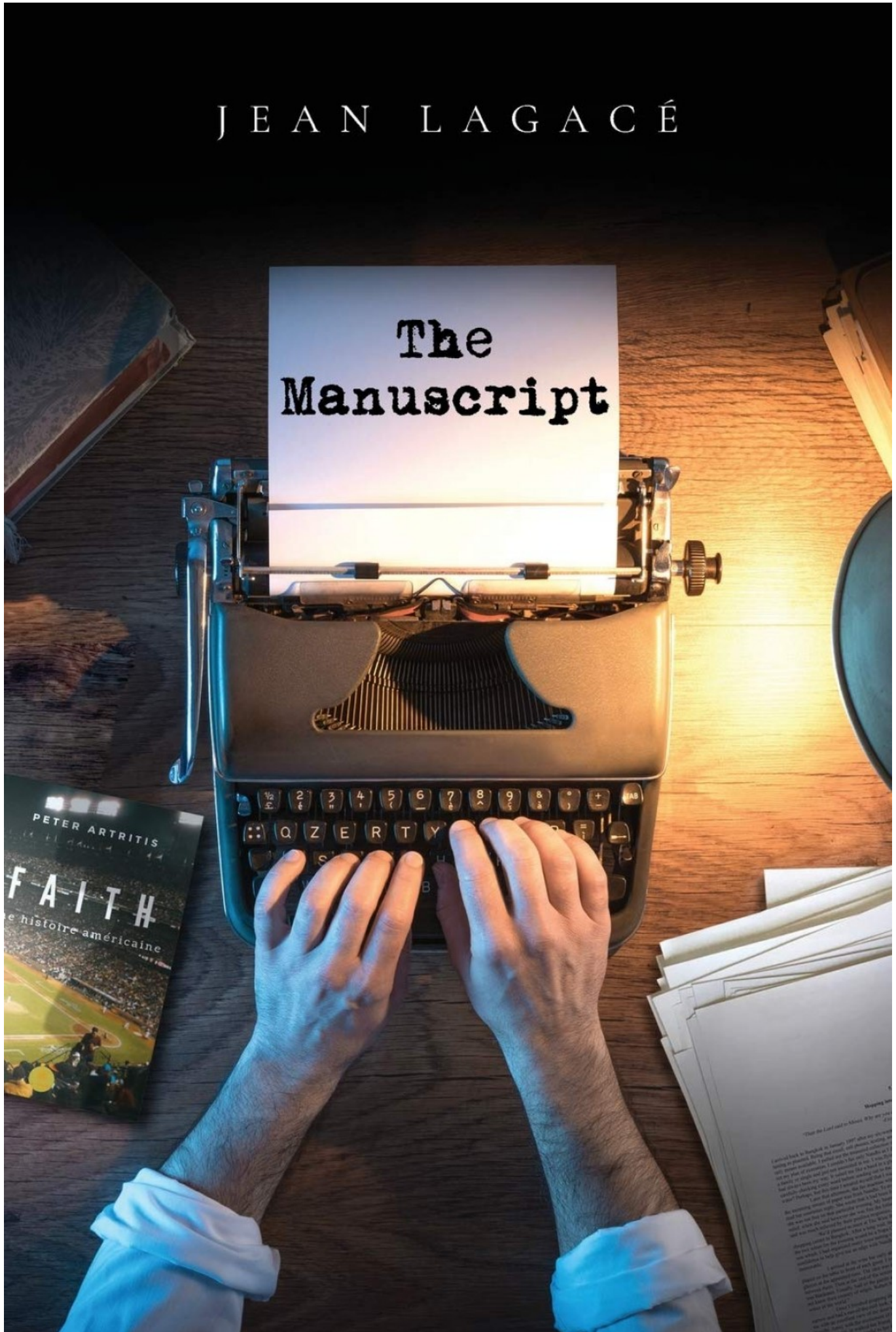
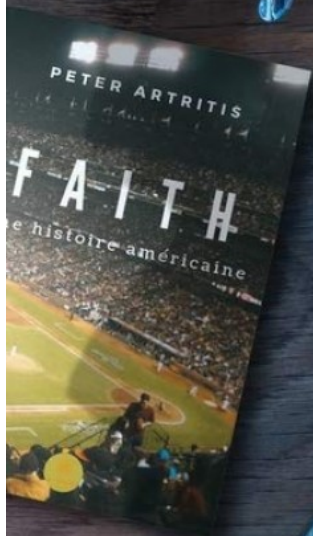


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Portland, Oregon May 27, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - What happens when a story worth stealing becomes one impossible to keep? In his latest novel, *The Manuscript*, Jean Lagacé a retired Montreal lawyer of four decades and a lifelong storyteller delivers a sharply crafted thriller that follows a stolen FAITH manuscript from the moment of its theft to its meteoric published success, and finally to the dramatic unraveling of the thief who claimed it.

At the heart of the novel is a publishing house executive who cannot resist what does not belong to him. But running alongside this central deception is a second story darker and stranger involving a witch, a doctor ensnared under her influence, and a legal prosecution with consequences that echo long after the courtroom falls silent. Lagacé weaves both threads with the precision of someone who has spent a career arguing cases and the instinct of a natural-born storyteller.

"I first wrote the FAITH story. Then the idea emerged of the novel being stolen by the head of the publishing house it was submitted to. From there, the story unfolded naturally like a gift offered by some entity beyond me."— Jean Lagacé, Author

About the Book

The Manuscript is a novel for readers who want their thriller's layered ambition laced with betrayal, and justice arriving from the most unexpected direction. The book's dual narratives complement one another, building toward a conclusion that delivers on every promise the opening pages make. Lagacé offers a personal guarantee to every reader: *"Read the story till the end and you won't regret it. It's a promise and I always keep my promises."*

About the Author

Jean Lagacé spent 40 years as a practicing lawyer in Montreal before turning to fiction in retirement. A French Canadian author writing fluently in both French and English, he brings to his novels a rare combination: the forensic clarity of legal reasoning and the narrative instinct honed during his earlier years as a student journalist, college paper director, and interviewer of local celebrities. His fiction draws on a lifetime of watching how people behave and misbehave under pressure.

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