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### The Butte

My thesis (The Butte) is a collection of short stories about a small town in the Pacific Northwest. Each story will be told from a different perspective with a variation of first and third person voices and will use a different style of writing. There are 9 stories in total, and the completed thesis includes a map of the town. Each story builds upon the last, and though the tales are entertaining individually, together they pull readers through related events happening in The Butte. I wanted to reflect my own experience with small-town Pacific northwest life, while also drawing from our local lore and cultural fascination with the paranormal. After coming back from a study abroad in Ireland, I fell in love with the charm of the coast, and -due to my acute awareness of culture during my time abroad- I wanted to write something that reflected the real and fictitious parts of living in the Northwest.

I have fully completed my stories. I will continue to return to my finished stories and address edits suggested by my advisor. The thesis in total is over 36,000 words in length.

I want to capture the unique quirkiness of small-town Pacific Northwest life, exploring our fascination with paranormal activity around this part of the United States while also showcasing the variety of skills I've learned in Creative Writing courses at Linfield.