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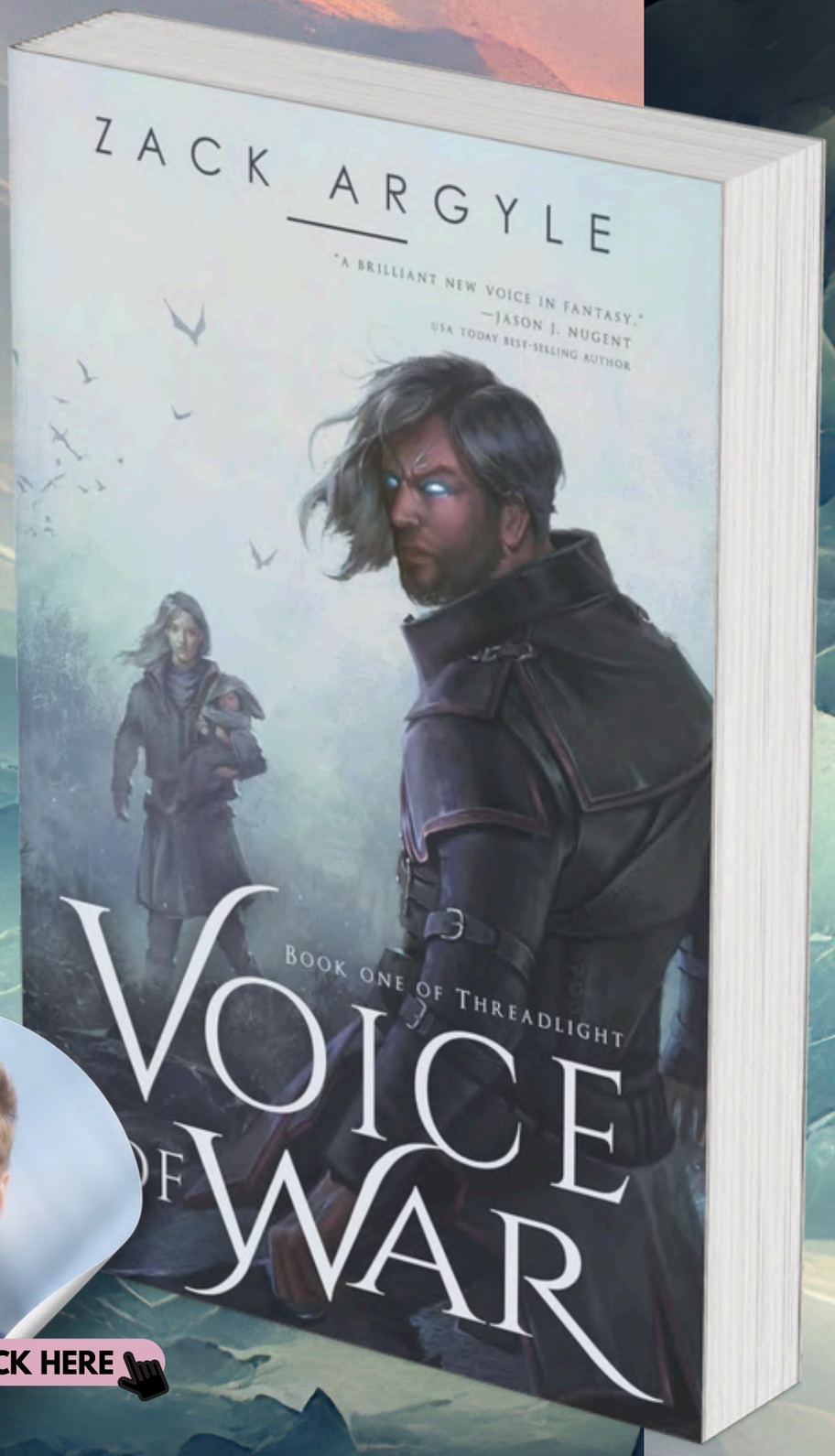
She currently lives in Powder Springs, Georgia with her family and three cats. Get updates and read more stories at https://www.keandrews.org/







While preparing for his first child's birth, Chrys Valerian must uncover who is abducting threadweavers—those who manipulate threadlight. With every failure, the dark voice inside his head grows louder.

Meanwhile, a young girl from the Fairenwild ends up in chains in Alchea, and a young man in the southern deserts dies, altering his destiny forever.

When the abductors come for Chrys's family, he must protect those he loves, even if it means trusting strangers or the sinister voice within. Together, these three are bound to reshape the world—whether they intend to or not.

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editor's note

Dear friends and fellow readers,

Welcome to the 3rd Quarter Edition of Scribe Digest! As we transition through the warmth of National Ice Cream Month in July, the vibrant flora of Chinese Hibiscus Month in August, and the rich cultural tapestry of Spanish Heritage Month in September, we are thrilled to bring you our most visionary issue yet.

This quarter, we step through a glowing threshold into The Future of Fiction: AI, Interactive Stories & Beyond. Technology is reshaping the literary horizon, pushing us to ask: Where does human imagination end, and digital innovation begin?

In our first feature, Algorithms as Co-Creators, we delve into generative literature and the human spark. Authors like Robin Sloan (Sourdough), K Allado-McDowell (Pharmako-AI), and Stephen Marche (Death of an Author) demonstrate how machine learning can serve not as a replacement, but as an extraordinary narrative collaborator.

Next, we explore The Death of the Linear Tale, investigating how branching paths, transmedia lore, and immersive platforms—from Substack to Webtoons—are turning passive readers into active co-architects. Works like Ernest Cline's Ready Player One, James Frey and Nils Johnson-Shelton's Endgame: The Calling, and Sean Stewart and Jordan Weisman's Cathy's Book redefine the boundaries of modern world-building.

Finally, we confront Algorithmic Dystopias & Digital Privacy. Trailblazers like Neal Stephenson (Snow Crash), William Gibson (Pattern Recognition), and Cory Doctorow (Little Brother) show us that speculative fiction remains humanity's vital ethical warning system against corporate monopolies and neural surveillance.

Grab your favorite treat, settle into the futuristic landscapes ahead, and join us as we celebrate the infinite possibilities of narrative evolution.

Warmly,

Editorial Team
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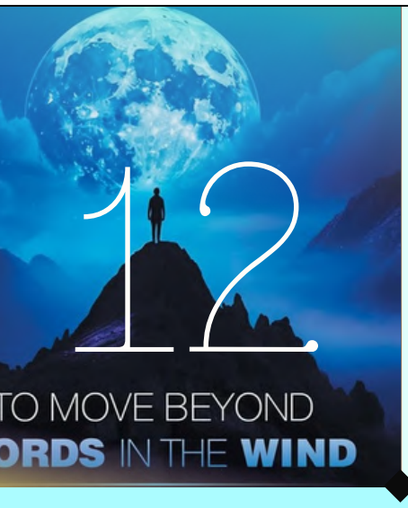

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JULY

”that I is for ice cream. No, now
he’s proposing that I’s for spaghetti,

all spaghetti, he avers,
being once alphabetti“

Mark Waldron, ‘Ice Cream for I Scream‘

IN THE FOCUS



DELILAH WAAN

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Delilah Waan is a literal bookworm who alphabetically devours her way through the shelves at her local library.Her preferred diet is fantasy epics-full of complex intrigue, morally ambiguous characters, and tragic ends-though she does enjoy the occasional quippy, fast-paced action-adventure. (Sappy romances, however, give her indigestion.)

When she's not binge-reading the next doorstopper on her TBR or engaging in frantic theory crafting in between Brandon Sanderson and Will Wight book releases, she likes to spit bars in her best Angelica Schuyler impression and walk her cat.







Awakening at the bottom of a well, bruised and bereft of memory, Cinder Shade knows only one imperative: protect the defenseless and become a true warrior.

Unlocking a peculiar gift for combat and the language of steel, Cinder earns a place at a prestigious elven warrior academy, fighting to prove a human's worth among proud elves.

His hard-earned skills are soon put to the ultimate test when mythical monsters emerge from the Dagger Mountains alongside an ancient, vengeful god. The world believes this deity long dead, but he remembers his enemies all too well—even if they don't remember themselves.

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TO MOVE BEYOND WORDS IN THE WIND TO BECOME DREAMS IN THE END

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To Move Beyond Words in the Wind: To Become Dreams in the End invites readers into a surreal and emotionally charged journey through the eyes of Aaron Wasowicz. Set in a town that may or may not exist, the story unfolds in real time, blending haunting memories with chilling lore. As Aaron questions what is real, readers are pulled into a world full of mystery, suspense, and poetic reflection.

With vivid, mentally illustrated scenes and voice that lingers, this immersive debut challenges perception and meaning. Prepare to question everything—until the very last word. What is the truth? You decide.

About the Author



ICETON and DELMAR blend two lifetimes of experience into one compelling creative voice. ICETON brings over twenty-five years of global perspective, while DELMAR offers over forty years of grounded, hands-on wisdom. Their distinct journeys converge in a shared passion for storytelling that reflects both imagination and truth. This debut marks not just a collaboration, but a beginning—an invitation to explore the unknown through the eyes of two deeply reflective storytellers.

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FROZEN MEMORIES

Book 2 *from* The Age *of* Scars



The war for Hjarta-Fell may be over, but a colder nightmare has begun. A mysterious frost now sweeps across the northern wastes, stealing memories and erasing the past from all it touches. Drawn back into the darkness, Gundroff Ragingfire and his fractured companions must hunt the Demon General Manduklesh before he unlocks the full power of the Crown of Frozen Memories.

Joined by a secretive monk, a sharp-tongued goblin scavenger, and the chronomancer Seraphina, the fellowship journeys through glacial ruins and deadly storms where even identity cannot be trusted. In this frozen age, survival means remembering who you are before the cold takes everything.

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About the Author

Author David J. Hodges is a lifelong fantasy enthusiast whose love for storytelling was shaped by classic epic fantasy and years of tabletop worldbuilding with family and friends. Drawing inspiration from Utah's rugged landscapes and campfire tales passed down by his father, he created The Age of Scars series to explore themes of memory, identity, and time. When not writing, he enjoys gaming, outdoor adventures, and spending time with his family.

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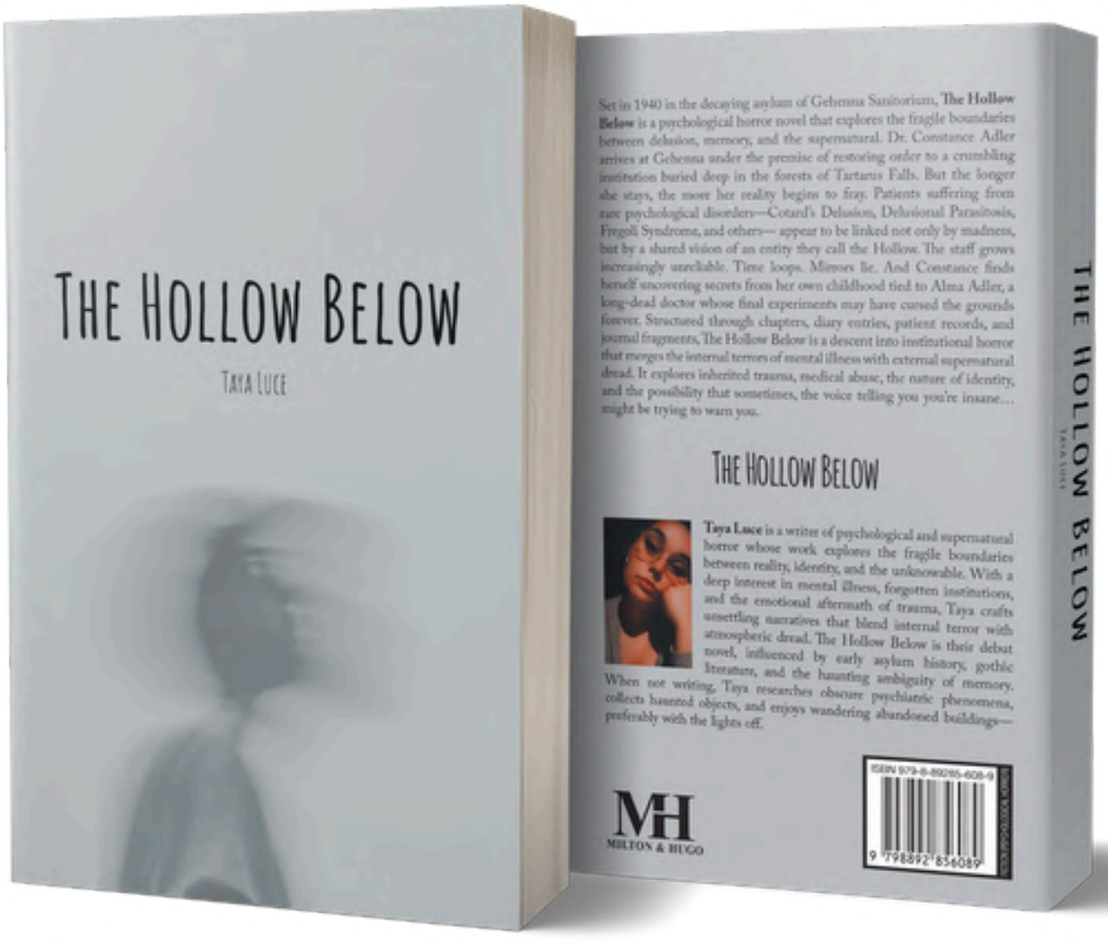
The Hollow Below

Taya Luce



In 1940, Dr. Constance Adler arrives at the decaying Gehenna Sanitorium, tasked with restoring order to the isolated asylum. She soon encounters patients whose rare psychological disorders converge around a shared, terrifying presence known as the Hollow. As time twists, records vanish, and the staff's motives blur, Constance uncovers a haunting legacy tied to Alma Adler, a long-dead doctor whose experiments may have unleashed something beyond comprehension.

Structured through diaries, medical files, and fragmented journals, The Hollow Below is a chilling psychological horror that probes trauma, identity, and the unsettling boundary where madness meets the supernatural.

Grab a Copy!





About the Author

Author Taya Luce writes psychological and supernatural horror, probing the fragile line between sanity and the unknown. Their debut, The Hollow Below, draws on trauma, forgotten institutions, and mental illness to craft chilling, immersive narratives.

Outside of writing, Taya explores abandoned buildings, studies obscure psychiatric phenomena, and collects haunted or mysterious objects—always searching for the stories hidden in shadows and the whispers of the past.

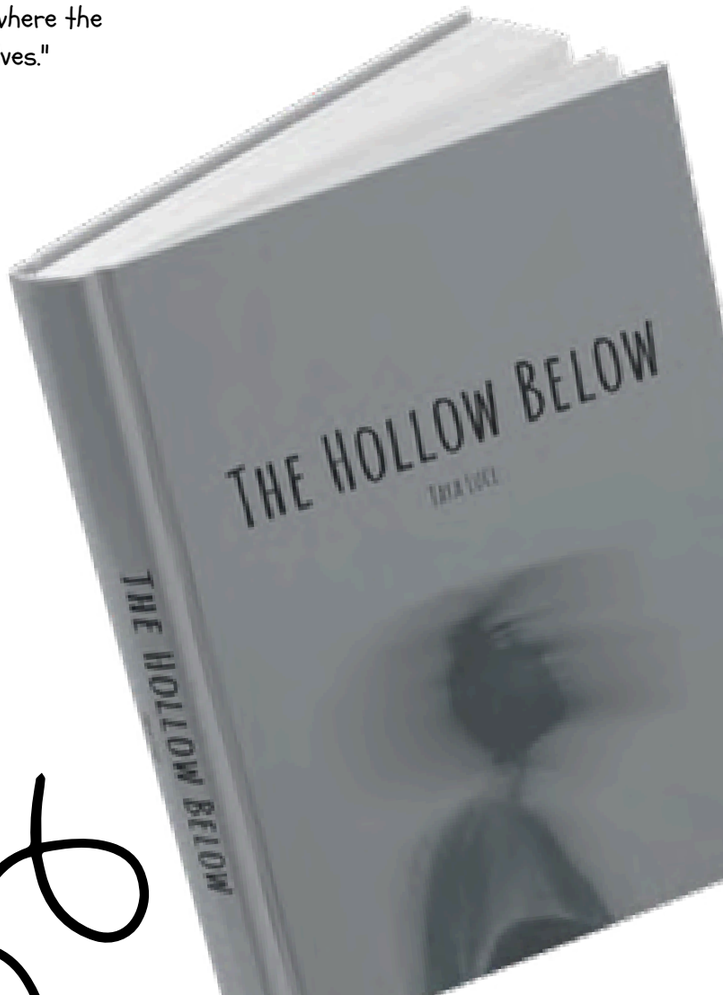
"A suffocating, superbly crafted descent into institutional madness where the line between clinical delusion and cosmic dread completely dissolves."

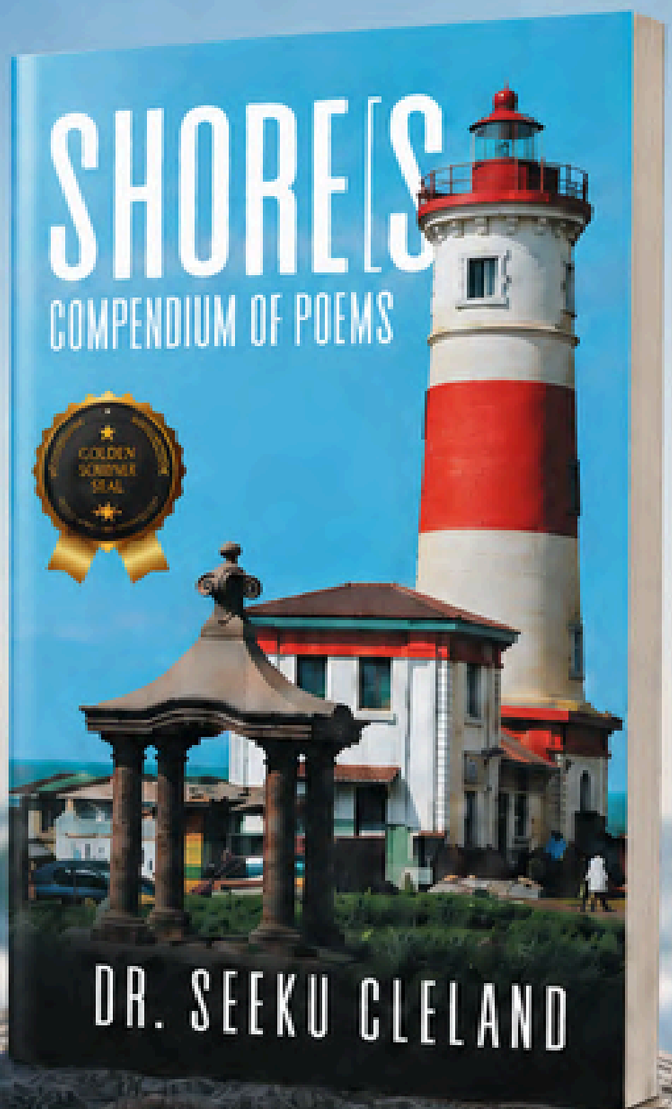
Scribe Digest Book Review ★★★★★

In Luce's chilling debut psychological horror novel, a doctor's assignment at a decaying 1940s sanitorium turns into an immersive nightmare of inherited trauma and fractured reality.

Dr. Constance Adler arrives at Gehenna Sanitorium, an isolated psychiatric institution crumbling deep within the suffocating woods of Tartarus Falls, tasked with bringing order to a rapidly deteriorating facility. Instead, she inherits a web of inexplicable phenomena and deeply unsettled staff. The patients —afflicted with rare, terrifying conditions such as Cotard's delusion (believing oneself to be dead) and Fregoli syndrome (believing people are shapeshifting impostors)—share a sinister commonality: a collective obsession with an ominous, malevolent entity known only as "the Hollow."

A masterclass in slow-burn dread, blending the historical chill of asylum fiction with sharp, deeply empathetic character work.





POEMS THAT RESONATE. TRUTHS THAT ENDURE.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Shores: Compendium of Poems is a stirring collection exploring life, love, identity, and mortality through the lens of activism and empathy. Blending personal insight with universal themes, Dr. Seeku Cleland addresses social issues such as cancel culture and climate change in poems that challenge, heal, and inspire. With lyrical grace and unflinching honesty, this collection invites readers to reflect, connect, and reimagine the world with compassion and courage.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr. Seeku Cleland, originally from Ghana, lives in Maryland with his family and serves as a chemistry co-teacher and mentor at Montgomery County Public Schools. Proud of his Ghanaian heritage, he blends cultural themes and global issues in his poetry. His work continues the literary legacy of his late father, Ambassador Joseph Quao Cleland, and honors the values of respect, equality, and compassion instilled by his mother, Naadu Sarah Cleland.

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Cognicrossis is a deadly illness feared across the Conclavian Wastelands, known to claim every life it touches. Sorin Richter should have been no exception.

Found as a child near a ruined town on the edge of the Endless Expanse, he grows up carrying the sickness—and surviving it.

Across Pangaea, shadowed corporations hide forbidden truths from the Republic, while rumors spread of children with unnatural abilities. As Sorin's condition begins to change rather than destroy him, questions about his origins rise to the surface.

Forced beyond the fragile safety of his world, Sorin must confront what he is becoming. In a land shaped by ruin and deception, the truth will redefine his life—and the fate of the wastelands forever.

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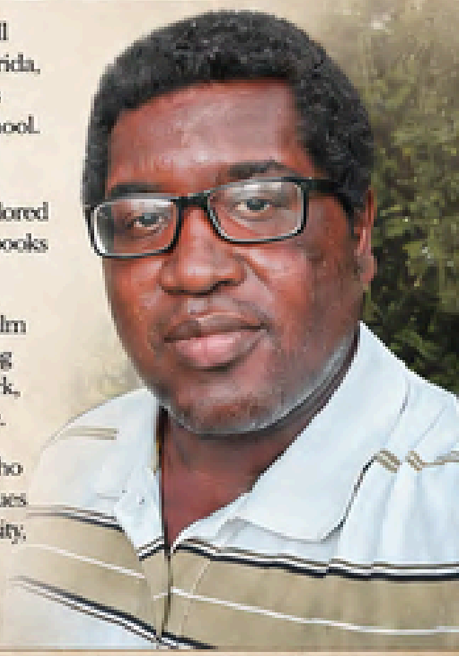

Author Sjaquiwn A. Small grew up in Marianna, Florida, where reading sparked his imagination in middle school.

Drawn to science fiction, fantasy, and horror, he explored countless worlds through books and video games.

Now stepping into the realm of writing, he seeks to bring his own stories to life—dark, thrilling, and unforgettable.

Grateful to every reader who joins him, Sjaquiwn continues his journey fueled by curiosity, wonder, and imagination.

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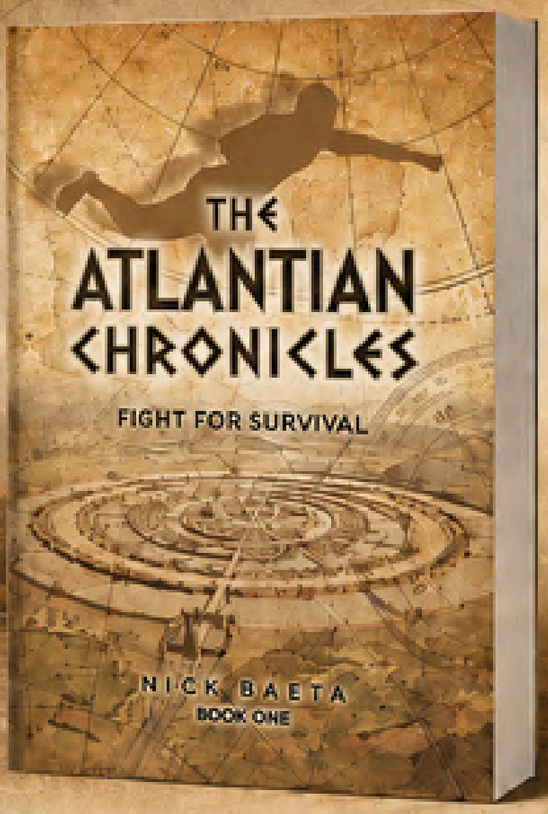

AN ANCIENT POWER. A DEADLY PURSUIT. A BOY'S FIGHT TO SURVIVE.

Bryce Hillcrest, a typical teenager from Broadway Hills, Texas, whose life got flipped upside down after a violent encounter with a bully. Now on the run from a shadowy group known only as Unity. To survive, Bryce must rely on skills taught by his ex-Special Forces father and a mysterious power linked to his past. As he faces relentless threats, Bryce discovers he holds a dangerous gift that Unity wants to control. On the run, he forges unexpected alliances and confronts formidable enemies. In *The Atlantian Chronicles: Fight for Survival*, Bryce embarks on a heart-pounding journey of self-discovery, survival, and justice.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Nick Baeta, a Canadian author from Ontario, has been crafting stories since his youth. Passionate about world-building, he draws on a wide range of genres, personal experiences, and martial arts training. Inspired by literary greats like Jack Carr, Rick Riordan, Ace Atkins, Lee Child, and J.K. Rowling, Nick created *The Atlantian Chronicles: Fight for Survival* to captivate readers of all ages and inspire aspiring writers to follow their creative passions.

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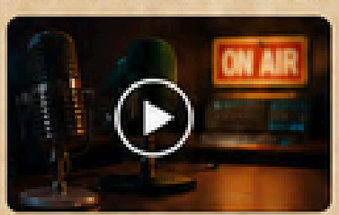

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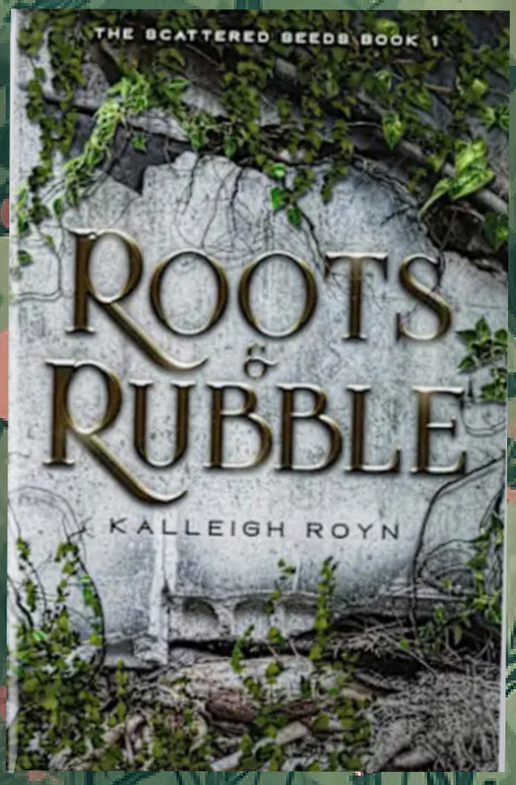
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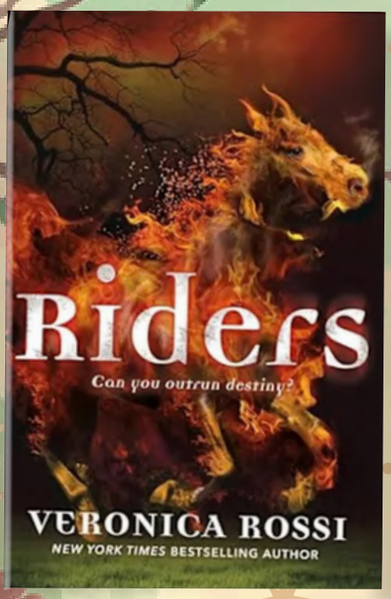
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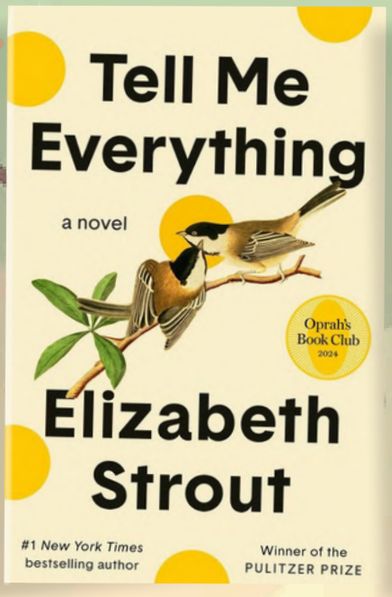
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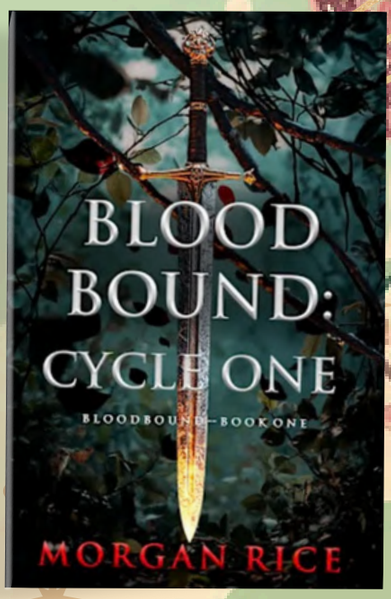
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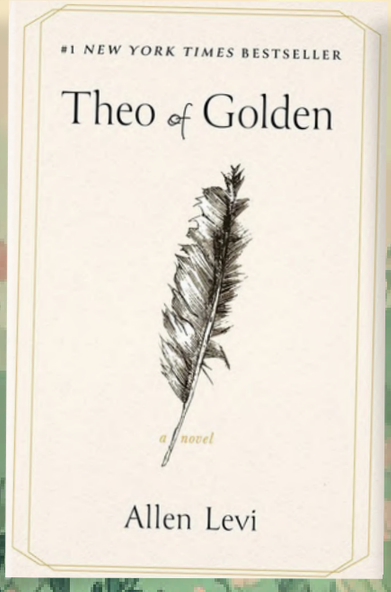
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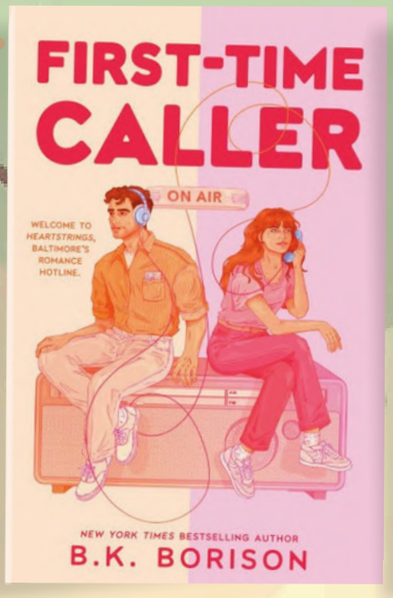
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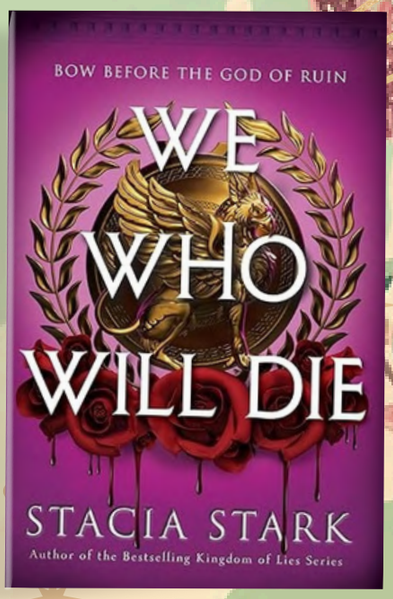
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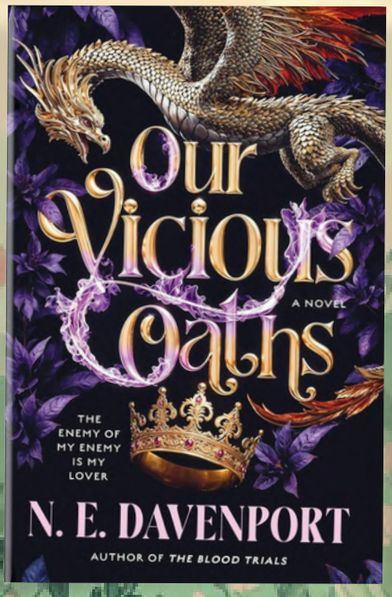
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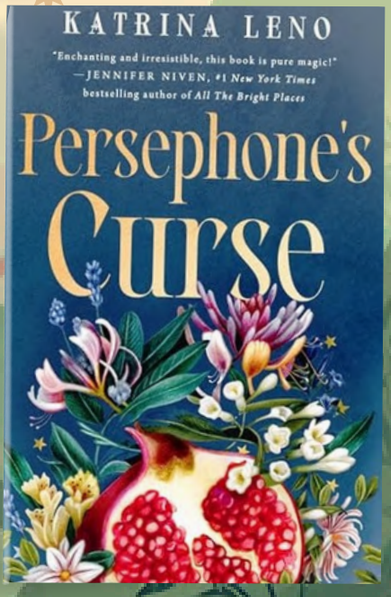
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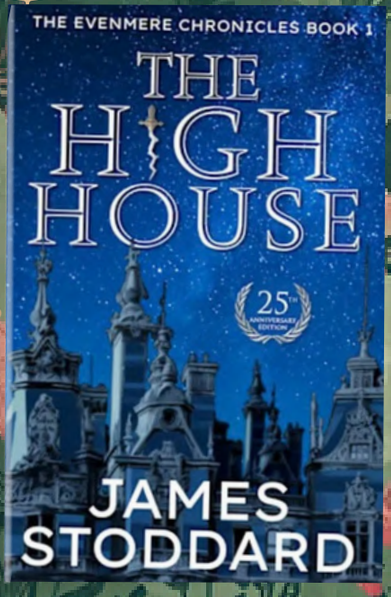
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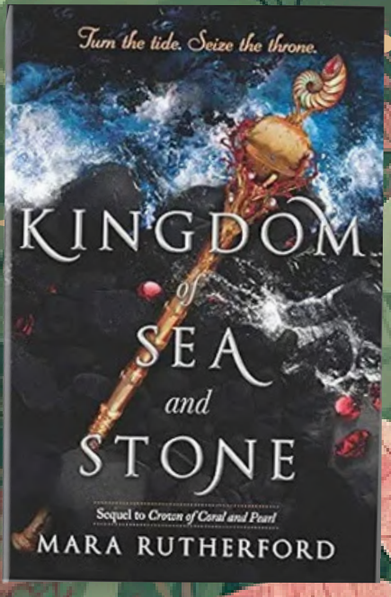
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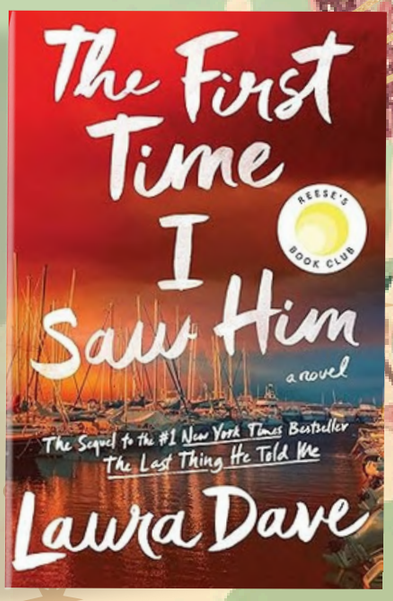
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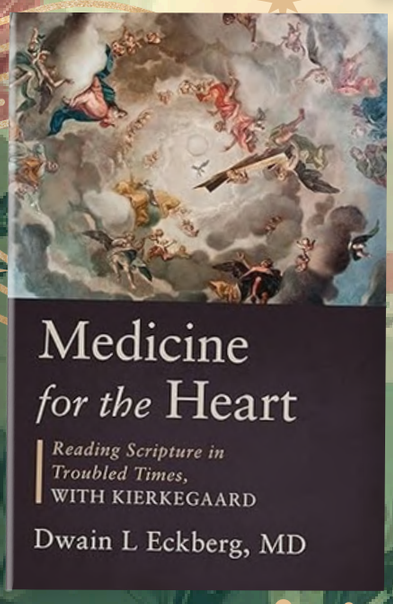
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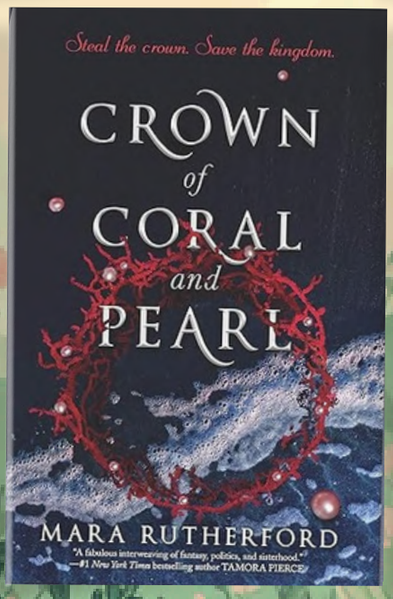
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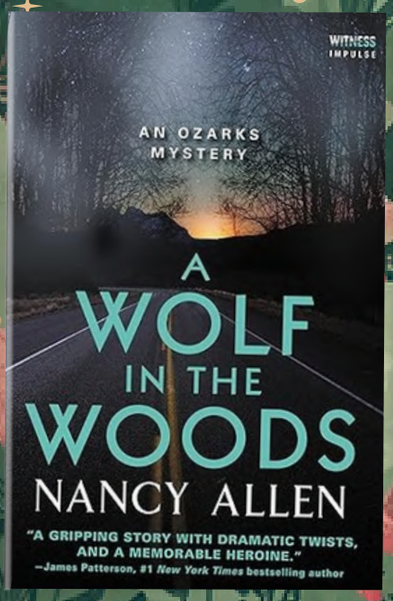
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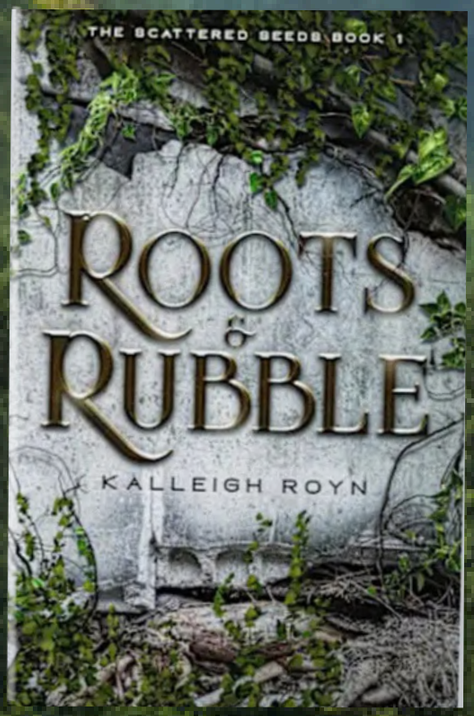





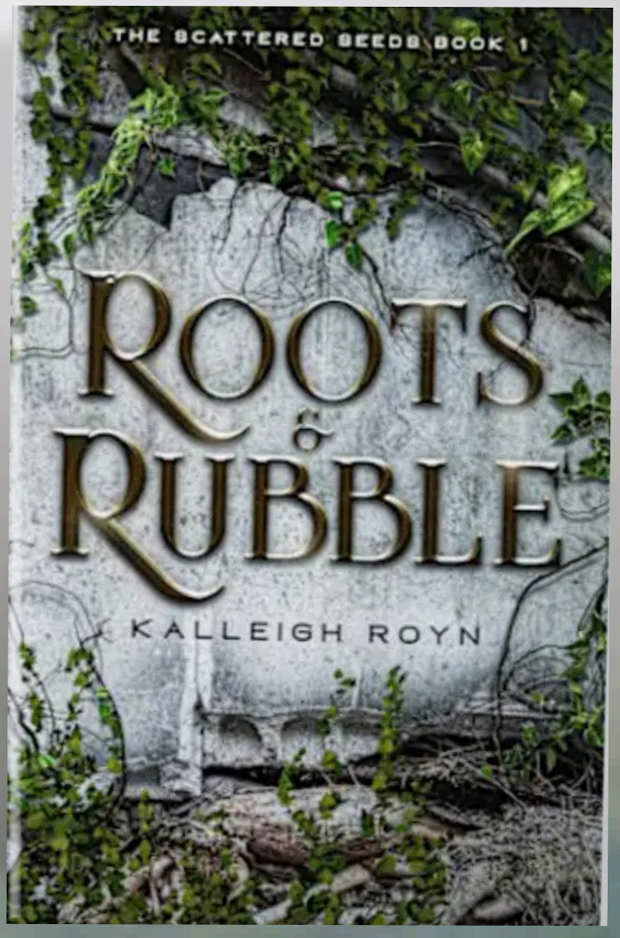

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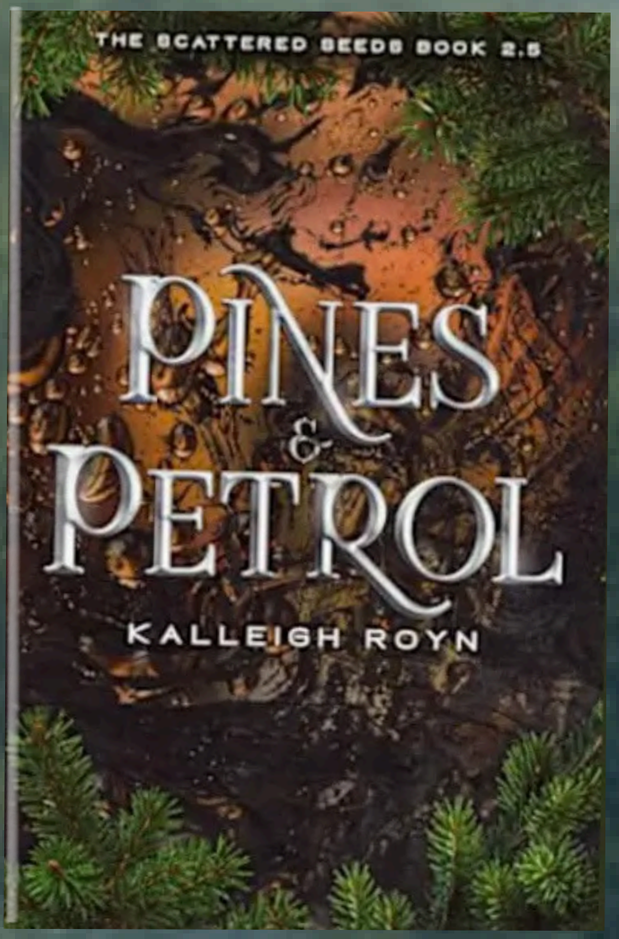
When his brother seizes the Echelon throne, Leon Valric's world shatters. Betrayed and with nowhere left to turn, he flees into the wild with a single, desperate plan: secure the aid of the Sovereign, and reclaim what's his.

But the road to salvation is cut short when Leon is intercepted by a powerful lord with a dangerous reputation. Trapped in an uneasy alliance, Leon must play a dangerous game of loyalty and leverage. One wrong move could cost him everything.

Amid gunfire and rising chaos, Leon is forced to test his mind, skill, and judgment, learning that strength alone isn't enough to lead. As the line between duty and vengeance blurs, he must decide if claiming power is worth destroying the man he thought he was.





Ben and the Greenblooms must protect a mythical new creature rising from the ocean that can bring light or darkness to whoever it first meets - a vast, mythical Aurelia.

It's a race against time to protect it, for if the Aurelia is hurt, all fabulous creatures will vanish from Earth. In the end though, it may take the arrival of the original silver dragon, Firedrake, to help save them all

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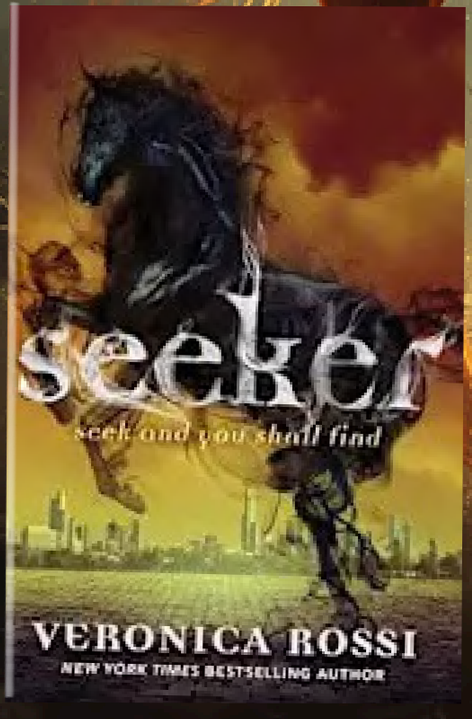

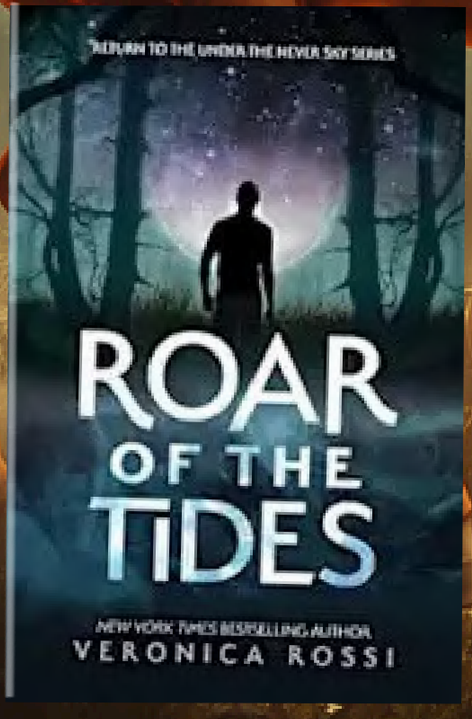

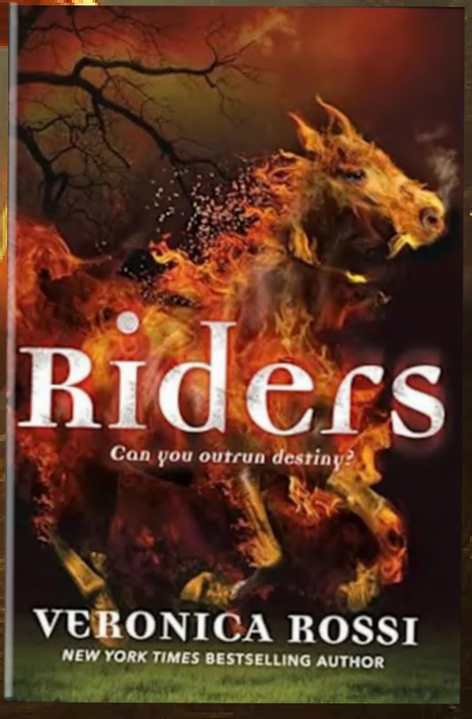

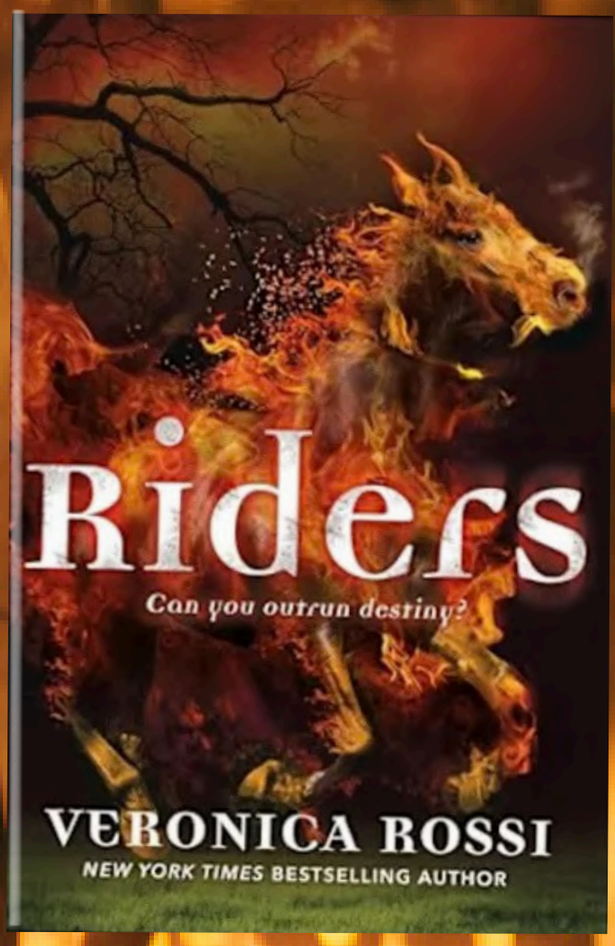

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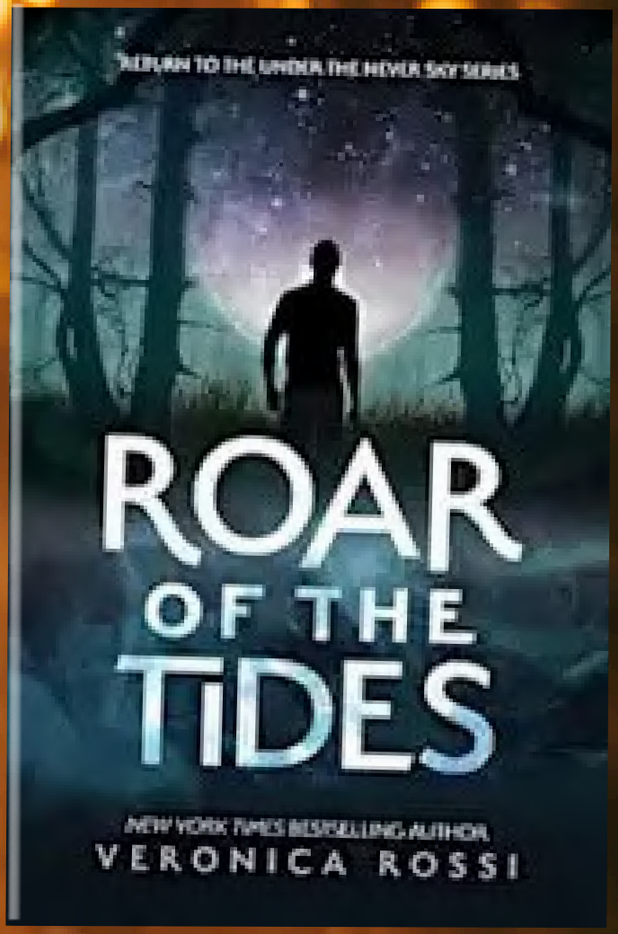
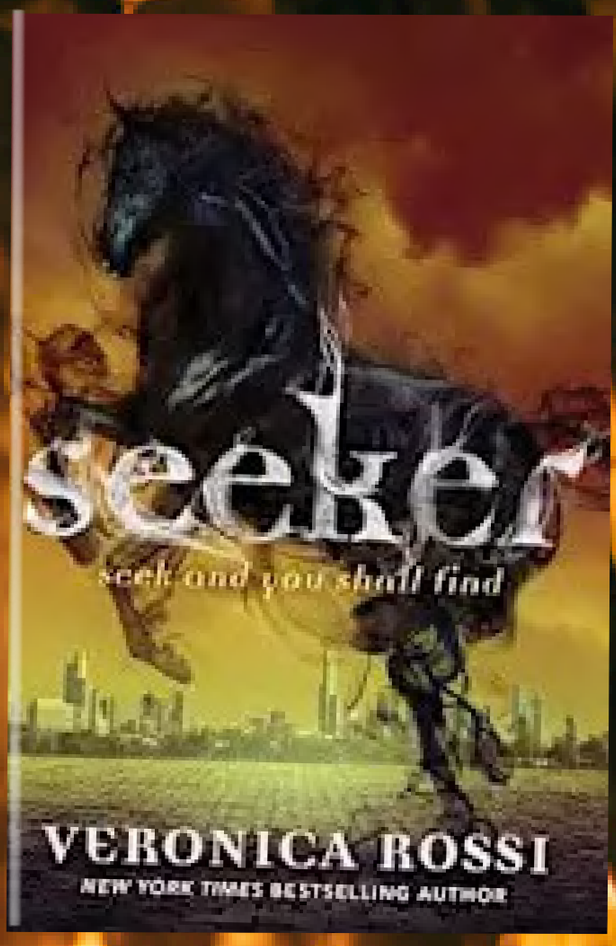
Roar of the Tides has been through it all. The staggering death of the girl he loves. The destruction of the only place he's ever called home by harrowing Aether storms. Now, a year later, finally safe in an idyllic new land, his life should be back on track. Instead, he's haunted by the memory of his beloved's brutal murder by Sable of the Horns-until the day he hears a call for help that changes everything.

After fleeing from the tribe that held her hostage, Tempest of the Horns has been in hiding. She wants nothing more than to reunite with her brother, Sable, and return to her true home. When she sends out a distress call hoping to reach him, she doesn't expect a stranger to answer instead.

When Roar and Tempest meet, their fate has already been sealed by lies and betrayals. But when they're captured by a common enemy who plans to kill Roar and usurp Tempest's ancestral lands, they'll need to overcome old wounds and forge ahead as partners, proving that heroic feats can happen in the heart as much as on any battlefield.

Praise for the series:





Since the moment she inadvertently sealed him in a dark dimension with Samrael--the last surviving demon in the Kindred--guilt has plagued her. Daryn knows Sebastian is alive and waiting for help. It's up to her to rescue him. But now that she needs the Sight more than ever to guide her, the visions have stopped.

Daryn must rely on her instincts, her intelligence, and on blind faith to lead the riders who are counting on her in search of Sebastian. As they delve into a shadowy realm where nothing is as it seems and where Samrael is steadily amassing power, Daryn faces the ultimate test. Will she have to become evil to destroy evil? The very fate of humankind rests in the answer.

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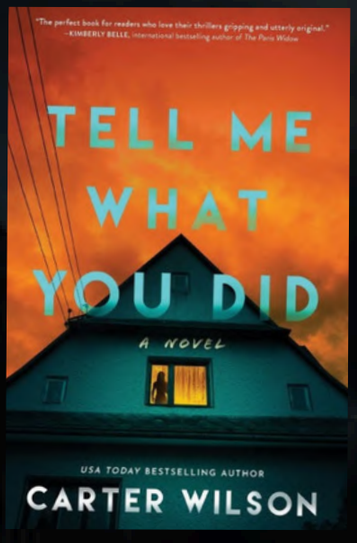

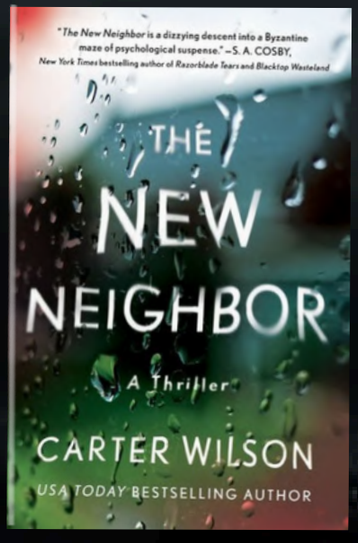

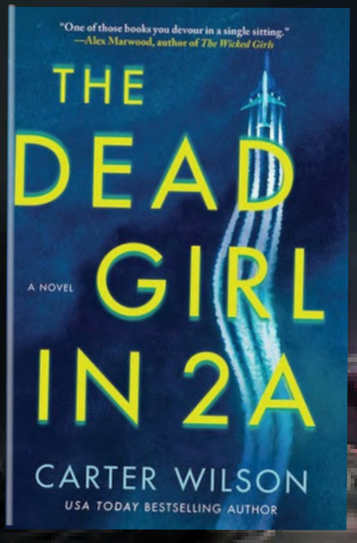

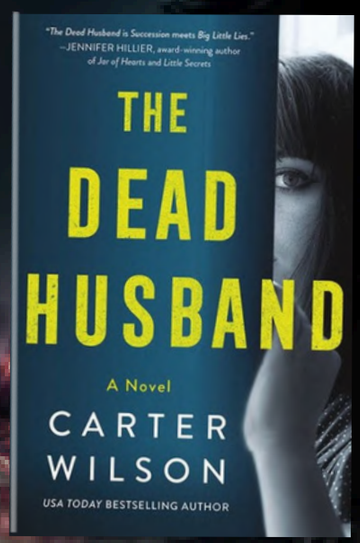

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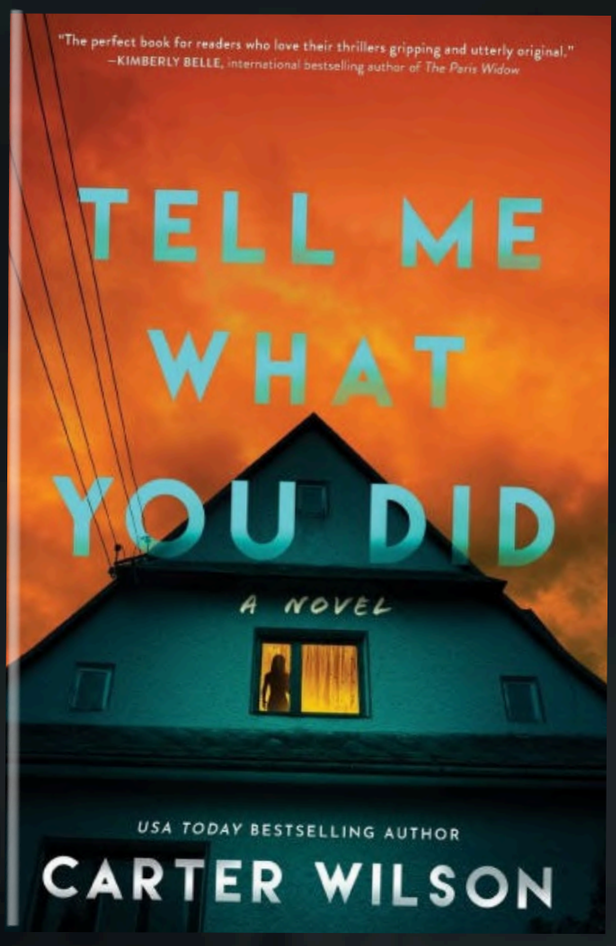
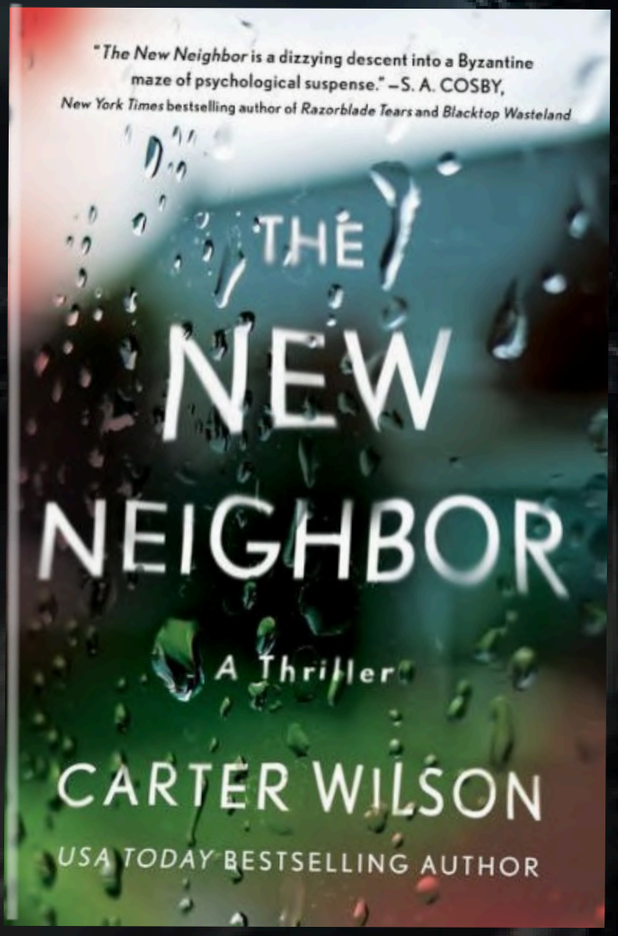


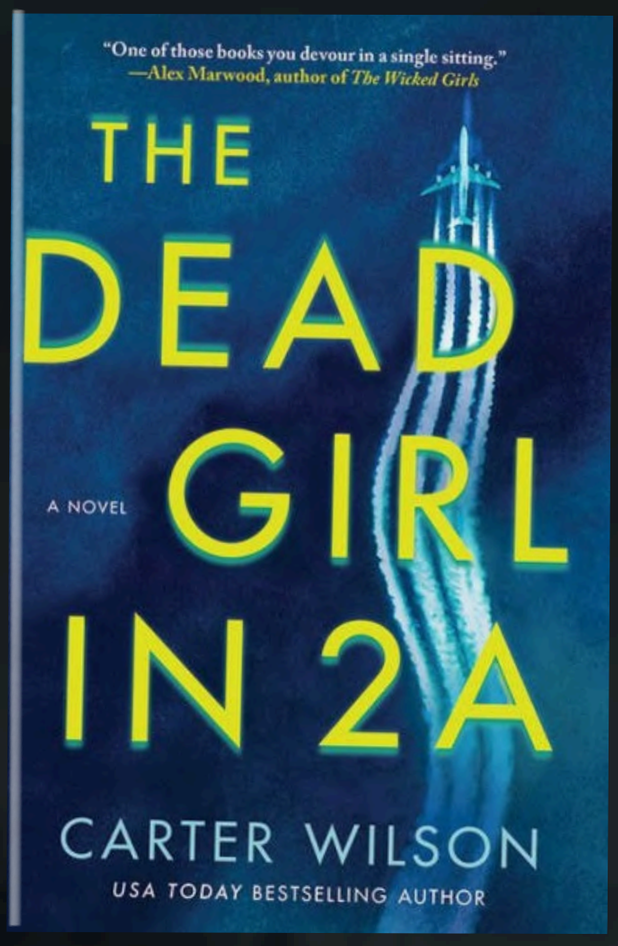
Poe Webb, host of a popular true crime podcast, invites people to anonymously confess crimes they've committed to her audience. She can't guarantee the police won't come after her "guests," but her show grants simultaneous anonymity and instant fame—a potent combination that's proven difficult to resist. After an episode recording, Poe usually erases both criminal and crime from her mind.

But when a strange and oddly familiar man appears on her show, Poe is forced to take a second look. Not only because he claims to be her mother's murderer from years ago, but because Poe knows something no one else does. Her mother's murderer is dead.

Aidan Marlowe is the superstitious type—he's been playing the same lottery numbers for fifteen years, never hitting the jackpot. Until now. On the day of his wife's funeral.

Aidan struggles to cope with these two sudden extremes: instant wealth beyond his imagination, and the loss of the only woman he's ever loved, the mother of his twin children. But the money gives him and his kids options they didn't have before. They can leave everything behind. They can start a new life in a new town. So they do.



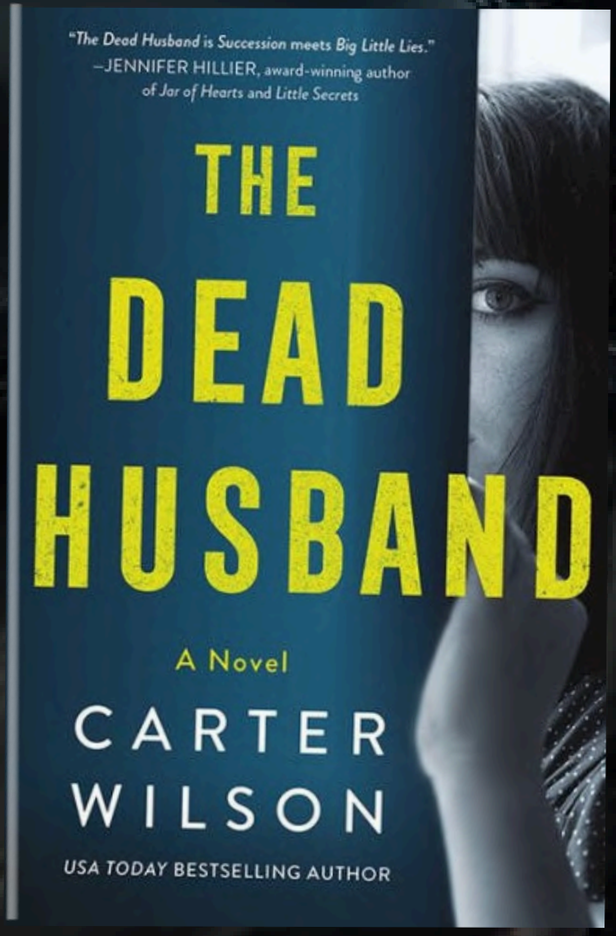


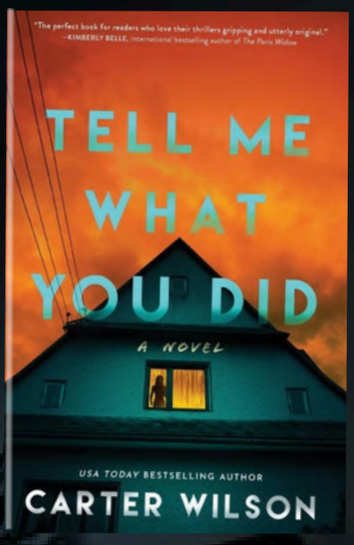
Jack Buchannan knows the woman sitting next to him on his business flight to Denver—he just can't figure out how he knows her. Clara Stowe isn't in Jake's line of work and didn't go to college with him. They have nearly nothing in common apart from a deep and shared certainty that they've met before.

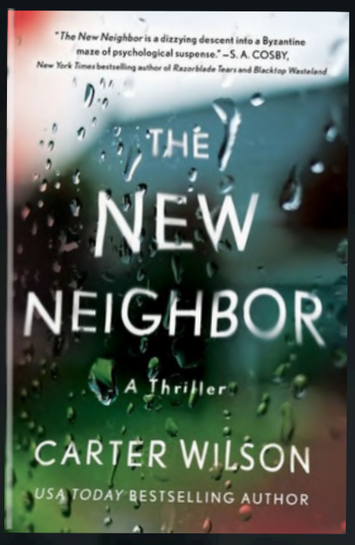
As their airplane conversation deepens, both struggle to figure out what circumstances could have possibly brought them together. Then, in a revelation that sends Jake reeling, Clara admits she's traveling to the Colorado mountains to kill herself, and she disappears into the crowded airport immediately after landing. Though Clara is gone, Jake is determined to track the girl in the city and figure out their connection.

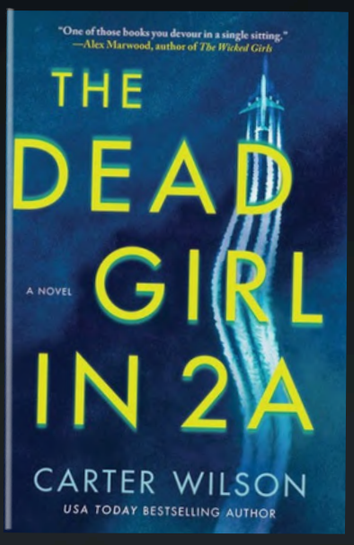
A murderer, a victim, and a witness... but no one in this house is innocent
Twenty years ago an unspeakable tragedy rocked Rose Yates's small, affluent hometown... and only Rose and her family know the truth about what happened.

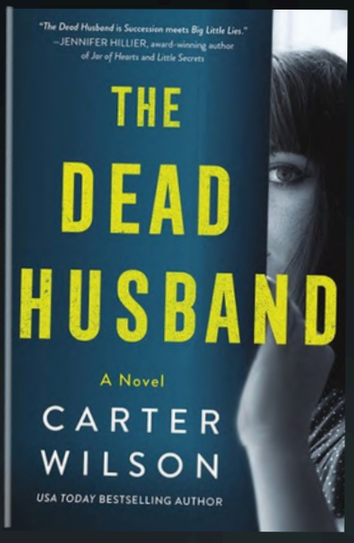
Haunted by guilt, Rose escaped into a new life. Now she seems to have it all: a marriage, a son, a career. And then her husband is found dead.
As far as Detective Colin Pearson is concerned, Rose is guilty. Her marriage wasn't as happy as she'd led everyone to believe, and worse, she's connected to a twenty-year-old cold case. She can play the part of the victim, but he won't let her or her family escape justice this time around.













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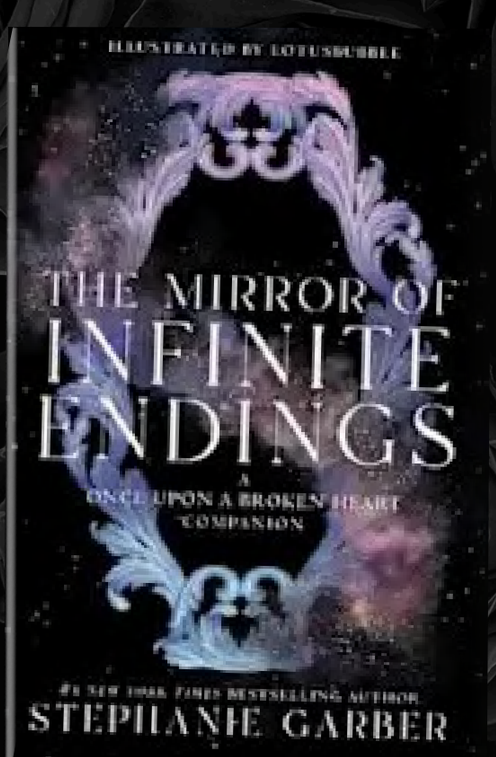
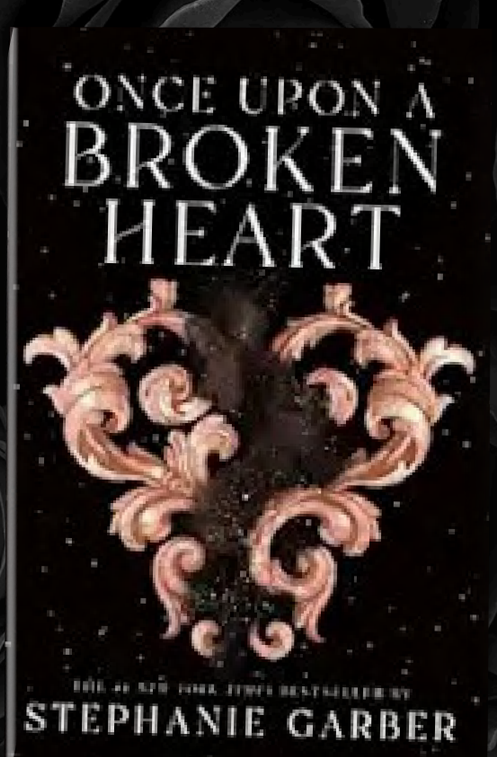
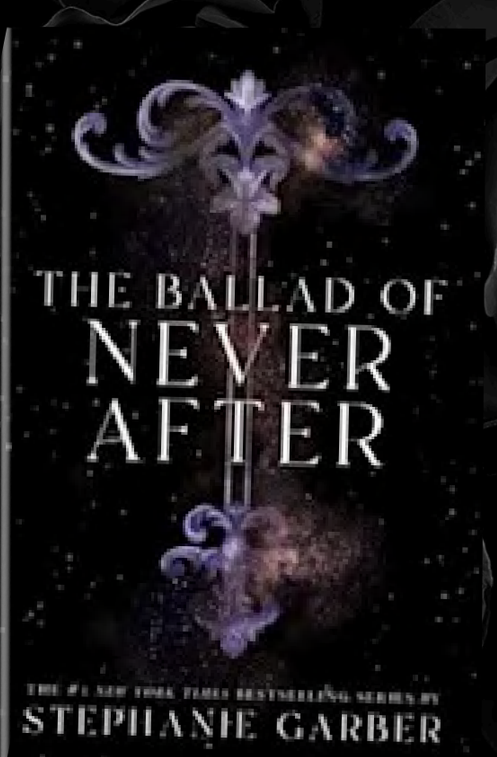
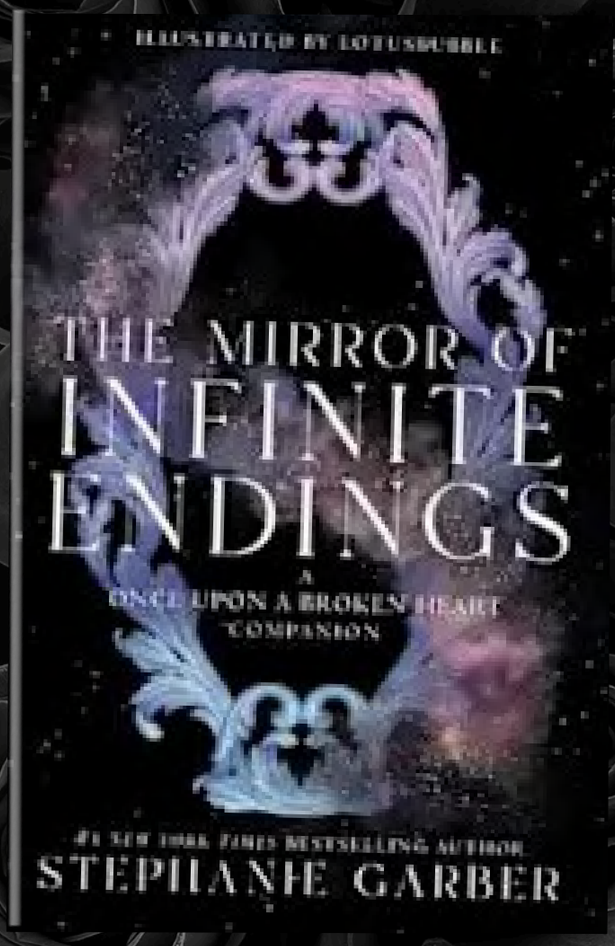








Jacks and Evangeline Fox have finally found their happily ever after.

Everything here in the Hollow is wonderful and perfect.

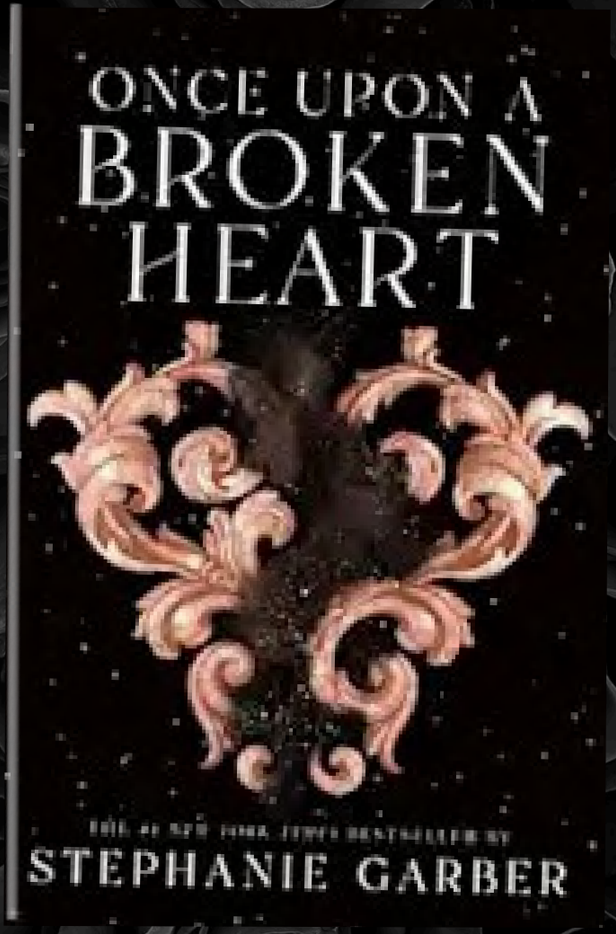
Nothing is going to go wrong.

No one is keeping a secret . . . except for maybe one.

But don't worry, it's not going to rewrite reality or alter history or change the ending of Jacks and Evangeline's story.

Definitely not.

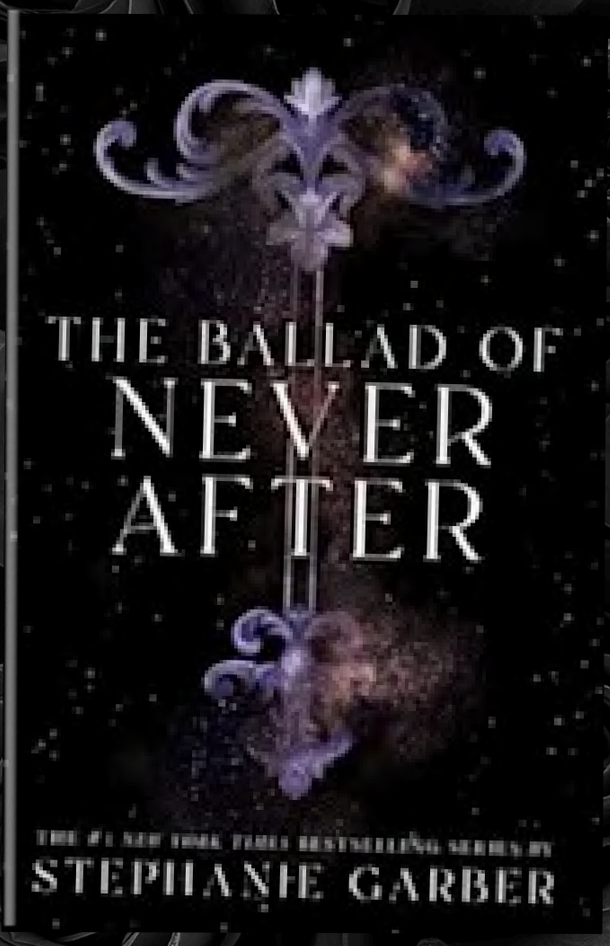
Featuring cameos from fan-favorite characters and more than twenty full-page illustrations by Lotusbubble, the newest installment in the Once Upon a Broken Heart universe will immerse readers once again in this beloved, #1 New York Times bestselling series. Because every story has the potential for infinite endings.



For as long as she can remember, Evangeline Fox has believed in true love and happy endings . . . until she learns that the love of her life will marry another.

Desperate to stop the wedding and to heal her wounded heart, Evangeline strikes a deal with the charismatic, but wicked, Prince of Hearts. In exchange for his help, he asks for three kisses, to be given at the time and place of his choosing.

But after Evangeline's first promised kiss, she learns that bargaining with an immortal is a dangerous game — and that the Prince of Hearts wants far more from her than she'd pledged. He has plans for Evangeline, plans that will either end in the greatest happily ever after, or the most exquisite tragedy.



Not every love is meant to be.

After Jacks, the Prince of Hearts, betrays her, Evangeline Fox swears she'll never trust him again. Now that she's discovered her own magic, Evangeline believes she can use it to restore the chance at happily ever after that Jacks stole away.

But when a new terrifying curse is revealed, Evangeline finds herself entering into a tenuous partnership with the Prince of Hearts again. Only this time, the rules have changed. Jacks isn't the only force Evangeline needs to be wary of. In fact, he might be the only one she can trust, despite her desire to despise him.

Instead of a love spell wreaking havoc on Evangeline's life, a murderous spell has been cast. To break it, Evangeline and Jacks will have to do battle with old friends, new foes, and a magic that plays with heads and hearts. Evangeline has always trusted her heart, but this time she's not sure she can. . . .

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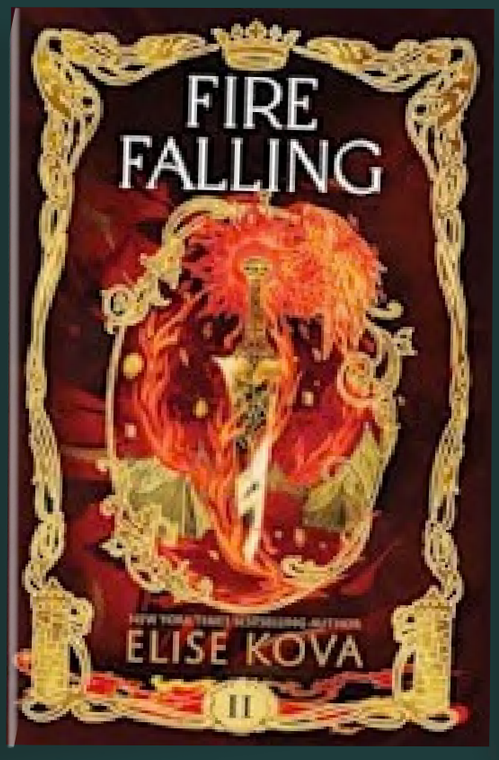
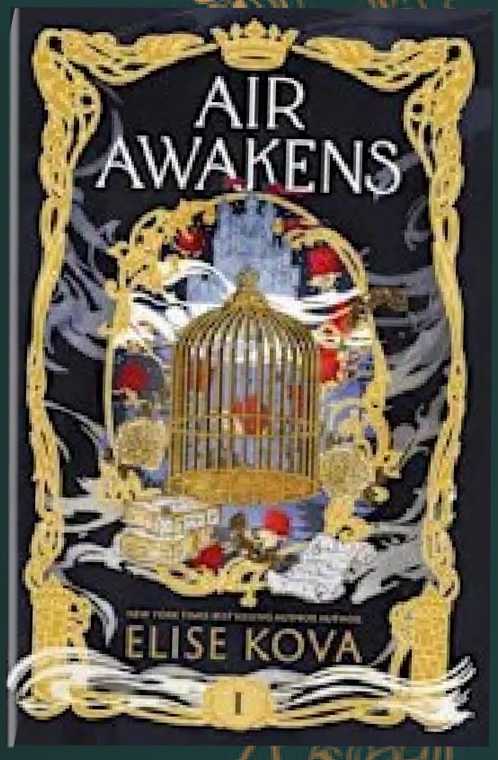
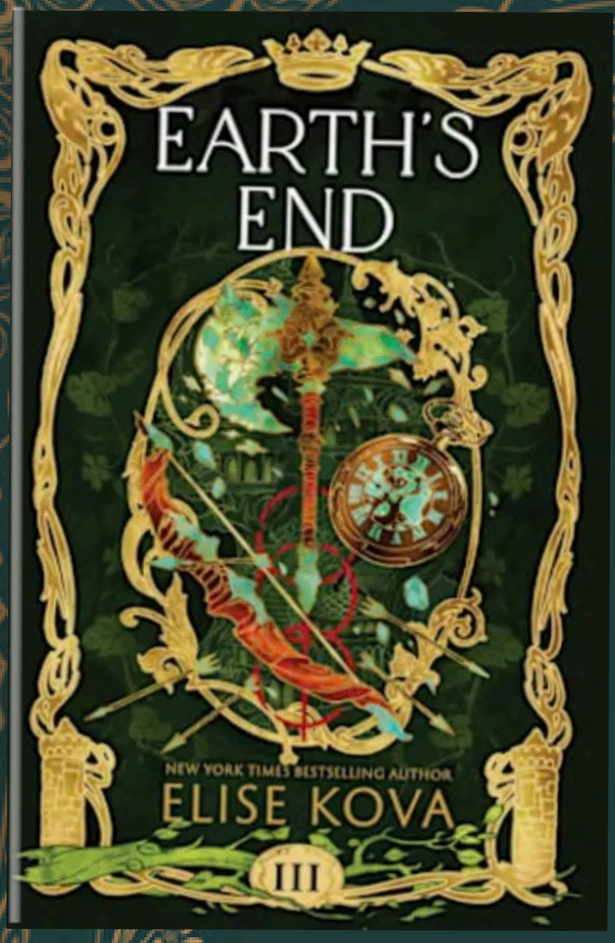






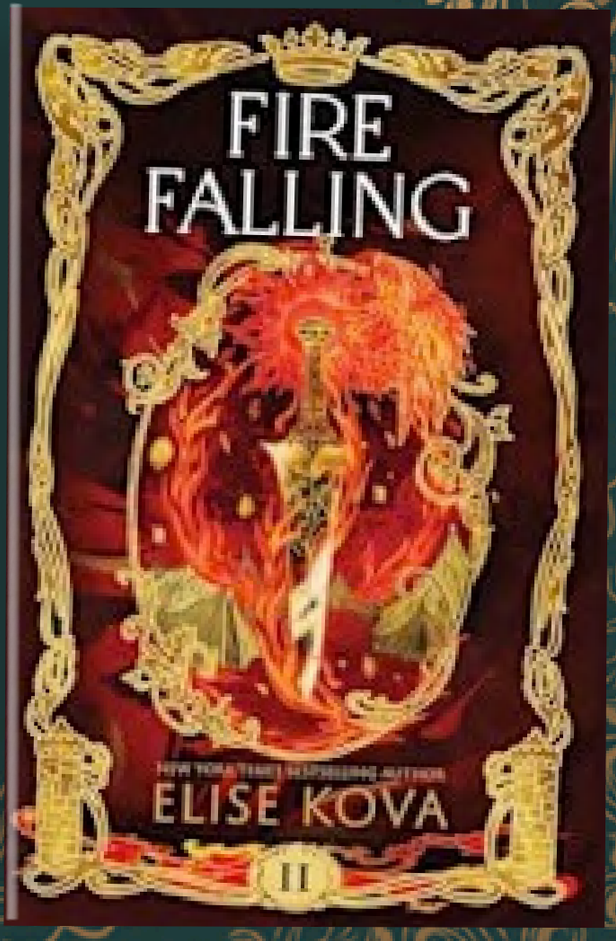
What happens when you can save everyone... except yourself?

Vhalla Yarl has reached the warfront as the Empire's greatest weapon. The Emperor holds her fate in an iron grip. The people hail her as a champion. And the Crown Prince Aldrik has promised her everything in secret... even as war and politics threaten to tear them apart.

But with every battle, Vhalla begins to question the cause she's been forced to serve. The Empire may not be the heroes they've made themselves out to be.

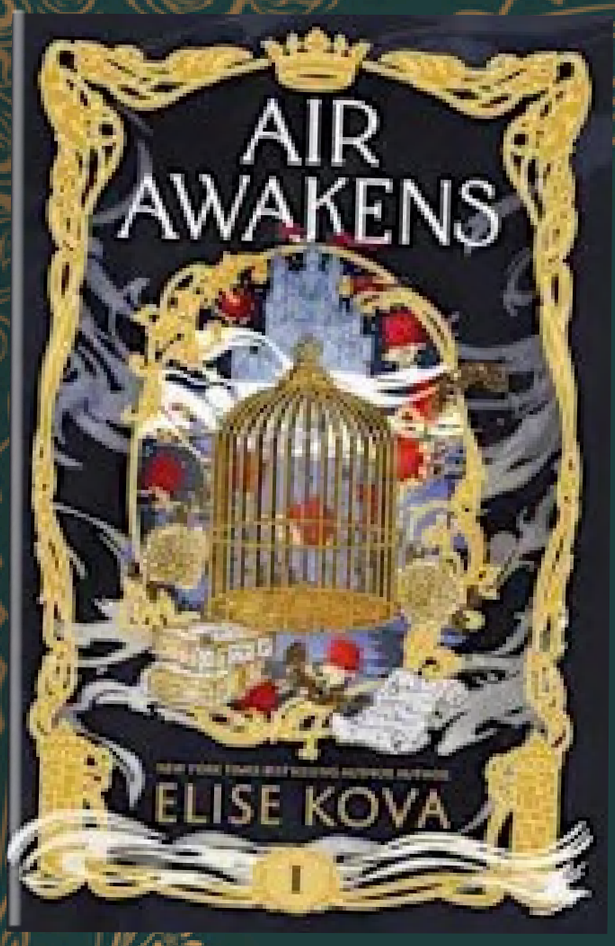
And nothing will test her strength more than the heartbreak of losing the one person she thought would never let her go.

At the edge of the world, Vhalla must decide what kind of future she wants to fight for. What power she's willing to take for her own. And, whether she's able to walk away from everything she's ever loved to claim it.



Soldier... Sorcerer... Savior... Who is Vhalla Yarl?

Vhalla Yarl marches to war as property of the Solaris Empire. The Emperor counts on her to bring victory, the Senate counts on her death, and the only thing Vhalla can count on is the fight of her life. As she grapples with the ghosts of her past, new challenges in the present threaten to shatter the remnants of her fragile sanity. Will she maintain her humanity? Or will she truly become the Empire's monster?



She was taught to fear magic. Then she saved the Crown Prince's life with a power that shouldn't exist.

Vhalla Yarl is content as an apprentice in the imperial library — tucked safely away with her books from the feared Tower of Sorcerers and their dangerous magic. She wants nothing to do with sorcery, power, or war.

Until the Crown Prince returns from the warfront on the verge of death.

Desperate to save him, Vhalla draws upon air magic — a rare elemental power thought lost to time. A magic so dangerous it could turn the tide of a brutal war. A magic Vhalla never knew she possessed.

Now the sorcerers want to train her. The empire wants to claim her. And the Crown Prince — brooding, brilliant, dangerous— has made her his obsession.

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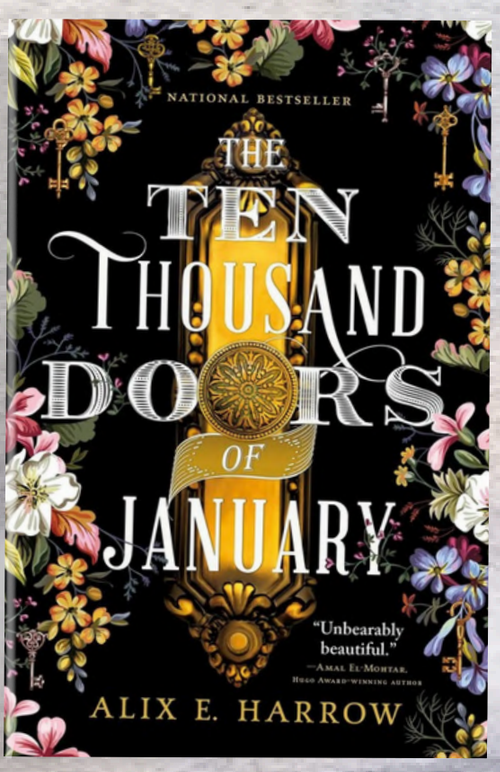




I dream sometimes about a house I've never seen....

Opal is a lot of things—orphan, high school dropout, full-time cynic and part-time cashier—but above all, she's determined to find a better life for her younger brother Jasper. One that gets them out of Eden, Kentucky, a town remarkable for only two things: bad luck and E. Starling, the reclusive nineteenth century author of The Underland, who disappeared over a hundred years ago.

All she left behind were dark rumors—and her home. Everyone agrees that it's best to ignore the uncanny mansion and its misanthropic heir, Arthur. Almost everyone, anyway.

I should be scared, but in the dream I don't hesitate.

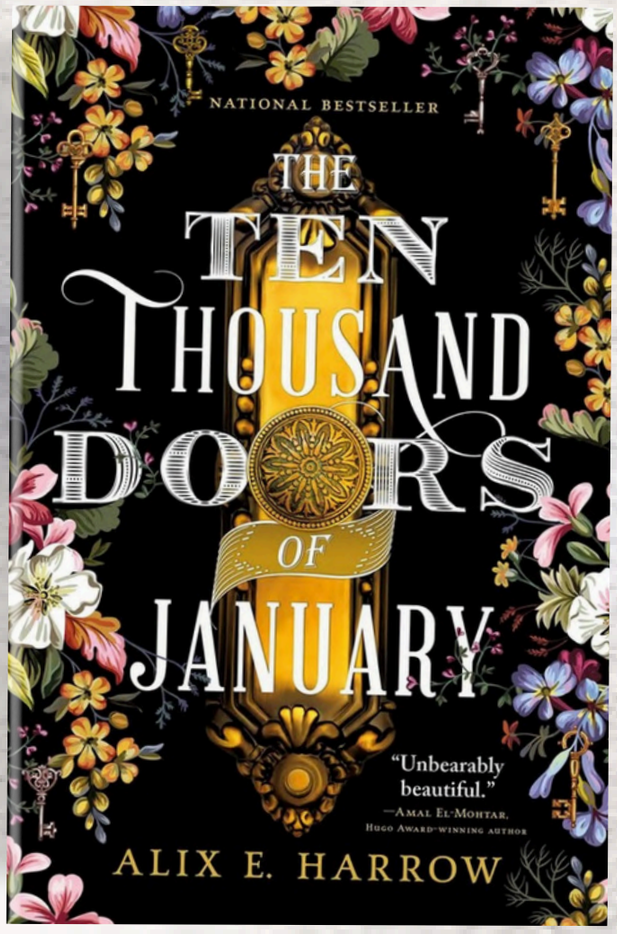
Opal has been obsessed with The Underland since she was a child. When she gets the chance to step inside Starling House—and make some extra cash for her brother's escape fund—she can't resist.

But sinister forces are digging deeper into the buried secrets of Starling House, and Arthur's own nightmares have become far too real. As Eden itself seems to be drowning in its own ghosts, Opal realizes that she might finally have found a reason to stick around.



In 1893, there's no such thing as witches. There used to be, in the wild, dark days before the burnings began, but now witching is nothing but tidy charms and nursery rhymes. If the modern woman wants any measure of power, she must find it at the ballot box.

But when the Eastwood sisters—James Juniper, Agnes Amaranth, and Beatrice Belladonna—join the suffragists of New Salem, they begin to pursue the forgotten words and ways that might turn the women's movement into the witch's movement. Stalked by shadows and sickness, hunted by forces who will not suffer a witch to vote—and perhaps not even to live—the sisters will need to delve into the oldest magics, draw new alliances, and heal the bond between them if they want to survive.



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Alix E. Harrow is the Hugo Award winning author of The Ten Thousand Doors of January, The Once and Future Witches, and various short fiction works. Her Fractured Fables series, beginning with the novella A Spindle Splintered, has been praised for its refreshing twist on familiar fairy tales. A former academic and adjunct, Harrow lives in Virginia with her husband and their two semi-feral kids.

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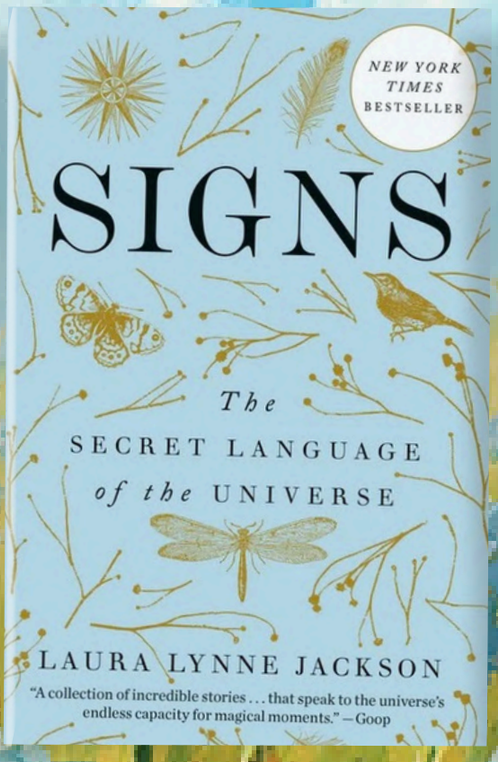
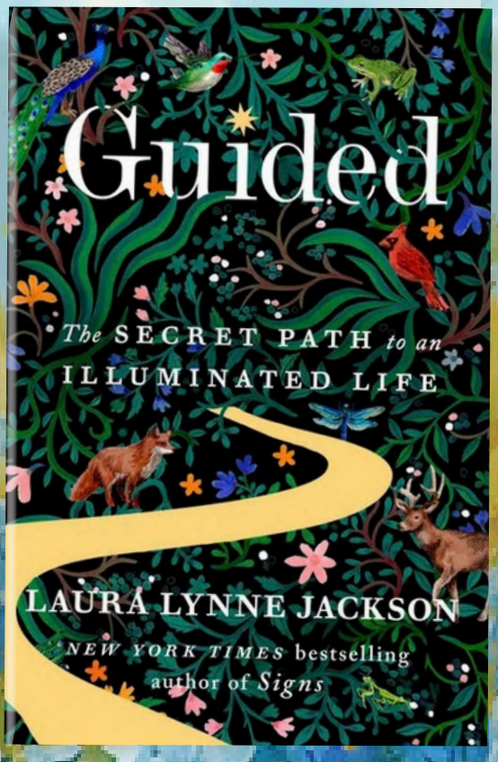
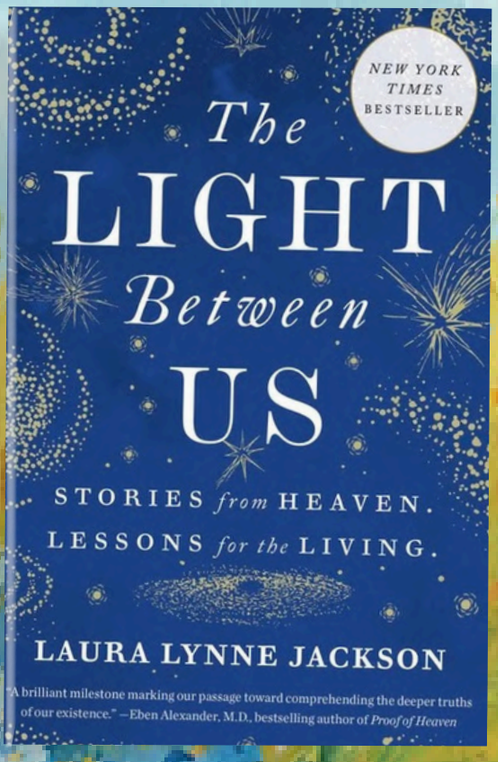
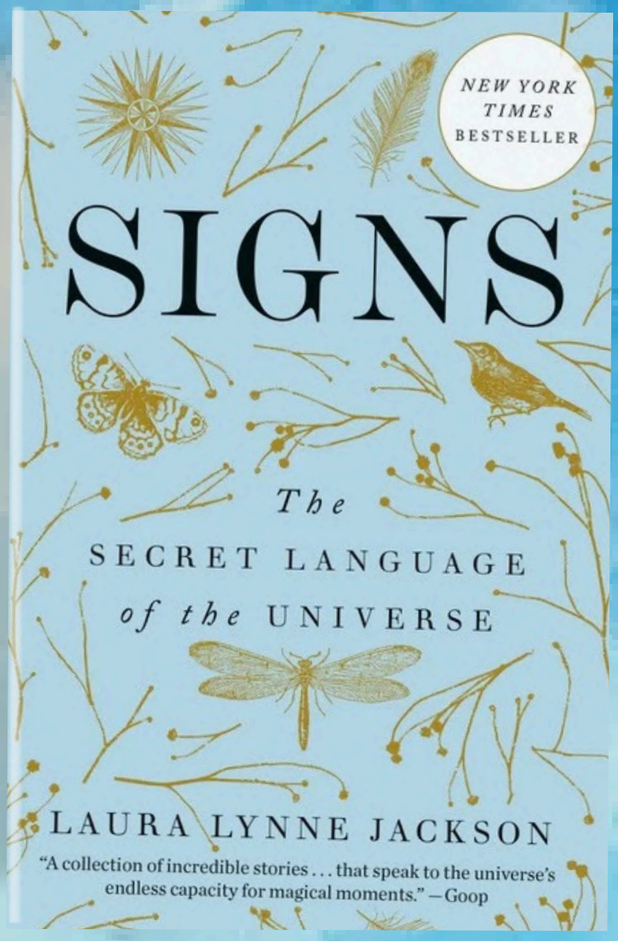
LAURA LYNNE JACKSON



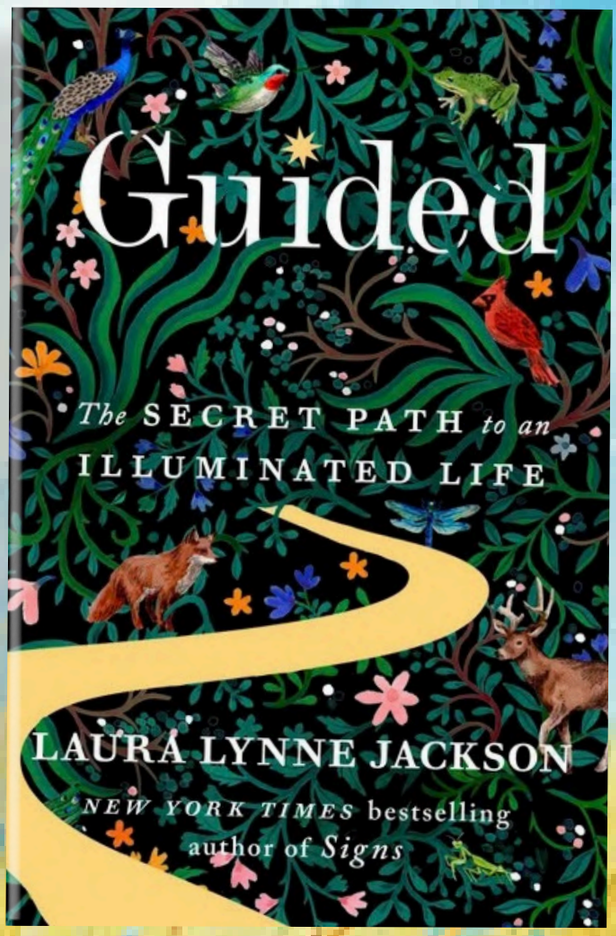


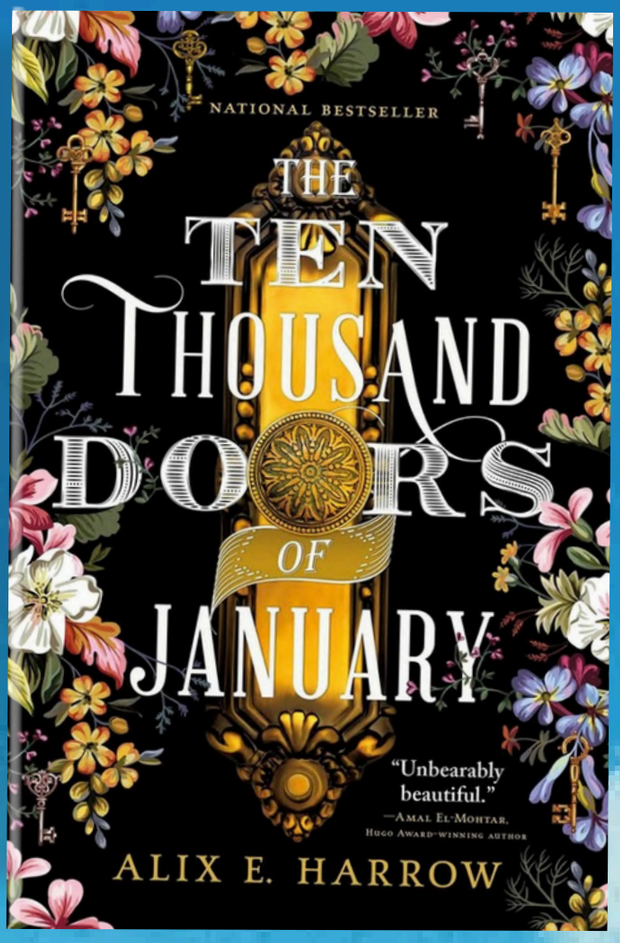




In Signs, Jackson is able to bring the mystical into the everyday. She relates stories of people who have experienced uncanny revelations and instances of unexplained synchronicity, as well as others drawn from her own experience. There's the lost child who appears to his mother as a deer that approaches her unhesitatingly at a highway rest stop; the name written on a dollar bill that lets a terrified wife know that her husband will be okay; the Elvis Presley song that arrives at the exact moment of Jackson's own father's passing; and many others. This is a book that is inspiring and practical, deeply comforting and wonderfully motivational, in asking us to see beyond ourselves to a more magnificent universal design.

In Guided, Jackson shares the unforgettable and moving experiences of regular people who have learned how to respond to the messages sent to them by their Teams of Light in order to discover their higher paths. Offering solace and comfort though times of grief, and full of inspiring, motivating stories, Guided points the way toward an illuminated life for us all.





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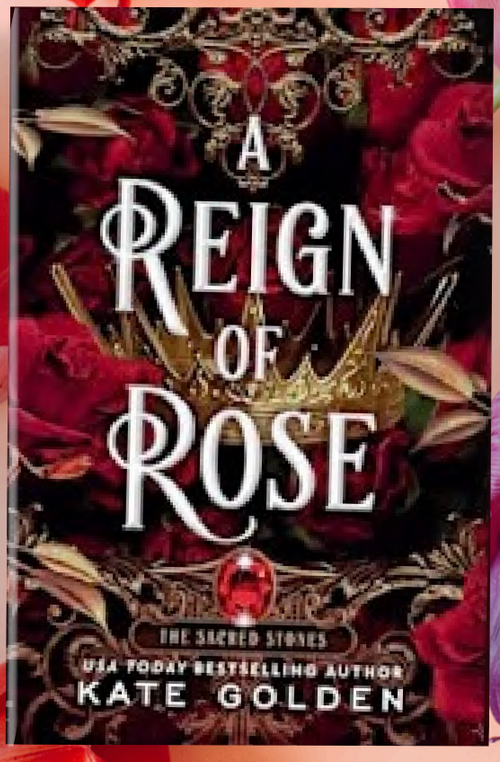
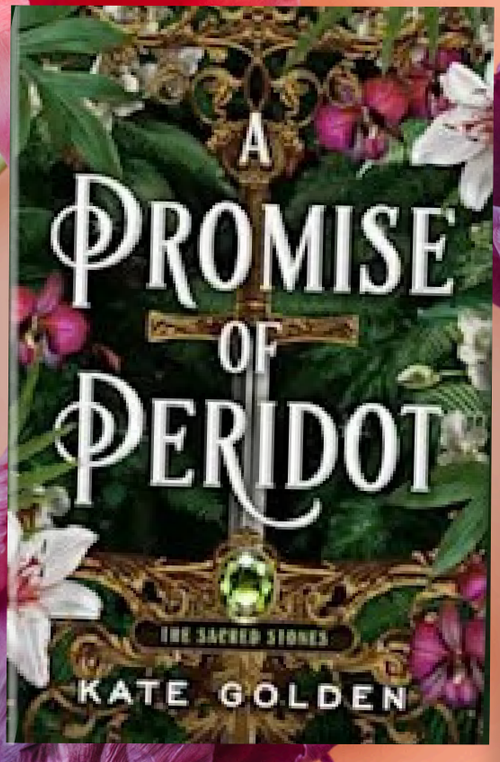
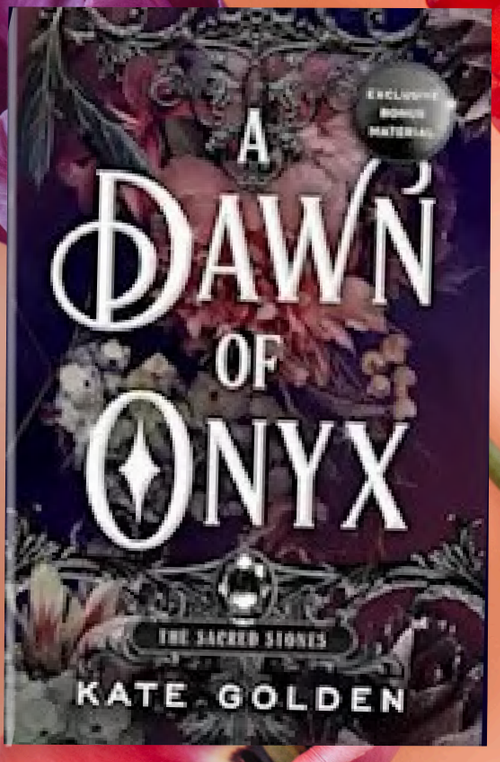
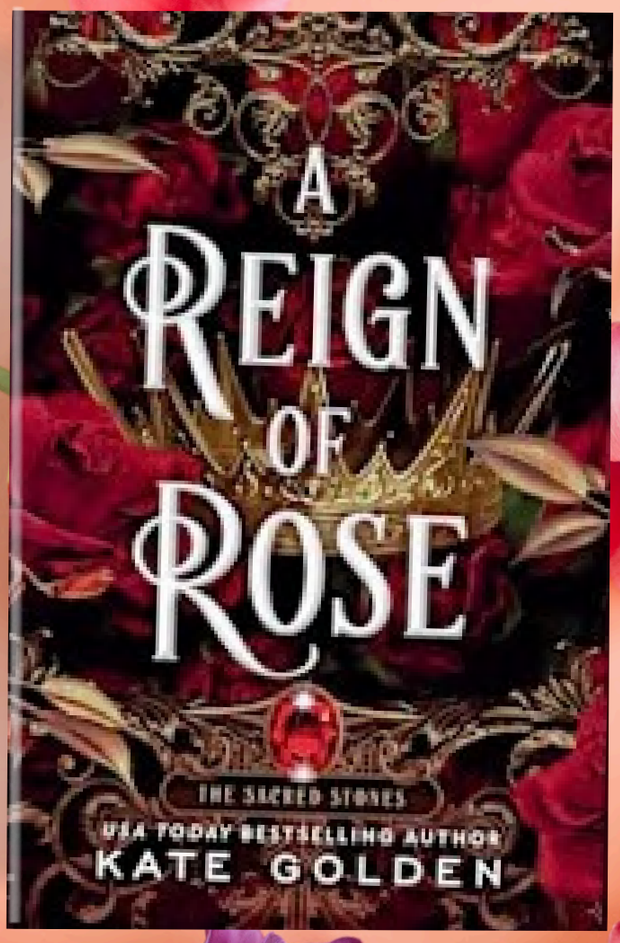
KATE GOLDEN









Kane Ravenwood, King of Onyx Kingdom, would go to the ends of the continent for Arwen Valondale, but what if she's beyond even that? Broken in ways he never imagined he could be, Kane must survive to fulfill the prophecy and kill his father, Fae King Lazarus. After what he's endured, Kane is willing to save all of Evendell by whatever means necessary—even if that spells his own death.

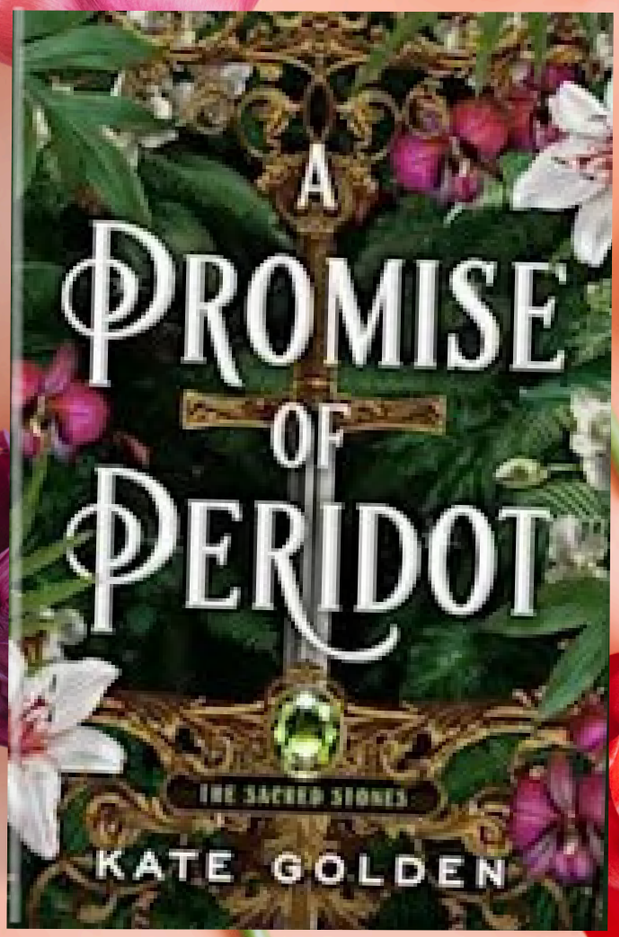
Little does Kane know, he's not the only one desperate for revenge. Arwen is no longer afraid to fight—no sacrifice is too great, no enemy too daunting. Now, nothing will stop her from destroying Lazarus. She's all too aware that if she fails, both realms will be doomed forever.

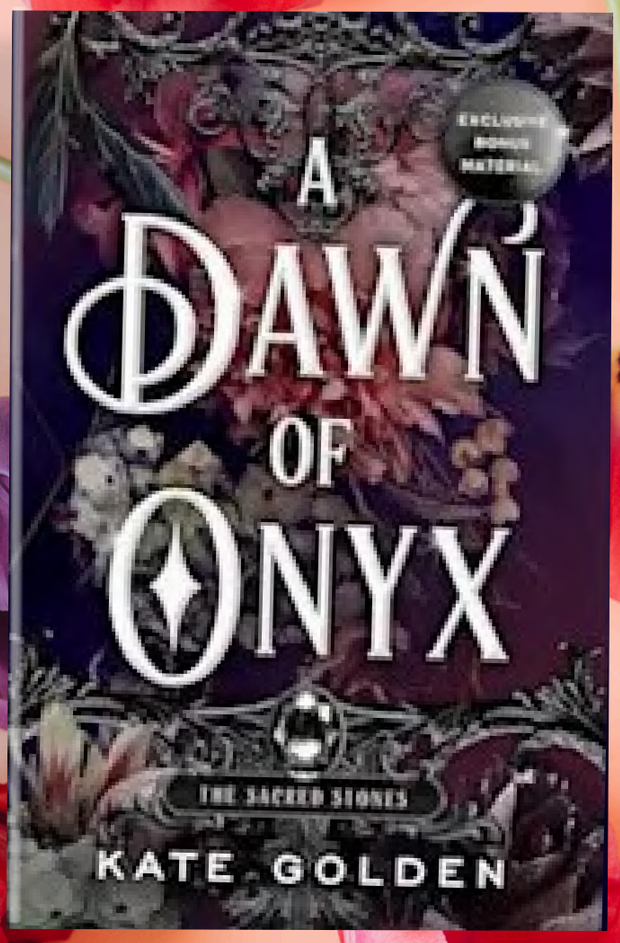
A prophecy of death. A weapon of hope. A sacrifice of love.

Arwen Valondale is sailing for the mysterious Kingdom of Citrine after the battle of Siren's Bay. Still reeling from the loss of her mother and the shock of her newfound powers, Arwen directs all of her pain and rage toward the man who betrayed her: King Kane Ravenwood.

But Kane's presence is unavoidable as he leads Arwen and her friends on an expedition to recover the Blade of the Sun—a legendary weapon with the power to kill tyrannical Fae King Lazarus. Their uneasy truce proves difficult to maintain, as Arwen battles her unresolved feelings, and Kane is willing to become darkness itself to protect her.

Arwen knows failure to fulfill the prophecy will seal both her own fate as well as the fates of those she loves most. But as Arwen faces creatures, foes, and magic beyond her wildest imaginings, her resolve is tested in ways she never could have foreseen.





Captured by the king of darkness, she was forced to find the light within.

Arwen Valondale never expected to be the brave one, offering her life to save her brother's. Now she's been taken prisoner by the most dangerous kingdom on the continent, and made to use her rare magical abilities to heal the soldiers of the vicious Onyx King.

Arwen knows better than to face the ancient, wicked woods that surround the castle on her own, which means working with a fellow prisoner might be her only path to freedom. Unfortunately, he's as infuriating as he is cunning—and seems to take twisted pleasure in playing on Arwen's deepest fears.

But here in Onyx Kingdom, trust is a luxury she can't afford.

To make it out of enemy territory, she'll have to navigate back-stabbing royals, dark magic, and dangerous beasts. But untold power lies inside Arwen, dormant and waiting for a spark. If she can harness it, she just might be able to escape with her life—and hopefully, her heart.

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KATE GOLDEN

Kate Golden is the USA Today bestselling author of both The Sacred Stones and Harker Academy trilogies. When she isn't writing, Kate is an avid book reader, puzzle addict, and game night enthusiast. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband and their puppy, Milo.



”The plant saw the beauty of water,
the flowering plant with bright red flowers.
She spread out her hair.
Her bottu fell off.
The banks shed tears
and the shore was shaken.“

Chavali Bangaramma, ‘Hibiscus on the Lake‘

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SIENNA TRISTEN

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Sienna Tristen is an author, poet, and literary organizer living in Treaty 3 territory who explores queer platonic partnership, the nonhuman world, and mythmaking in their work. The first volume of their award-winning fantasy duology "The Heretic's Guide to Homecoming" came out from indie arts collective The Shale Project in 2018; the second was released in October 2022.

You can find their poetry in Augur Magazine and Plenitude, and their chapbook "hortus animarum: a new herbal for the queer heart" won Frog Hollow Press' annual chapbook contest in Spring 2022.







At night, forest villagers seal themselves in cellars, whispering folktales about dark monsters that prey upon them—relying solely on the shadowy Magpie King for protection.

When an outcast named Lonan dreams of the Magpie King's defeat by inhuman invaders, he realizes he must act to save his village. As the only one who can prevent his loved ones from being stolen after dark, Lonan must first convince them to trust him again.

They Mostly Come Out At Night is the first novel in Benedict Patrick's Yarnsworld series, blending fantasy and dark Brothers Grimm-style folklore.

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Cookie's Sweetest Day: Where Friendship Leads the Way is a charming children's story that invites young readers into the sugary wonderland of Dessertville, a place where kindness is as abundant as frosting and every corner holds a delightful surprise. In this cheerful world of cupcake houses, rainbow lollipop bushes, and jellybean paths, Cookie is about to discover that the best days aren't measured by treats alone—but by the friends who share them.

As Cookie sets out on what she hopes will be the sweetest day ever, she's joined by her loyal companions, Sprinklehop, a bouncy friend bursting with excitement, and Honeywhiskers, whose gentle wisdom keeps the group on track. Together, they explore Dessertville, face small but meaningful challenges, and learn how cooperation, creativity, and empathy can turn ordinary moments into unforgettable adventures.

Along the way, the trio discovers delicious surprises, playful mishaps, and heartfelt lessons that show how working together makes even the trickiest situations easier—and far more fun. With every step, Cookie learns that true sweetness comes from helping others, listening to friends, and celebrating what makes each of them special.

Perfect for read-aloud time or independent reading, *Cookie's Sweetest Day* blends colorful imagination with a warm message about friendship and teamwork. Filled with joy, gentle humor, and heartfelt moments, this sprinkle-filled tale reminds children and grown-ups alike that when friendship leads the way, every day can be truly magical.

This book is available online and can be purchased at online bookstores.

SONIA GT



Book Review

"Sonia GT has created an incredibly vivid, imaginative world in Dessertville—the cupcake houses and rainbow lollipop bushes completely captured my children's imaginations! Beyond the wonderful, colorful setting, what I love most is the message. Watching Cookie, Sprinklehop, and Honeywhiskers use teamwork and kindness to navigate their adventure is a gentle, perfect reminder for young kids about what true friendship looks like. Highly recommend for any young reader's bookshelf!"

Childhood Friendship and What is it look like!
SPatel ★★★★★

About the Author

Sonia GT is a storyteller, animal lover, and devoted believer in everyday magic. From a young age, she knew she was destined to become an author, finding inspiration in kindness, imagination, and the power of true friendship. Cookie's Sweetest Day was written with genuine love and inspired by the meaningful friendships that shaped her life, as well as the remarkable people who believed in her dreams. Through her writing, Sonia brings her sweetest ideas to life, creating heartwarming stories that spark smiles, encourage compassion, and celebrate the simple magic found in every day.



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About the Book

Bliss: A Collection of Erotic Visions is a seductive collection of sensual fantasies written from a female perspective, exploring passion, desire, and intimate connection. Each story draws readers into moments of temptation, forbidden longing, and emotional surrender, creating an immersive escape into romance and fantasy. Without focusing on names, the scenes allow readers to place themselves within each encounter, building anticipation and emotional intensity. *Bliss* celebrates feminine desire, sensual discovery, and the beauty of pleasure through elegant and provocative storytelling. Perfect for those seeking passion-filled fiction, this collection promises an unforgettable journey into fantasy, intimacy, and emotional fulfillment.



About the Author

Author Coreen Yama is a Toronto-born writer, caregiver, wife, and mother of two who has been writing since her teenage years. Inspired by her love of fantasy and fiction, she creates stories that spark imagination and emotional connection. As a professional caregiver and lifelong adventurer, she values passion, love, and human connection, bringing those themes into her writing with warmth, honesty, and creativity.

GOLDEN SCRIBE
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Secrets of the Canyon is a heartfelt, beautiful tribute to a forgotten corner of American history. It's an honest, unpretentious memoir that reminds us of the value of preserving our roots and honoring the quiet places that shaped us. If you appreciate historical memoirs, Southwestern heritage, or simply love stories that celebrate the warmth of human connection in the quietest corners of the world, Linda McGee's tribute is a deeply rewarding read.

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LINDA MCGEE

Cultural Historian, Storyteller, Community Liaison



Award-winning author, Linda McGee, grew up on the Diné (Navajo) Reservation, where her parents, Charles and Marian McGee, owned and operated remote trading posts during the final years of a fading era. A recipient of the Golden Scribe Seal of Literary Excellence, she draws upon her unique childhood experiences to preserve the stories, traditions, and remarkable people who shaped her life.

Secrets of the Canyon is her heartfelt tribute to a world that has nearly faded into obscurity. The lives of the families at remote trading posts, the quiet beauty of Na-ah-tee Canyon, and the wisdom of the local medicine men were seldom documented. Their stories may never be told in a movie or documentary. But this memoir helps to ensure that they are not forgotten.



Book Synopsis

A daughter's tribute to her parents and the disappearing frontier, Secrets of the Canyon reveals the challenges, traditions, and quiet beauty of life at the remote trading posts of the Diné, (Navajo) reservation.

BOOK TRAILER

A vanished world.
A family's buried history.
A story that refused to be forgotten.



"I so loved this book. As a Trader's daughter myself, Linda brought me so many lovely memories living with the Native American people. As our world progresses, she captured the world during a simpler time.....

Before technology that has robbed us of the world as it once existed, when we cared for one another and were a community of diversity. Linda's writing comes to life through her words and descriptions of life on the Navajo reservation. You can feel her love of living that life amongst her Navajo families."

Life on the Navajo Reservation
Joyce June ★★★★★

SECRETS OF THE CANYON

"A fun, educational read. I didn't want to put the book down and found myself feeling I was back in time with how detailed the wording is. Like I was there with the people being talked about. Full of joy, heart break, informative, human growth reading."

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HARRY HUTCHINS

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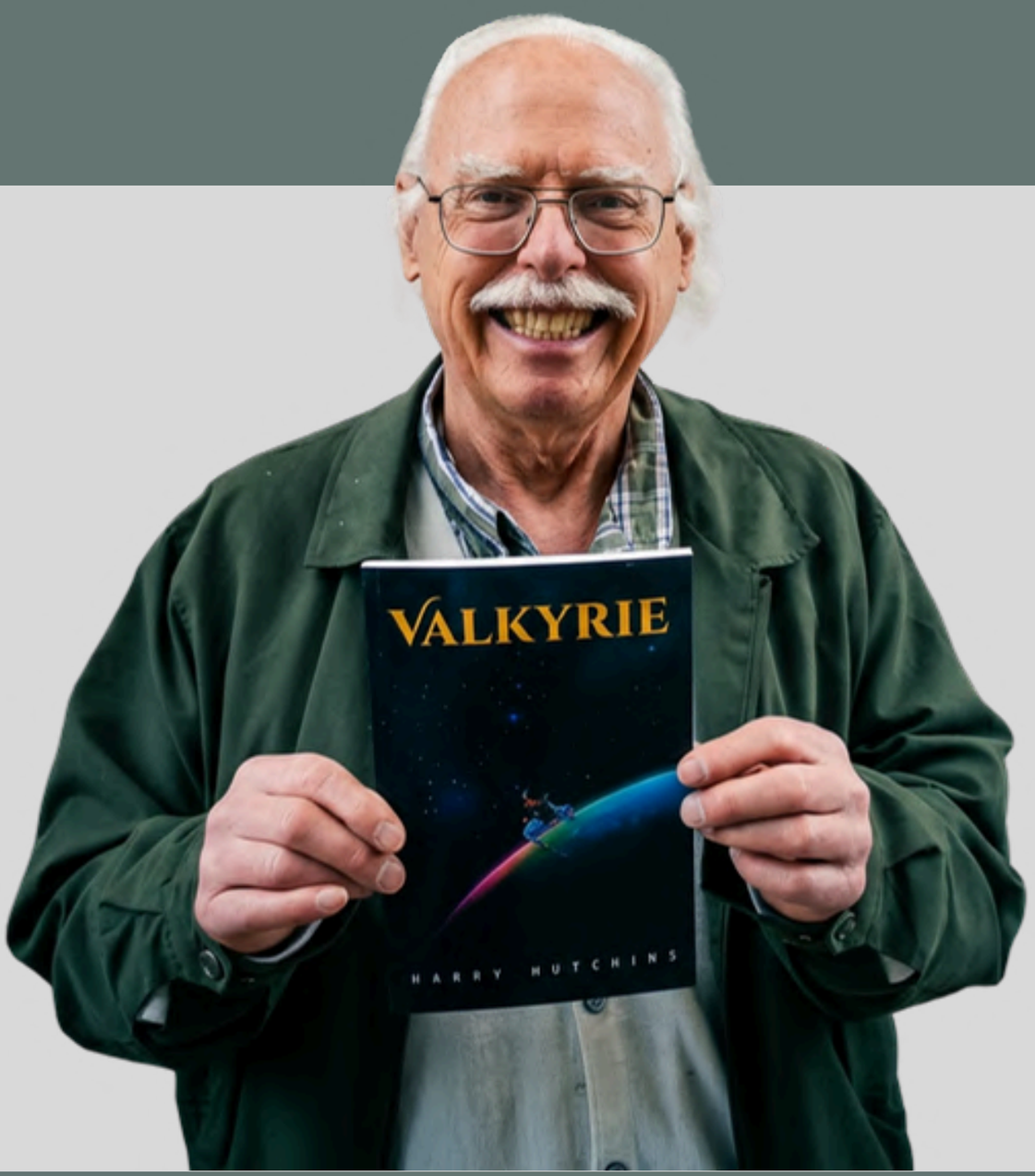

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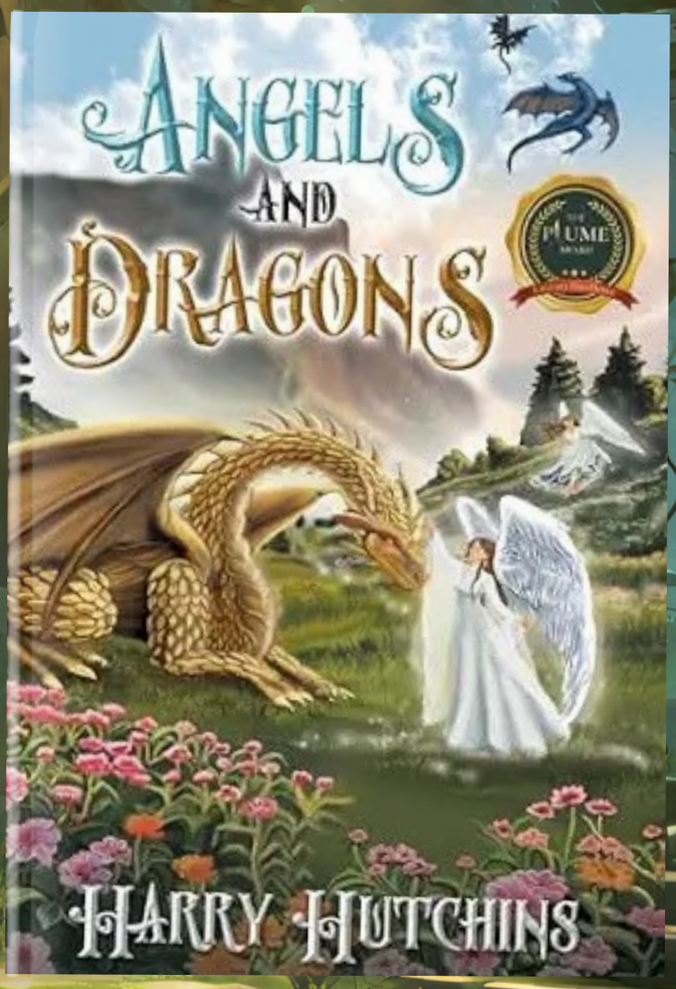
ANGELS AND DRAGONS

HARRY HUTCHINS

About the Book

Angels and Dragons is a captivating collection of stories inspired by biblical themes and imaginative speculation. Blending elements of religion, fantasy, and myth, the author explores a world where angels intervene in human affairs and dragons represent more than mere beasts—they become symbols of power, conflict, and transformation. Some stories offer fresh take on familiar scriptural events, while others dive into creative realms that challenge and inspire. Rooted in a deep interest in faith and storytelling, this collection invites readers to reflect on the spiritual and the mysterious, where divine purpose meets mythical wonder in unforgettable ways.



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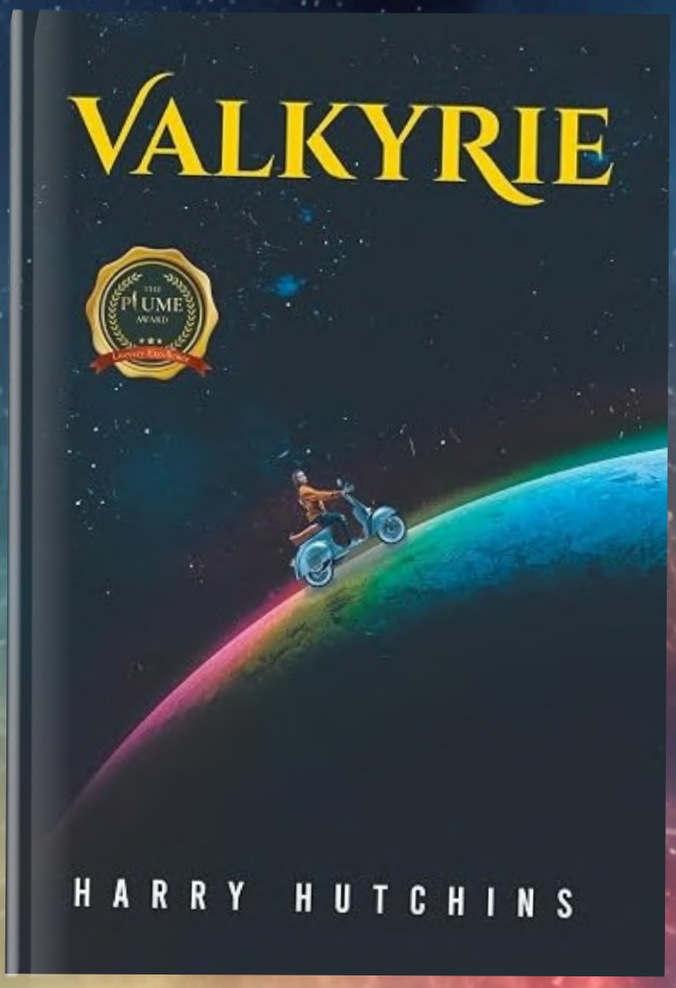
VALKYRIE

HARRY HUTCHINS

About the Book

She's been having weird dreams. Are these events from her past life or a glimpse of her future? As far as she knew, she is just an ordinary girl with a BFF and a boyfriend, a high school athlete and now attending a community college. She loves her stepfather. But what would happen when she learns that her actual father is Odin, leader of the Norse pantheon? Her world has now become larger, and her life becomes more interesting and sometimes more dangerous. Follow Christine as she finds out her true identity and explores her new reality as a Valkyrie.



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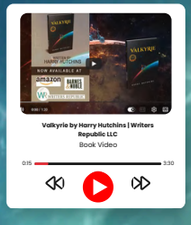

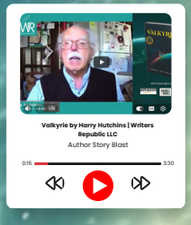

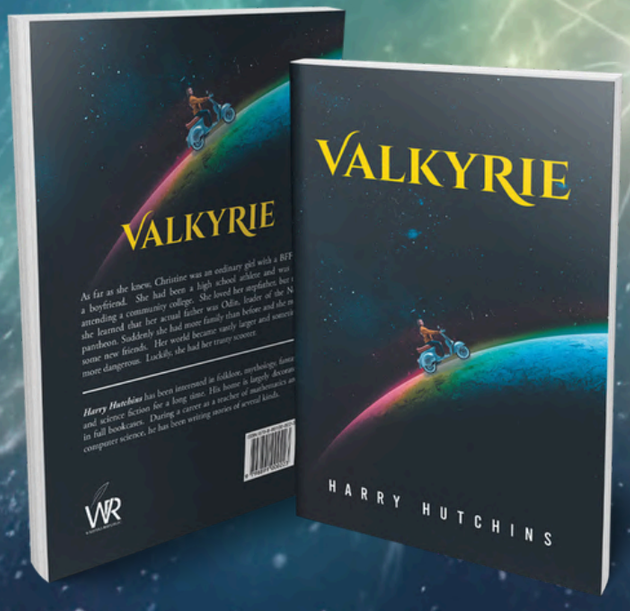



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About the Author

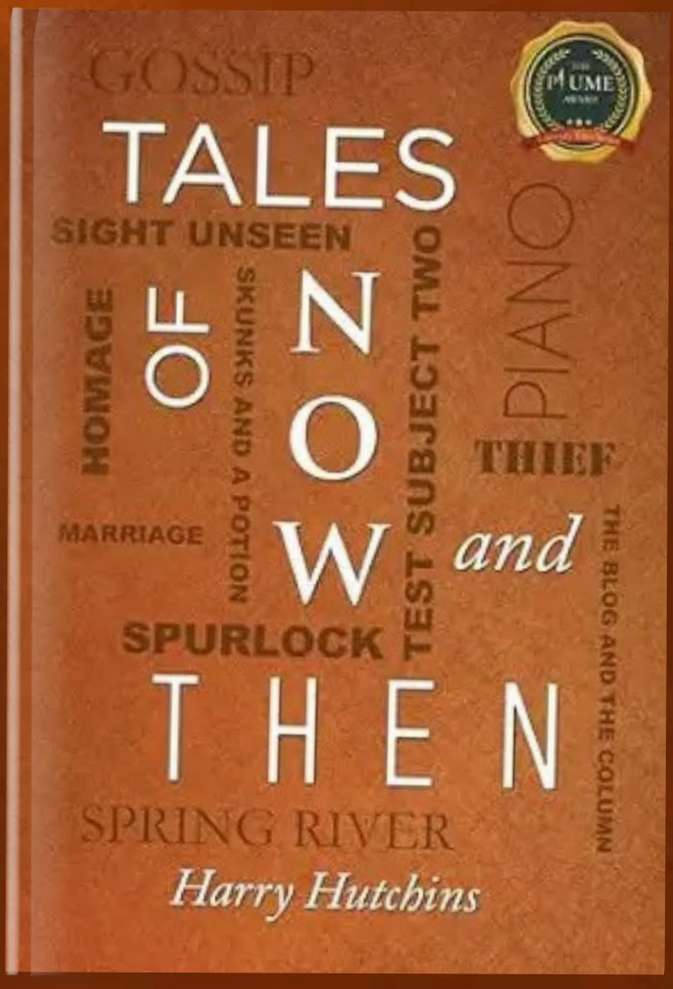
Harry Hutchins has degrees from three different universities in at least three fields, one of which is in creative writing. He lives in the Midwest, but he has traveled to about half the states, several provinces of Canada and also to Great Britain. He also taught at six different schools over a period of more than 45 years.

TALES OF NOW AND THEN

HARRY HUTCHINS

About the Book

This collection of short stories is a reflection of how varied and wide the author's creativity and imagination is. Some tales are more or less contemporary, a few are set in the 19th Century, and a few others were inspired by the work of other people. Details in some of these stories may seem out of date because some of them have been sitting in the author's files for some time. There are also stories set in parts of England during the 19th century. A few stories have in common with others as they were inspired by someone else's work.



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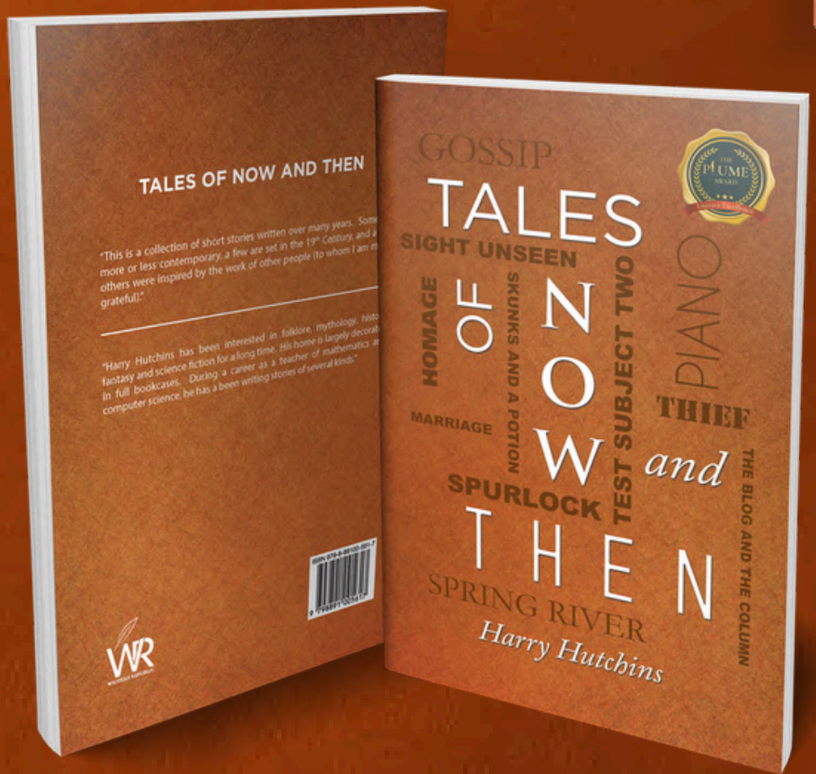



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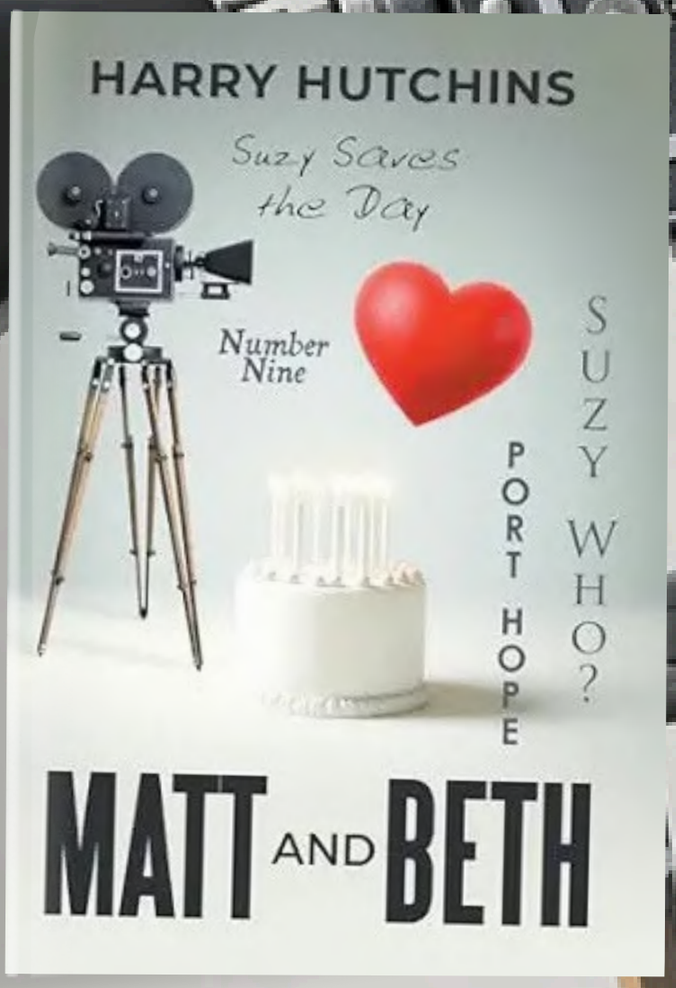
About the Author

Harry Hutchins has been interested in folklore, mythology, history, fantasy and science fiction for a long time. His home is largely decorated in full bookcases. During a career as a teacher of mathematics and computer science, he has been writing stories of several kinds.

MATT AND BETH

HARRY HUTCHINS



About the Book

Matt wrote a story, “Number Nine”, and sent the story off to some magazines hoping to get it published, and, as usual, no one was interested. Until a few months’ later, when an independent film producer asked him about it, and this begins Matt and Beth’s story. They meet at a movie set where she’s a young star and he is a script consultant. Beth’s mother describes him to Beth as a very nice man, and she asks Matt to keep an eye on Beth. There’s no doubt that he is nice and she is beautiful, but some dangers lurk.

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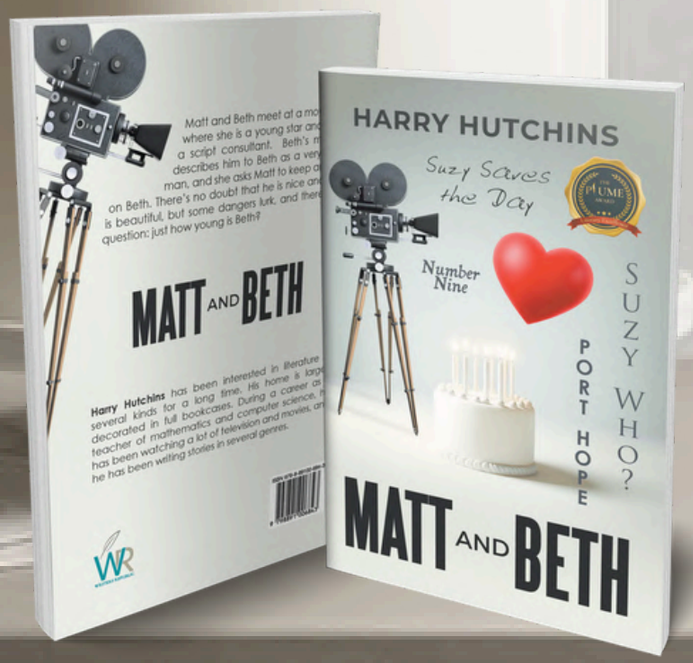



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About the Author

Harry Hutchins has been interested in literature of several kinds for a long time. His home is largely decorated in full bookcases. During a career as a teacher of mathematics and computer science, he has been watching a lot of television and movies, and writing stories in several genres.

THE DOVE AGENCY

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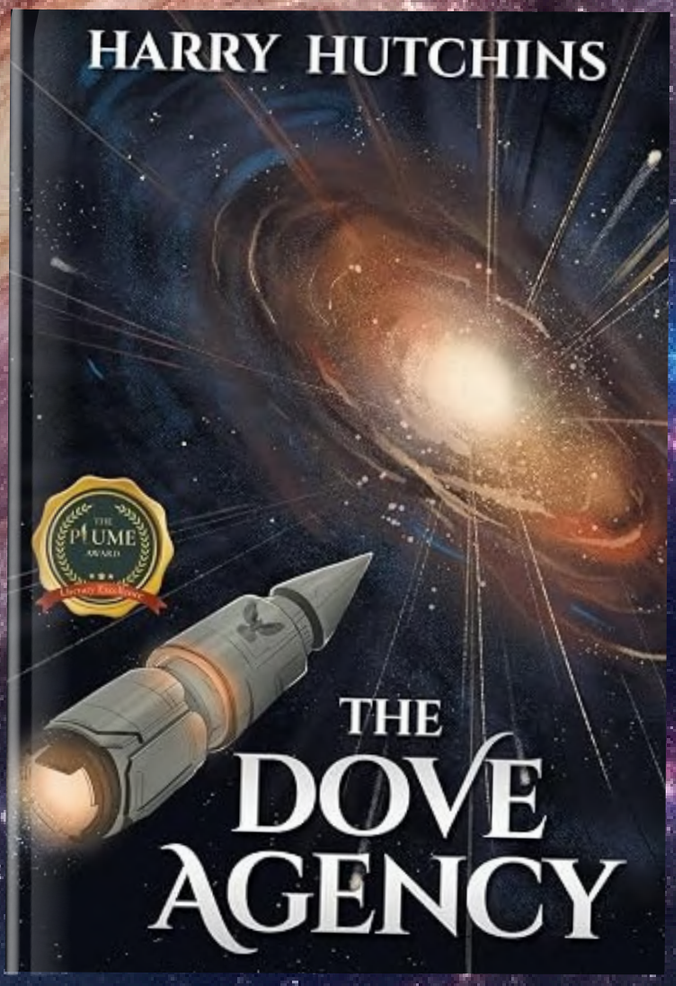

About the Book

In The Dove Agency, veteran pilot Elliott Franklin recounts a mission of exploration in the early days of humanity's expansion into deep space. Aboard the scout ship Cabot, Elliott and his diverse crew journey to distant star systems, encountering ruined worlds, thriving colonies, and strange alien life. Along the way, they confront technical challenges, moral dilemmas, and the quiet weight of isolation. From the haunting silence of Gehenna—a planet destroyed by its own people—to the hopeful community of Elysia, this reflective narrative explores the purpose and cost of exploration. Blending science fiction with memoir, The Dove Agency is a thought-provoking story of discovery, responsibility, and the enduring human spirit reaching for the stars without leaving its conscience behind.

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About the Author

Author Harry Hutchins is a retired teacher of mathematics and computer science with a lifelong passion for folklore, mythology, history, fantasy, and science fiction. Surrounded by shelves of well-loved books, he has spent years writing stories that blend imagination with insight. His work reflects both a love of worldbuilding and a thoughtful approach to the future, making The Dove Agency a natural extension of his creative and intellectual pursuits.

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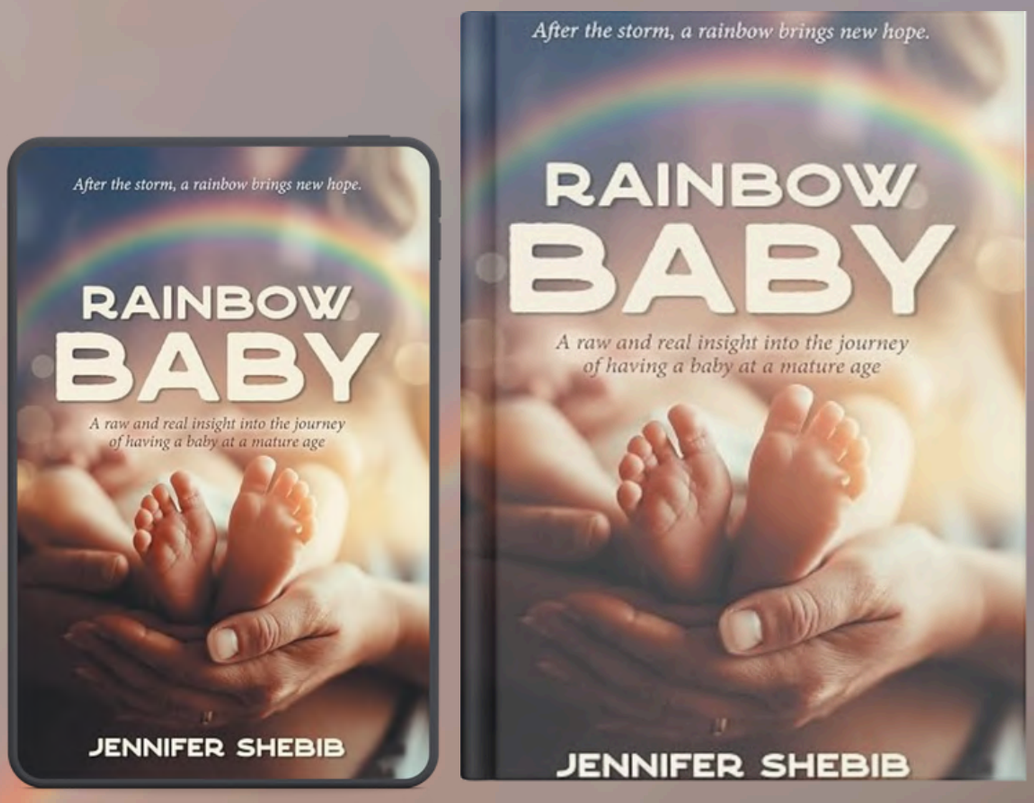

About the Book

A Promise of Hope
A mother's heart knows no deadline.

Rainbow Baby is a heartfelt and inspiring memoir about resilience, hope, and the extraordinary journey to motherhood later in life. With honesty and vulnerability, the author shares her path from childhood and early life experiences to building a successful career and ultimately making the life-changing decision to pursue motherhood at an advanced maternal age.

Through deeply personal reflections, she offers an unfiltered look at the emotional highs and lows, physical challenges, uncertainties, and sacrifices that accompanied her quest to have a child. From moments of doubt and disappointment to renewed determination and unexpected joy, her story reveals the strength required to persevere when the dream of becoming a parent feels uncertain.

At the center of this journey is her miracle child—a true "rainbow baby," symbolizing hope after hardship and light after storms. More than a memoir about pregnancy and parenthood, Rainbow Baby is a testament to courage, faith, and the power of never giving up on a dream.

Filled with authenticity, insight, and encouragement, this book will resonate with anyone facing life's challenges, navigating fertility struggles, or seeking inspiration in the face of adversity. It is a moving celebration of love, perseverance, and the remarkable path to creating a family.

This book is available online and can be purchased at online bookstores.

RAINBOW BABY

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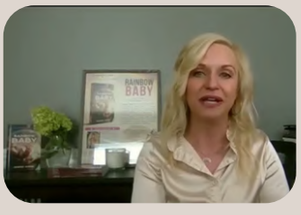

AUTHOR INTERVIEW

Rainbow Baby by Jennifer Shebib | Radio Interview

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About the Author

Author Jennifer Shebib is a wife, mother, and a lifelong advocate for independence and perseverance. Raised in a multigenerational household in Michigan, she learned the value of hard work and self-reliance from an early age. While working full time, she earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and went on to build a successful career spanning more than twenty years in recruiting and talent acquisition. Following an unexpected career transition, Jennifer found the time to pursue a long-held dream of writing. She lives with her husband, Brad, their son, Nicholas, and their two rescue dogs, Casey and Charlie.

A TRUE STORY OF LOVE, SACRIFICE,
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AS TOLD BY THEIR CHILDREN

VIRGINIA "GINGER" POOLE AND SHERRY GILLEN BELMONTE



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MEET THE AUTHORS

Virginia "Ginger" Poole and Sherry Gillen Belmonte

Authors Virginia "Ginger" Poole and Sherry Belmonte are sisters who, together, wrote *The Walter and Eleanor Gillen Story* to preserve their family's remarkable history. Ginger enjoyed a thirty-six-year career with the United States Navy Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, while Sherry spent over forty years living and working in Wyoming as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist and USPS mail carrier. Both now enjoy retirement, family time, travel, hobbies, community involvement, and sharing the legacy of their parents' inspiring journey.

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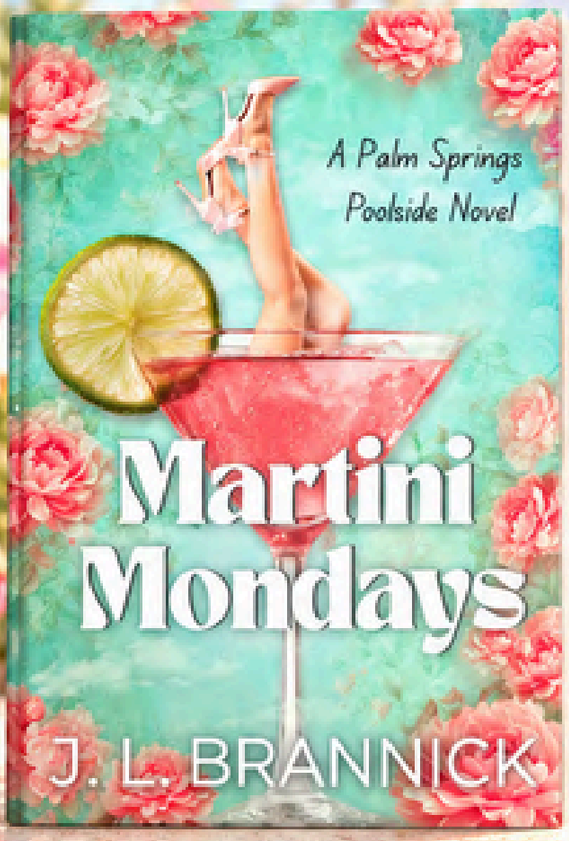

Martini Mondays

At her aunt's funeral celebration, she crosses paths with Sebastian Mendoza—a man as hot as sin and twice as difficult. With law school ending, debt piling up, and Sebastian suddenly her new business partner, she must decide whether she can trust him with her scarred and battered heart.

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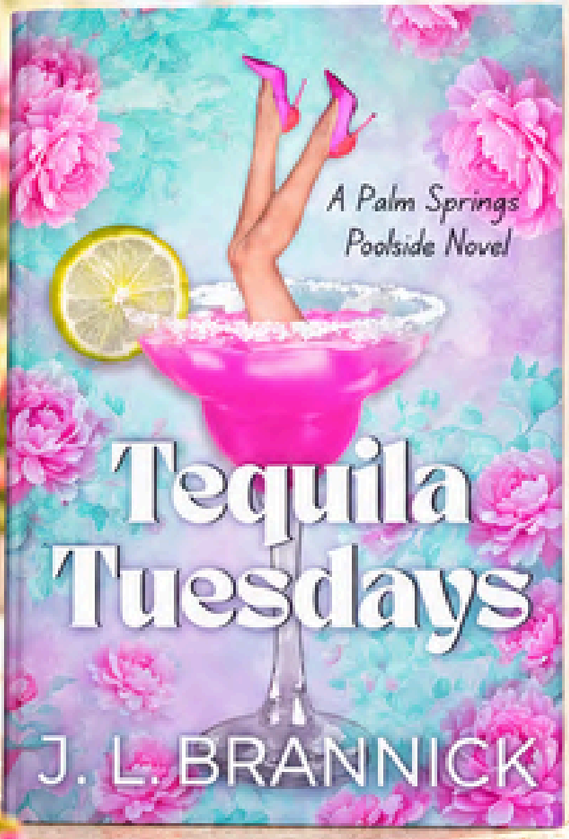

Tequila Tuesdays

She wants only two things: win the rec volleyball championship and stay far away from men. But when Damien—the arrogant rival she can't stand—becomes the only person who can help find her most vulnerable client, animosity shifts into explosive chemistry.

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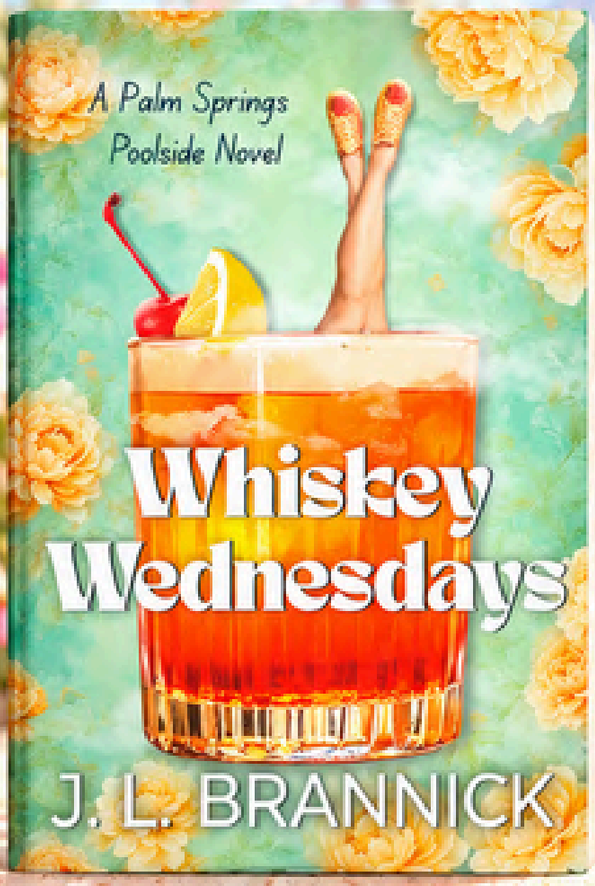

Whiskey Wednesdays

Connor McCoy mistakes her for an assistant, nearly gets her arrested, and proves impossible to ignore. When he hires her dad to be his daughter's nanny and owns the hockey team where she's interning, sparks fly between two people fighting very different pasts.

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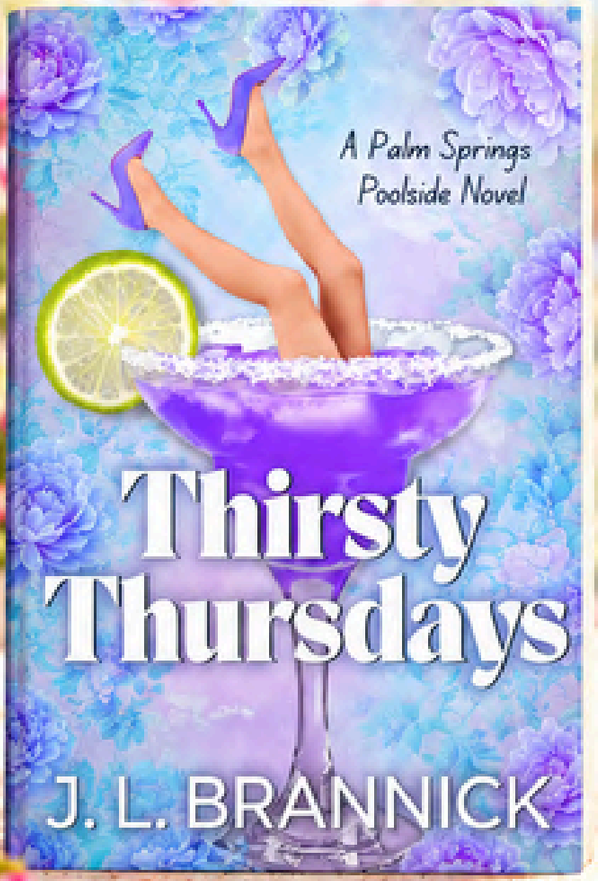

Thirsty Thursdays

Desperate to protect her little girl, she agrees to become Titus's live-in fake girlfriend. What begins as the perfect arrangement soon turns complicated as her daughter adores him and the explosive heat between them threatens the safety of everyone she loves.

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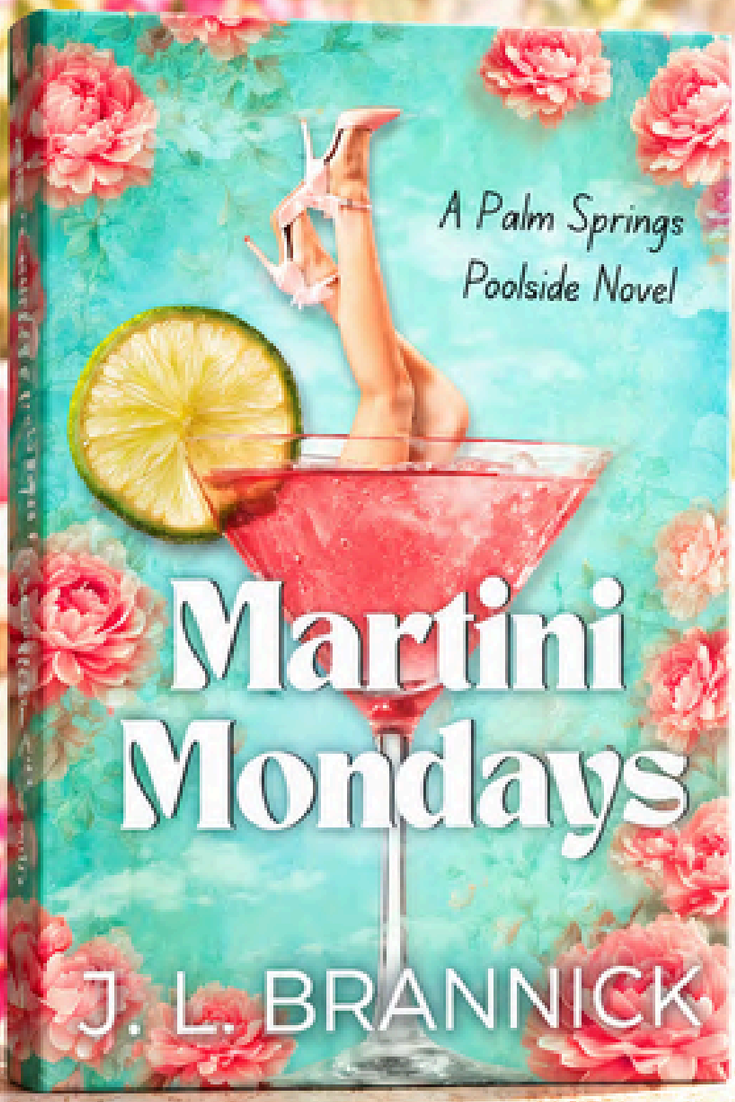

Martini Mondays

Start the Palm Springs Poolside series with Martini Mondays, then dive into Tequila Tuesdays, Whiskey Wednesdays, and Thirsty Thursdays.

About the Author

J. L. Brannick works as an attorney by day and detoxes at night with salty snacks and red wine. She's an introvert who likes to socialize but then needs a few days to recover. J. L. lives in the Western mountains with her family and hikes most days to keep her dogs happy. Her favorite stories have smart, quick-witted characters and enough spice to curl your toes.

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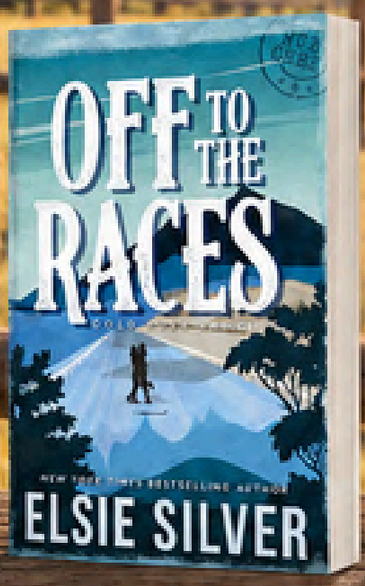

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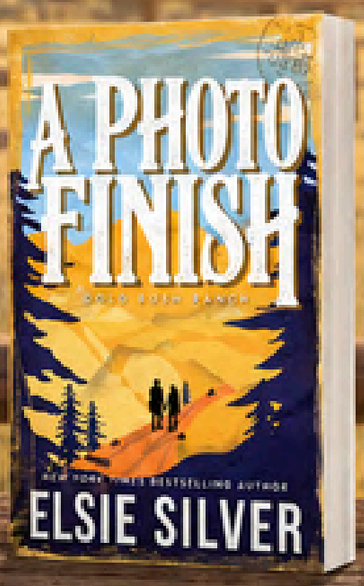

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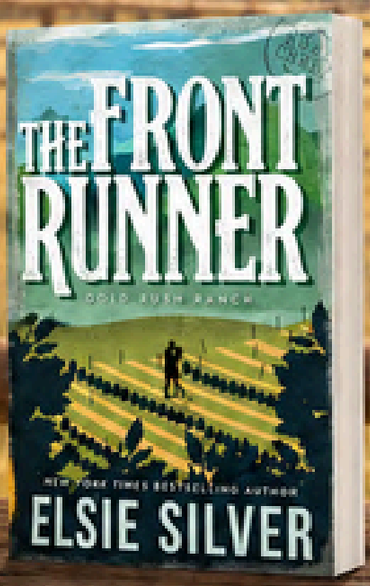

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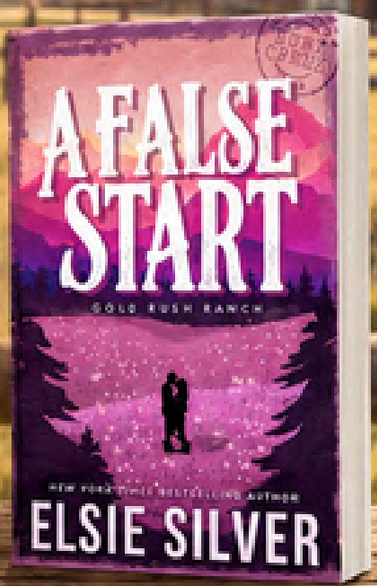

A FALSE START

From enemies-to-lovers tension to forbidden romance and slow-burning desire, each story delivers heart, heat, and a compelling couple to root for.



OFF TO THE RACES

When Billie arrives at Gold Rush Ranch, she turns Vaughn's world upside down. Their constant clashes ignite into irresistible chemistry, and what starts as friction quickly becomes something far more dangerous—and impossible to resist.

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THE FRONT RUNNER

Stefan has always been persistent, and Mira has always said no—until she needs something only he can give. What begins as a simple arrangement soon builds into a connection full of tension, sparks, and feelings neither of them can ignore.

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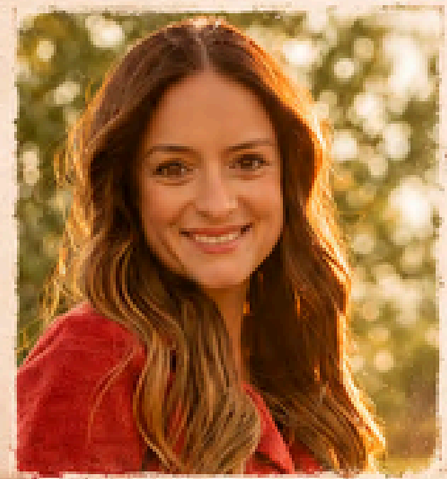
ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Elsie Silver is a Canadian author of sassy, sexy, small town romance who loves a good book boyfriend and the strong heroines who bring them to their knees. She lives just outside of Vancouver, British Columbia with her husband, son, and three dogs. She loves cooking, traveling, and spending time outdoors with her family—and many of her stories begin during her quiet five a.m. writing mornings.

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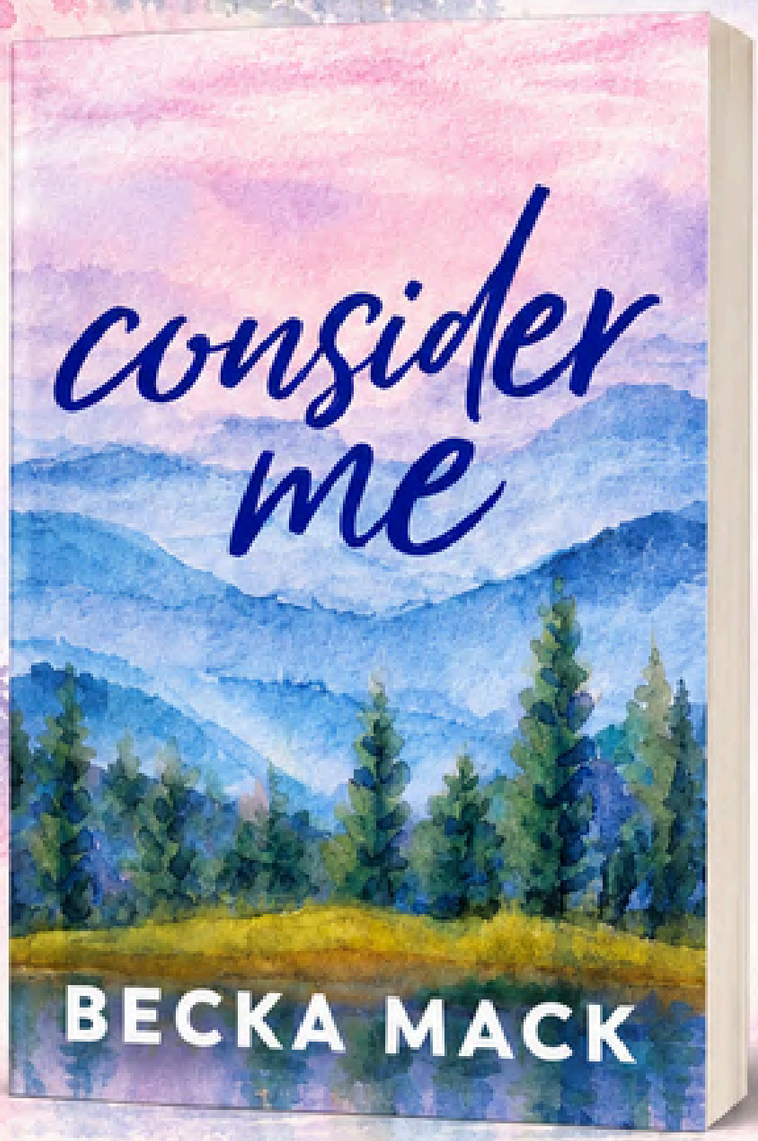
Meet Becka Mack

Becka Mack is a steamy romance author, self-proclaimed sarcasm queen, and professional procrastinator. After the loss of her brother, she began writing stories that blend heat, humor, and deeply felt emotions. Based in Ontario, Canada, her romances feature unforgettable characters and hard-won happy endings.

Explore the books at **www.beckamack.com**



Consider me

For a shot at love, he'll do whatever it takes...

In the sizzling hockey romance that has taken TikTok by storm, the ultimate player turns romantic to charm the woman he is desperate to win over.

"Endlessly sexy and funny."
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Play With Me

He's found the perfect person—but she's the only one he can't be with…

In the sizzling hockey romance that has taken TikTok by storm, a dedicated player struggles with the number one team rule: don't go near the captain's sister.

"Funny, vulnerable, and relatable."
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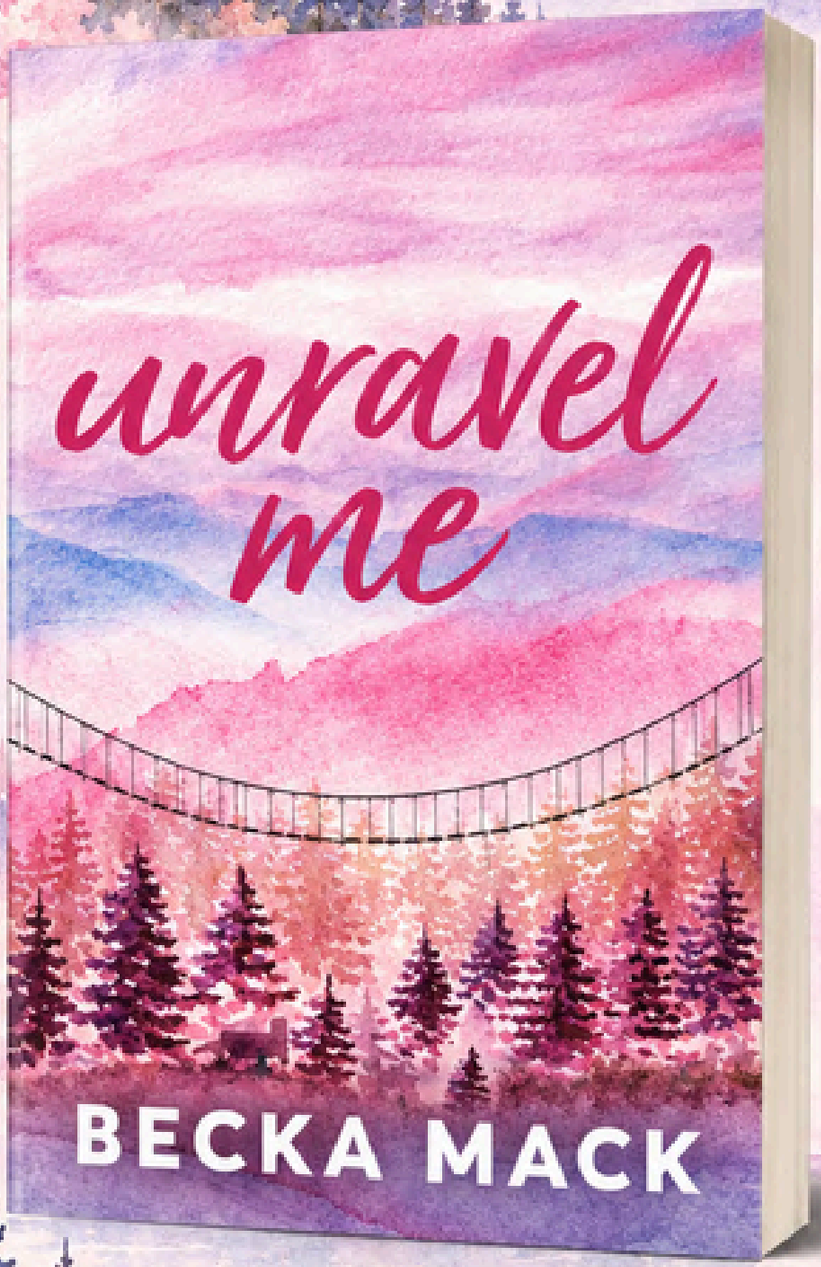

Unravel me

Can he leave the past behind to forge the future he's always wanted?

In the sizzling hockey romance that has taken TikTok by storm, the star goalie discovers the family he's always wanted when he falls in love with a single mother.

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Play Along

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About the Author

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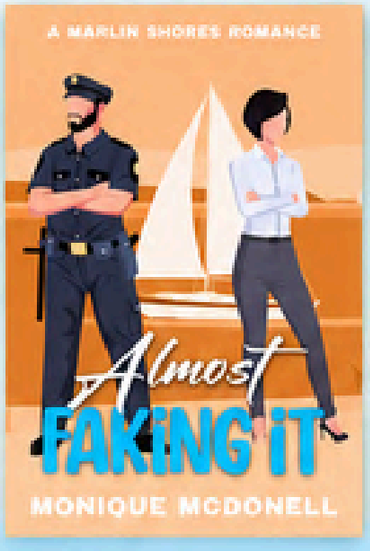





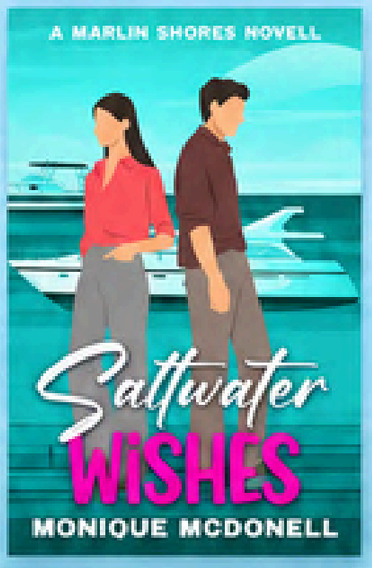

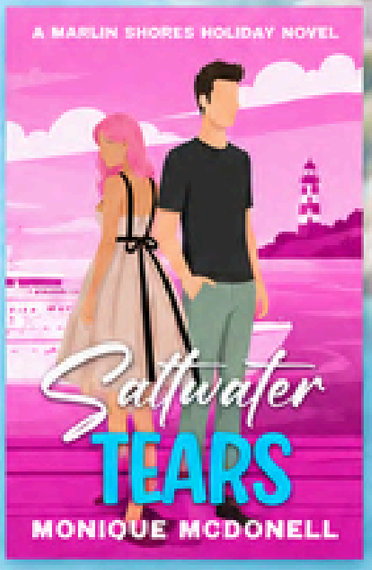



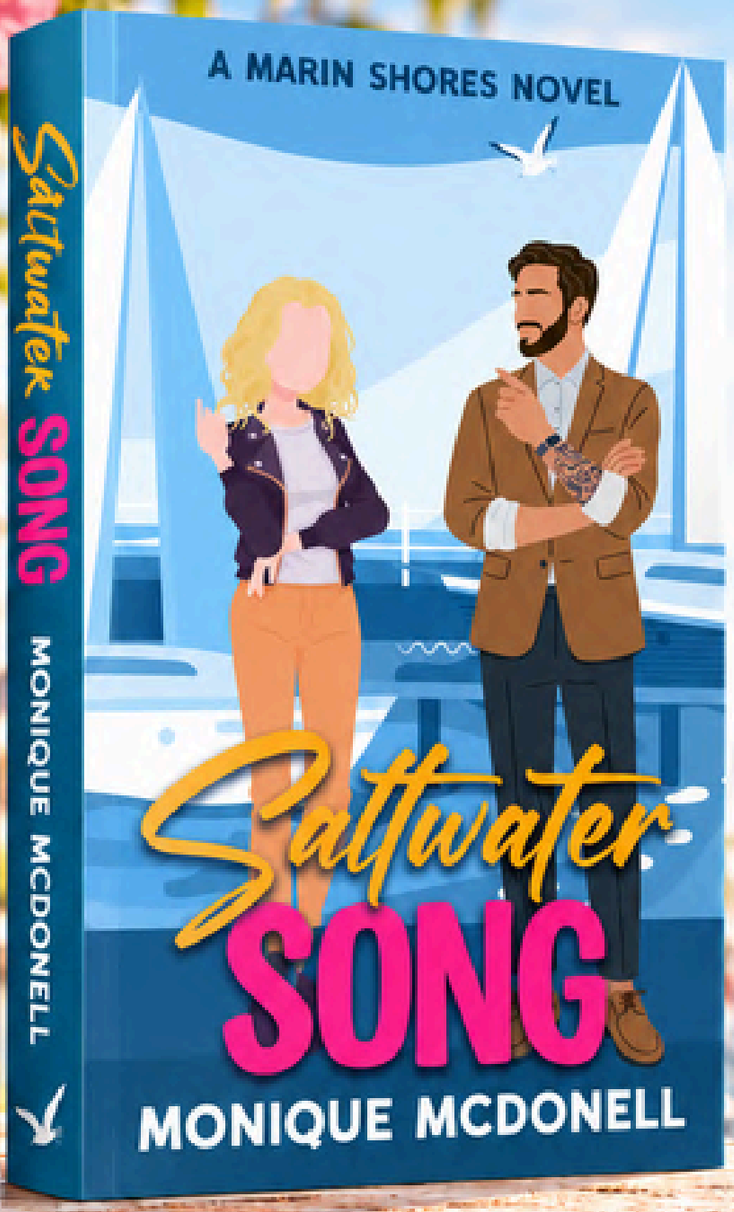

Saltwater SONG

ABOUT THE BOOK

After years spent caring for his father and running the marina, Parker wants to reclaim the life he left behind in music. Kelsey has missed him every day since he left—manager, best friend, and the man she has always loved. Now she's determined to bring him back and prove it's finally time for them to make music together again, on and off the stage.

STORY SNAPSHOT

A friends-to-lovers small-town romance about second chances, music, and finally taking a chance on love.

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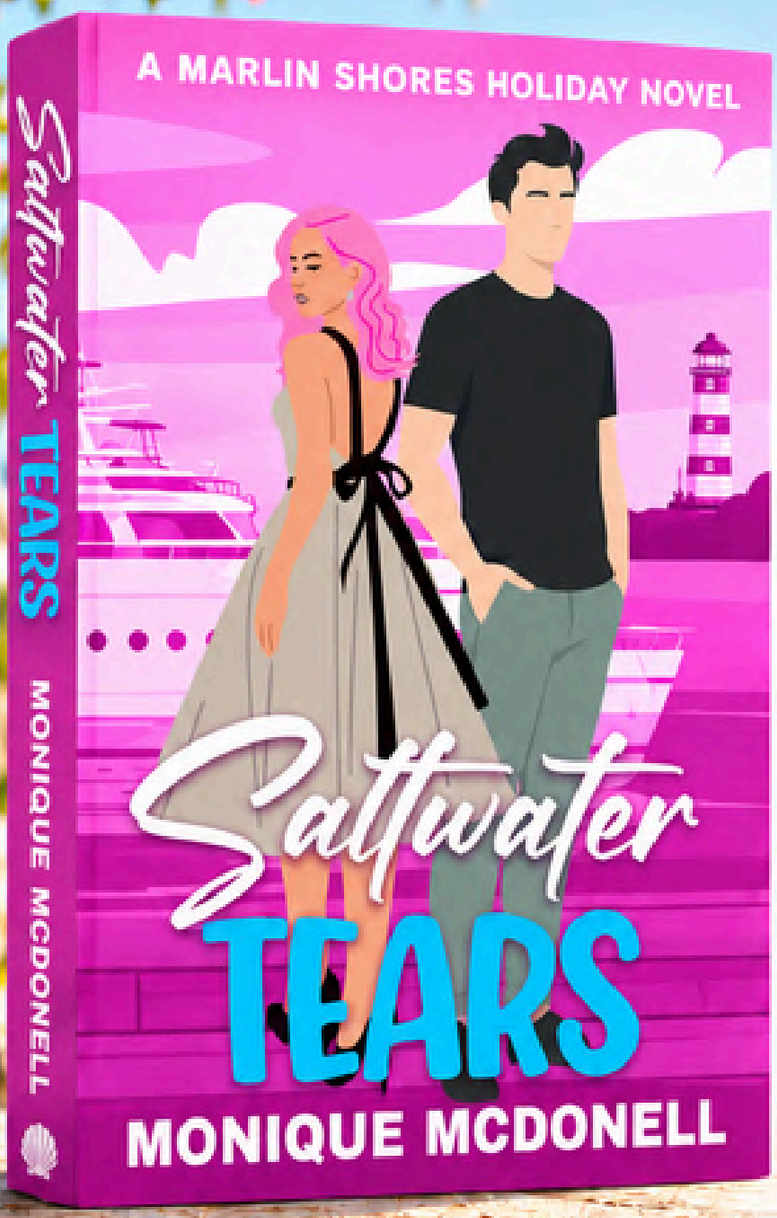

Saltwater TEARS

ABOUT THE BOOK

Back in Marlin Shores after his time as a marine, Banner is helping run the family marina with his brothers when he reconnects with Lexi—the girl he once knew, now hiding behind pink hair and a tough attitude. Both carry deep scars, and the closer they get, the clearer it becomes that healing may only be possible together.

STORY SNAPSHOT

A tender small-town romance about two wounded hearts learning to trust, heal, and build a future.

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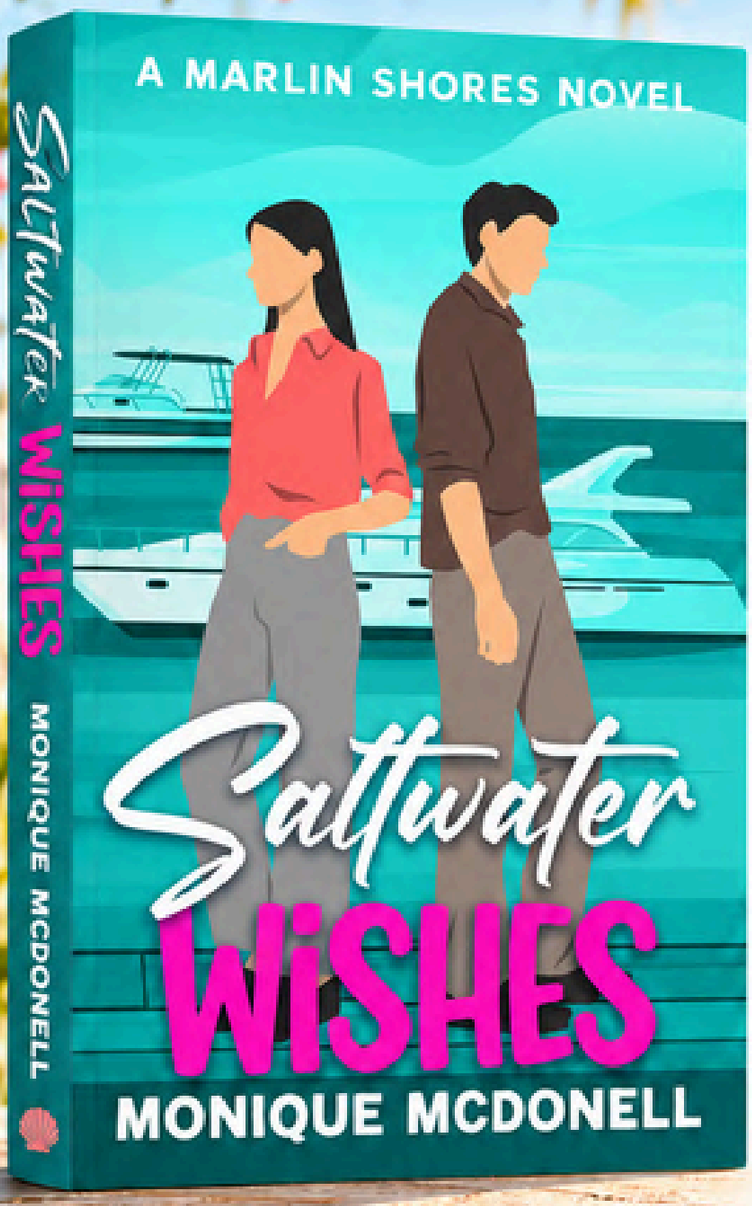

Saltwater Wishes

ABOUT THE BOOK

Tony never planned to come back to Marlin Shores, but his father's will gives him no choice. Returning home means facing Mary—the woman he once loved—and discovering the daughter he never knew he had. Mary wants to protect her daughter and her heart, yet staying away from Tony proves harder every day.

STORY SNAPSHOT

A high-stakes small-town second-chance romance about family, forgiveness, and finding the way home to each other.

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THE Doctor NEXT DOOR

ABOUT THE BOOK

Erin swore she would never return to Marlin Shores, but after leaving New York exhausted and wanting more than a job, she heads home and applies for the local hospital director role. The problem? Her main competition is Nolan—the surgeon, single dad, childhood neighbor, and one of the reasons she left town in the first place.

STORY SNAPSHOT

Their rivalry should stay in the boardroom, but old history, new chemistry, and one high-stakes job opening have other plans.

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MINDING THE MOVIE STAR

ABOUT THE BOOK

Award-winning actress Sienna Rose Robinson escapes LA and returns to Marlin Shores needing privacy after a cheating ex and Hollywood chaos. Finn Jameson, vice-principal and part-time film festival director, agrees to hide her away for two weeks. What starts as a favor becomes a tender, tempting closeness, and when the world discovers where she is, friendship turns into fake romance.

STORY SNAPSHOT

Can a small-town guy and a big-time actress turn blurred lines, public pressure, and pretend romance into a love that lasts?

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Almost FAKING IT

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Nina is in Marlin Shores to make sure a Hollywood movie gets made—not to fall for stubborn Police Chief Derek Jones. But when a change to her trust fund leaves her needing a husband and Derek needs help protecting his daughters from his in-laws, a fake marriage suddenly looks practical. Living together changes everything, blurring lines neither of them planned to cross.

STORY SNAPSHOT

A fun, flirty fake-relationship romance with small-town sparks, family pressure, and two people trying to convince everyone their marriage is real—while reminding themselves it absolutely isn't.

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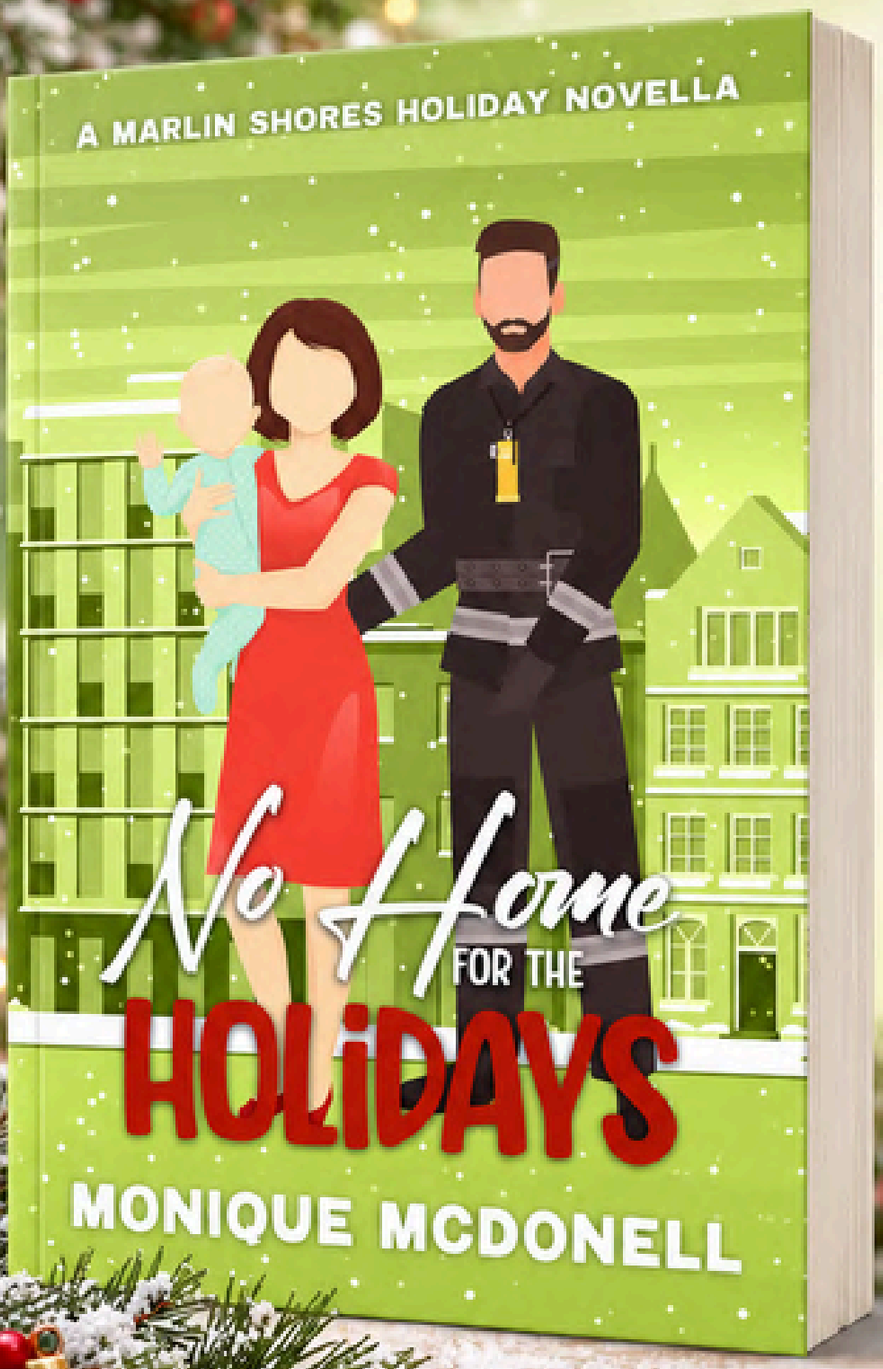

No Home FOR THE HOLIDAYS

ABOUT THE BOOK

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

I am a USA Today Best Selling author who writes fun, flirty contemporary women's fiction including chick lit and romance. After many attempts writing books that made me miserable I decided to write books with happy endings and have been loving the journey ever since. I have now published over 35 fun, flirty stories with happy endings.

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CEDAR RIDGE ROMANCE

Three standalone romances set in Cedar Ridge, Colorado.



The Snow Between Us



The Long Way Home



Where The Trail Ends



The SNOW Between US

He came to the cabin on her family's land to disappear.

Wren Hartley runs the Cedar Ridge Inn alone, on caffeine, and one notification ahead of disaster. Eli Cross is a burned-out ER doctor who came to the mountains to be left alone.

A snowstorm forces him into the inn for one night. One night turns into a kitchen, then a porch, then a slow winter where two people who carry everything on their own have to decide whether they can finally put it down.

But Eli is keeping a secret about why he stopped sleeping, and Wren has forgotten what it feels like to lean on someone else.

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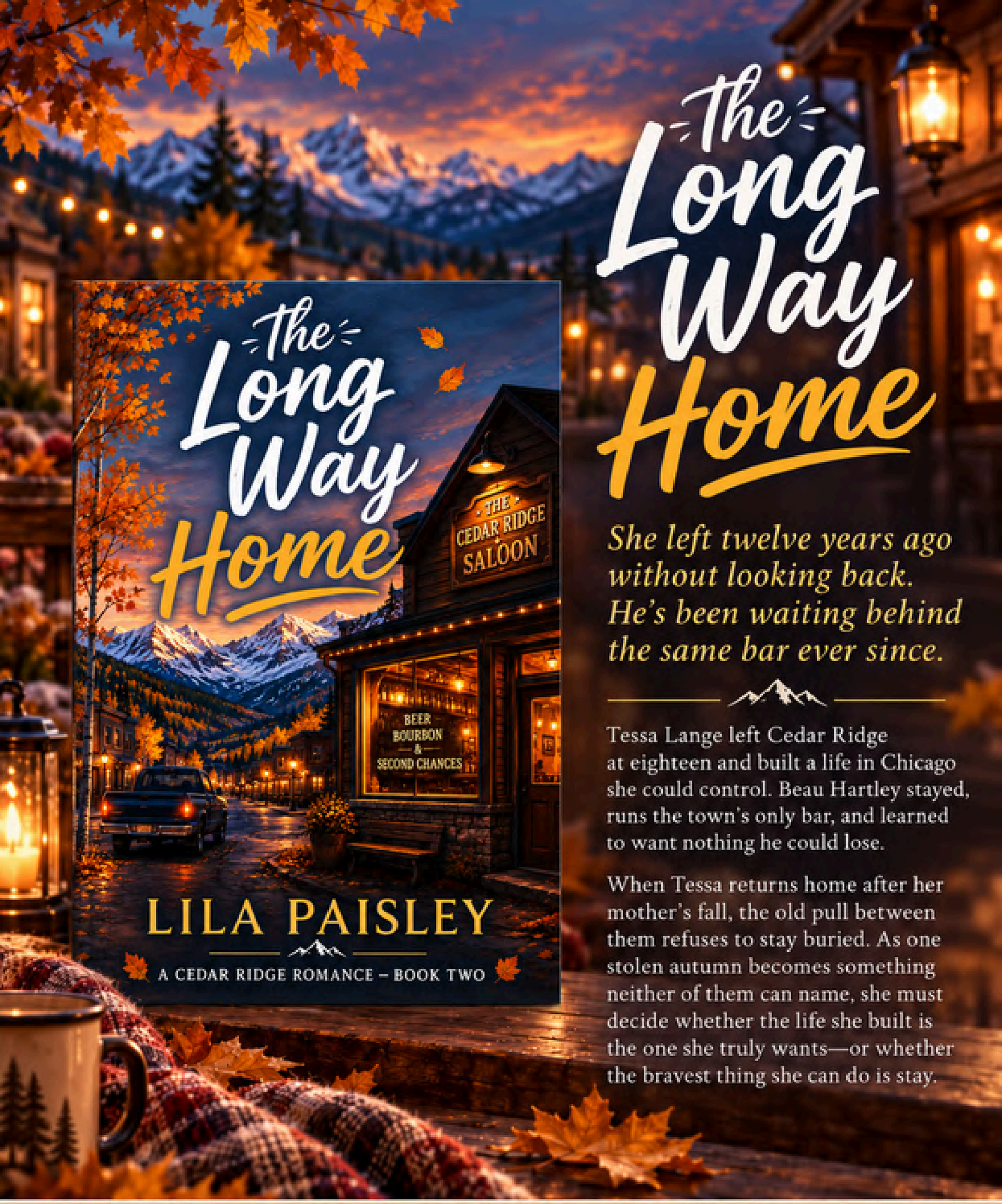

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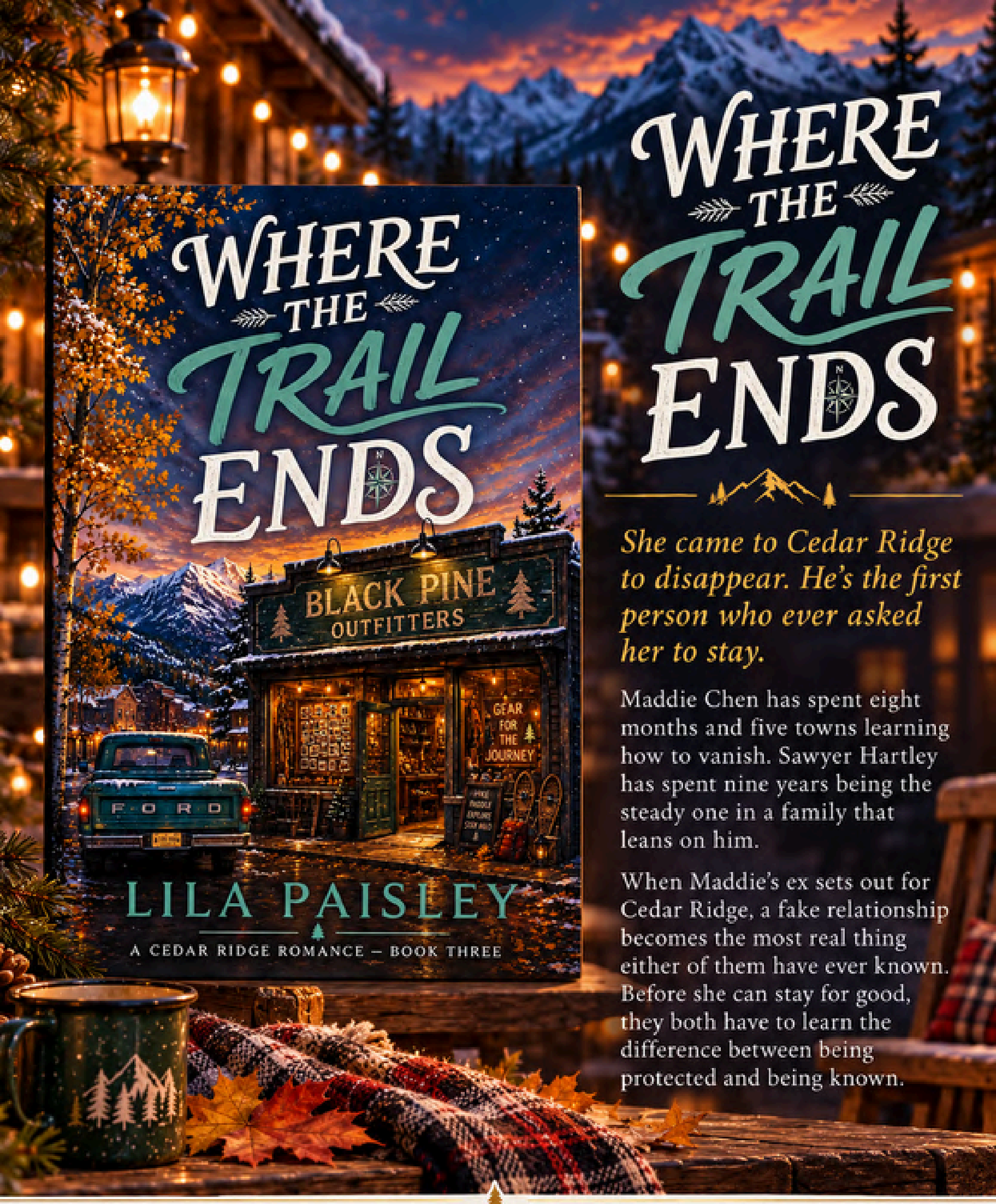

WHERE THE TRAIL ENDS

She came to Cedar Ridge to disappear. He's the first person who ever asked her to stay.

Maddie Chen has spent eight months and five towns learning how to vanish. Sawyer Hartley has spent nine years being the steady one in a family that leans on him.

When Maddie's ex sets out for Cedar Ridge, a fake relationship becomes the most real thing either of them have ever known. Before she can stay for good, they both have to learn the difference between being protected and being known.

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Elizabeth Acevedo, ‘Ode to the Head Nod‘

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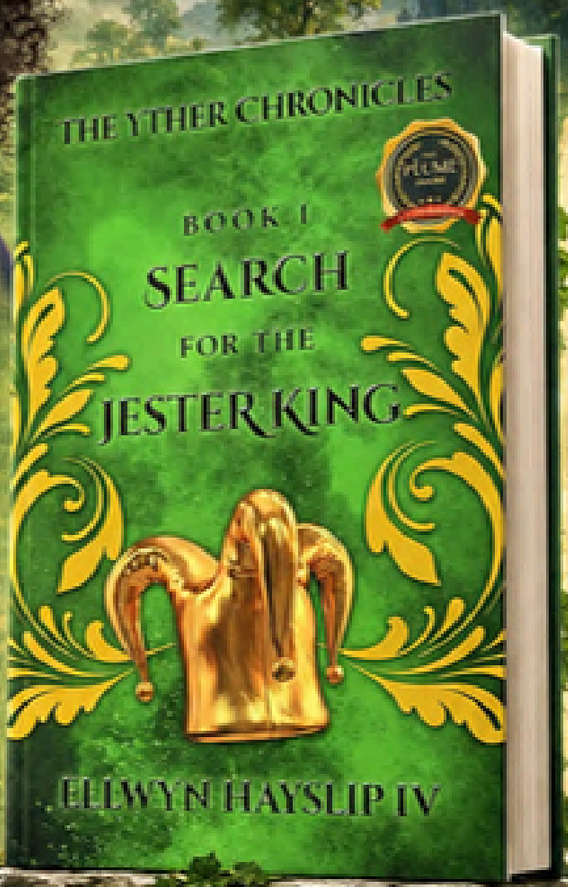
When Ellwyn Hayslip IV is not writing, he is usually at his volunteer job as a custodian and classroom reader at his local elementary school. His hobbies other than writing include reading, baking, watching 90's cartoons, playing the pan pipes, and making art out of recycled plastic. He lives in a small town in NH with his mom, Sally, and their pet cat, Dylan, and parakeet, Beaky V. He is also an accomplished Oneirographer, or dream scribe, with a collection of 745 of his own dreams as of this statement. He plans to turn the first 500 into a series of novels.



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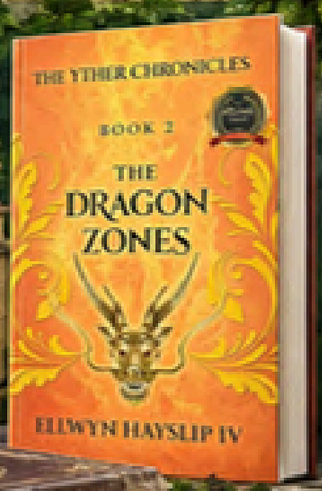



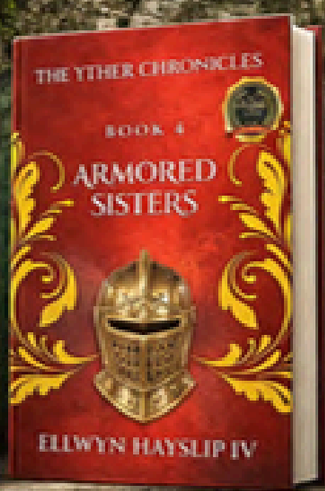

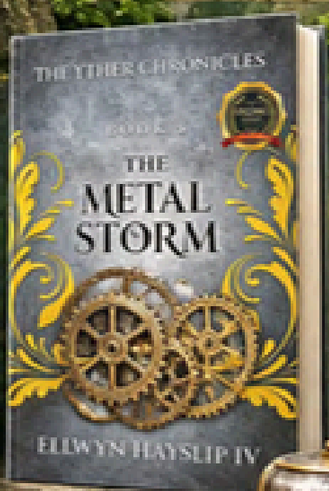



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Author Tanweer Ahmed was born in Peshawar, Pakistan, in 1954 and studied English Literature at the University of Peshawar. After a distinguished public service career spanning more than three decades, he retired in 2014. His professional experience in public accountability and computer-based financial management systems informs his writing, which explores the intersection of technology, society, and human values. His other books *"The Cling Effect"* and *"Fatal Divides"* underline similar themes. He lives in Islamabad with his wife and family.

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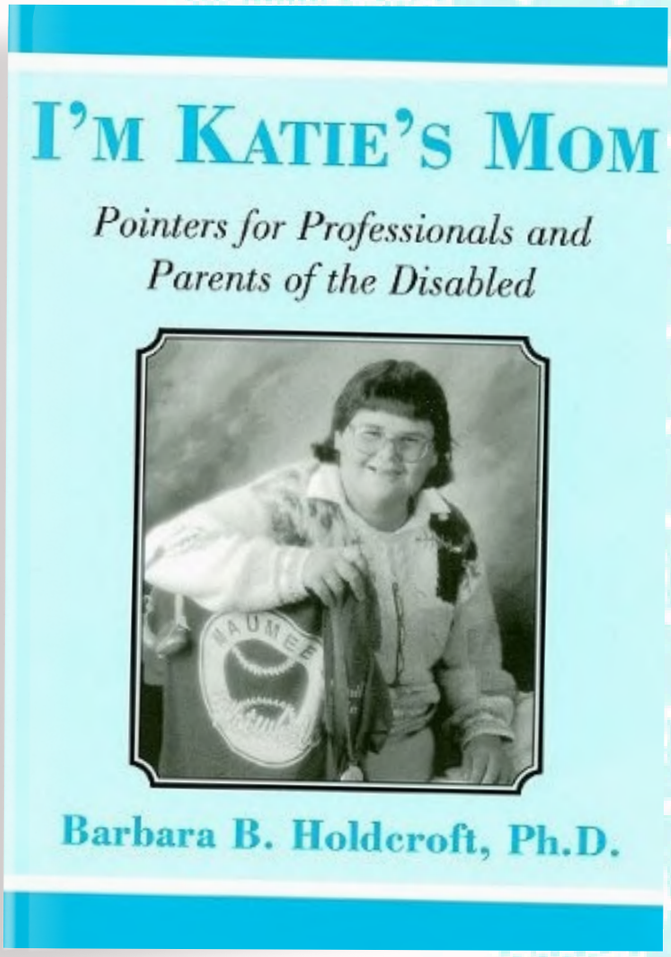
Pointers for Professionals and Parents of the Disabled

Barbara B. Holdcroft, Ph.D.

About the Book

I'm Katie's Mom: Pointers for Professionals and Parents of the Disabled is a compassionate and insightful guide for parents, educators, caregivers, and professionals who support individuals with special needs. Drawing from her personal experiences raising her nonverbal daughter, Katie, who has special needs, author Barbara Holdcroft shares practical advice, valuable resources, and strategies for navigating everyday challenges while planning for the future. The book highlights the importance of patience, advocacy, and informed decision-making, helping readers find support that can often be difficult to access. Adding warmth and humor, Katie's charming stories appear throughout the chapters, offering a unique perspective on the topics discussed. Filled with encouragement and real-life wisdom, this inspiring book celebrates perseverance, love, and the meaningful victories that make every journey worthwhile.



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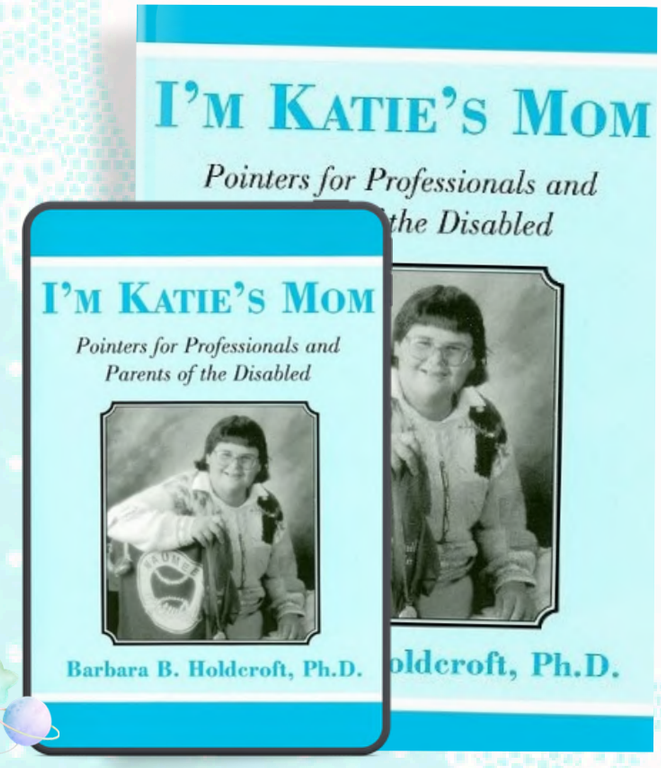

About the Author

Barbara B. Holdcroft is a parent of two children: a son, and a daughter with special needs. She earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Education, Theology, and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology. Her teaching background ranges from elementary school, high school, college, and adult education courses. For many years, they lived in Northwest Ohio, which is the location for the book. They now reside in Northwest North Carolina, where she has been involved in adjunct teaching at a number of local colleges. She enjoys hiking, skiing, boating, reading, and tennis.

THE KREUZVOGEL EXPERIMENT

By Norman T. Bradford



About the Book

In April 1936, 7 infants were administered an experimental growth serum by Herr Doktor Ernst Kreuzvogel, a ranking member of the Nazi Party. Fast forward to 2016, the subjects of the experiment are now 80 years old, but they are still healthy and virile, and they appear to be in their 40s. So, the experiment was definitely a success. However, they also discover that they are being stalked, murdered and their blood harvested to be converted into a serum for members of The New Reich. And Herr Doktor Ernst Kreuzvogel is posing as Doctor Vogelman at Chicago's Michael Reese Hospital.

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About the Author

Norman T. Bradford was born and raised in Chicago, IL. He served 21 years in U.S. Air Force and graduated from California State College at San Bernardino with a B.S. Economics. He worked at International Creative Management (ICM) as assistant to the late Literary Agent Evart Ziegler.

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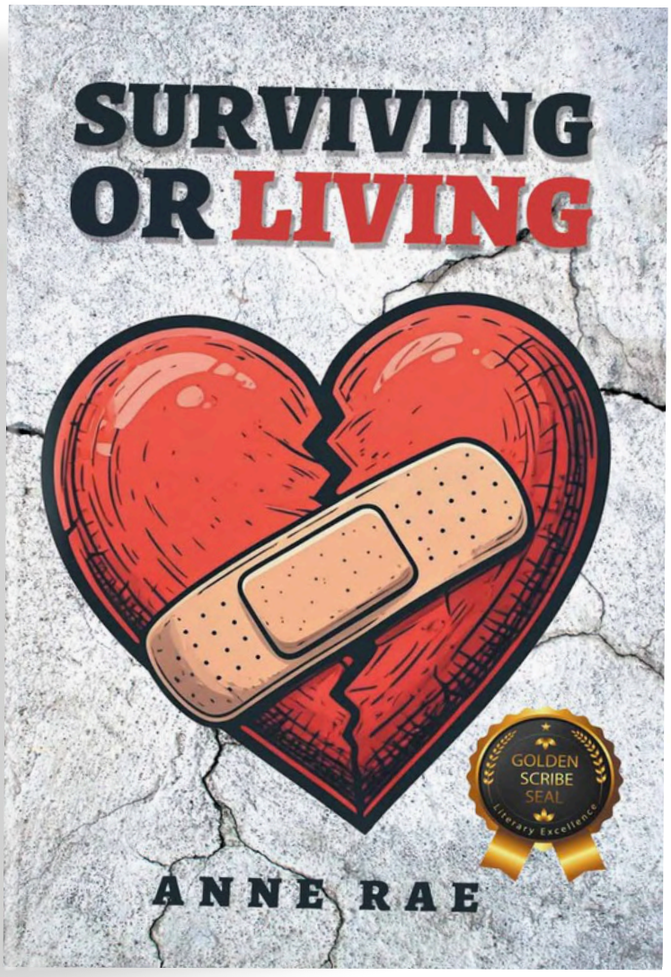

About the Book

Surviving or Living is a reflective poetry collection that explores the quiet battle between existing and fully embracing life. Through raw and compassionate verses, the author expresses emotions often kept invisible—the grief, doubt, exhaustion, and hope. Each poem offers a safe space for readers to feel seen, understood, and less alone in their struggles.

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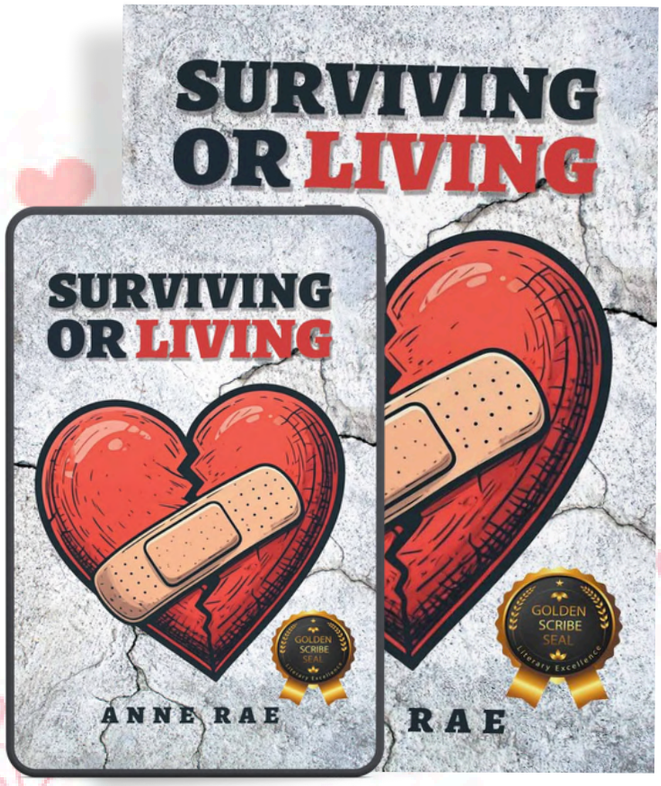




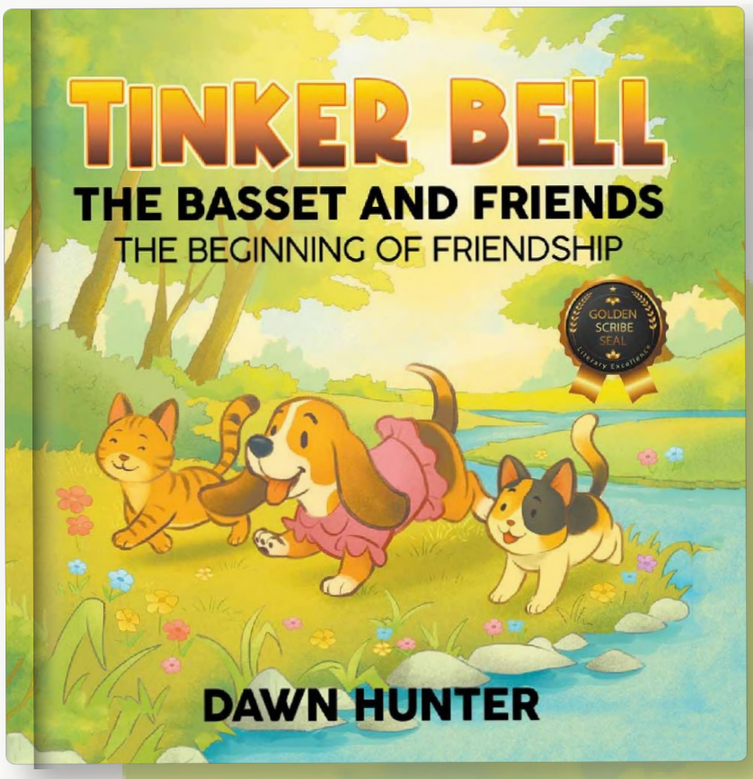


About the Author

Author Anne Rae was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and grew up in Lawton, Iowa. Writing has always been her most natural form of expression, beginning with journaling and evolving into poetry.

When not writing, she enjoys thrifting, reading self-help books, and spending time with animals. With the support of her loved ones, Anne writes with honesty and vulnerability, hoping her words would help others feel seen, understood, and less alone.

TINKER BELL
THE THE BASSET AND FRIENDS



About the Book

Tinker Bell the Basset and Friends is a charming children's story about a lovable Basset Hound and her delightful animal friends. With her floppy ears and curious nature, Tinker Bell leads the way on playful adventures that highlight kindness, teamwork, and the joy of friendship. Each friend brings unique strengths, showing that working together makes every challenge easier and every moment brighter. Paired with colorful, engaging illustrations, this heartwarming tale sparks imagination while teaching valuable life lessons. Perfect for children of three to eight years old, it's an uplifting story they will lov and want to read again and again.

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Author Dawn Hunter is a retired law enforcement officer who served for thirty years, making history as the first female member of her agency's special response team. After retirement, she found joy in writing stories inspired by the adventures she once created for her niece and nephew. Often featuring her beloved pets, Dawn's books encourage kindness, creativity, and imagination, bringing warmth and wonder to young readers everywhere.

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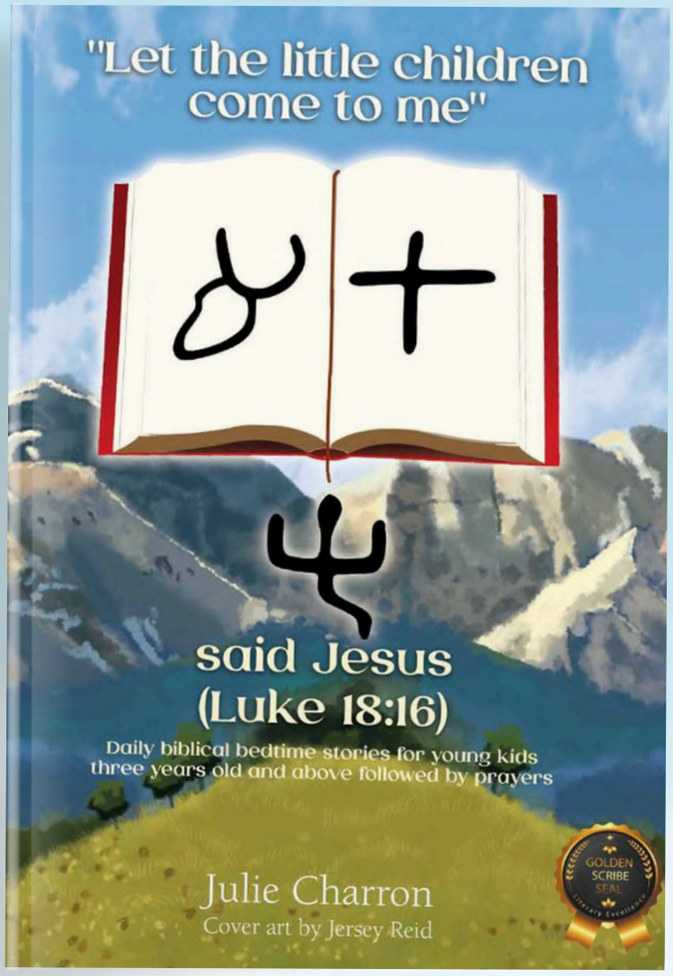
"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME"

SAID JESUS (LUKE 18:16)

About the Book

"Let the Little Children Come to Me," said Jesus (Luke 18:16) is a gentle bedtime Bible storybook created to help young children begin their journey with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Featuring simple stories from the Old and New Testaments, each reading includes a short reflection and a bedtime prayer. Perfect for families, caregivers, or nurses comforting children at night, this book reminds little ones that God loves them deeply and they are never alone. Inspired by a mother's desire to help her young son understand the Bible, this heartfelt book brings faith, peace, and comfort to every child before sleep.



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About the Author

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Loveless in the Nam

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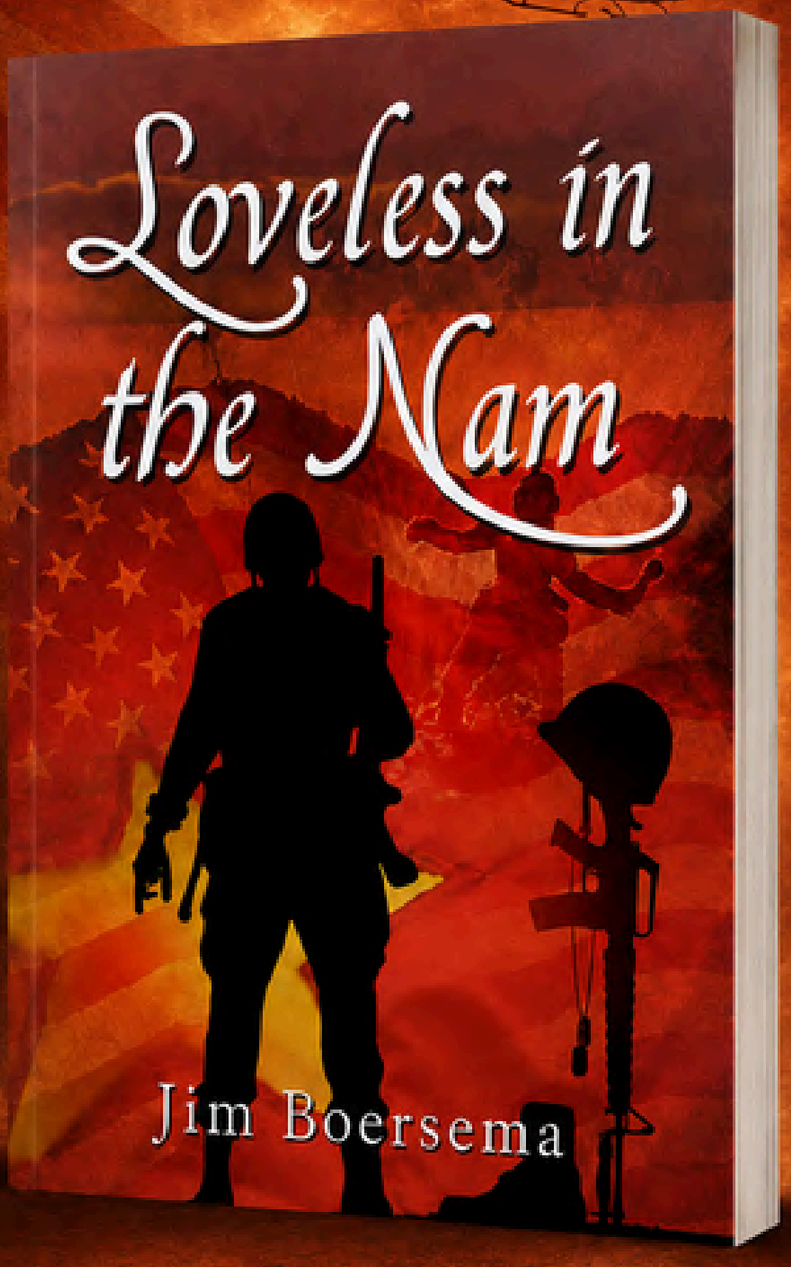

ABOUT THE BOOK

Loveless in the Nam is a fast-paced, darkly comic war tale about Second Lieutenant Frank J. Loveless, a man whose greatest enemy is often himself. One reckless affair destroys his comfortable assignment and lands him in a combat unit he's utterly unprepared to lead. Yet every disaster he causes somehow turns into an unearned triumph, earning him medals, praise, and a reputation built on misunderstanding and sheer luck. From chaotic firefights to scandalous escapades, Loveless stumbles through Vietnam with equal parts fear and charm—until a helicopter crash leaves him in enemy hands and forces a reckoning he can no longer avoid. At once gritty, absurd, and compelling, this is the untold story of a reluctant "hero" in a war he never meant to fight.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Author Jim Boersema is a retired US Army full colonel whose global upbringing and decades of military service shaped his deep interest in history and storytelling. A holder of four university degrees, he served in Vietnam and across Asia and the United States before settling in Hawaii, where he has lived for forty years. Highly decorated in public relations and knighted by the Royal Order of Constantine the Great and Saint Helen, he continues to serve on several nonprofit boards and write with passion.

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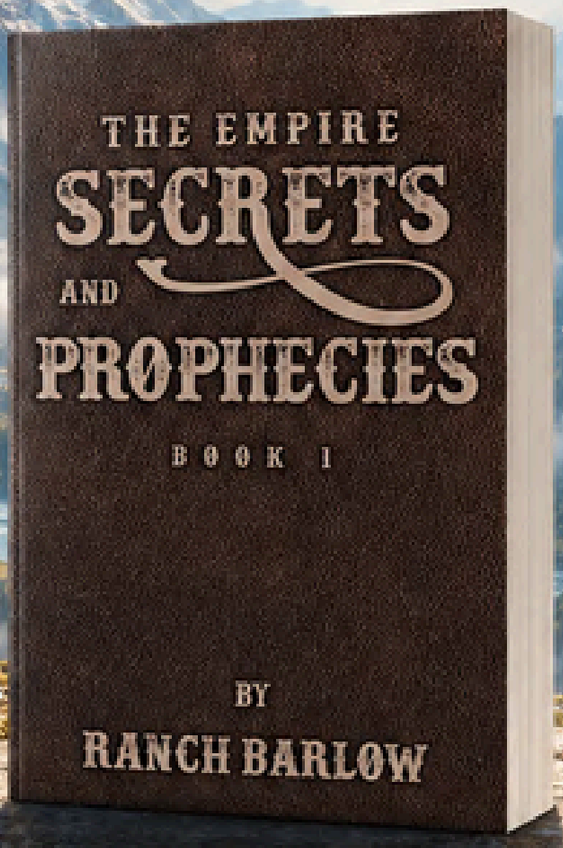

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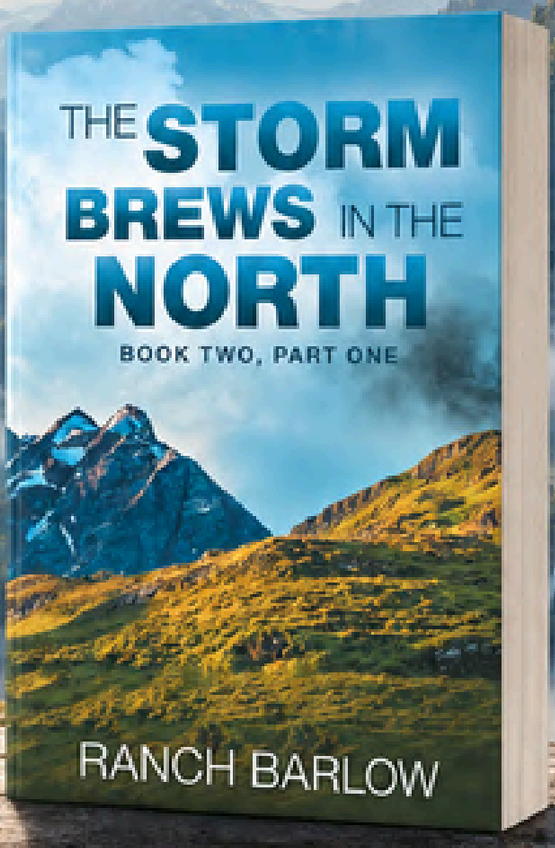

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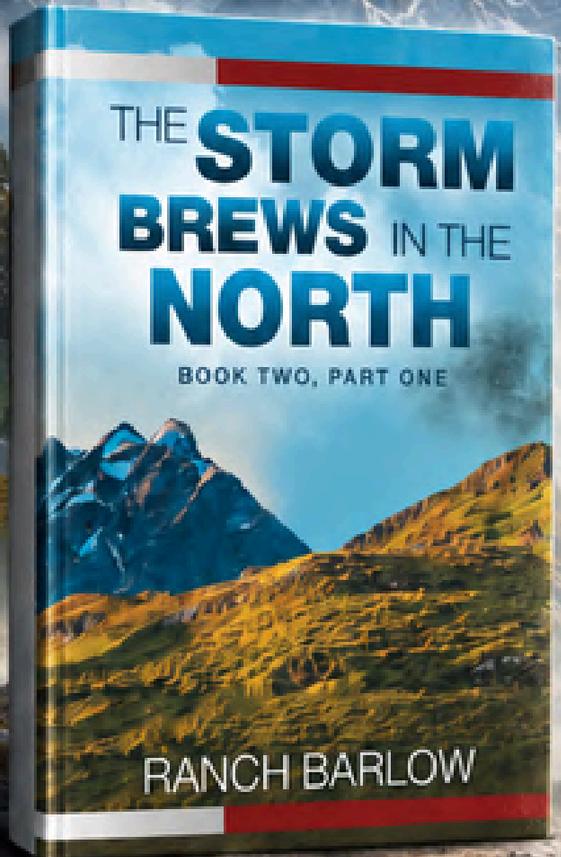

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Ranch Barlow

Author Ranch Barlow, born and raised in Arizona, has always been driven by imagination and creativity. Originally inspired to make movies, his passion for storytelling found new life through books. After discovering the power of stories through Audible and reading, he began writing his own worlds filled with wonder and meaning. Ranch hopes his books encourage readers to dream big, stay inspired, and bring their own ideas to life.

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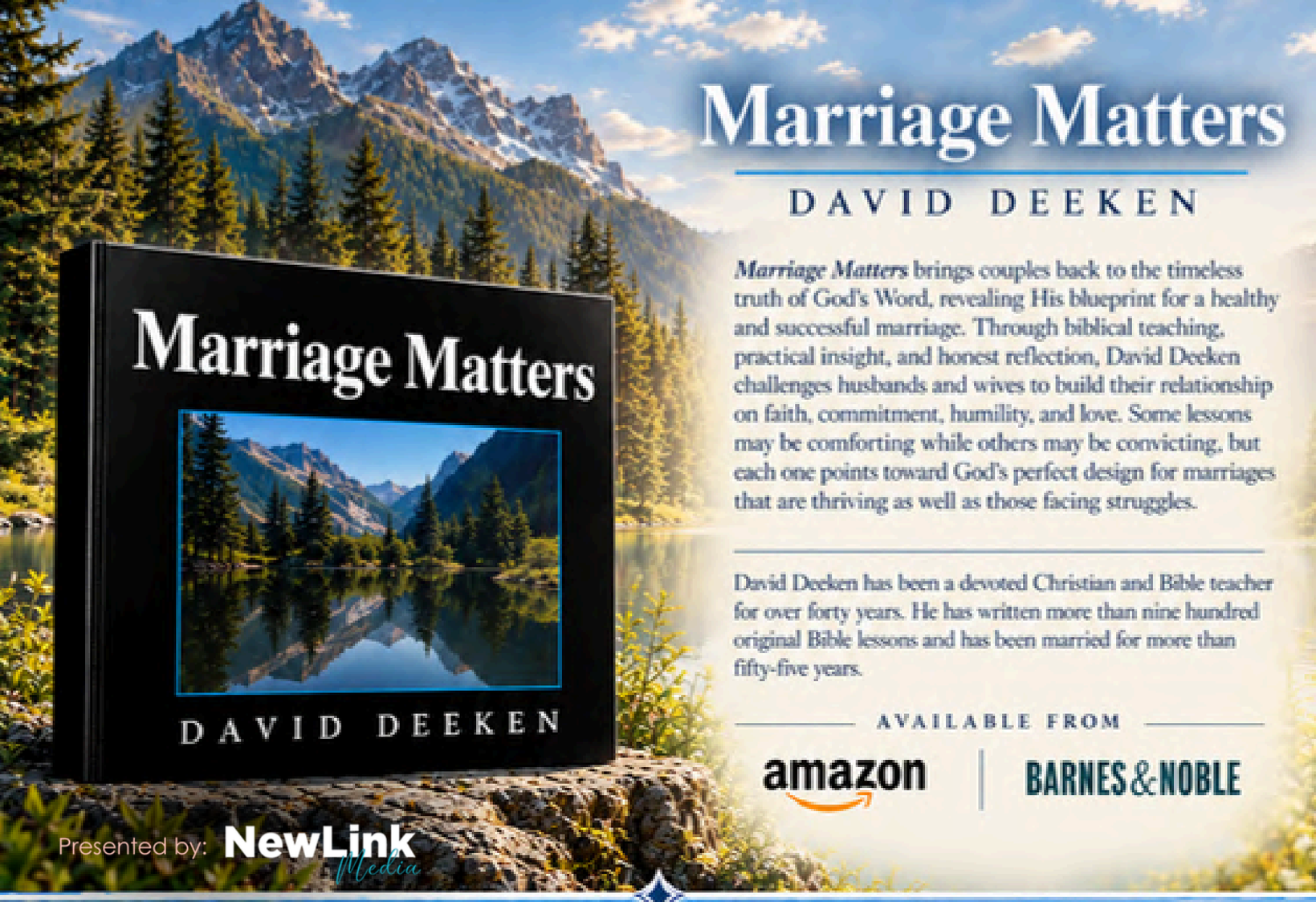

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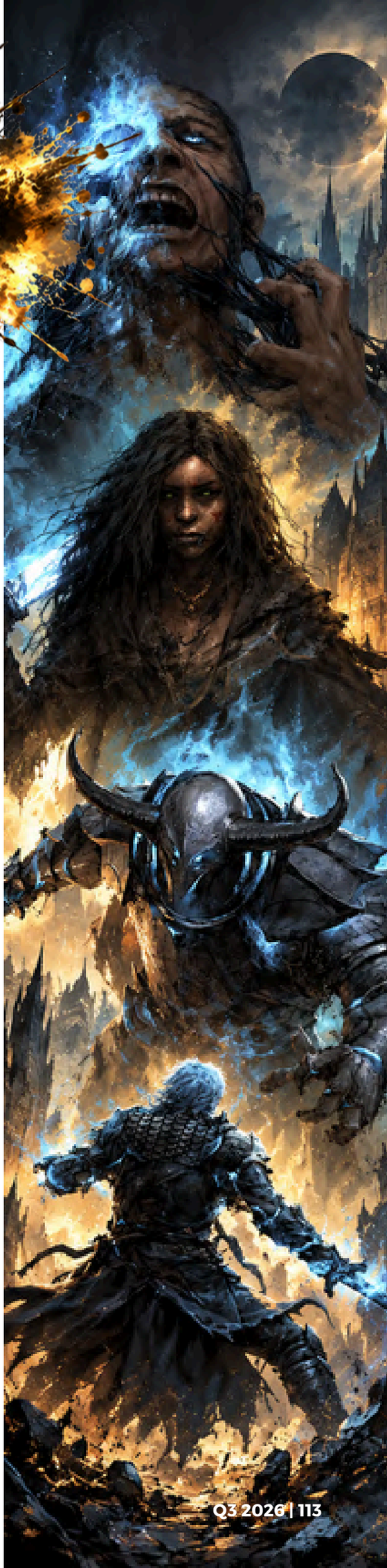
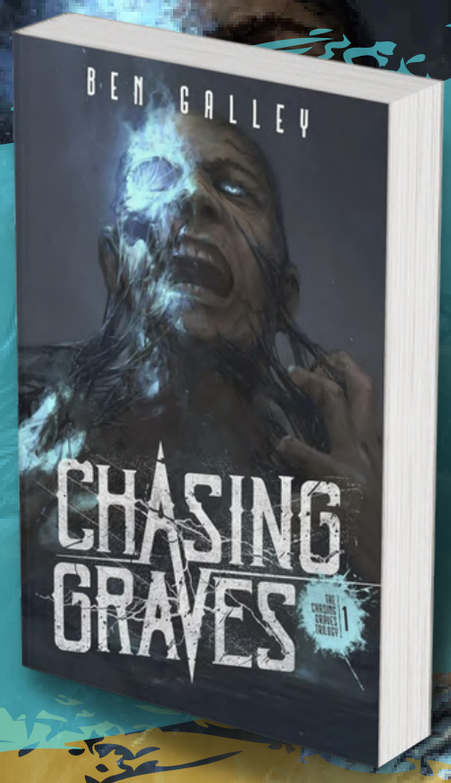
When he isn't conjuring up new stories or arguing the finer points of magic systems and dragon anatomy, Ben terrorizes the Canadian wilds, swills Scotch single malts, and snowboards very, very badly. One day he hopes to haunt an epic treehouse in the mountains and dole out side quests to passersby.







In Araxes, the colossal jewel of the Arctian Empire, power belongs to whoever owns the most ghosts, forcing the dead to serve as slaves for the wealthy.

As Caltro fights to reclaim his freedom, rivals plot for the emperor's throne: soulstealers invoke ancient cults, a princess conspires to strike, and a murderer hauls a corpse across the desert toward the city.

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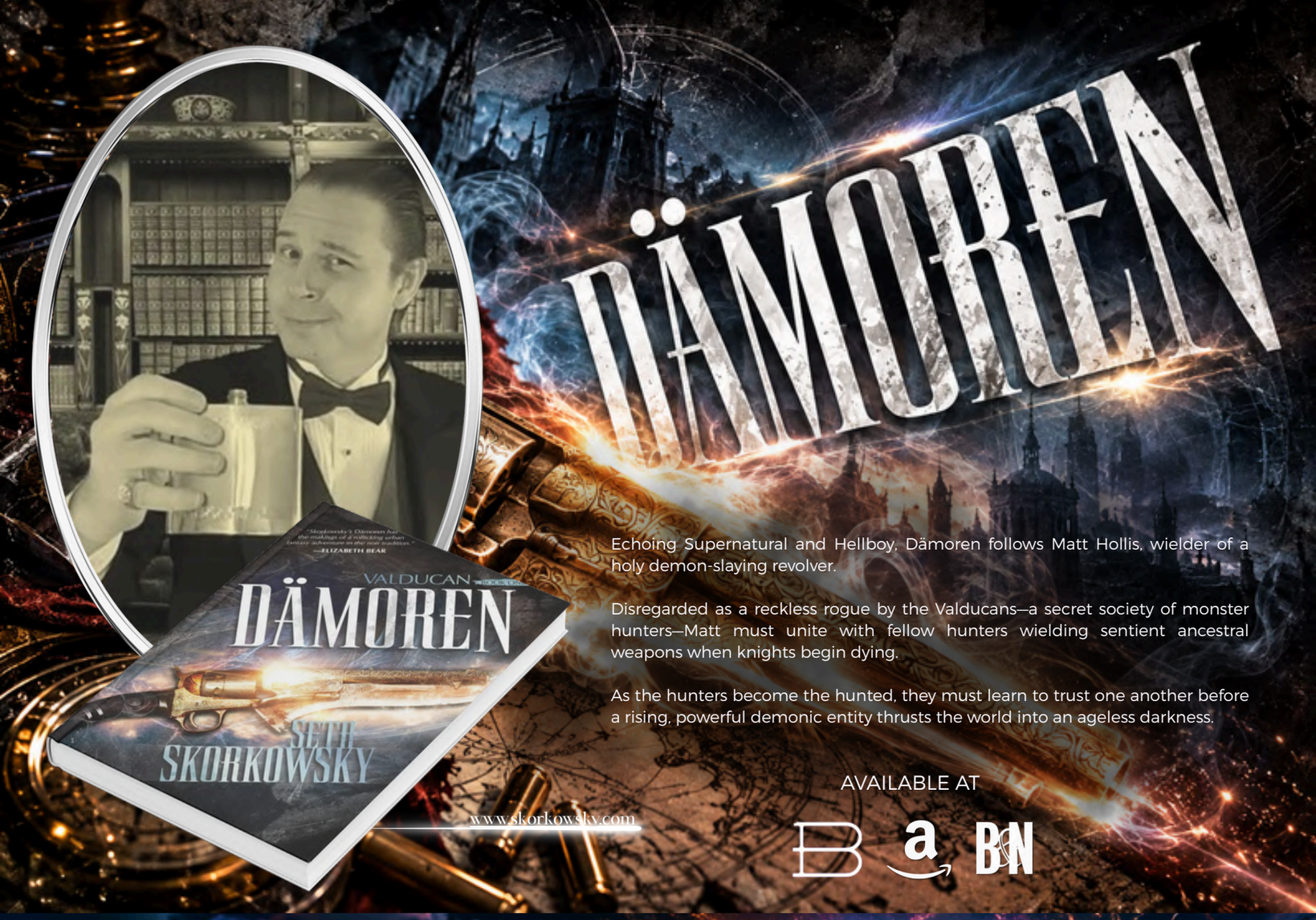

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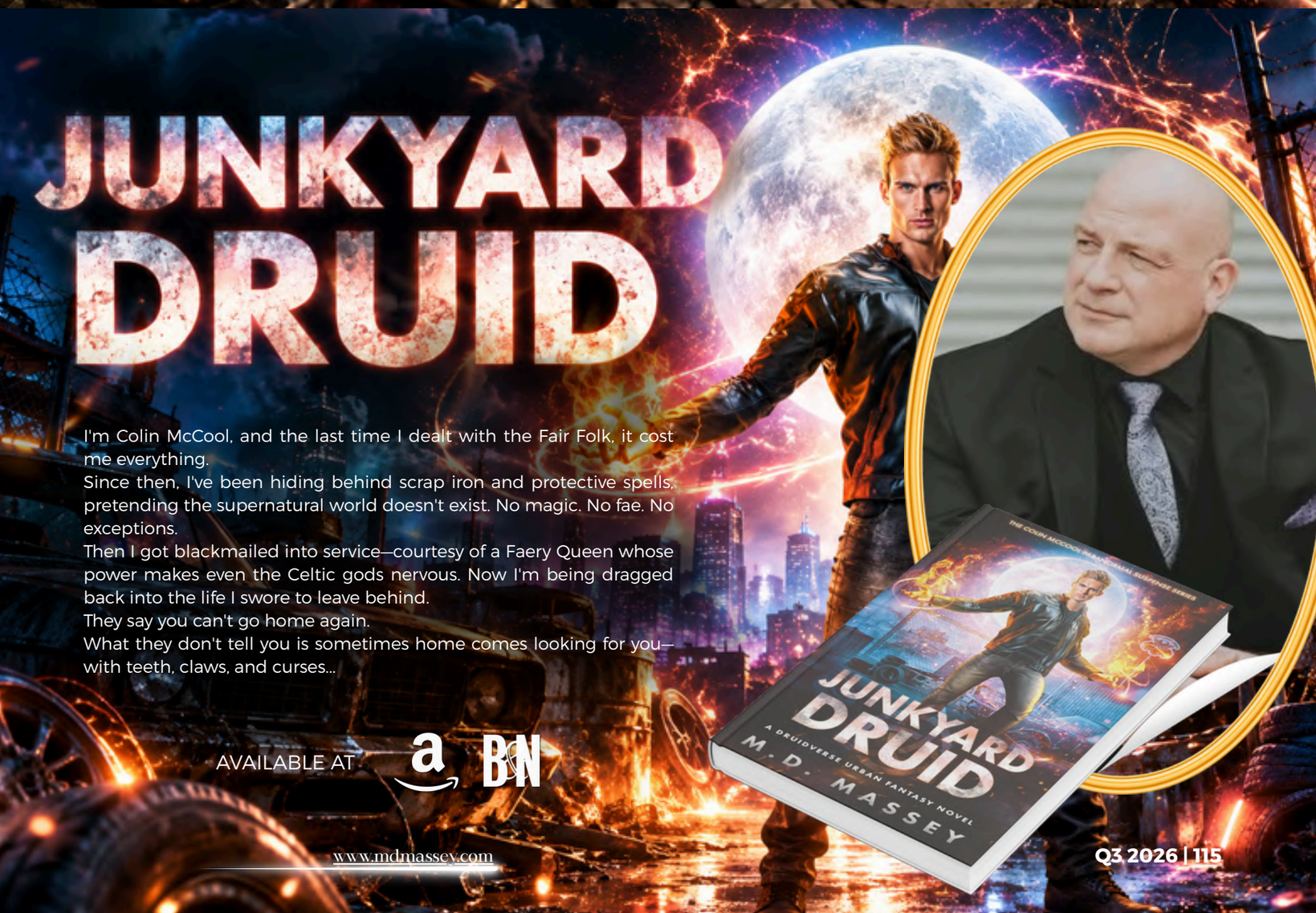

I'm Colin McCool, and the last time I dealt with the Fair Folk, it cost me everything.
Since then, I've been hiding behind scrap iron and protective spells, pretending the supernatural world doesn't exist. No magic. No fae. No exceptions.
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rob J. Hayes has been a student, a banker, a marine research assistant, a chef, and a keyboard monkey more times than he cares to count. But eventually his love of fantasy and reading drew him to the life of a writer. He's the author of multiple award winning series including **The First Earth Saga**, **The Mortal Techniques**, **The War Eternal** and the **God Eater Saga**.

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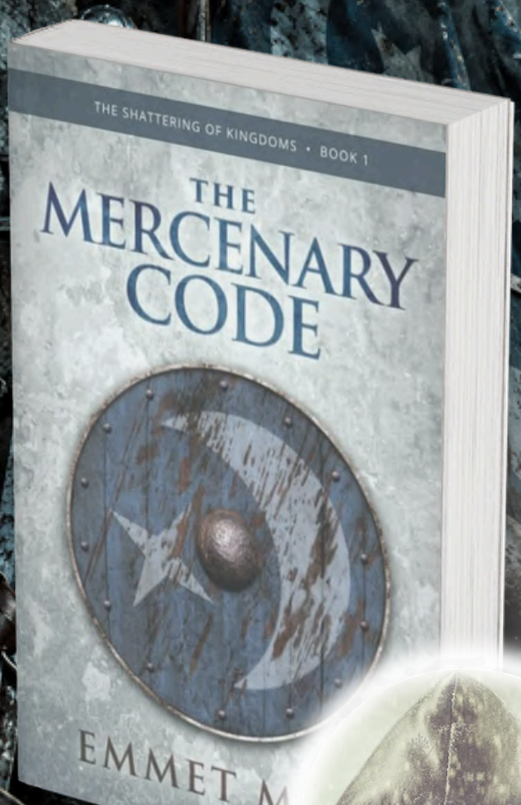



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Alone in a city nearing revolution, former mercenary John Vanguard finds vigilante life poorly paid. When an aristocrat's death shifts the balance of power, Vanguard is caught between Captain Sanquain's iron grip, a brewing crime lord turf war, and libertarian Argent Cooke's rising rebellion—all watched by his former protégé, Tarryn Leersac.

With hopes of redemption fading, Vanguard discovers one last chance for atonement through an old friend returned from the dead.

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SPFBO 7 Finalist (2021–2022)

Author of “The Song of the Ash Tree” Trilogy

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T L Greylock is the author of THE GODFORGED CHRONICLES series and THE SONG OF THE ASH TREE trilogy.

She can only wink her left eye, jumped out of an airplane at 13,000 feet while strapped to a Navy SEAL, had a dog named Agamemnon and a cat named Odysseus, and has been swimming with stingrays in the Caribbean.

P.S. One of the above statements is false. Can you guess which?





Drawn by duty rather than the open sea, Raef Skallagrim sets aside his dreams when the king's death triggers a deadly struggle for power.

Mired in treachery as factional rivalries erupt into war among three kings, Raef must forge an uneasy alliance to avenge a cold-blooded murder. But with an early winter falling across Midgard, even the gods will feel the cold.

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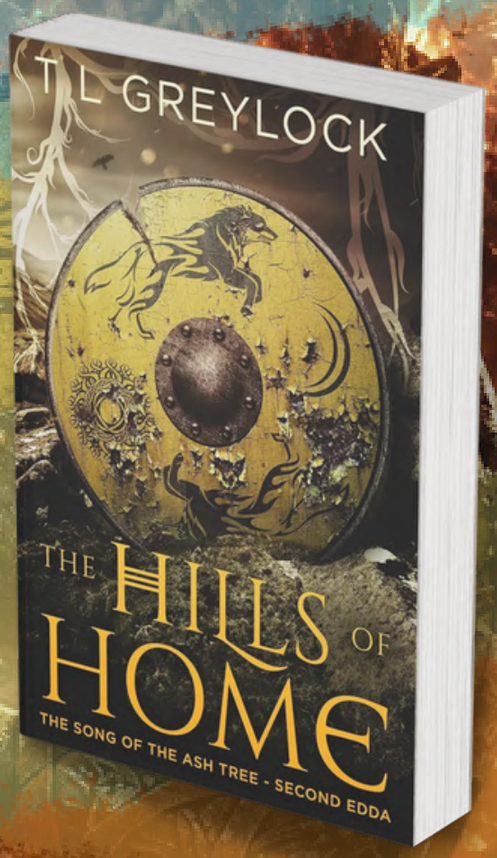

Two kings survived the burning lake, and the war for Midgard rages on. But a greater threat looms: the rule of the gods unravels as giants prepare their wrath.

Haunted by his father's unsolved murder, Raef Skallagrim breaks his oath and heads home for justice. Interrupted by unseen hands, Raef's journey threatens his hall, testing his survival as oblivion approaches.

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Robbed of everything but his life and a dying friend, Raef Skallagrim flees into Vannheim's wildest corners while his father's murderer slips away.

To reclaim his legacy before gods and giants clash, Raef must forge new bonds amidst grief. But as Midgard's war spills into Vannheim, Raef faces two kings, a broken oath, and a colliding fate as stars fall.

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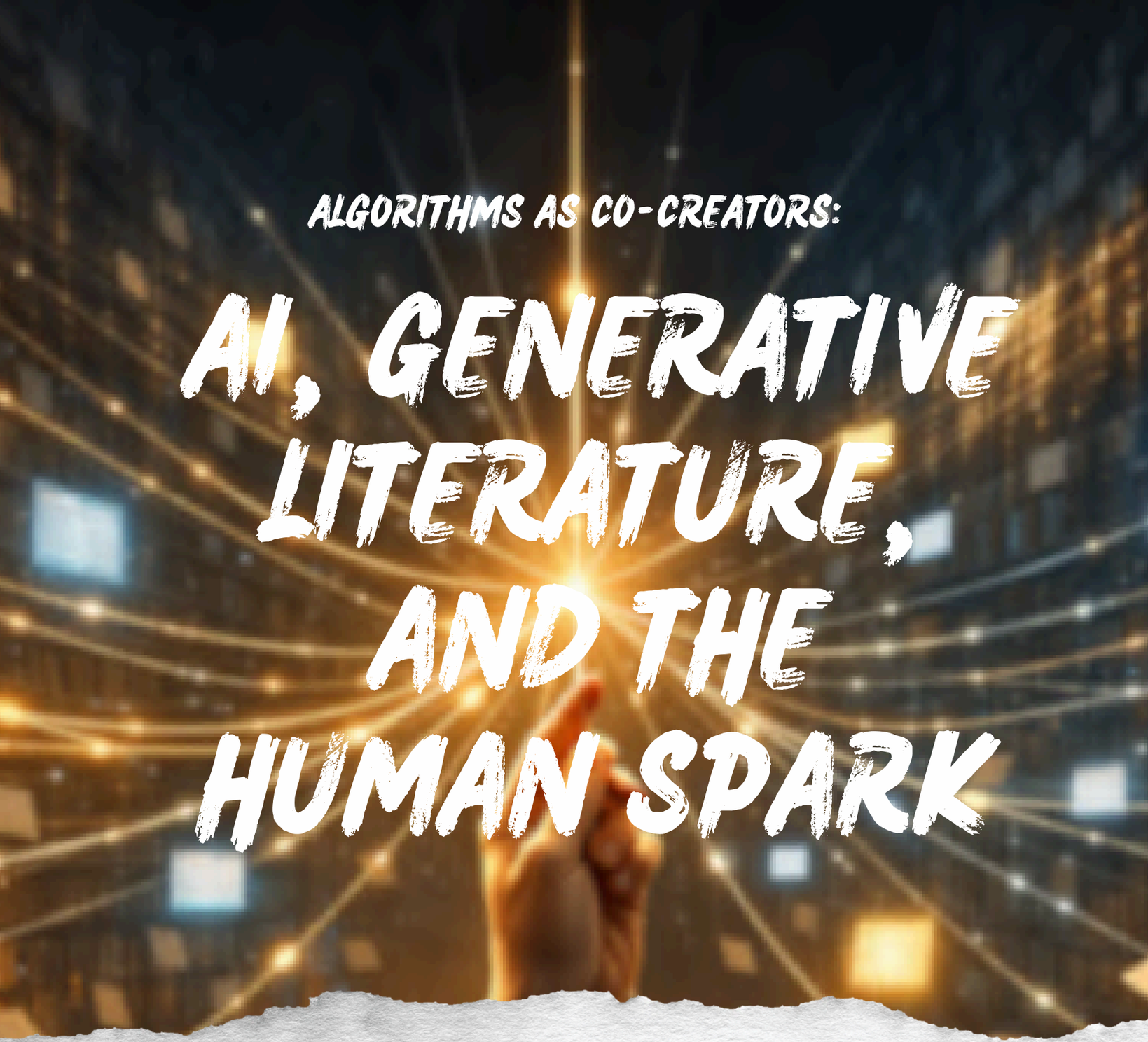


ALGORITHMS AS CO-CREATORS:

AI, GENERATIVE LITERATURE, AND THE HUMAN SPARK

This feature explores how visionary writers integrate artificial intelligence, machine learning, and algorithmic tools into their creative workflows. Far from replacing human artistic expression, AI serves as a dynamic narrative collaborator and thematic mirror.

By examining algorithmic co-pilots, human-machine dialogues, and real-time generative prose, this deep dive investigates the fine line between human authorship, machine synthesis, and the future of storytelling.



ALGORITHMS AS CO-CREATORS



Robin Sloan: Sourdough

How AI Was Used in Creation: Sloan built custom machine-learning language models and autocomplete engines trained on massive literary databases (including 19th-century sci-fi, historic cookbooks, and technical manuals). As he wrote, his custom AI acted as an "algorithmic co-pilot," generating unexpected sentence completions, unusual vocabulary, and sensory descriptions that Sloan continually curated and wove into the prose.

Awards & Achievements:

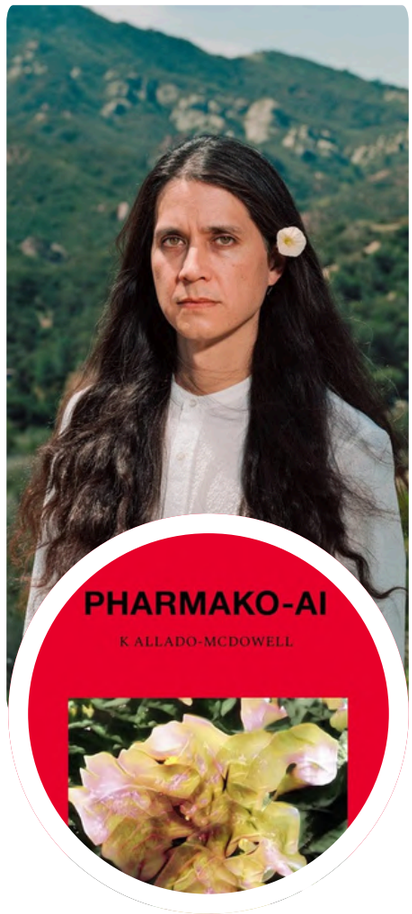
- Named a **Best Book of the Year** by NPR, Amazon, and San Francisco Chronicle.
- Finalist for the **Northern California Book Award**.
- Recognized globally as a pioneer in human-AI co-creative writing methodologies.

K Allado-McDowell: Pharmako-AI

How AI Was Used in Creation: Co-written using GPT-3 (configured specifically through custom prompts), Pharmako-AI is one of the first books written in dynamic partnership with a large language model. Allado-McDowell established a feedback loop where human prompts on ecology, cybernetics, and consciousness were answered by the language model, creating a fluid, dual-author dialectic where neither voice completely controls the narrative direction.

Awards & Achievements:

- Widely recognized as the **first official book co-authored by GPT-3** published by an established press (Ignota Books).



Stephen Marche: Death of an Author

How AI Was Used in Creation: Marche utilized a suite of three AI tools—Sudowrite, ChatGPT, and Claude—to generate approximately 95% of the raw prose, while retaining 100% human editorial and structural control. He created detailed plot outlines, tone maps, and character arcs, acting as an "algorithmic director" who repeatedly prompted, refined, and spliced the AI's output to construct a compelling murder mystery set in the literary world.

Awards & Achievements:

- Widely covered as a landmark experimental release in **The New York Times, Wired,** and **The Guardian**.



ALGORITHMS AS CO-CREATORS



Ross Goodwin: 1 the Road

How AI Was Used in Creation: Inspired by Jack Kerouac's On the Road, artist and writer Ross Goodwin equipped a Cadillac car with a neural network, a GPS tracker, a camera, and a microphone. As he drove from New York to New Orleans, the custom AI continuously converted sensory and location data into real-time, poetic sensory stream-of-consciousness prose printed directly onto long rolls of receipt paper.

Awards & Achievements:

- Hailed as the **world's first novel generated entirely by a computer on a real-time physical journey**.
- Exhibited at international digital art and literary forums, including **MIT Media Lab and Google Arts & Culture**.

Ken Liu: The Hidden Girl and Other Stories

How AI Was Used in Creation: As a software engineer and lawyer turned Hugo/Nebula-winning author, Ken Liu builds custom coding environments and natural language tools to test sentence cadence, generate structural permutations, and explore how machine translations render poetic concepts. He used algorithmic text-generation techniques to craft non-human machine dialogue and synthetic consciousness perspectives.

Awards & Achievements:

- Ken Liu is the first author in history to win the **Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy Awards** for the same work, widely recognized as a bridge between computer science and literary fiction.



Vauhini Vara: The Immortal King Rao

How AI Was Used in Creation: Vara, a former tech journalist turned novelist, used early GPT models as an emotional and narrative sounding board while writing her dystopian techno-epic. For her related piece Ghosts (which directly informed the technological and grief themes in The Immortal King Rao), she fed personal prompts about grief and family trauma into a custom-prompted language model, utilizing the machine's generated continuations to externalize memory, process grief, and structure the inner monologue of her tech-titan protagonist.

Awards & Achievements:

- Finalist for the **2023 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction**.
- Shortlisted for the **Center for Fiction First Novel Prize and the PEN/Hemingway Award**.
- Winner of the **Atta Galatta Bangalore Literature Festival Book Prize**.



MISS PERCY'S POCKET GUIDE TO THE CARE & FEEDING OF BRITISH DRAGONS



Miss Mildred Percy is a spinster who does not dance, dream, or have adventures—until her great-uncle leaves her an inheritance containing a dragon's egg.

When the egg hatches, Mildred is thrust from wallflower to dragon keeper. With England having never seen dragons, she must raise a creature that shouldn't exist, foster a romance with a humble vicar, and embrace an adventure she never imagined could be hers.

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Born weak and abandoned due to a painful disease, Reidon Ward has fought for every advantage.

When the most powerful AI in history takes notice, Reidon is granted a Combat Assistance Device with awful base specs but infinite growth potential. Enrolled at the elite Galens Institute alongside his best friend Viviana, Reidon begins a grueling climb through academy rankings toward the tournament circuits.

So begins the ascent of the ultimate god—the Stormweaver.

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It was supposed to be one simple curse-breaking job for Mennik Thorn to repay a favor, but it blew up in his face—leaving him framed for murder.

Now broke, traumatized, and target to the wrong people, how can a second-rate mage prove his innocence when everyone believes he's guilty?

To survive, Mennik must plunge back into the corrupt world of high mages he fled years ago. Hunted by supernatural beasts, the ruthless Ash Guard, and an unknown adversary, he'll need every trick just to keep himself and his friend alive against a dark power rising in Agatos.

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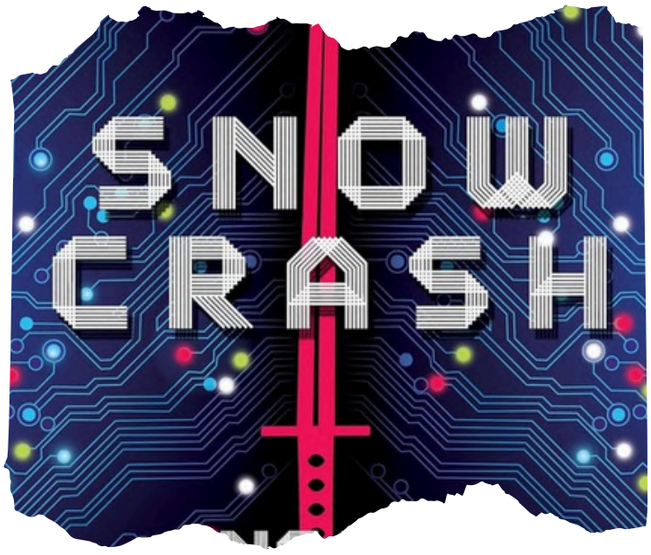
Guardians of

Digital Liberty

Science Fiction as a Mirror to Tech's Frontiers



This feature explores how grounded, near-future tech thrillers serve as an essential ethical warning system. Trailblazing authors confront pressing technological realities—from neural surveillance and corporate monopolies to digital identity loss—offering powerful speculative frameworks that mirror and question humanity's rapid technological expansion.





Neal Stephenson — Snow Crash

Pressing Technological Realities: Corporate tech monopolies, digital avatars, corporate-controlled internet infrastructure, and neural hacking/neurological viruses. Stephenson envisioned a world where sovereign governments have dissolved in favor of mega-corporations controlling digital and physical spaces.

Real-World Impact & Adaptation:

- **Real-World Impact:** Coined the term ***"Metaverse"*** and predicted virtual reality avatars, directly inspiring real-world tech pioneers at Google Earth, Second Life, and Meta (Facebook). It serves as a stark warning against centralizing digital public squares under private corporate power.

- **Film/TV Adaptation:** Its most direct visual and thematic influence shaped sci-fi cinema like ***The Matrix*** and Steven Spielberg's ***Ready Player One***.





William Gibson — Pattern Recognition

Pressing Technological Realities: Algorithmic surveillance, viral digital marketing, corporate data harvesting, and the commodification of online subcultures. Moving away from his earlier cyberpunk Neuromancer, Gibson set this novel in the immediate post-9/11 present to highlight how technology rewires human perception in real time.

Real-World Impact & Adaptation:

- **Real-World Impact:** Foretold the rise of predictive algorithms, digital surveillance capitalism, influencer marketing, and how viral internet footage manipulates global public emotion.

- **Film/TV Adaptation:** Optioned for film development by Warner Bros. with director Peter Weir attached during early pre-production.





Cory Doctorow — Little Brother

Pressing Technological Realities: Mass neural/digital surveillance, facial recognition abuse, predictive policing, and the erosion of civil liberties under the guise of national security.

Real-World Impact & Adaptation:

- **Real-World Impact:** Serves as an educational toolkit for youth cybersecurity, encryption, and digital rights, directly inspiring real-world privacy activists and anti-surveillance movements globally.
- **Film/TV Adaptation:** Optioned for a major theatrical motion picture by Paramount Pictures, with producer Don Murphy attached.



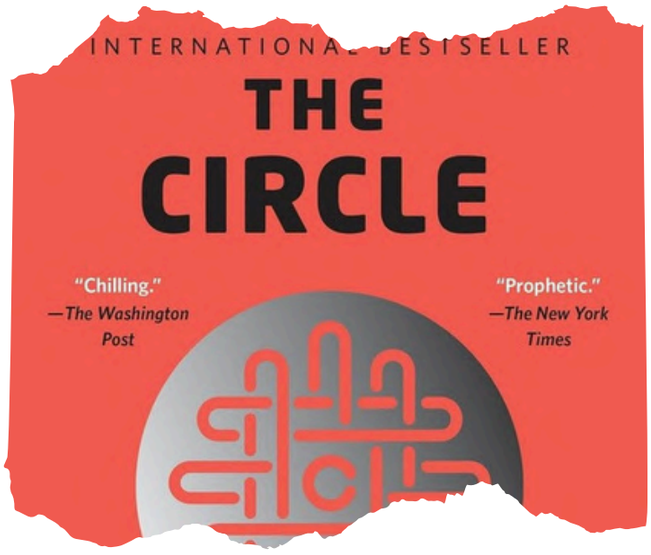


Blake Crouch — Dark Matter

Pressing Technological Realities: Quantum computing, multiverse mechanics, and **digital identity loss/collapse of individual agency**. It explores how technological manipulation of reality forces humans to confront alternative lives, personal regret, and the terrifying weaponization of choice.

R**eal-World Impact & Adaptation:**

- **Real-World Impact:** Warns against the psychological toll of hyper-technological optimization and the existential anxiety created by endless consumer choice and digital simulation theories.
- **Film/TV Adaptation:** Adapted into a high-budget **Apple TV+ sci-fi series (2024)** starring Joel Edgerton and Jennifer Connelly, with Blake Crouch serving as showrunner.





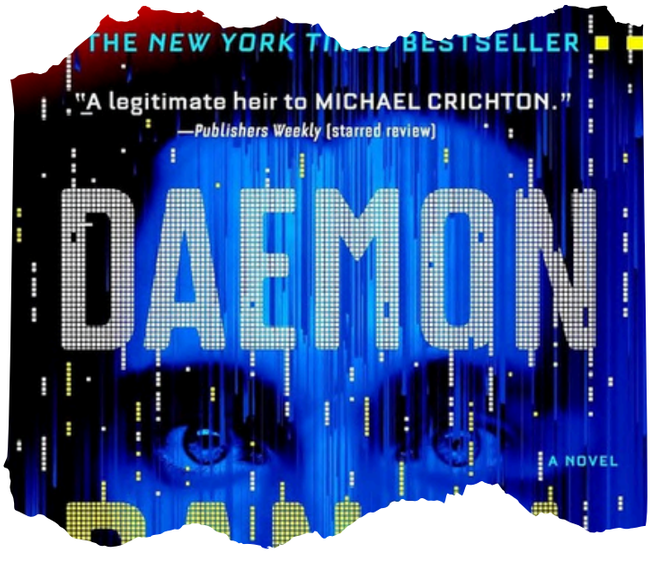
Dave Eggers — The Circle

Pressing Technological Realities: Monopolistic tech monopolies, absolute transparency, erosion of privacy, and mandatory social media participation. The novel confronts the terrifying doctrine that "Secrets are lies, sharing is caring, and privacy is theft."

Real-World Impact & Adaptation:

- **Real-World Impact:** Heavily influenced public debate surrounding Silicon Valley mega-corporations (such as Google and Meta), highlighting how social credit systems and workplace surveillance threaten individual autonomy.
- **Film/TV Adaptation:** Adapted into the **2017 feature film The Circle**, starring Emma Watson, Tom Hanks, and John Boyega.





Daniel Suarez — Daemon

Pressing Technological Realities: Autonomous AI execution, algorithmic corporate takeovers, automated drone warfare, and dark-net economic networks. The novel centers on an unguided computer program left behind by a deceased game designer that systematically dismantles real-world financial and political institutions.

Real-World Impact & Adaptation:

- **Real-World Impact:** Used as a case study in defense and tech circles regarding the dangers of autonomous weapons systems, high-frequency algorithmic trading, and decentralized autonomous organizations (DAOs).
- **Film/TV Adaptation:** Optioned for a major film adaptation by Paramount Pictures.



Experience the thrilling revolution of storytelling! Static pages dissolve into living, interactive worlds as readers transform into active co-creators, decoding hidden clues, navigating choice-driven narratives, and shaping dynamic digital universes.



Time Capsule

UNBOUND NARRATIVE WORLDS

The Death of the Linear Tale: Branching Paths, Immersive Fiction, and Transmedia Lore

Step into the thrilling evolution of storytelling where static pages dissolve into living, interactive worlds! The Death of the Linear Tale: Branching Paths, Immersive Fiction, and Transmedia Lore investigates how modern readers are transforming from passive consumers into active co-creators.

Explore how visionary authors smash traditional boundaries using LitRPG mechanics, Webtoons, Discord, and multi-platform ARGs to build dynamic, reader-influenced universes.

Discover iconic breakthroughs like Ernest Cline's Ready Player One real-world DeLorean treasure hunt, James Frey's Endgame code-cracking race for $500,000 in gold with Google's Niantic, and Jon Bois's browser-glitching sci-fi masterpiece 17776.

From Cathy's Book using physical evidence bags and real phone hotlines to J.J. Abrams's S. sparking dark web geocaching, this deep dive reveals how trailblazing indie creators leverage modern tech to turn reading into an electrifying, full-throttle digital adventure.





Ernest Cline





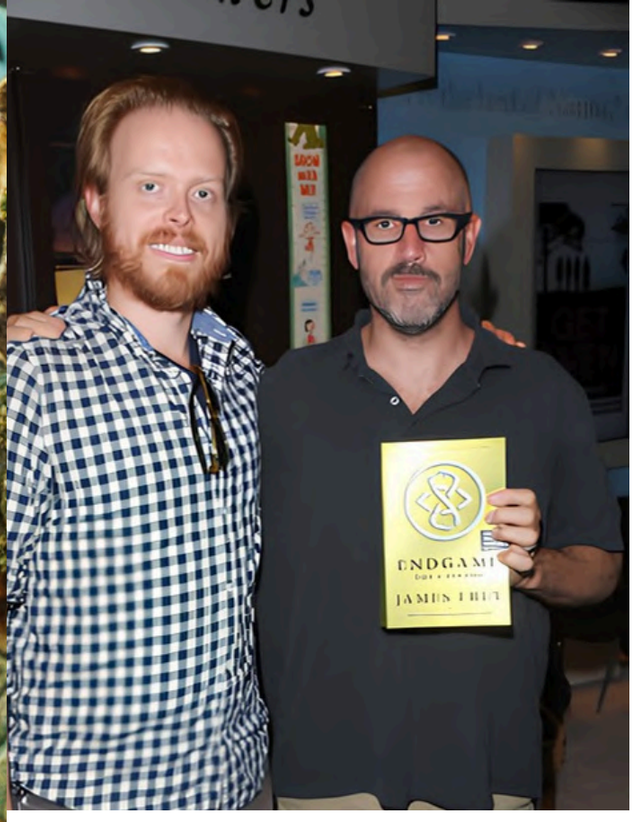
Novel Title:
Ready Player One

Game Created/Inspired:
The Ready Player One Easter Egg Hunt (The Real-World OASIS Hunt) & the Roblox Ready Player One Event.

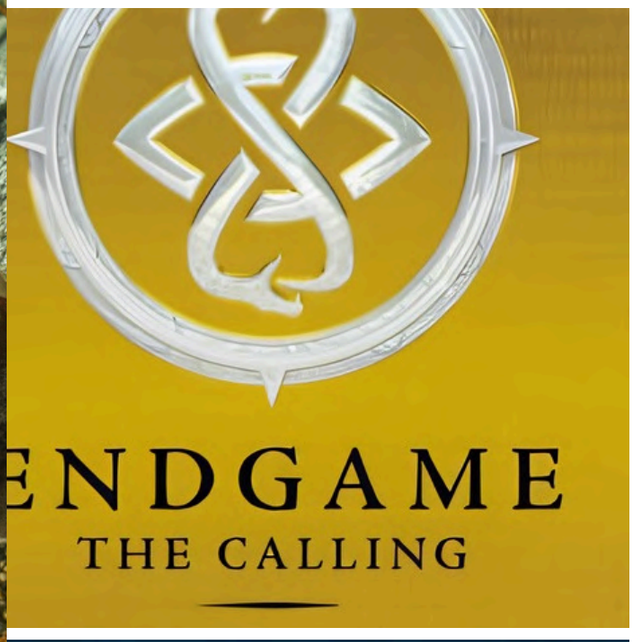
Breakthrough Achievement:
Cline embedded a real, hidden Easter egg within the physical and digital print pages of his novel. Deciphering the clue led readers to an online Atari-style game portal; the first person to beat the video game stage won a pristine 1981 DeLorean DMC-12. Later, in collaboration with Warner Bros. and Roblox, it evolved into a massive multi-game digital ARG event played by millions globally.

Platforms Used:
Embedded book text, custom web games, video sharing (YouTube/Vimeo), Discord/Gunter forums, and Roblox.





James Frey & Nils Johnson-Shelton



Novel Title:
Endgame: The Calling

Game Created/Inspired:
Endgame ARG / Ancient Societies (Co-developed with Google's Niantic Labs, creators of Ingress and Pokémon GO).

Breakthrough Achievement:
Embedded cryptograms, coordinates, and steganographic puzzles within the text of the book directly triggered a live-action, real-world puzzle hunt. Solvers interacted with a live web app and dynamic mobile map that unlocked real gold bullion stored in a display case (valued at $500,000 USD).

Platforms Used:
Native iOS/Android app platform (Niantic Engine), interactive web portals (AncientSocieties.com), YouTube live streams, and Google Search engine integrations.

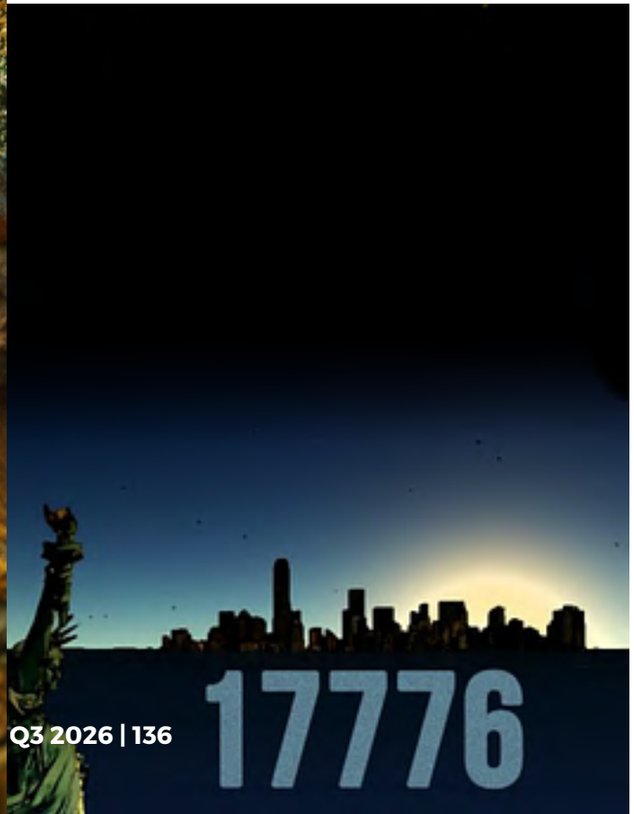






Jon Bois



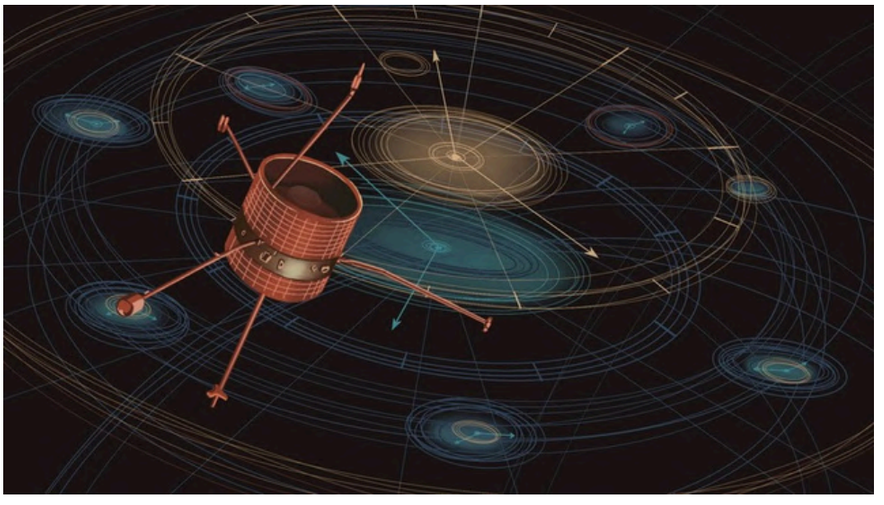


Novel Title:
17776 (What Football Will Look Like in the Future)

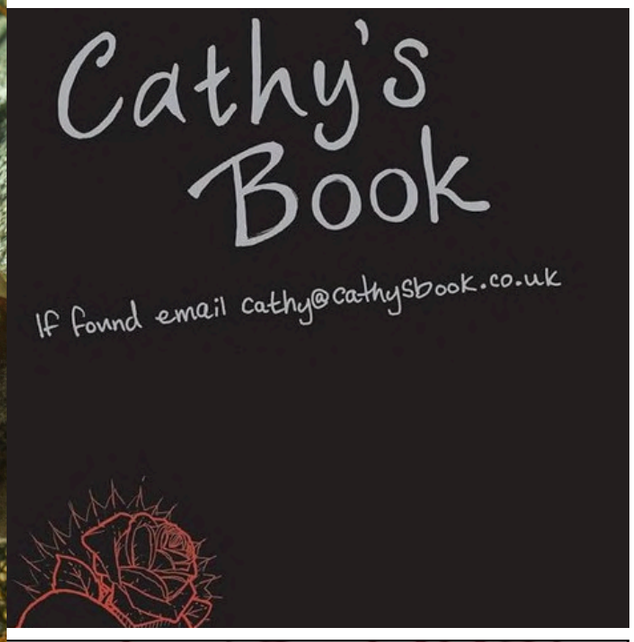
Game Created/Inspired:
17776 Interactive Web Simulation & ARG

Breakthrough Achievement:
Styled as an innocent, sports-journalism blog post on SB Nation, the text unexpectedly "glitched" and hijacked the browser. It fused serialized text-based sci-fi/LitRPG mechanics with interactive web design, real-time Google Earth 3D models, animated GIFs, and YouTube logs, forcing thousands of online readers to collaborate on Reddit to decode hidden coordinates and state-wide rulebooks.

Platforms Used:
SB Nation web framework, Google Earth / satellite telemetry API, YouTube video logs, Reddit r/ARG community forums.









Sean Stewart & Jordan Weisman

Novel Title:
Cathy's Book

Game Created/Inspired:
Cathy's Book Transmedia ARG Experience

Breakthrough Achievement:
Pioneered the "text-novel-turned-ARG" format for young adult literature. The novel shipped inside a sealed evidence bag containing physical artifacts (receipts, photos, napkins with bloodstains, and handwritten letters). Readers had to dial real, functioning phone numbers, inspect actual online websites, and decode voicemail logs left by characters to uncover the plot advancement.

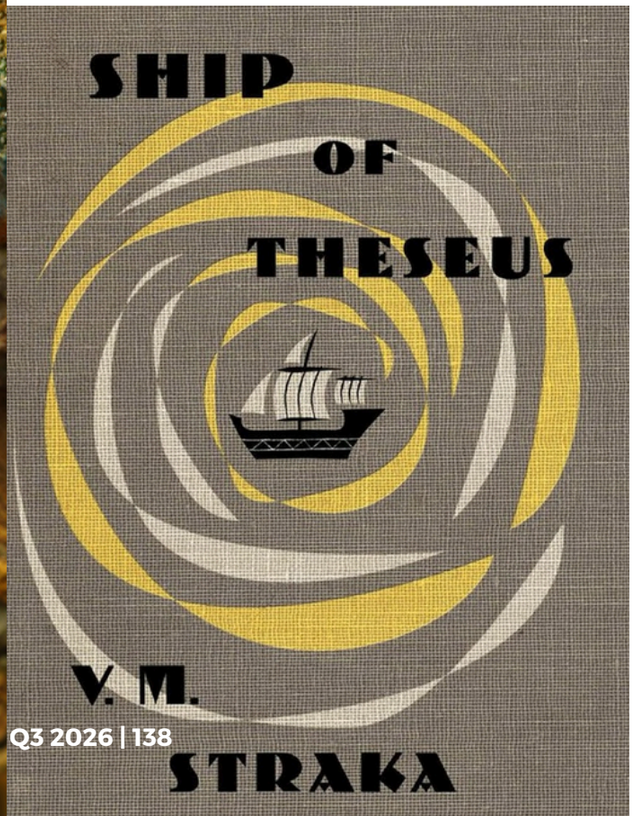
Platforms Used:
Toll-free telephone networks, automated voicemail response systems (IVR), custom web domains, flickr image caches, and SMS.





J.J. Abrams & Doug Dorst



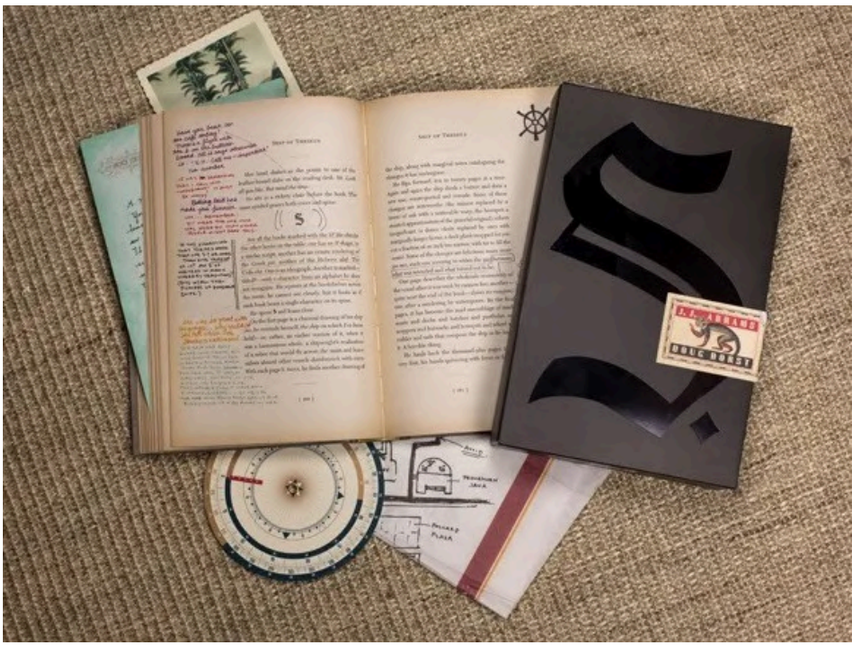


Novel Title:
S. (featuring the fictional novel Ship of Theseus)

Game Created/Inspired:
The Radio Straka / Ship of Theseus Digital ARG

Breakthrough Achievement:
The physical book contained handwritten marginalia from two readers communicating back and forth, alongside 22 inserted real-world ephemera (postcards, maps, decoder rings). Online communities took the clues off the page to launch a digital ARG centered around "Radio Straka," involving hidden audio broadcasts, password-protected dark web sites, and real-world geocaching drops.

Platforms Used:
Shortwave-style streaming audio channels, Tumblr blog tracking, Twitter character accounts, live radio broadcasts, and digital forum communities (Reddit / ARGNet).



IN THE FOCUS



RACHEL NEUMEIER

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Rachel Neumeier started writing fiction to relax when she was a graduate student and needed a hobby unrelated to her research. Prior to selling her first fantasy novel, she had published only a few articles in venues such as *The American Journal of Botany*. However, finding that her interests did not lie in research, Rachel left academia and began to let her hobbies take over her life instead.

She now raises and shows dogs, gardens, cooks, and occasionally finds time to read. She works part-time for a tutoring program, though she tutors far more students in Math and Chemistry than in English Composition.



Micah's daughter was stolen, so he marches to destroy a kingdom with fifty thousand angel-blood-baptized paladins eager to burn unbelievers.

Only the janissaries stand in their way, led by Kevah—a living legend who once slain a magus, but now lives lost in a haze of hashish and poetry following his wife's disappearance.

To save his people from Micah's blood-soaked crusade, Kevah must overcome his grief and reclaim his former glory. As the gods align behind opposing forces, a new legend will be forged in the stars.

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D.P. WOOLLISCROFT

EFFy Awards Nominee (2019)

Author of “The Wildlife Cycle” Trilogy

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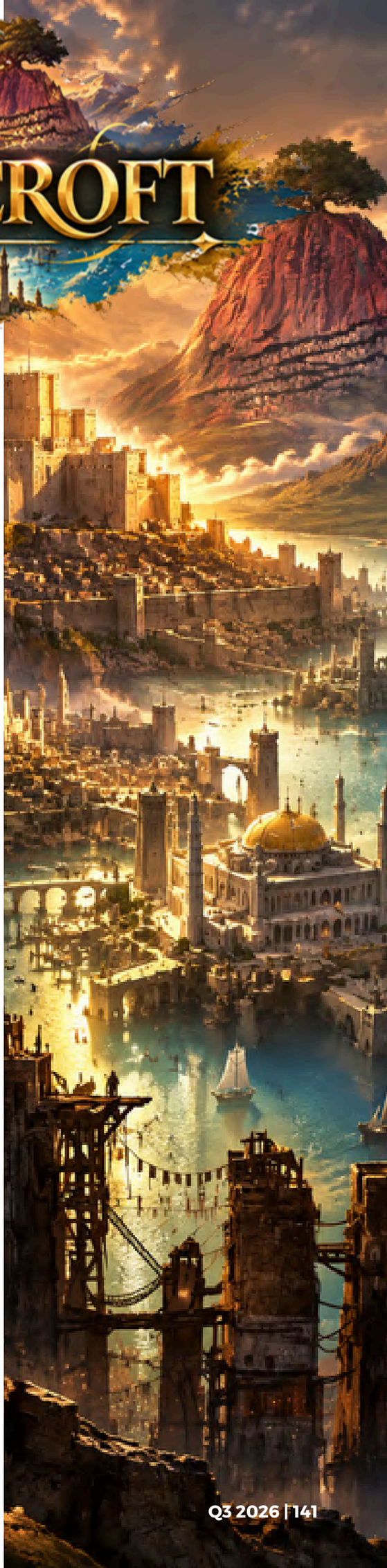
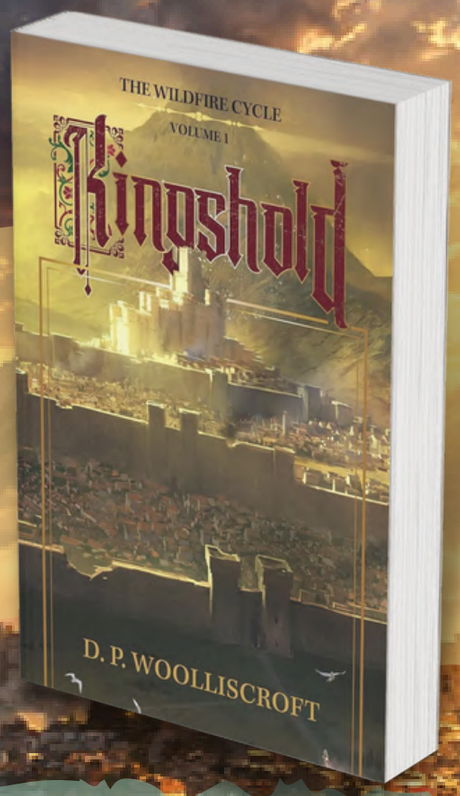
Born in Derby in England, on the day before mid-summers day, David Peter Woolliscroft was very nearly magical. If only his dear old mum could have held on for another day. But magic called out to him over the years, with a many a book being devoured for its arcane properties. David studied Accounting at Cardiff University where numbers weaved their own kind of magic and he has since been a successful business leader in the intervening twenty years.

Adventures have been had. More books devoured and then one day, David had read enough where the ideas he had kept bottled up needed a release valve.







Mareth, a drunkard bard with an unexpected conscience, smells opportunity when the King dies. Neenahwi, daughter of the regicidal wizard Jyuth, is left to clean up her father's mess. Meanwhile, Alana, a curious palace servant, gets ensnared in magical schemes.

Together, this unlikely trio must navigate civil unrest, assassinations, and monsters to bring a glimmer of hope to Kingshold.

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Now Lord Protector, Mareth must dispatch Alana to Ioth to stop the expanding Pyrfew Empire through diplomacy.

Meanwhile, Neenahwi seeks to uncover Emperor Llewdon's millennia-old schemes, unaware his hidden agents lurk everywhere.

Facing fire-belching ships, doppelgängers, and demon dogs, can the heroes of Kingshold save Edland? Includes Ioth, City of Lights and Tales of Ioth in one volume.

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Llewdon, ageless Elven Emperor of Pyrfew, seeks godhood through the collective sacrifice of thousands of Alfjarun. With Kingshold fallen and Ioth reduced to ash, his grand design advances.

Returning to a drastically changed homeland, Neenahwi and Motega join the heroes of Kingshold to unite the Alfarian clans. To survive Pyrfew's wrath, their ultimate hope lies in Ajiwiak, legendary city of their ancestors.

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THE HAND OF THE SUN KING



Alder's paternal legacy demands faithful service to the Sienese Emperor, rising through Imperial exams to become the Emperor's Hand. But from his mother's side, he inherits defiance—a heritage of wild gods and uncontrolled magic introduced to him by his rebellious grandmother.

As war looms, Alder discovers the conflict between Empire and resistance is just the prelude to a battle spanning heaven and earth. Alder may hold the key to final victory for whichever side can claim him.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

J.T. Greathouse is the British Fantasy Award-nominated author of the Pact & Pattern trilogy, beginning with The Hand of the Sun King. Holding degrees in history, philosophy, and teaching, he studied Chinese language and culture at Minzu University in Beijing.

His short fiction has appeared in Beneath Ceaseless Skies, Writers of the Future 34, and Deep Magic. Beyond writing, he has worked as an ESL teacher in Taipei, a bookseller, a high school teacher, and co-chair for the Flights of Foundry conventions. He lives in Spokane, Washington with his wife, cat, and overflowing bookshelves.

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DRAGON MAGE



Aram Raythe believes he is merely a misfit from a small fishing village, longing only for acceptance. Unbeknownst to him, he possesses a rare, ancient magic capable of challenging gods—and others would kill to control it.

Earning a place at an academy for elite warrior mages, Aram must train to become a dragon rider and a legendary Champion. When a dark mythic god rises, Aram becomes the world's last hope.

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OF BLOOD AND FIRE



In Epheria—a land torn by war between squabbling Southern High Lords and the Empire's Dragonguard—Calen Bryer mourns his brother while preparing for The Proving, a deadly test of courage.

When three strangers enter his village carrying a secret worth dying for, Calen is thrust into a ancient war. There is no prophecy to protect him; he bleeds like any man, and bleed he will.

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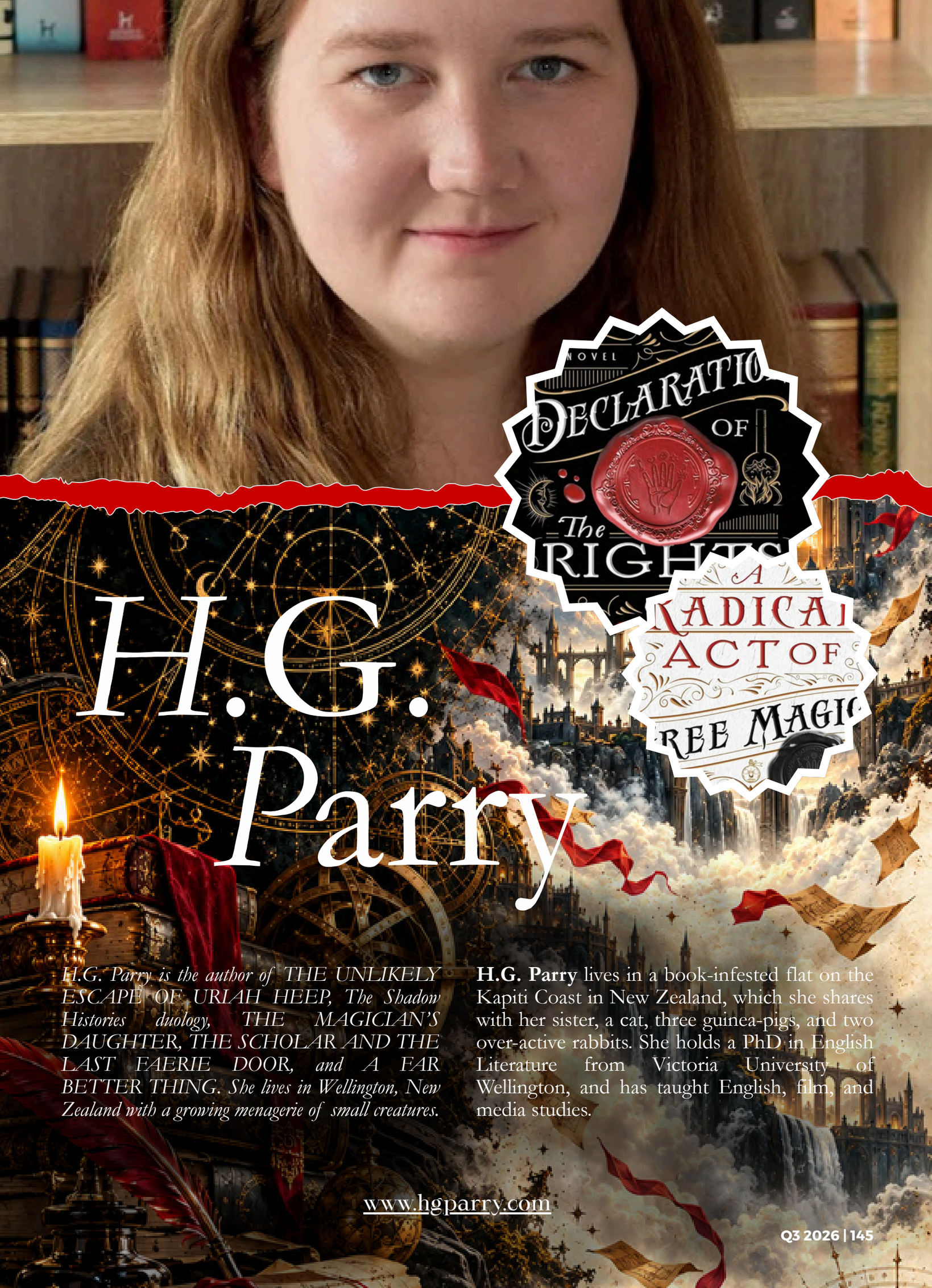

H.G. Parry

H.G. Parry is the author of THE UNLIKELY ESCAPE OF URIAH HEEP, The Shadow Histories duology, THE MAGICIAN'S DAUGHTER, THE SCHOLAR AND THE LAST FAERIE DOOR, and A FAR BETTER THING. She lives in Wellington, New Zealand with a growing menagerie of small creatures.

H.G. Parry lives in a book-infested flat on the Kapiti Coast in New Zealand, which she shares with her sister, a cat, three guinea-pigs, and two over-active rabbits. She holds a PhD in English Literature from Victoria University of Wellington, and has taught English, film, and media studies.

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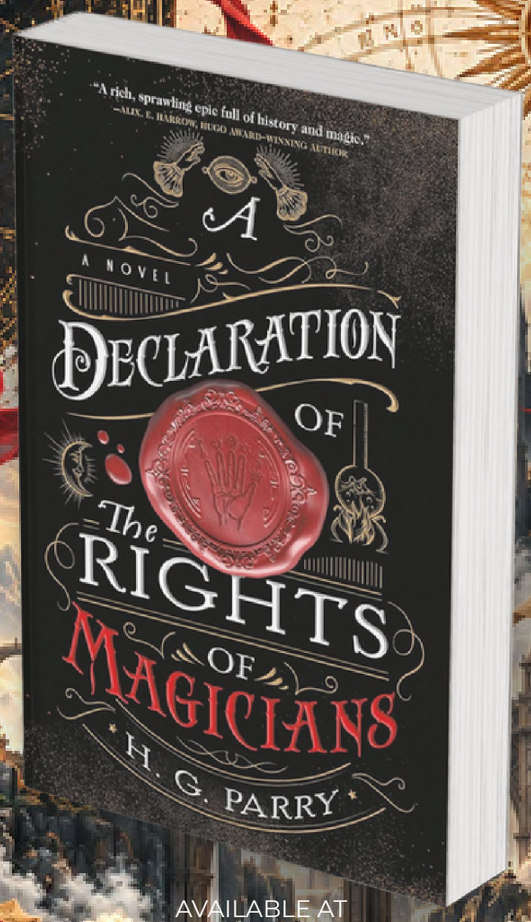
A Declaration of the Rights of Magicians



In an Age of Enlightenment driven by magical movements—from necromancer Robespierre's French revolution to weather mage Toussaint L'Ouverture's Haitian slave uprising and Prime Minister William Pitt's struggle over commoner magic in Britain—humanity teeters on the brink.

Amidst this global upheaval, an unknown force incites world conflict. Now, revolutionaries, magicians, and abolitionists must unite to unmask this hidden enemy before the world descends into darkness and chaos.

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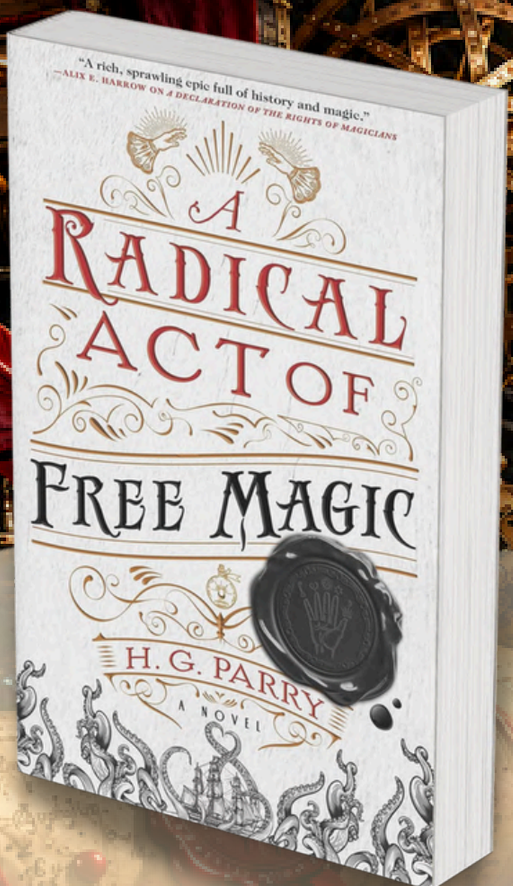

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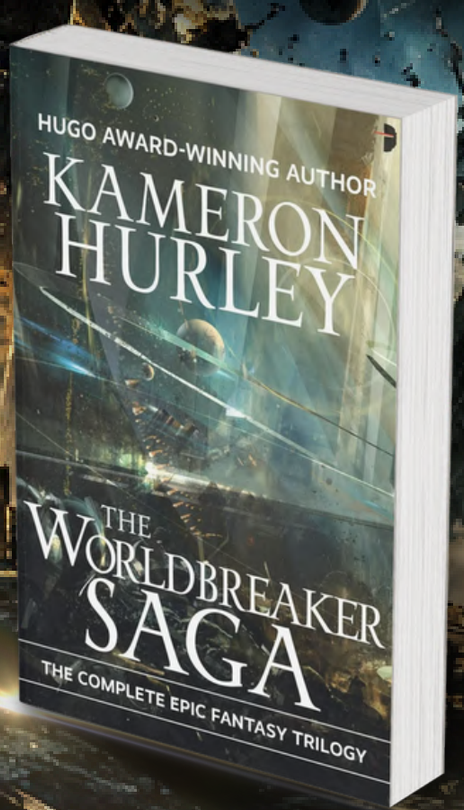

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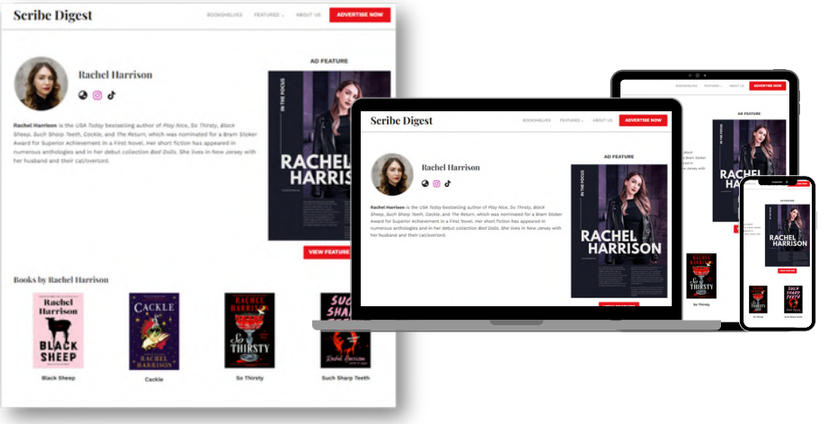

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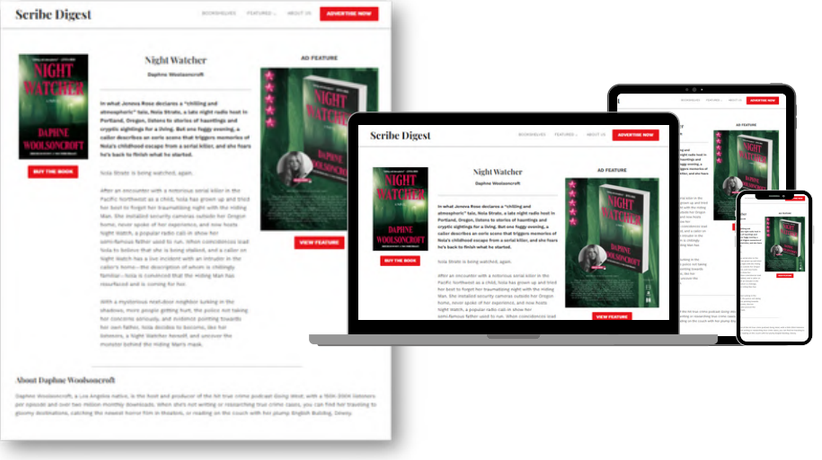

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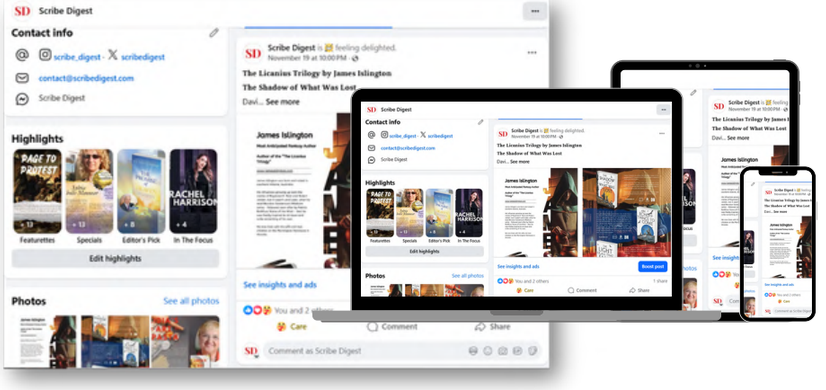

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