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## **THE GRANVILLE HERMIT, the story of a man who dropped out of society**

GRANVILLE, VERMONT, early 20th Century. What drove a quiet man to choose a life of solitude—away from people he knew, grew up and worked with? Was it the rumored murder of a hired hand by his boss? What had he to do with it, if anything?

It is known that by early adulthood Carl Morse had experienced numerous betrayals, leaving only a select few he could trust. Was it the heartless acts of others? The rumors? Was it lost love? Was it the atrocities of WWI he experienced? What was it that altered Carl Morse's attitude toward society and public interaction? What happened to the journals Morse kept during this time? Did the journals reveal secrets others didn't want exposed?

He was known as a seer, a horse whisperer, one who could read people, who could intuit what was going to happen, at a time when this ability was misunderstood and feared. Finally, unable to tolerate the atmosphere around him, and the betrayals, he retreated into the forest he loved, to the creatures he cherished, the place he felt safe, to reappear only twice a year for supplies at his trusted friend's general store.

He lived, he loved, he retreated, he vanished. He is not forgotten.

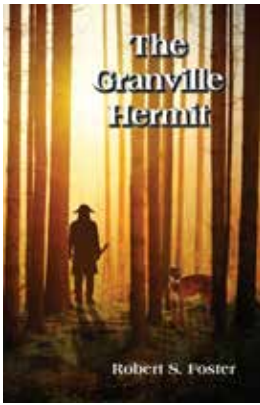
### **About the book**

In his book, *The Granville Hermit*, based on the life of Carl L. Morse of Granville, Vermont, author Robert "Butch" Foster, tries to fill in the missing pieces of Morse's life out of the folklore it has become. It is a fascinating delve into the life and times of a flourishing small town in the heart of Vermont that government buyouts forced the town to shrink down to its current population.

Spanning decades, from Morse's teen years to his death, Foster's research into Granville's history is akin to pulling up a curtain exposing the long forgotten—trails that have long since grown over, ancient roads that sustained a town for centuries, as well as historical rivalries, big bosses and power struggles.

### **About Robert Foster**

Robert Foster lives between Granville and East Lyme, Connecticut where he is a successful businessman. As a child, he encountered Carl Morse at the Granville general store and felt a deep connection to him. He was fascinated by their encounter, feeling that he, too, shared the gift. As an adult, he began his research, determined to tell Morse's story to the world.



## **The Granville Hermit**

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<https://granvillehermit.com/>

### **Events with Butch**

Butch appeared at the Warren Store, Warren, Vermont on February 22.

He is scheduled to hold a book signing at Phoenix Books, Burlington on April 14.

<https://www.phoenixbooks.biz/event/robert-%E2%80%9Cbutch%E2%80%9D-foster>

### **Pending events in April include:**

Granville Town Hall

Rochester Library

### **To schedule an event with Butch**

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