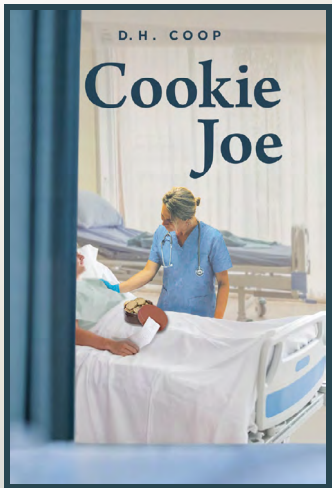


Cookie Joe



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While hospitalized a soldier, Joe, received a package of cookies. This simple act of kindness from a stranger helped the soldier during his recovery.

For many years, Joe and his wife repaid the kindness by anonymously sending packages of cookies to first responders and military individuals in local hospitals. When Joe passed away, his grandson carried on the cookie tradition.

One day, a local reporter happened to be in a hospital when a package of cookies arrived for a patient. The reporter was determined to discover the name of the anonymous sender, which set off a string of events.

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