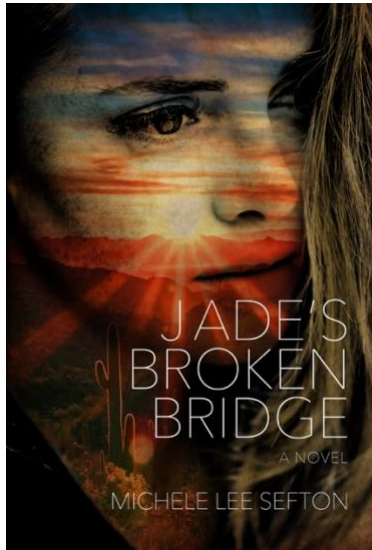




News Release

Local Author Releases Gritty, Poignant Debut Novel, *Jade's Broken Bridge*

Chandler-based writer launches New Adult novel to advance acclaim under her imprint, Tumbleweed Spirit Press



CHANDLER, Ariz., Sept. 29, 2025 — Chandler author Michele Lee Sefton, a writer of poetry and poetic prose with two five-star novellas, makes her full-length fiction debut with *Jade's Broken Bridge*, which will be released on Amazon on Oct. 10, 2025, under her imprint, Tumbleweed Spirit Press.

A raw and poignant coming-of-age story, *Jade's Broken Bridge* is set against the late 1980s in Phoenix and Tempe, Arizona, and Fairbanks, Alaska. The novel follows a young woman navigating fractured family ties, addiction and the pursuit of survival in the shadows of the adult entertainment industry. Inspired by true events, the New Adult novel offers a deeply introspective exploration of self-worth, resilience and redemption — written with the same vivid imagery and poetic voice that has earned Sefton praise for her earlier works.

"*Jade's Broken Bridge* doesn't romanticize hardship," Sefton says. "It's an honest portrayal of one woman's fight to reclaim her life while reckoning with the past. At its core, it's about survival, transformation and the strength it takes to rebuild."

Early reviews echo this sentiment:

- *Kirkus Reviews* called the novel "a harrowing yet beautifully rendered chronicle of loss, self-destruction, and the long road to self-acceptance."
- The *San Francisco Book Review* praised it as "a coming-of-age book for readers who appreciate storytelling that doesn't flinch... told with just enough wit and heart to keep readers turning the page."
- Peoria, Ariz.-based author Ginger Scott lauded Sefton's work as "a masterful debut" that offers "a raw and honest portrait of the opportunities as well as the risks that lie" within Jade's journey.

The book launch for *Jade's Broken Bridge* will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at The Chill Room in Tempe, Ariz.; the event will include an author reading, signing session and refreshments with music by Fat Gray Cat, an original rock and punk-influenced band from Phoenix.

Sefton, a veteran English teacher turned writer, has been published in various poetry platforms and anthologies, including the Piper Poetry Month Anthology through Arizona State University's Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing. Her prior works include *Her Coastal Cottage: Where Truth & Love Rise* and *Honeysuckle Heat*, both praised for their lyrical prose. Through her blog, [Tumbleweed Spirit](#), Sefton

continues to share writing and photography that explore the themes of empowerment, hope and transformation for women.

Jade's Broken Bridge will be available in paperback, Kindle and audiobook formats on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) on October 10. ISBN 979-8-9991506-0-8; \$16.95 paperback.

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