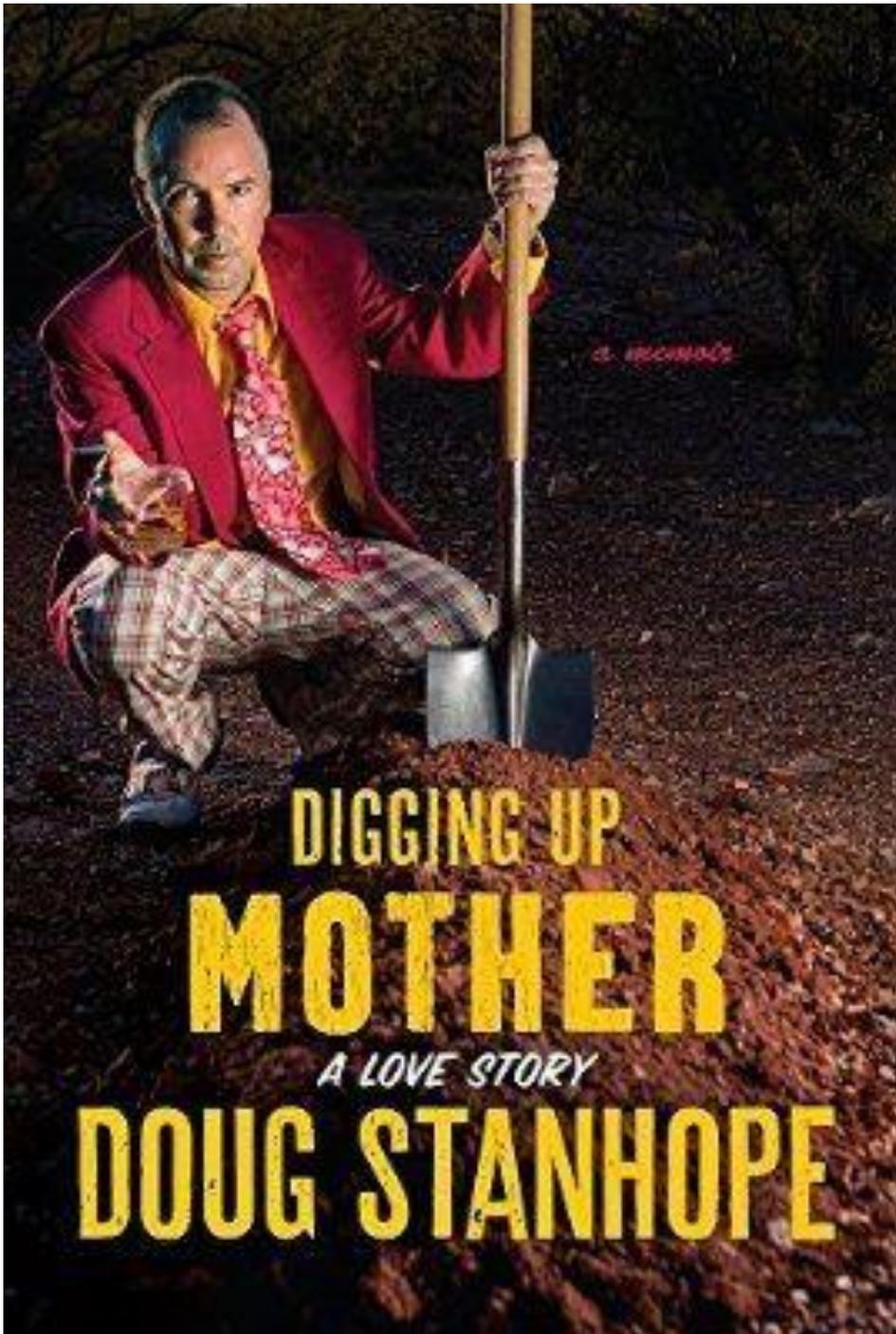


## Stanhope book signing, talk to benefit KBRP and library

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### If You Go

What: Doug Stanhope book signing and talk and Q & A with Mishka Shubaly and

Brett Erickson.

When: Friday, July 1. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show at 7 p.m.

Where: Bisbee Royale, 94 Main St.

Cost: \$10, or \$36 with book pre-order

Info: Fundraiser for the Friends of the Copper Queen Library and KBRP Community Media. Tickets and book preorders available at [www.eventbrite.com/e/doug-stanhope-book-signing-talk-cql-presents-tickets-26185093319](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/doug-stanhope-book-signing-talk-cql-presents-tickets-26185093319)

BISBEE — Bisbee's famous funny man Doug Stanhope will hold a book signing and talk Friday night at the Bisbee Royale to promote his new book, "Digging Up Mother: A Love Story."

The event is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Copper Queen Public Library and KBRP Community Media.

"Digging Up Mother" is a touching and funny memoir that takes readers on a wild and bawdy ride through the dirty, messed up back rooms of American comedy. It is also a love letter to Bonnie, Stanhope's tough, chain-smoking, dirty-limerick-spouting mother, who was (and likely still is) his biggest fan.

Longtime Stanhope fans will appreciate the comedic tour through the boiler rooms of Stanhope's career. In typical Stanhope style, he'll have you laughing out loud at his painful yet funny observations. You'll find yourself saying, "I didn't just laugh at that, did I?" But you did, because it was fun-ny.

You'll find yourself laughing at things you know you shouldn't. One liners like, "Autism or Asperger's, your kid still isn't in the debate club."

But whether you are a longtime Stanhope fanatic, like his legions of Killer Termite fans, or just discovering him, you might find there is something cathartic about his humor. Even with the crass stuff, unlike Andrew Dice Clay, or another comedian who might say things for shock value, Stanhope's observations about life and death are spot-on smart, at times incredibly sad, but most of all rip-the-Band-Aid-off funny. His humor stings in the way that only brutally raw honesty tinged with humor can. His gutsy, gritty memoir shows that Stanhope is a lot more than just a ribald comedian. His writing – like his brand of humor – shows us the world with all the screwed up beauty it holds, including a raw, honest, unsentimental, and often unflattering picture of his mother, who helped shape him into the twisted comedian he is today.

Friday night, Stanhope will be sharing the stage with fellow comedians Mishka Shubaly and Brett Erickson. Shubaly's new book, "I Swear I'll Make It Up To You," will also be available at the event for purchase and signings, said Alison Williams, assistant program coordinator for the Copper Queen Library. Funds raised at the event will support the Copper Queen Library's local author book signings being held this July, as well as KBRP.

"We are just really happy to have developed this partnership and friendship with Doug," said KBRP Executive Director Ryan Bruce. "He has been a supporter of the radio station for a long time. Bisbee is where he lives and events like this underscore how much he cares about Bisbee."

Tickets for the event are \$10, or \$36 for the book and ticket pre-ordered through eventbrite. Your book will be available for pick up at the event for signing.

Food and drink, including adult beverages (rumored to be Stanhope's favorite kind) will be available. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show at 7 p.m.

Stanhope is doing book signings around the country, but this is one of the few, if not only, where he will do a stage presentation as well. If you can't make Friday evening's event, pick up a copy of the book at Bisbee Books and Music, inside the Bisbee Convention Center at 2 Copper Queen Plaza. Owner Carol Lokey has copies available and will be getting signed copies to have on hand.