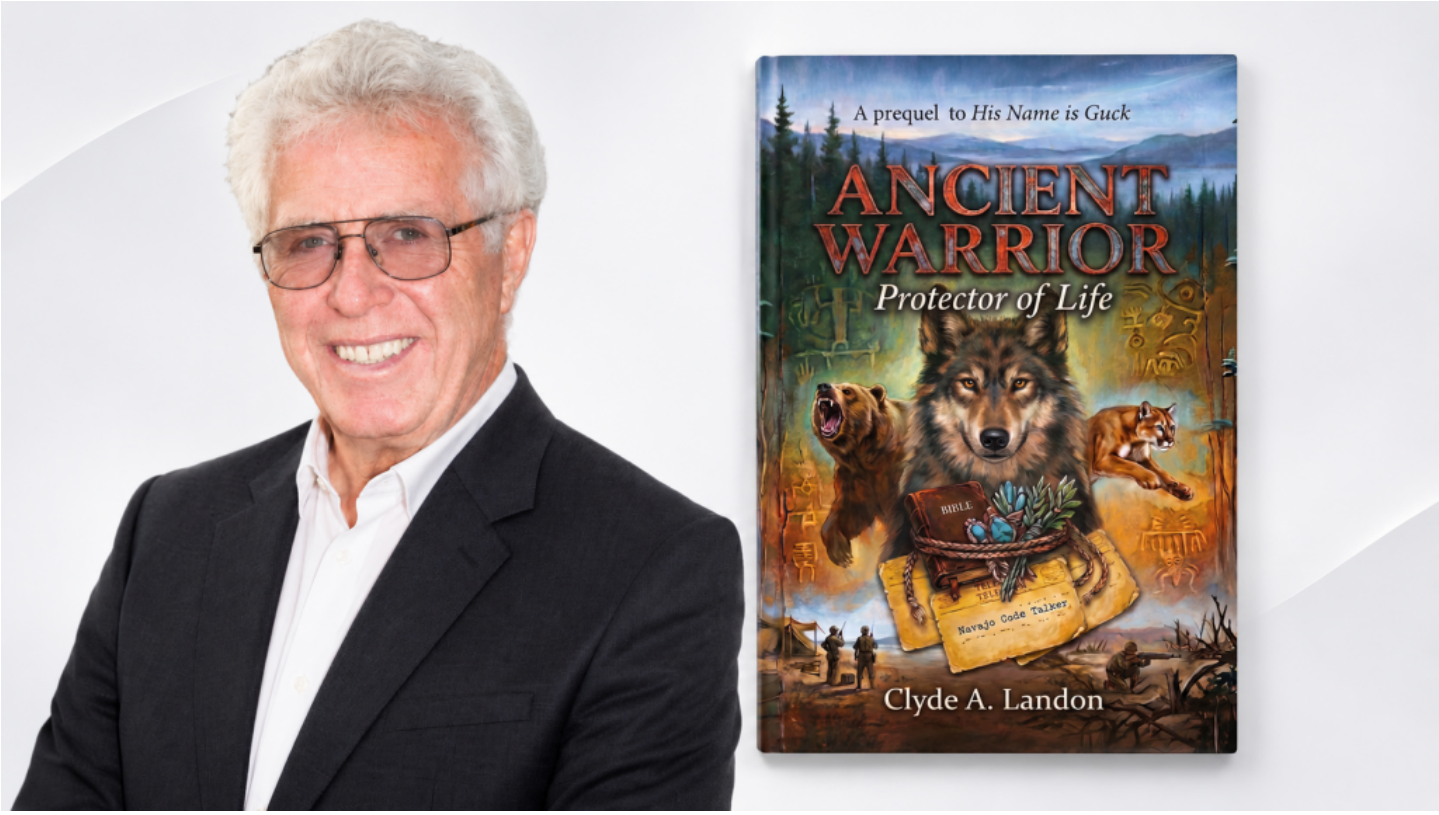
An Abandoned Puppy Finds His Place in Clyde Landon's Ancient Warrior: Protector of Life

A Depression-era adventure follows an abandoned puppy whose devotion to two men leads him through hardship, wilderness dangers, and an unexpected final separation.



Ogden, Utah Nov 28, 2026 (Issuewire.com**)** - Author Clyde A. Landon presents *Ancient Warrior: Protector of Life*, a book centered on the life of a remarkable dog whose courage and loyalty shape the lives of the people around him. Set primarily in rural Colorado during the late 1930s and the years that follow, the novel begins with an abandoned puppy's unlikely survival and develops into a story of companionship, sacrifice, family, and the enduring bond between humans and animals.

The story opens in 1938, when the economic pressures of the Great Depression leave many families unable to care for unwanted pets. After escaping from a roadside box, the puppy finds his way into the barn of Robert Lee, an aging rancher who has lived alone since his wife's death. Though Robert has never considered farm animals pets and avoids giving them personal names, the puppy gradually becomes part of his daily life. An injury brings Robert into contact with Joseph Weaver and his mother, Jennie, a Navajo family known for their knowledge of animal care. Their kindness helps save the dog and creates a friendship that eventually gives him the revered name Guck, meaning "Ancient Warrior, protector of life."

As Guck's life continues, his role expands beyond that of a companion. After Robert's death, Joseph takes him in, and the two develop a close partnership through work, wilderness excursions, and encounters with dangerous animals. Guck repeatedly places himself between Joseph and threats in the natural environment, including a mountain lion. The narrative also follows Joseph's experiences as a

Navajo Code Talker during the Second World War, bringing the story into contact with military service, language, and the responsibilities of wartime duty. Its later chapters lead to a difficult decision that tests the bond between man and dog and connects Guck's story to the childhood memories explored in Landon's earlier book, *His Name is Guck*.

"This book is dedicated to any of my readers that have thought of or dreamed of writing a book. I can feel good about saying 'Just do it.'" said Landon.

At 75, Landon began writing after recurring dreams involving his late brother, Robert, who urged him to complete a book about their childhood dog, Guck. That experience led to his earlier nonfiction work, *His Name is Guck*, and later inspired this fictional prequel. Known for descriptive storytelling, Landon draws on history, memory, and imagined events to create detailed settings and character-driven adventures. He lives in Ogden, Utah, with his wife, Elsie, and their growing family.

Ancient Warrior: Protector of Life is intended for readers who enjoy dog-centered fiction, historical settings, outdoor adventure, and stories about loyalty and family. The novel offers an engaging option for family reading while introducing younger readers to the hardships of an earlier era and the responsibilities that come with caring for animals. Readers can seek out the book through Amazon listing here.

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