

Philip Spitzer

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Philip Spitzer, founder of the [Philip G. Spitzer Literary Agency](#) and literary agent to many authors, died October 5. He was 82. He represented James Lee Burke, Michael Connelly, Alafair Burke, Andre Dubus, Andre Dubus III, Ken Bruen and Simon Van Booy and many others.

Spitzer began his career in publishing by earning an M.A. at New York University's Graduate Institute of Book Publishing. He worked as an editorial assistant at NYU Press before becoming assistant to the director of marketing in McGraw-Hill's trade book department. He then became the director of sales and marketing of McGraw-Hill's art book department.

From 1966 to 1969, Spitzer worked as a literary agent for John Cushman Associates, then the U.S. affiliate of Curtis, Brown, London, representing hundreds of British writers. In 1969, he formed the Philip G. Spitzer Literary Agency, representing a broad range of fiction and nonfiction writers, along with more than a dozen French publishers. He specialized in general fiction and literary crime fiction, as well as nonfiction subjects of politics, sports, and works of sociological interest.

Survivors include Anne-Lise Spitzer, who is executive v-p and literary agent at the Philip G. Spitzer Literary Agency and was previously v-p and director of marketing at Knopf, Pantheon and Schocken Books.

Services will be held this Sunday, October 10, at noon at Yardley & Pino Funeral Home, 94 Pantigo Road in East Hampton, N.Y. Attendees must be fully vaccinated and wear masks. The family is also planning a memorial service in New York City at a later time.