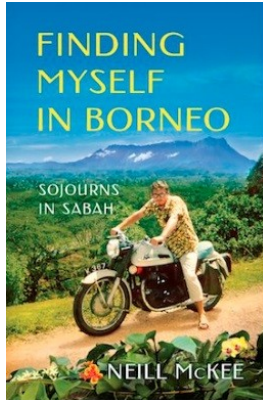


Neill McKee



### *Finding Myself in Borneo: Sojourns in Sabah*

“An honest and buoyant chronicle of a young Canadian man’s adventures during 1968-70, while teaching secondary school as a CUSO volunteer in Sabah, Malaysia (North Borneo). Travel with Neill McKee on his unique journey through vibrant Asian cultures as he learns the craft of teaching, the Malay language and local customs, and gains many friends in his small community. He climbs the highest peak in Southeast Asia—Mount Kinabalu, has a love affair, and navigates Borneo’s backwaters to make his first of many documentary films... McKee travels by freighter to Indonesia, where he discovers the scars of that country’s recent genocide, a contrast to his hilarious motorcycle journeys in Sabah with his American Peace Corps buddy. They make a hallucinogenic discovery—North Borneo is, indeed, J. R. R. Tolkien’s famed Middle-Earth of *The Lord of the Rings*! The enterprising duo establish the North Borneo Frodo Society, an organization Tolkien joins. McKee's second Sabah sojourn and other return trips offer the reader the opportunity to match the early anecdotes to what in fact happened to the land and people who touched his life, and he theirs”.

I love it. It has so many qualities that the usual memoir lacks. Neill McKee is honest about himself, not in any way self-absorbed, but he shares his opinions with attractive openness...

—Clyde Sanger, Author and Journalist, Ottawa, Canada

Neill McKee joins a rare band who dare to write about what they brought to volunteering and, realized much later in life, what they received, learned and cherish... That McKee was able to return to Sabah a number of times after his volunteer years, offers the opportunity to match the anecdotes to what in fact happened to the people who touched his life, and he theirs. That is an opportunity and courage I envy. —Christopher Smart, Returned CUSO volunteer, Ottawa, Canada

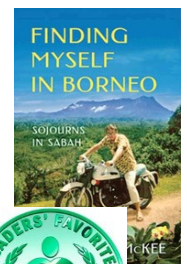
To buy the book click on [Neill's author website](#).

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### Neill McKee...Prize Winner

Neill’s book *Finding Myself in Borneo* was featured in the Bulletin, No. 56, January 2019. The book won an Honorable Mention Award in the Non-Fiction—Travel category of the [Reader’s Choice international book awards contest](#).

“Neill McKee weaves strong themes into the narrative, including friendship, education, personal growth, adventure, love, and family. At times wry and at times filled with humor, *Finding Myself in Borneo: Sojourns in Sabah* is a memoir that is told in an honest voice and will inspire readers to think about how they relate to the world they inhabit. It’s simply brilliant.” —Christian Sia for Readers' Favorite. [See award info and full review](#).



[A video](#) made of the book event in Kitchener, Neill’s home town, is a wonderful summary of a life in international

development beginning with CUSO, on to IDRC, UNICEF, and Johns Hopkins University.

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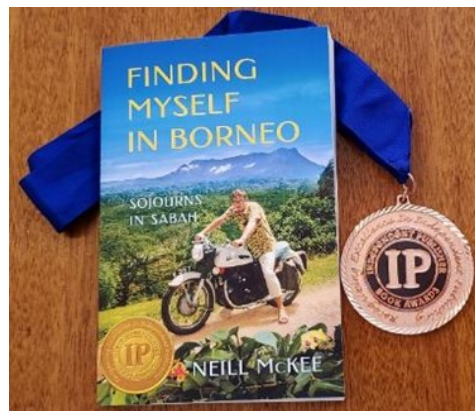
The October Bulletin also reported on Neill McKee's winning an award for his book *Finding Myself in Borneo*. Neill's done it again on November 9, 2019, Neill's travel memoir won the award for Biography-Other (than New Mexico/Arizona content) in the 13th Annual New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards. The annual contest this year had a total of 1,545 entries with were 10 finalists in Biography. This contest is open to authors and publishers, large and small, from anywhere, but books must have a direct connection to New Mexico or Arizona, either in subject, author, or publisher.

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***Finding Myself in Borneo* wins 2020 Bronze Medal in Independent Publisher Book Awards in the Non-Fiction regional category for Pacific Rim, including Australia and New Zealand.**

Conducted annually, the "Ippy" Awards honor the previous year's best

independently published titles from around the world. The awards are intended to bring increased recognition to the books of thousands of exemplary smaller publishers, university presses, and self-published authors.



This is Neill McKee's third award for this book, which can take you on an entertaining journey to a different time and place, if you need relief for a few hours from world events these days. If you have already read or listened to it and enjoyed the experience, please send this on to your friends and colleagues. It's available in **paperback**, **ebook**, and **audiobook** through many outlets:

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