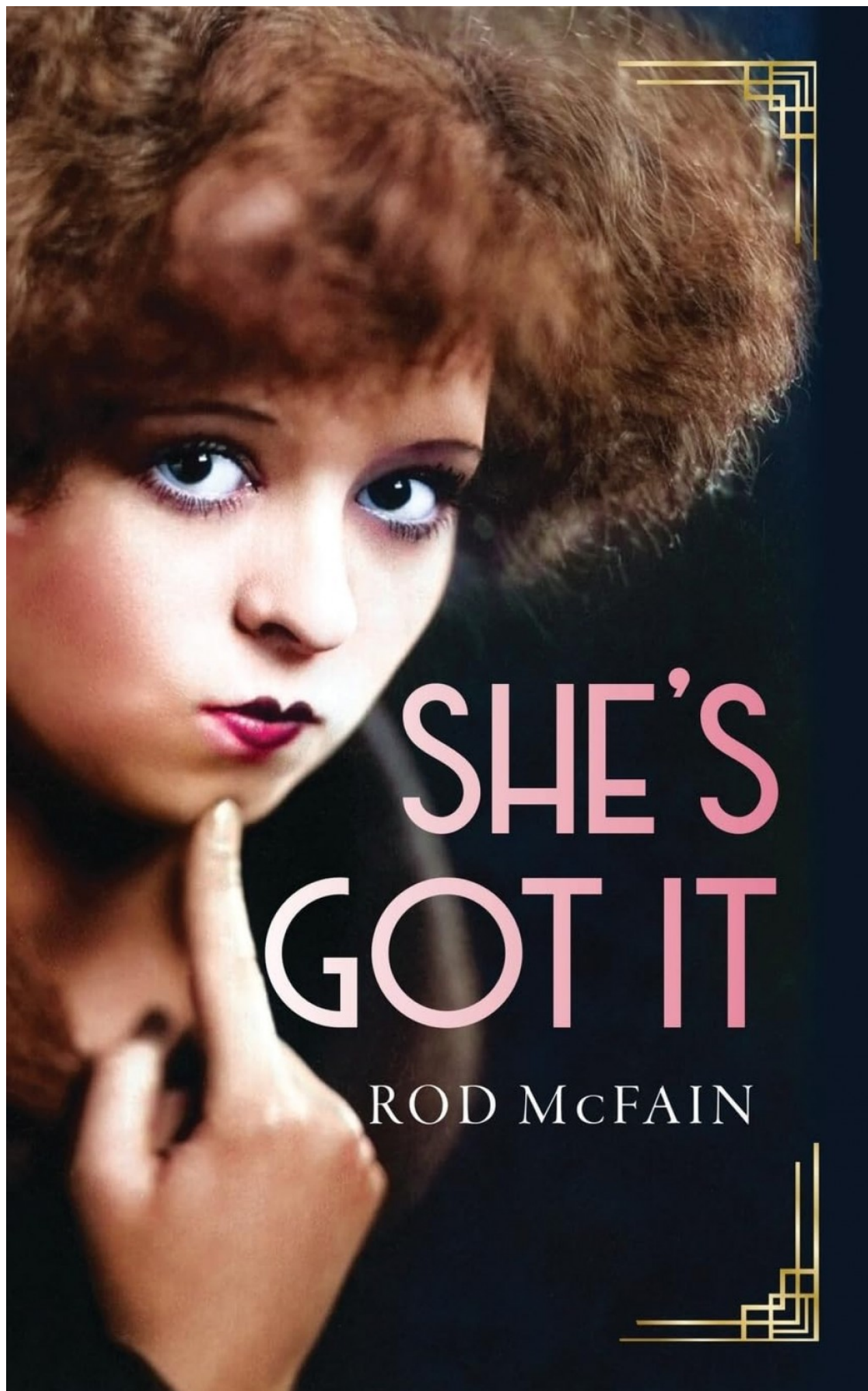


From Shadows to Spotlight: Rod McFain Revives a Forgotten Star in Unflinching Historical Novel



Garden City, Idaho Aug 28, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Author Rod McFain brings to life one of Hollywood's most tragic and electrifying figures in his latest release, *She's Got It*. With his hallmark blend of emotional grit and cinematic storytelling, McFain plunges readers into the raw, harrowing world of Clara Bow—the original “It Girl”—in a novel that's both a searing portrait of early stardom and a stirring tribute to survival against all odds.

A Forgotten Icon, A Novel That Won't Let Her Be Overlooked

She's Got It opens in the blistering summer of 1905, New York, where Clara Bow is born into chaos: a family fractured by mental illness, addiction, and violence. Through prose as unflinching as it is lyrical, McFain traces Clara's rise from a Brooklyn tenement to the silver screens of Hollywood, refusing to flinch from the brutal truths behind the glamour.

McFain's Clara is no myth—she's flesh, fury, fire. The novel captures every jagged edge of her childhood abuse, her brushes with madness and death, and her defiant drive to be seen, not just as a face on a movie poster, but as a person who mattered. From her harsh beginnings to the frenzy of fanfare that would both crown and consume her, McFain builds Clara's world brick by aching brick.

For the Dreamers, the Damaged, and the Determined

While *She's Got It* chronicles the early days of cinema, it pulses with urgency and modern relevance. McFain writes with a compassion that refuses pity and a toughness that refuses nostalgia. Clara's voice—plucky, bruised, undefeated—echoes off every page. Whether she's scrapping on a Brooklyn street corner or standing under the studio lights in borrowed chiffon, Clara represents every young woman told to sit down, quiet down, and be grateful for crumbs.

“She wasn't born for Hollywood,” McFain says. “Hollywood was born for her—and then it tried to eat her alive.”

In *She's Got It*, readers find more than historical fiction. They find a firebrand heroine, a century-old reckoning with trauma, and a love letter to every underdog who ever dared to want more.

About the Author

Rod McFain was born in southern Illinois and raised in the St. Louis area. After graduating from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, he worked in broadcast journalism before co-founding a behavioral research firm with his wife, Linda. His rich career journey later led them to run a guest ranch in Allenspark, Colorado.

Now living in the mountains of Garden Valley, Idaho, McFain has authored five novels—*Hard Goodbyes*, *Crossing the Crazy Woman*, *Pursuit*, *The Magnificent Maggie*, and *She's Got It*. Known for deeply researched historical fiction and characters who leap off the page, Rod writes from a place of empathy, curiosity, and storytelling precision. He lives with Linda, three horses, a lively Jack Russell terrier, and often a few wandering elk.

Availability & Contact

She's Got It is now available in paperback and digital editions through major online retailers. For readers drawn to fierce women, forgotten legends, and the kind of fiction that pulls no punches, this novel is a revelation. For purchase, media inquiries, or speaking engagements with Rod McFain, visit:

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