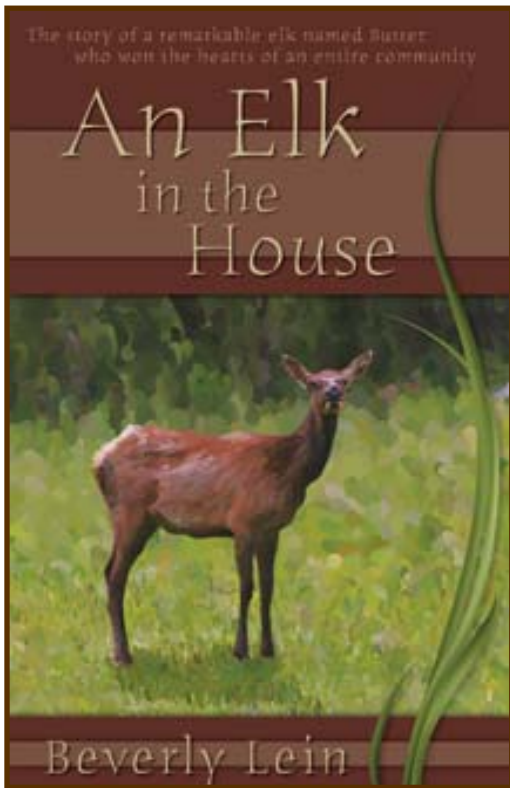


An Elk in the House



Have you ever walked into your living room to find an elk contentedly watching television? Meet Butter, human companion and elk extraordinaire at the Seventh Avenue Elk Ranch in Manning, Alberta. When ranchers Beverly and Carson Lein chose the unique occupation of farming elk, they didn't count on parenting and adopting one.

Born with a paralyzed leg and an initial refusal to nurse, Butter struggled to survive from the start. And Bev became a mother elk. Despite Butter's slim chance of survival, Bev loyally fought each day to teach the baby elk what should have been her first instincts. This was the beginning of the adventures of Butter, a wild animal with a human heart.

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“*Butter was beginning to become a nuisance in the house. She would pick up cups, pictures, and ornaments with her teeth and walk around with them in her mouth...*”

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“*I laughed and I cried as I read this delightful book and was regularly reminded of similar happenings on our own elk farm.*”

~ **Glenda Elkow**, Chair, Alberta Elk Commission

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About the Author



Beverly Lein was born in Manning, Alberta, and raised in nearby Sunny Valley on her father's farm with her three sisters and two brothers. Her hobbies have always included writing stories, songs, and poems. Before raising elk with her husband Carson on their own ranch, Lein worked as a cook, a farmer, a retailer, and a small business owner. A proud mother of two and grandmother of five, Lein's life also requires her to be a veterinarian, a midwife, and an elk counsellor- depending on what the day brings. Beverly is the author of three books, **An Elk in the House** by NeWest Press, **The Three Saints of Christmas**, and **Wolf Spirit: The Story of Moon Beam** published by Inkwater Books.

On the process of Writing...

"Too many people don't realize that they have awesome gifts inside of them and one of those might be being able to tell a story. So find a quiet place and sit down and start to write. Everyone has a story to tell. Maybe you can't write the story because you are letting the fear of bad grammar hold you back. But that's why you find a great editor to work with. What's important is to write to the best of your ability. People can fix it for you later!"

“It's funny how wrong a person can be. I was afraid of the animal I raised, yet she probably just saved my life. One thing I do know is that, for the love of Butter; I will always do things for this animal...”

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An update on Butter

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