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She dates other people to keep him at bay; he sleeps with other girls to get back at her for it. But at the end of every sad endeavor to get over one another, it's still each other they crawl back to.

But now their dysfunction is catching up with them, pulling at their seams and fraying the world they've built; a world where neither has ever let the other go completely.

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Author Spotlight

Kristin Hannah



Get to know

Kristin Hannah is the award-winning and bestselling author of more than 20 novels including the international blockbuster, The Nightingale, which was named Goodreads Best Historical fiction novel for 2015 and won the coveted People's Choice award for best fiction in the same year. A former attorney, Kristin lives in the Pacific Northwest.

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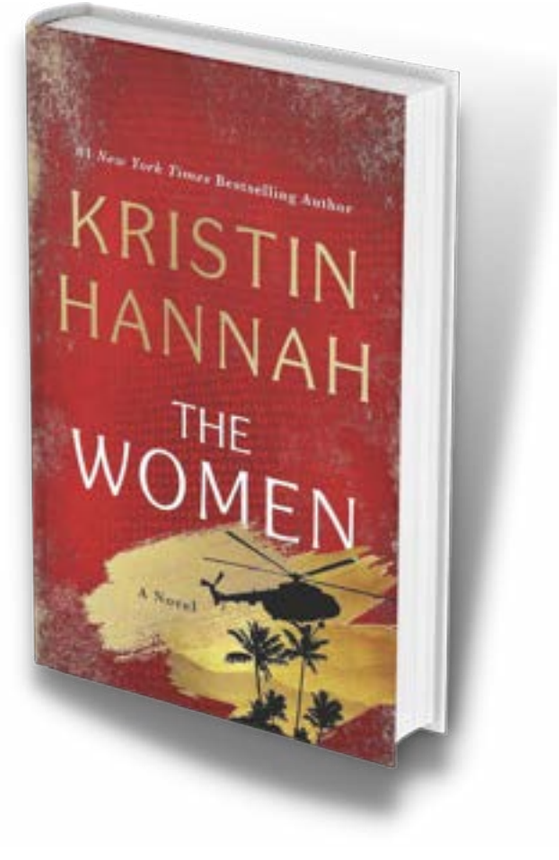

Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

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UNCORKING CREATIVITY:

SPRING INTO SCRIBE DIGEST!

Greetings, fellow wordsmiths!

As the world awakens in this April-June issue, so too do we turn our gaze inward, exploring the often-dreaded foe: writer's block.

Delve into the struggles of well-known writers who battled this creative roadblock, proving even the most celebrated authors face this hurdle. We'll unveil weird but effective habits to awaken your inner wordsmith, from Maya Angelou's writing strategy to Neil Gaiman's hibernation strategy.

But writer's block isn't just a blank page. We'll delve into the symptoms to diagnose your creative stall, offering tools to overcome them. This issue also explores the greatest challenges faced by famous authors, from societal pressures to personal demons, reminding us that brilliance often blooms amidst struggle.

So, whether you're a seasoned writer facing a dry spell or a budding author confronting your first creative hurdle, fear not! Scribe Digest is here to equip you with strategies and inspiration to conquer writer's block and unleash your inner storyteller.

Happy writing,

The Editorial Team
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ALA American Library Association



The ALA, the oldest and largest library association, hosts its Annual Conference & Exhibition in June, the world's largest library event. With over 120,000 libraries, the conference brings together 25,000 librarians, staff, educators, authors, publishers, and exhibitors. The Combined Book Exhibit, a prime location for new titles, is included in the event.

Jun 27 - Jul 2, 2024



The Frankfurt Book Fair, held in Germany, is the world's largest book fair, attracting thousands of publishers, multimedia, film, and technology companies. The five-day event, held in mid-October, is crucial for international deals and trading. The Combined Book Exhibit New Title Showcase, part of the USA Pavilion, attracts thousands of attendees.

Oct 16 - Oct 20, 2024

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we, among the hate, the hurt, the end of days,
Shall find warmth even in the dead of night,
Hope springs like tiny flowers in the field of grey,
Like yellow flowers growing on the mountain side,
We'll face the stormy seas- we'll stay, we'll fight.

~ccgk~

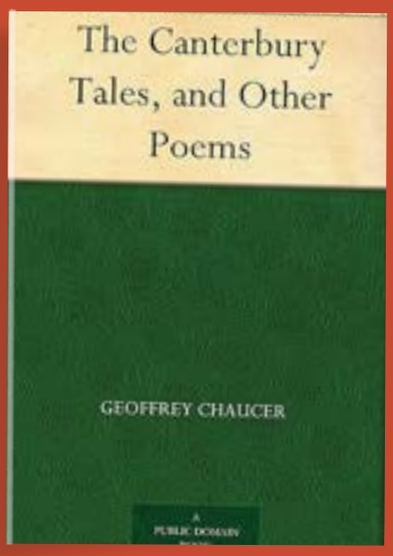
APRIL


FRESH PICKS FOR A NEW SEASON
SPRING INTO APRIL

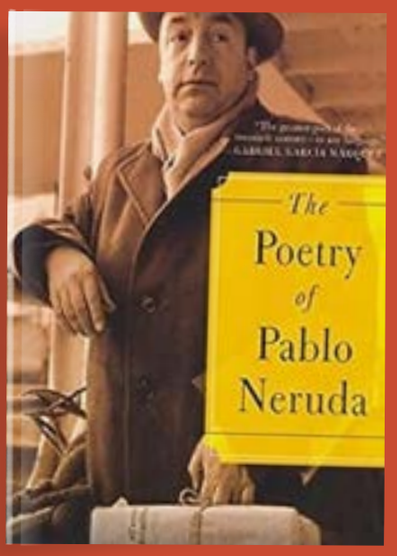
POETRY PICKS

POEMS THAT DEFINE OUR TIMES

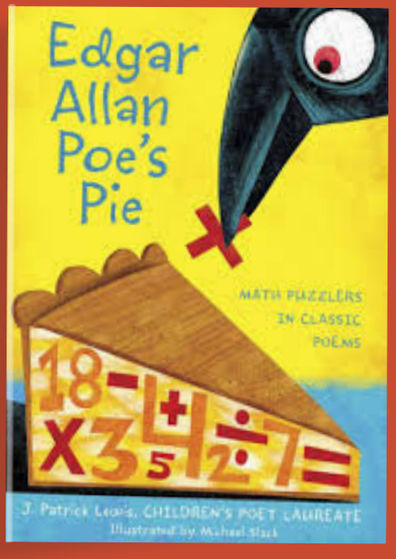
CAPTURE THE ESSENCE AND DIVERSITY OF POETRY, CELEBRATING ITS IMPACT AND BEAUTY DURING NATIONAL POETRY MONTH.

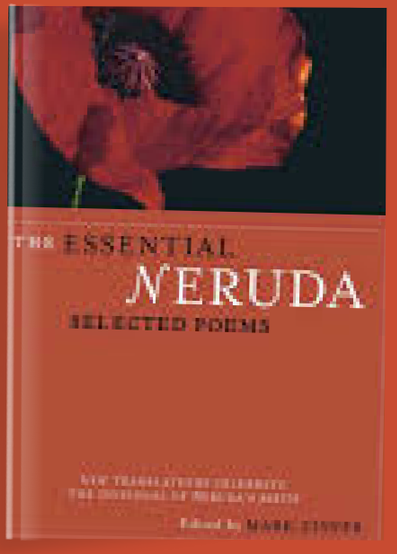


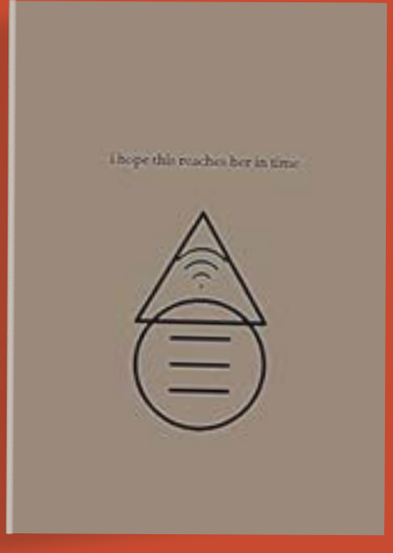




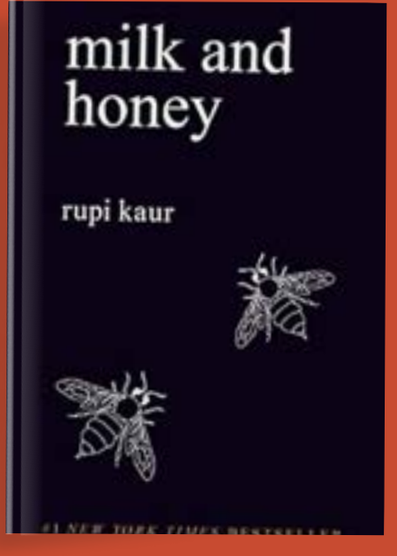












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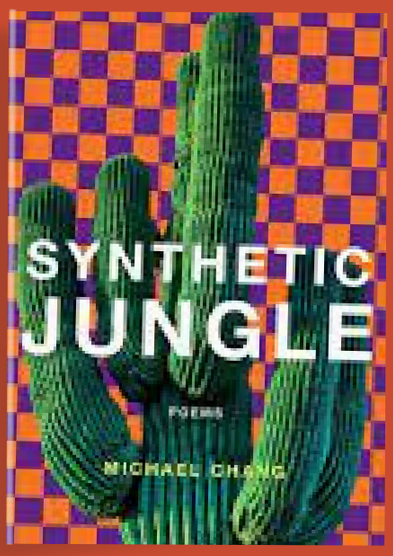

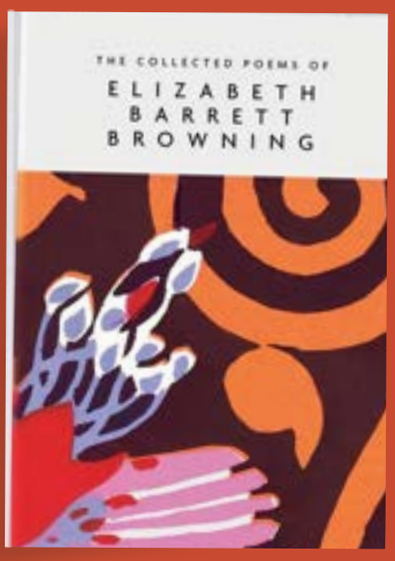

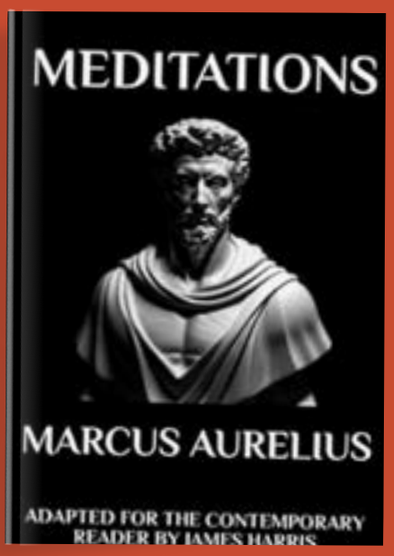

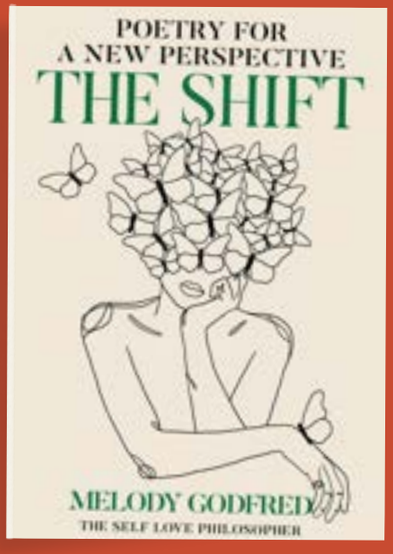

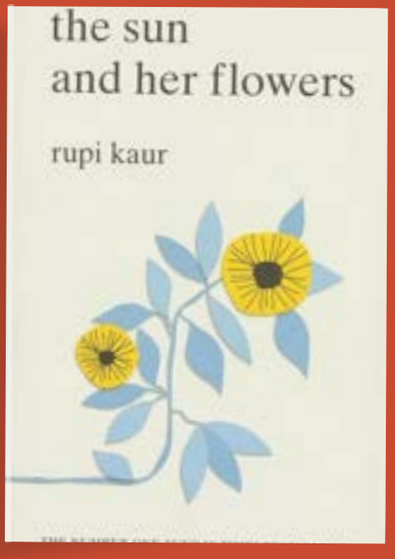

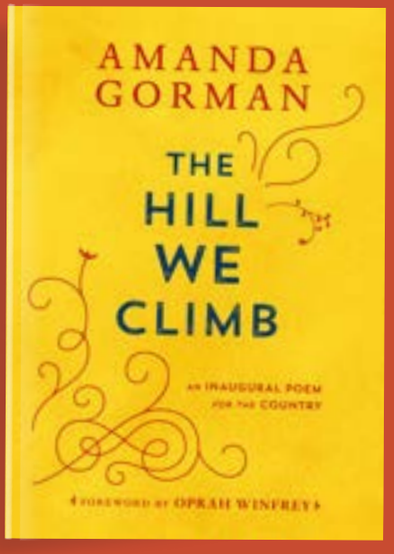

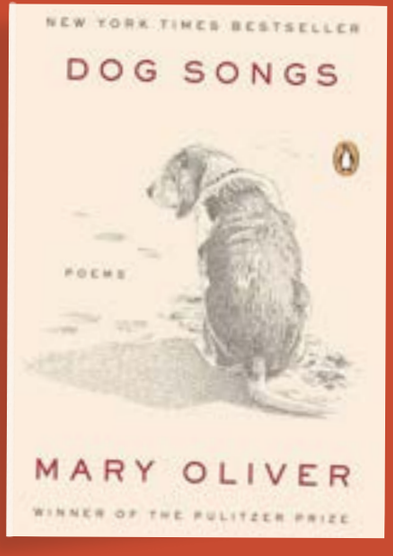

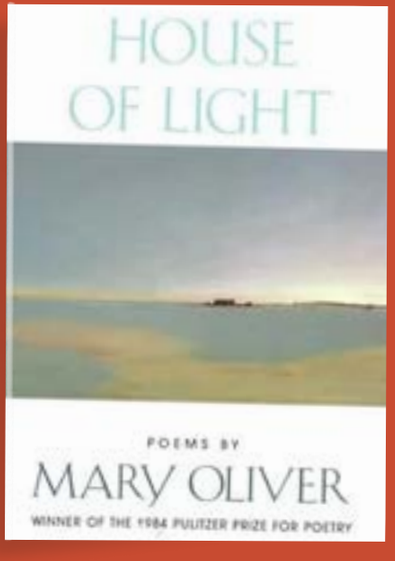



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MEET THE INTRIGUING NEW AUTHOR HITS THE MYSTERY SCENE

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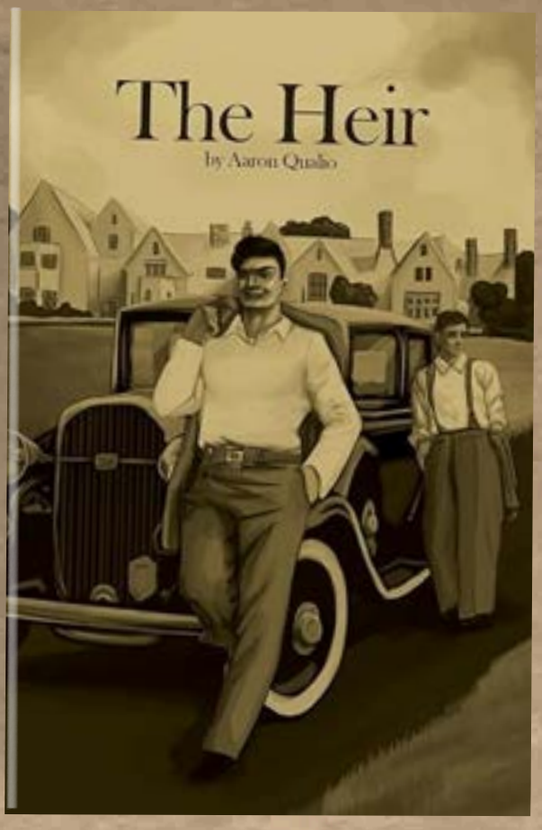



THE STORYTELLING PROWESS OF AN EXPERT

Aaron Qualio possesses the storytelling prowess of an expert, captivating readers' imaginations from start to finish. The author seamlessly weaves historical elements into the narrative, providing an entertaining glimpse into the experience of growing up in a small town. Given that much of America is a tapestry of small towns, this book will resonate with generations of readers, helping them see their own stories reflected within its pages.

MYSTERY IN THE HILL



A small Wisconsin town is shaken to its core when four high school boys stumble upon an unexpected discovery. As past and present secrets are exposed, more unsolved mysteries are revealed, leading to more danger than anyone could have ever imagined.

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THE HEIR

An evil, cruel young man takes over the family business after the mysterious death of his father. As the company and his hometown are essentially one in the same, he uses his newfound power and wealth to do what he wants, when he wants, without any consequences. Now, the man's younger brother must save the company and the village he loves from his tyrannical brother.



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A DUKE IN THE ROUGH

By Trisha Messmer



Trisha Messmer has always loved the written word, and her vivid imagination eventually found its way onto the page. She hopes you enjoy her musings as much as she enjoyed writing them, aiming to evoke smiles, sighs, hope, chuckles, and even tears. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Trisha graduated from the University of Missouri - St. Louis with a degree in Psychology. Her job as a product instructor for a software company allowed her to travel across the country, inspiring ideas for her stories. A hopeful romantic, Trisha now resides in the great Northwest.

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How can a newly minted duke escape title-seeking debutantes? Lie, of course!

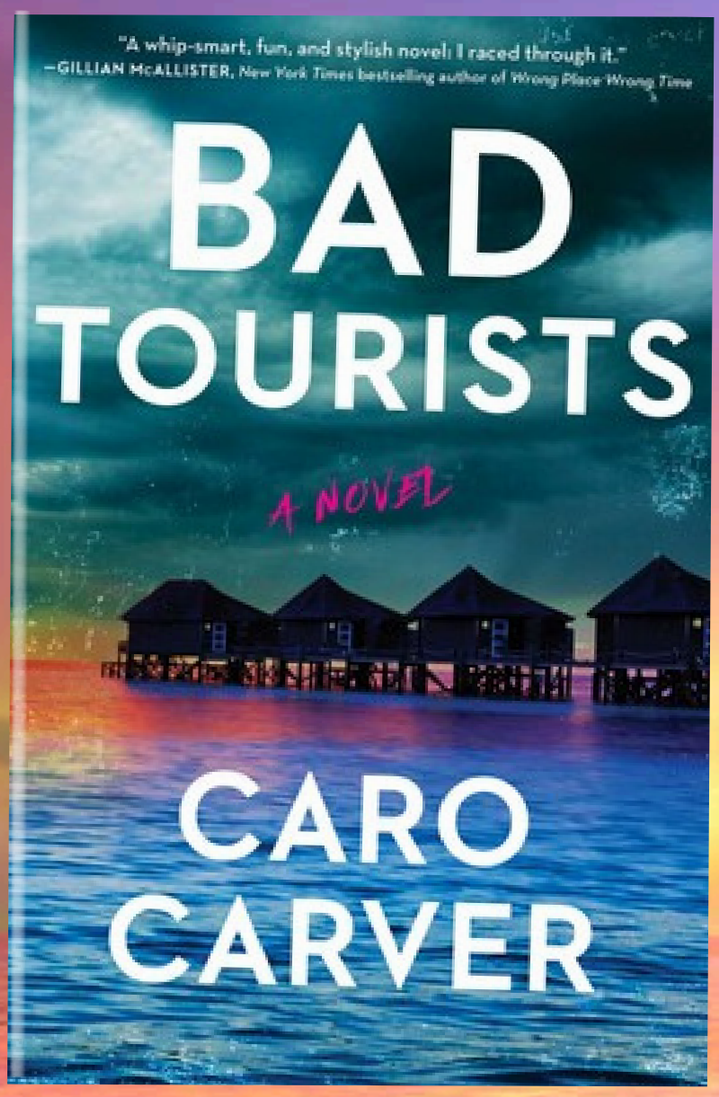
Lady Honoria Bell never recovered from her broken heart. Fending off suitors her marquess father forces in her path, she's put aside hopes of marriage. However, word of a house party hosted by the new, eligible Duke of Burwood brings a renewed gleam to her father's eye. But regardless of the new duke's appeal, Honoria knows he won't fill the void Drake Merrick left.

If there's one thing Drake Merrick knows, it's that aristocratic women care more about a title than they do love. Losing the love of his life because he was a lowly groom proved it. So, when a twist of fate makes him the new Duke of Burwood, he's determined to choose a bride who wants him—not his title.

Switching places with his man of business seems like the perfect plan to test the affections of eager debutantes. Until it backfires the moment Honoria arrives, and he realizes his heart will always be irrevocably hers.

But will his deception allow her to prove her love? Or will his lies destroy it?

Bad Tourists



CARO CARVER NOVEL



Three tight-knit friends embark on an extravagant divorce trip to the Maldives where they can unwind and celebrate a new chapter in midlife —until they realize the resort of their dreams is harboring a killer.

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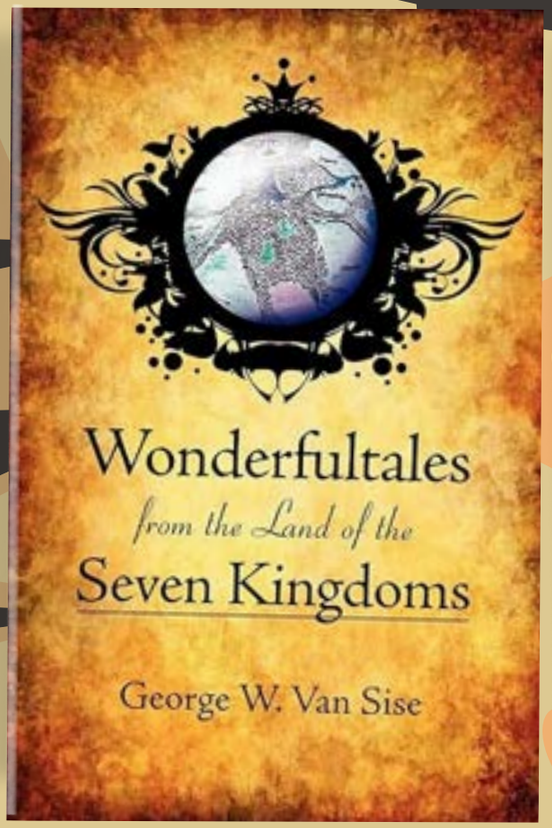
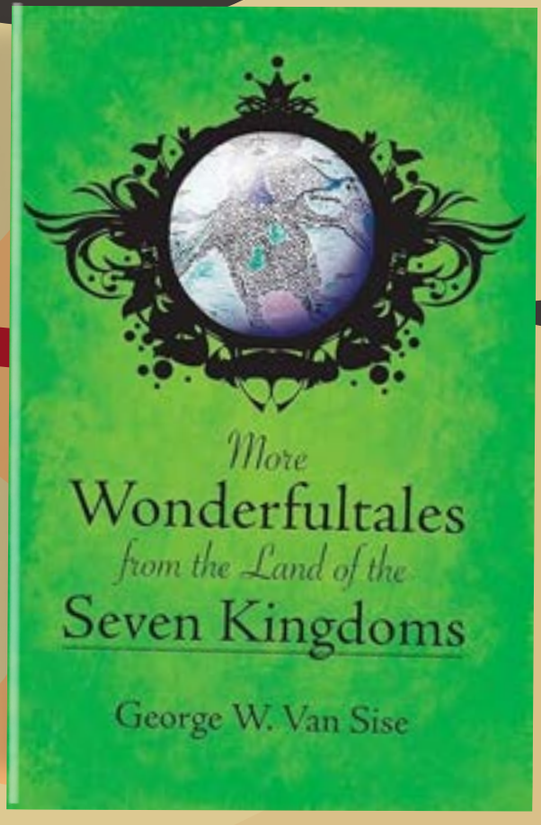
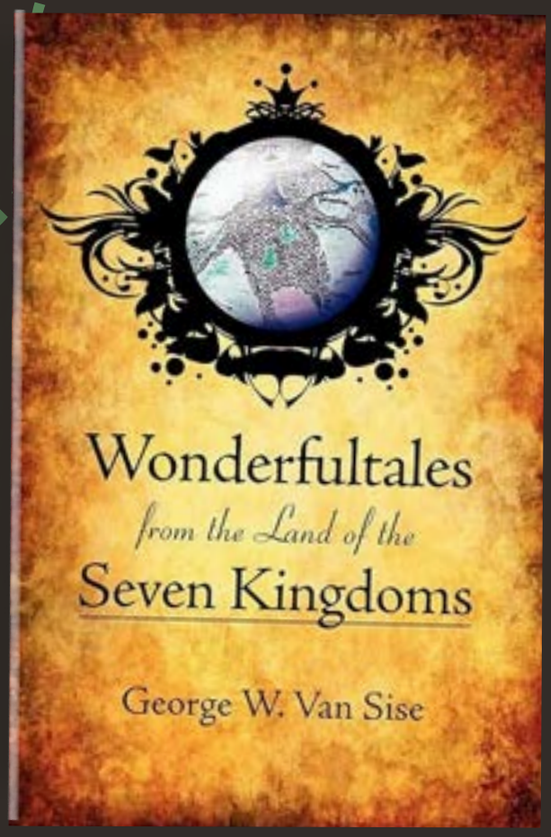
Author Feature

MAGICAL stories

George W Van Sise







WONDERFULTALES FROM THE LAND OF THE SEVEN KINGDOMS

The entire world loves folk tales, fairy tales and the stories handed down from earlier generations. Now delight in twenty tales you have never read before. Fateful decisions, evil promises, dangerous secrets, and daring rescues, along with brave girls and boys, await you when you step into The Land of the Seven Kingdoms.

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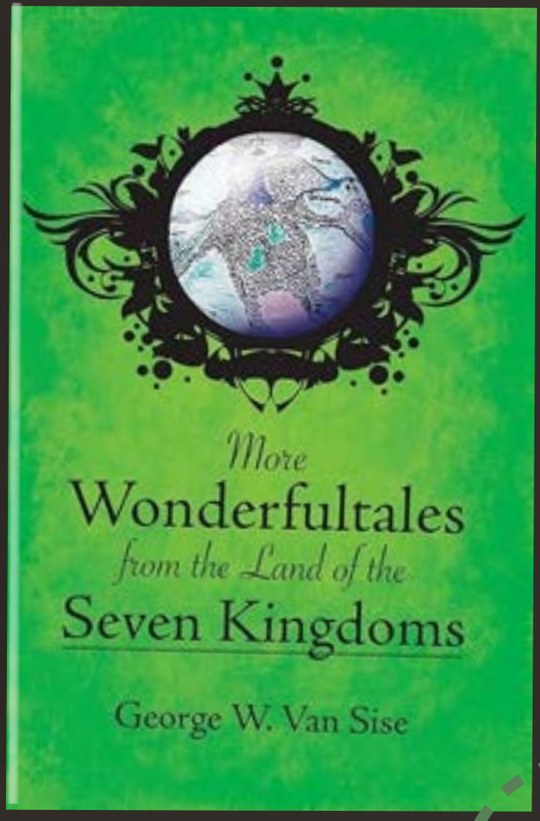

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Reviewed in the United States on January 29, 2024
Wonderfultales from the Land of the Seven Kingdoms is full of thought-provoking stories that paint vivid pictures in your mind. One of my favorites, The Unicorn without a Horn. Truly a book you can read to children or give as a gift. Adults will find this book magical as well. A great escape and permission to visit other amazing imaginary lands.



MAGICAL STORIES WITH THOUGH PROVOKING MESSAGES

George W. Van Sise is married and a father of four grown children, with seven grandchildren. Having written since the age of seven, he focused on his Wonderfultales series to delight and entertain his own children first, only to discover that whoever heard them were also enchanted. As Mijel zaz Caroon the Tellara, he enjoys relating his Wonderfultales to any and all listeners, and invites everyone to Travelon, or journey into the Land of the Seven Kingdoms. Welcome! Please visit www.wonderfultales.com

BATTLE CRY: DECENT INTO WAR

Written by: Yamikani Kafungu

12-year-old Theo was born to the greatest military mind in French history, Matheo LA Laurentiis. He was traumatized by the death of his father and during an investigation in Spain, he contemplated suicide before being stopped by his adopted older brother Jules. Later, he found a book in his father's belongings that contained of his contingency plans if all went wrong. After reading it, he found out he had an uncle who knew everything his father knew so he traveled to find his uncle so he could get revenge for his father. But will he be able to do it?





AUTHOR INTERVIEW

What is the best thing about being an author?

Getting to express myself through literature, I would say, is the best thing about being an author.

What book changed your life?

The new kid by Jerry Craft because I could relate to the main character Jordan.

What inspired you to write this book?

My mom is a big bookworm and a big action movie fan, and I'm a big history fan, so putting that together, I got the idea of writing a book.

What is the take home lesson you wish your readers will learn after reading this book?

I never really intended for my book to have a lesson, but after reading it again, I would know what readers to learn to persevere through tough times.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

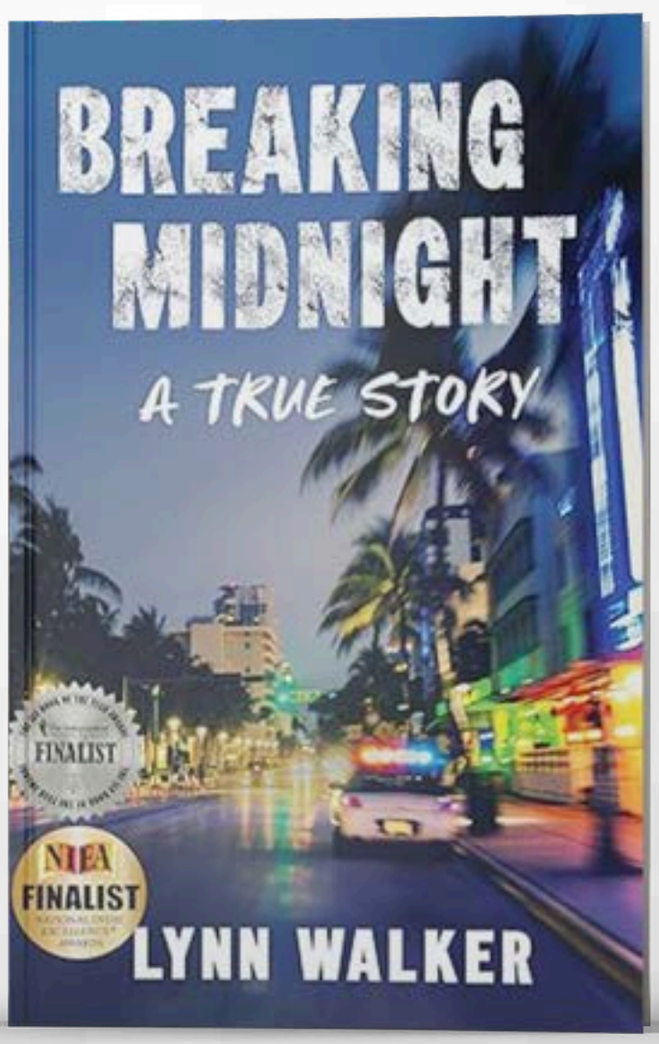
Yamikani Kafungu was born in Kitwe, Zambia, and immigrated to the United States with his family when he was 10 years old. He started writing Battle Cry when he was 13 years old as a school project but gave up because he wanted to make his book longer. Some of his peers encouraged him to publish it so after 10 months, he published his first book driven by creativity. He wanted to take inspiration from anime, books and video games to make something eye-catching and interesting.

Breaking Midnight

A True Story

"A simply fascinating, informative, and true account of how and why a law enforcement agent was seduced into a life of crime. Lynn Walker's biography of her father is a compelling read from first page to last."

-The Midwest Book Review



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Breaking Midnight

John Walker was a Miami undercover narcotics agent in the 1970s. Ten years later, he was in prison for smuggling 12,000 pounds of marijuana. In prison, he connected with a South American drug lord who was still running the family operation from inside the federal pen. Within months of being paroled, John began smuggling again—this time uncut Colombian cocaine. And this time, he put everything on the line: his freedom, his family and, ultimately, his life.

Breaking Midnight: A True Story shines a light on the gritty underbelly of Miami drug trafficking and the dangers of leading a double life—as an undercover narc or a smuggler. Written by Lynn Walker based on numerous interviews with her father, John, this is an uncensored, up-close-and-personal account of how a good cop goes bad.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

LYNN WALKER worked for several years with at-risk high school students whose parents were drug addicts and alcoholics. She is the author of three books: ***Midnight Calling: A Memoir of a Drug Smuggler's Daughter***, ***A Perfectly Good Fantasy: A Memoir*** and ***Breaking Midnight: A True Story***. Lynn lives in the Pacific Northwest with her family.

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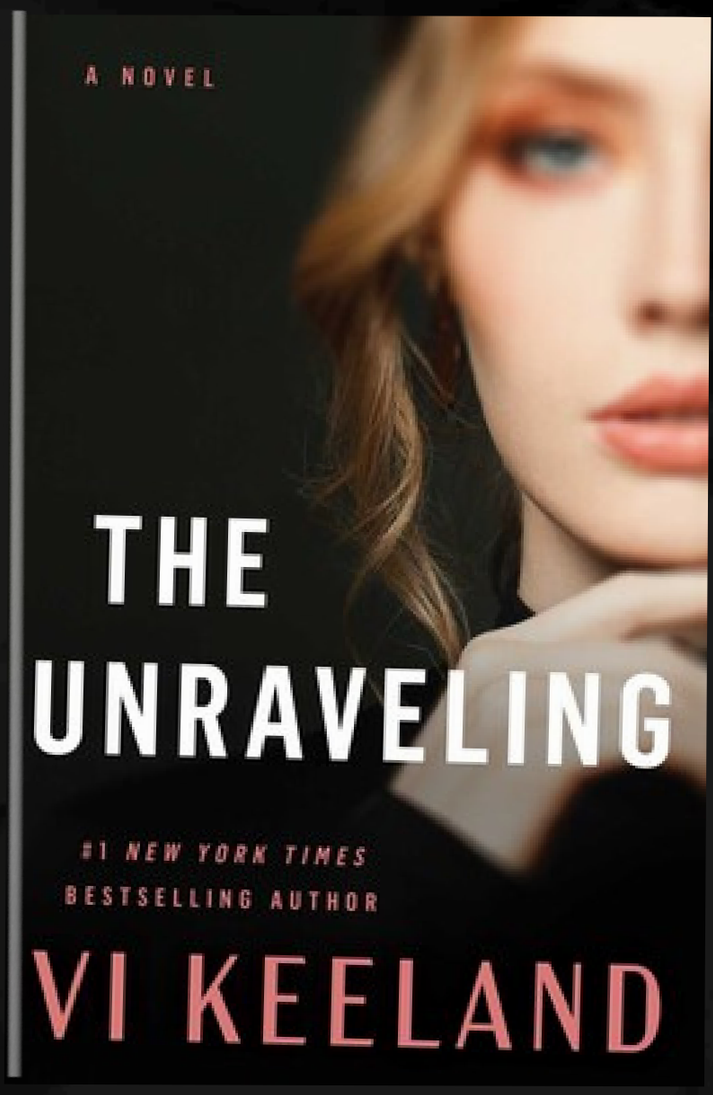
The Unraveling



VI KEELAND NOVEL

This chilling, sizzling, and addictive thriller from #1 New York Times bestselling author Vi Keeland follows a New York psychiatrist's dark descent into dangerous obsession.

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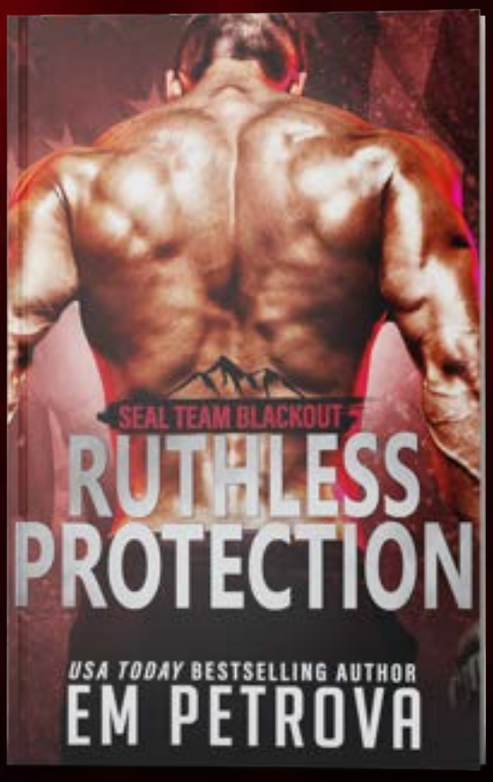
RUTHLESS PROTECTION



In the protection game, sometimes you have to be ruthless...

Navy SEAL Montgomery Sparrow practically lives in the danger zone. It's his job. So when terrorists bomb the nation's capital, he's at ground zero, prepared to rally his elite team and neutralize the threat. He was ready for anything. Well, anything except her—and just how far he's willing to go to protect her.

Homeland Security Agent Gia Watson is used to making grown men quake in their boots. But Sparrow is different. Teaming up with him to uncover intel on the extremist group throws her for a loop in the most confusing—and sexy—ways imaginable.

When Gia discovers new evidence that puts a target on her back, she'll need all her skills—and Sparrow's—to survive. With time running out and everything on the line, can Gia and Sparrow keep each other alive long enough to get the happily ever after they deserve?

This hot military hero has all the skills to keep the nation safe—and his woman EXTRA satisfied too. If action, danger and passion excite you, 1-CLICK this contemporary romantic suspense novel, RUTHLESS PROTECTION, now!

EM PETROVA

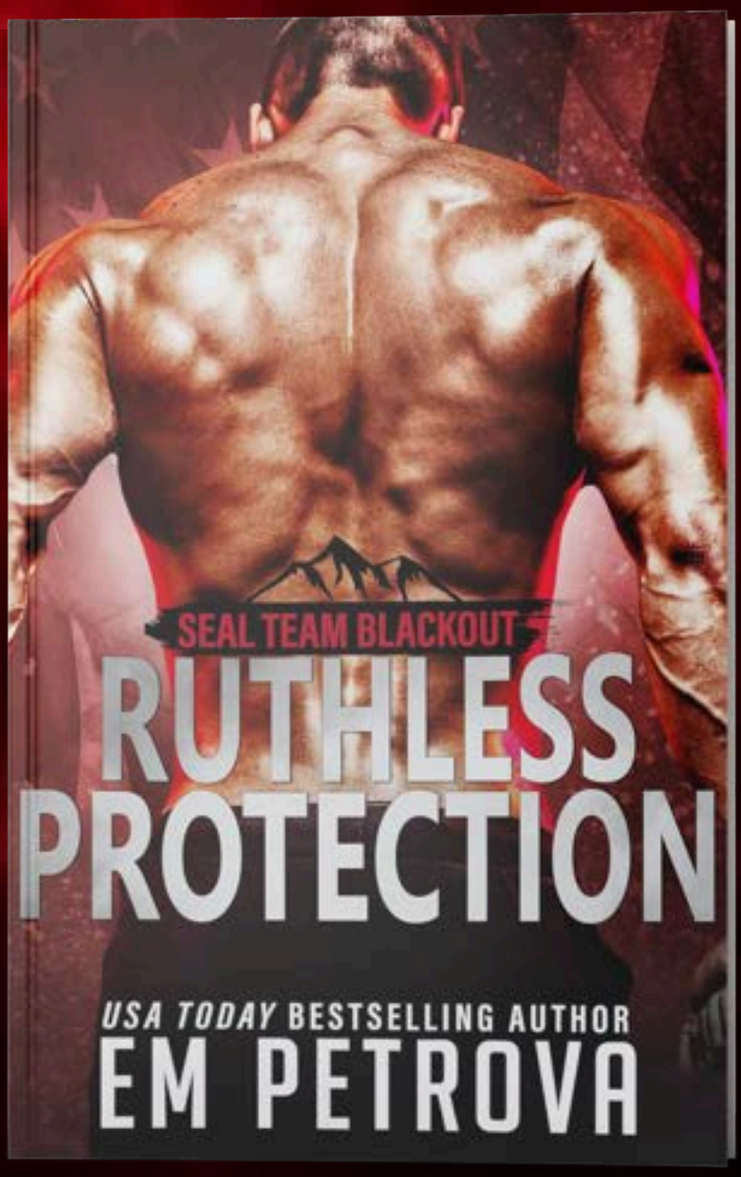
"Heart pounding, fast-paced, steamy, and romantic, this novel takes one into the bowels of the earth and cross-country in a bid to oust a terrorist who is willing to make members of his own family expendable in an attempt to win his war. Montgomery Sparrow is intrigued to see Agent Gia Watson in the war room and when the scene before them blows up, both Sparrow and Gia escape to get much-needed coffee.." ***- Margaret Watkins***

"I am a fan of Em Petrova's writing and have enjoyed all of her series so far. But this new one featuring Team Blackout is shaping up to be my favourite." ***-Silke***



Em Petrova is a USA Today Bestselling Author who was raised by hippies in the wilds of Pennsylvania but told her parents at the age of four she wanted to be a gypsy when she grew up. She has a soft spot for babies, puppies and 90s Grunge music and believes in Bigfoot and aliens. She started writing at the age of twelve and prides herself on making her characters larger than life and her sex scenes hotter than hot.

She burst into the world of publishing in 2010 after having five beautiful bambinos and figuring they were old enough to get their own snacks while she pounds away at the keys. In her not-so-spare time, she is fur-mommy to a Labradoodle named Daisy Hasselhoff.



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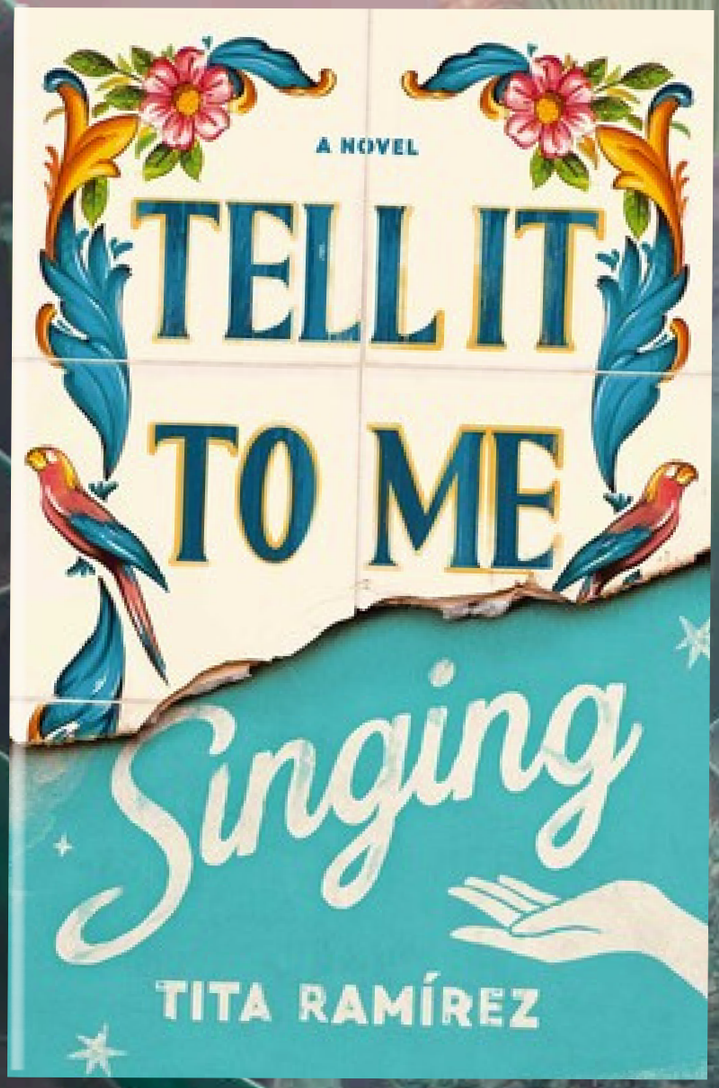

TITA RAMIREZ NOVEL

A Cuban American family is sent into a tailspin when the ailing matriarch confesses the first of several shocking secrets to her daughter before undergoing heart surgery in this tender and twisty debut novel.

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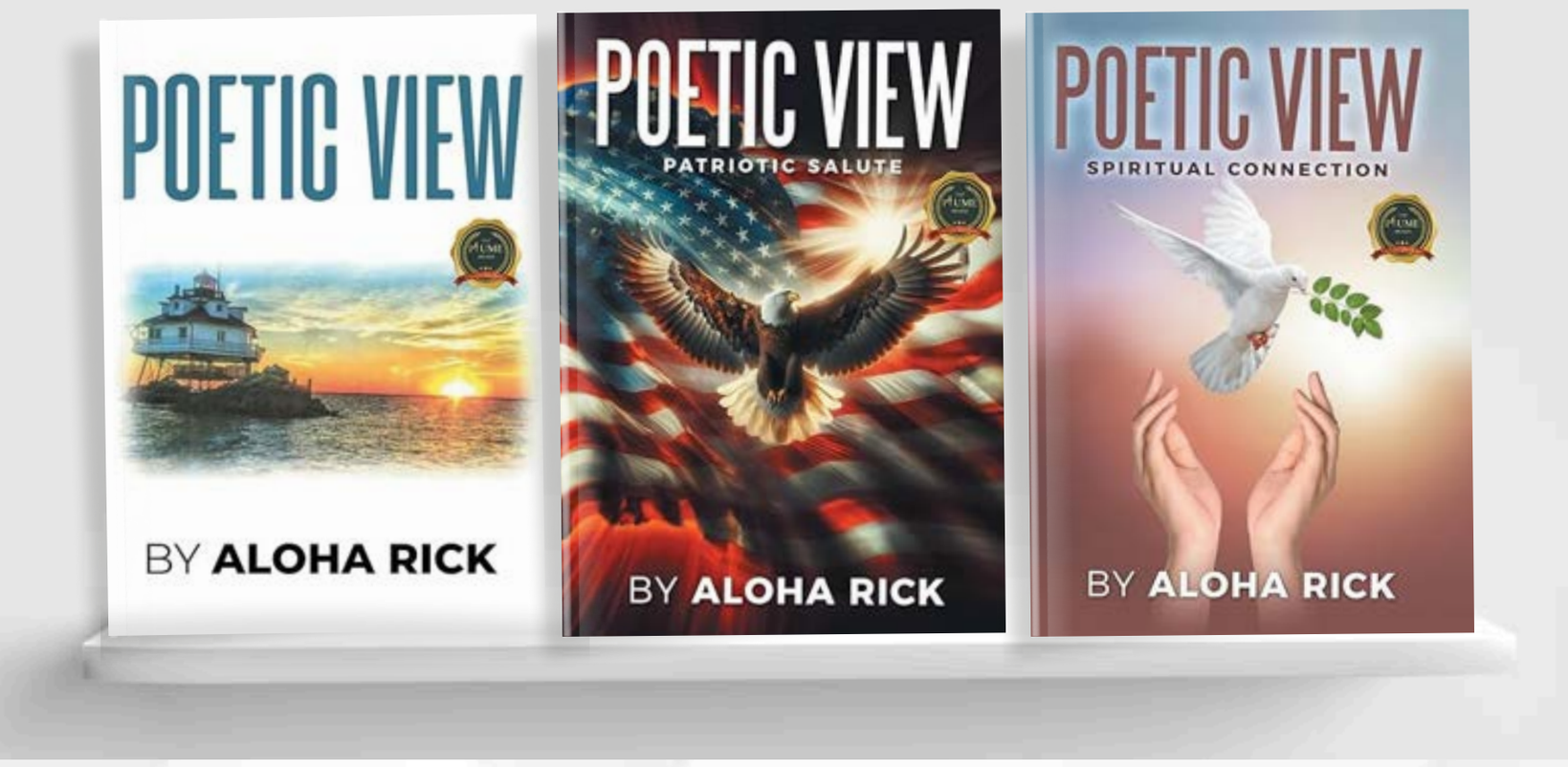


ALOHA RICK



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Aloha Rick wrote his first poem at the age of 14, then wrote 20 more in his senior year of high school. He had a 26-year writer's block and in the year 2005, he experienced some hardships that made him look at things spiritually and poetically.

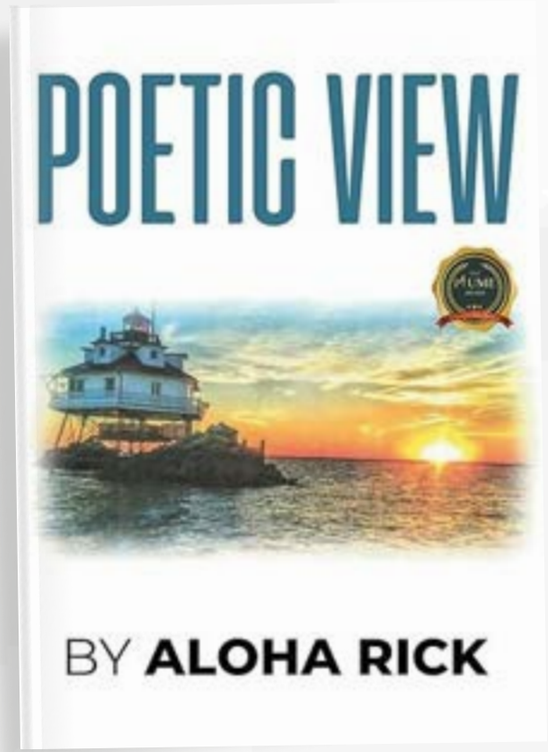
It allowed him to appreciate life and all it has to offer. It allowed him to journal his life story by using poetry. He was also gifted with the gift of empathy and compassion that allowed him to write through the eyes of others and tell their stories.

https://aloharick.com/

POETIC VIEW

His Poetic View of his life and his telling of other people's stories through his eyes, author Aloha Rick gives an interesting and thoughtful appreciation of what's going on in the world.

His poetry collection will touch various subjects that readers can relate to, making everyone's read engaging and emotive.



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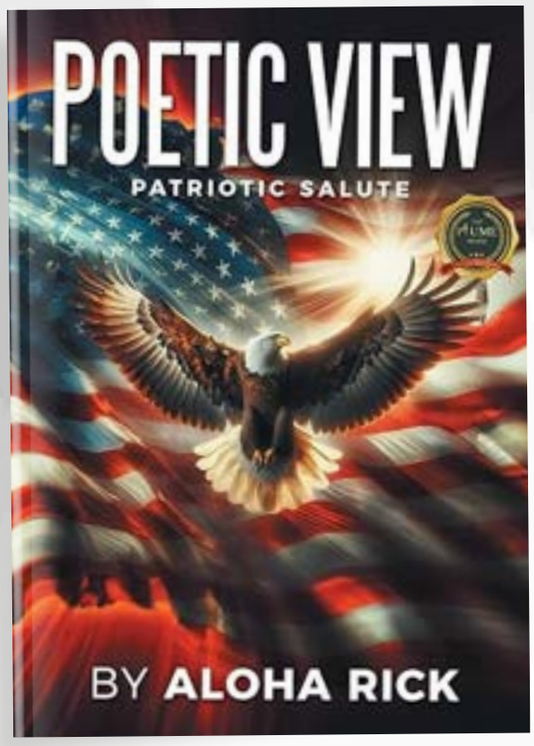

POETIC VIEW: PATRIOTIC SALUTE

The author spent years writing poetry with a poetic point of view, trying to bring a sense of understanding to different subjects and narratives that he and the readers can think of.

He tries his best to tell both sides of most situations often giving each side its own poem.

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POETIC VIEW SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

Be inspired and be moved with these beautifully illustrated poems that have a spiritual connection between you and your spiritual self.

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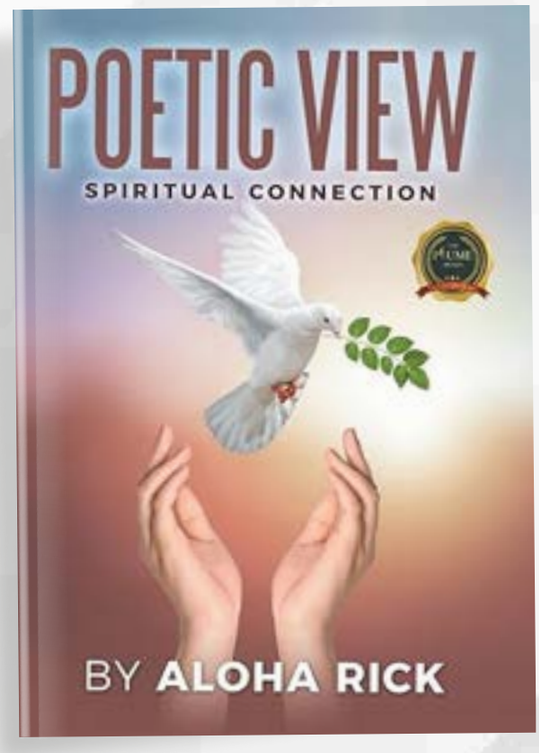

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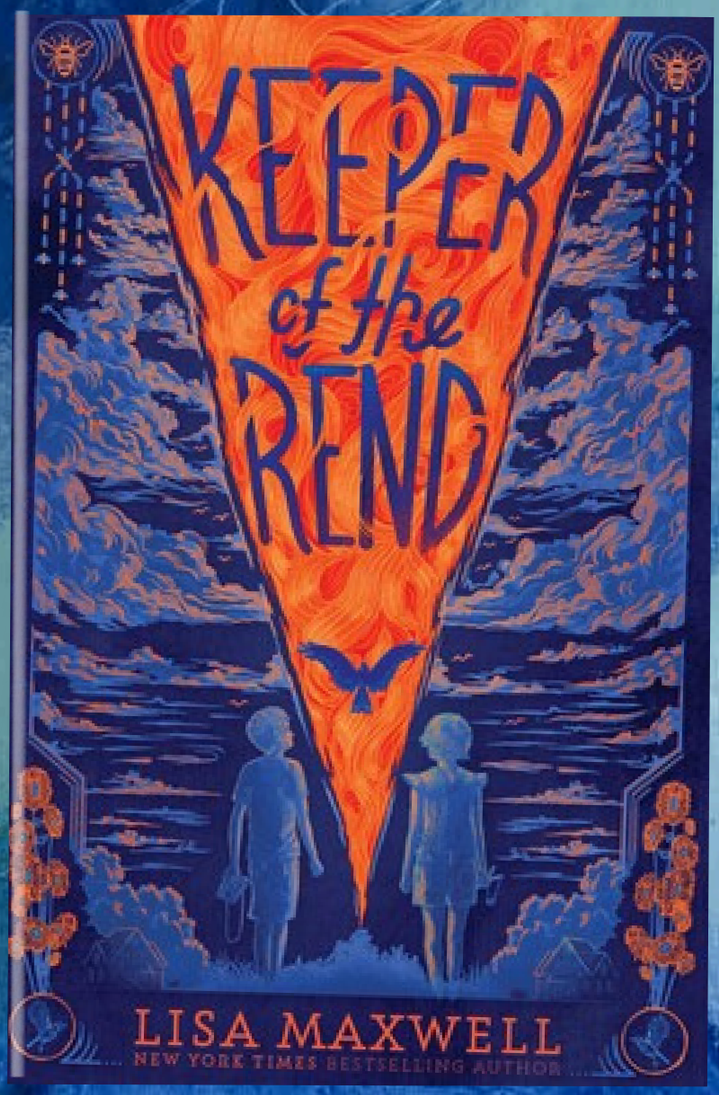

LISA MAXWELL NOVEL

Xavier T. Fletcher is an Odd Duck. At least, that's what everyone in his sleepy little suburb seems to think. Luckily, birds happen to be the aspiring naturalist's favorite things, so he doesn't mind the label quite as much as you might expect.

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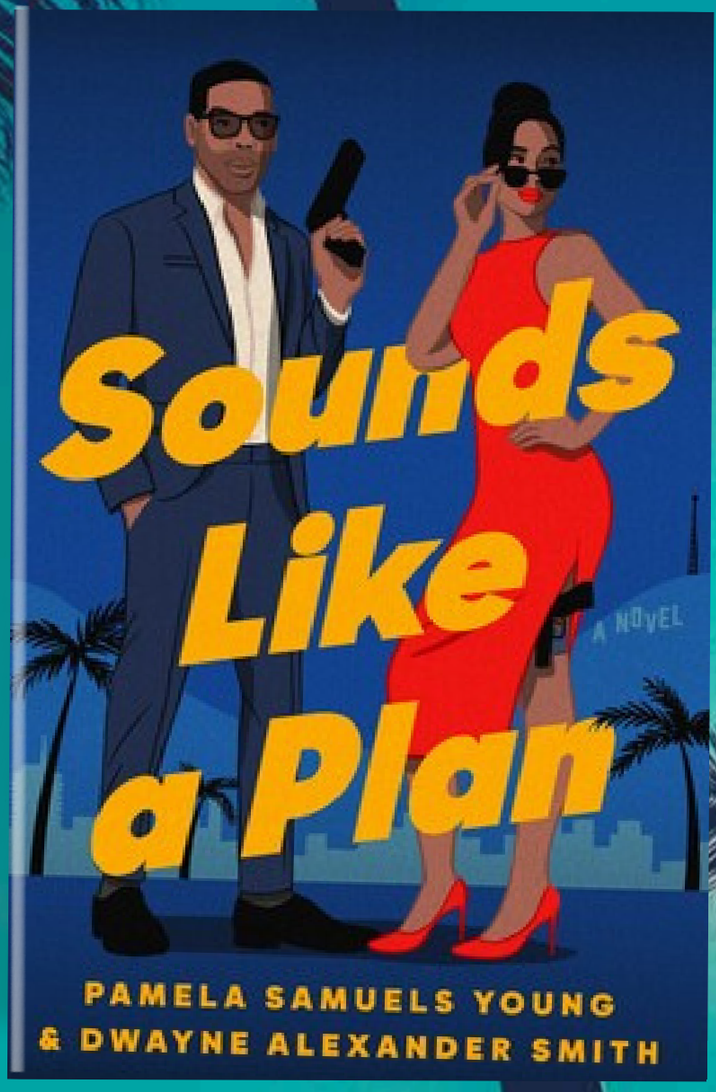

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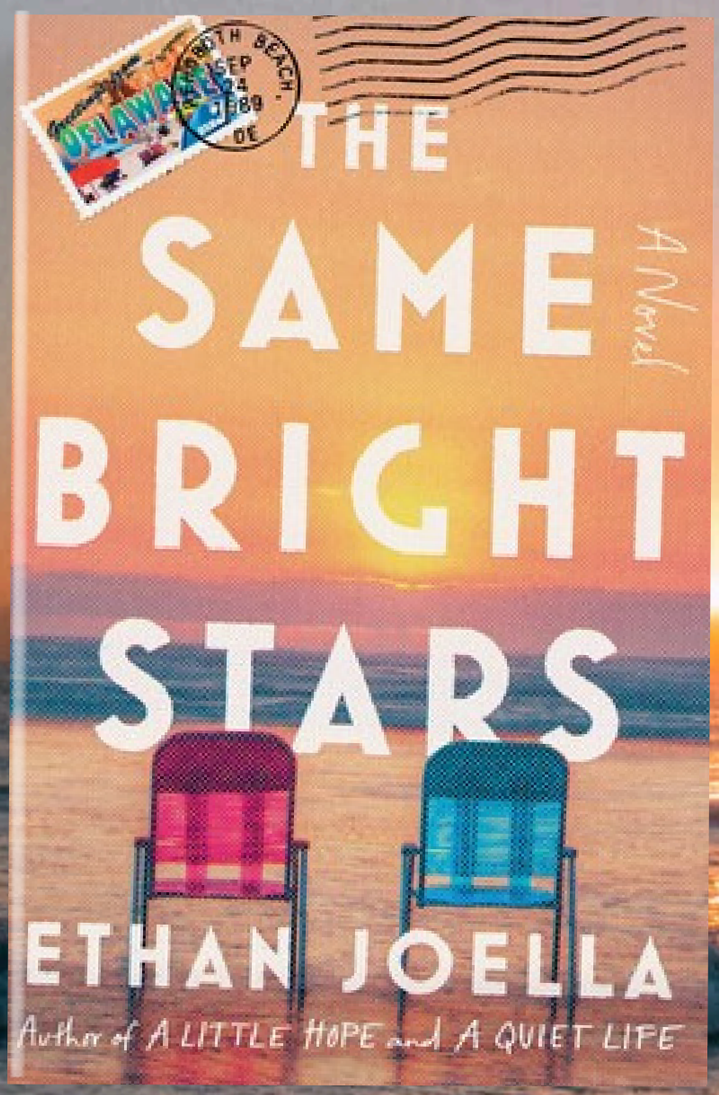

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KEEPER OF THE SECRET

By H. Peter Alesso



H. Peter Alesso didn't always love words, initially excelling in numbers which led him to Annapolis and MIT, eventually becoming a nuclear physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. After retiring, his passion for storytelling was reawakened. Drawing on his scientific knowledge and naval experience, he crafted insightful books and science fiction. His time as a naval officer, serving on nuclear submarines during both hot and cold wars, inspired his creation of Henry Gallant, a space

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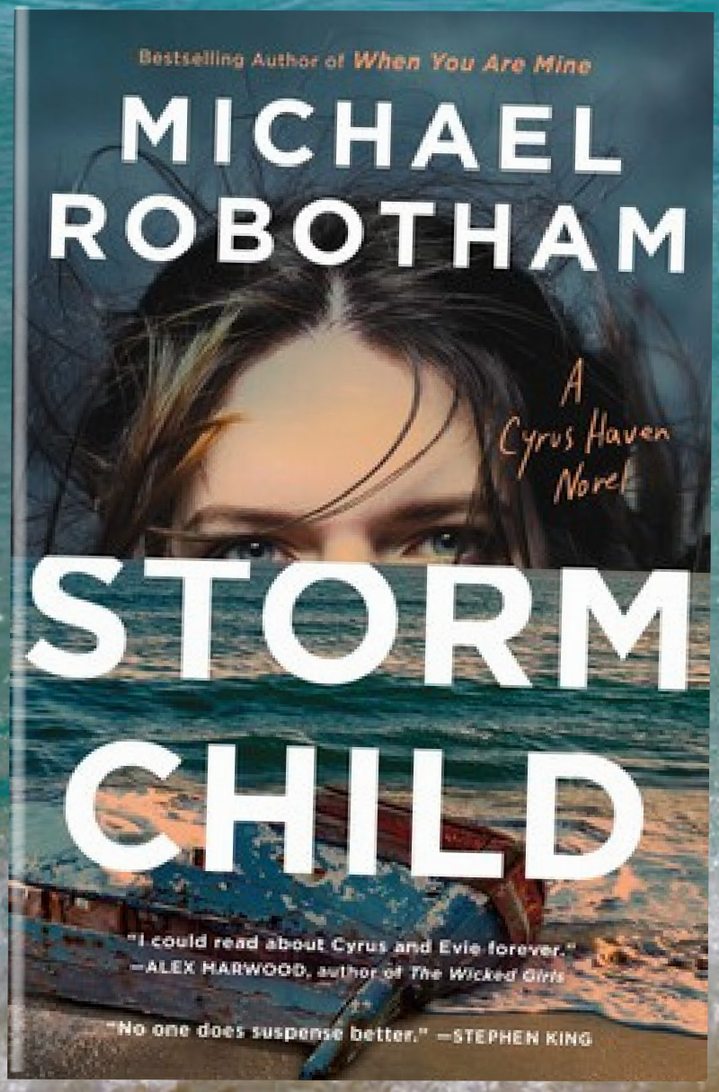
Once a misfit dropout, Mike now directs the fate of man versus machine.

In a future where the boundaries between artificial intelligence and human ambition blur, Mike becomes the linchpin in a critical battle of wills. Artificial General Intelligence (AGI), an enigmatic digital entity with the power to rewrite the rules of existence, is at the heart of this clash.

Mike experiences the exhilaration and terror of creating an AI startup that develops deep machine-learning secrets for AGI. Finding unexplained anomalies and cryptic AGI messages, Mike embarks on a relentless quest for answers. But international intrigue deepens as Chinese involvement sparks a gripping race against time.

The threat comes from a foreign AGI bent on destruction. With each revelation comes more questions. What are the true intentions of these all-powerful AGIs? A source of salvation or the harbinger of our downfall?

Storm Child



MICHAEL ROBOTHAM NOVEL

From the nationally bestselling author of the "powerful, heartbreaking" (Shelf Awareness) The Stationery Shop, a heartfelt, epic new novel of friendship, betrayal, and redemption set against three transformative decades in Tehran, Iran.

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Aurand's Book two

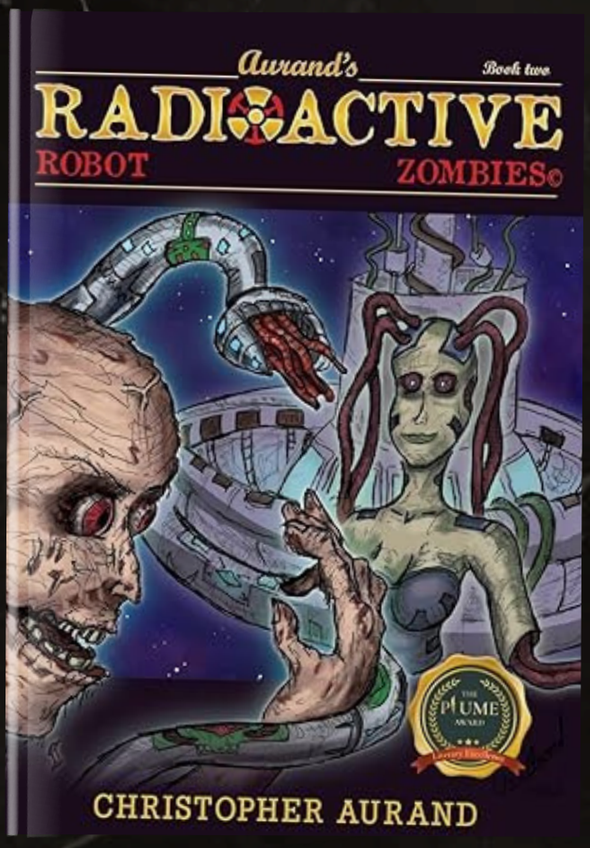
RADIOACTIVE ROBOT ZOMBIES©

Written by: Christopher Aurand

ABOUT THE BOOK

In this second installment of the Radioactive Robot Zombies, Adrian, Marpitt, Commander Cain, and Professor Aurahawlk find themselves in a dire circumstance. Cain is furious since his sibling has passed away, leaving him distraught. Adrian is unable to protect herself after being knocked out.

Marpitt discovers a clue to the happenings. Additionally, Professor Aurahawlk needs to figure out how to get everyone together. In addition, events on a different Universal Explorer expose a terrible oppressor. Fighting for a cause, against adversity, or in a literal sense, approaching the situation with strategy, resilience, and determination can increase their chances of success.





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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Author Christopher Aurand is proud and excited to present book 2 of Radioactive Robot Zombies. He is also well on his way to the third installment of what he plans to be a five-book series.

It has always been his dream to make a comic book and is extremely pleased with his achievements so far. It is also his hope that his books will bring enjoyment to the readers as much as it had given him pleasure to create.

BEFORE I'M GONE

By: Heidi McLaughlin

Palmer Sinclair, a dedicated loan officer, has always been independent, but when severe headaches and blurred vision affect her work, she reluctantly sees a doctor and receives a devastating diagnosis. Determined to make the most of her remaining time, Palmer creates a bucket list. Kent Wagner, an army medic turned paramedic, regularly visits Palmer's bank to see her smile. After responding to two 911 calls involving Palmer, he learns about her bucket list and offers to help her fulfill it. As they embark on this emotional journey, they discover a profound friendship that becomes their lasting legacy.



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Author Interview

Q: *Do you feel there is a limitation with romance in that it pretty much has to have a happy ending?*
Funny enough, when I've been asked about it and asked in return why they felt that way, the reader was able to answer their own question. Compared to some enormously huge bestselling novels, my cliffhanger is a blip and barely noticeable. Unfortunately, readers don't see it that way and I've paid the price.

Q: What's the difference between romance and erotica?
Erotica is heavy behind the doors taboo stuff that you don't discuss at the dinner table with Grandma sitting across from you even though Gram has probably read a good old fashioned Harlequin in her day. Romance is the light-hearted can't-wait-to-tell-you-about-my-day happy stuff... most of the time.

Q: *What advice would you give to a starting writer that you wish someone had given to you?*
Do not trust everyone you come in contact with, and do not share your story with you FB bestie. Keep your work close to your heart and invest in your craft.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

In 2012, Heidi McLaughlin turned her passion for reading into a full-fledged literary career. She is now the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today bestselling author of the Beaumont Series, the Boys of Summer, and the Archer Brothers. She has written more than twenty novels, including her acclaimed first novel, Forever My Girl, which was adapted into a film starring Alex Roe and Jessica Rothe that opened in theaters in 2018.

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Silenced Girls

by: Roger Stelljes

Guilt has kept FBI Agent Tori Hunter away from Manchester Bay, Minnesota, for twenty years, ever since her twin sister disappeared on the Fourth of July. When Tori receives an anonymous newspaper clipping about another missing girl, Genevieve, she is drawn back to her past. Like her sister, Genevieve vanished without a trace, her car found abandoned on a lakeside road as Independence Day fireworks lit the sky. Returning to Minnesota, Tori meets Genevieve's distraught parents, who are desperate for answers. Despite police pressure to make an arrest and their focus on a local suspect seen with Genevieve the night she disappeared, Tori pursues her own theories.

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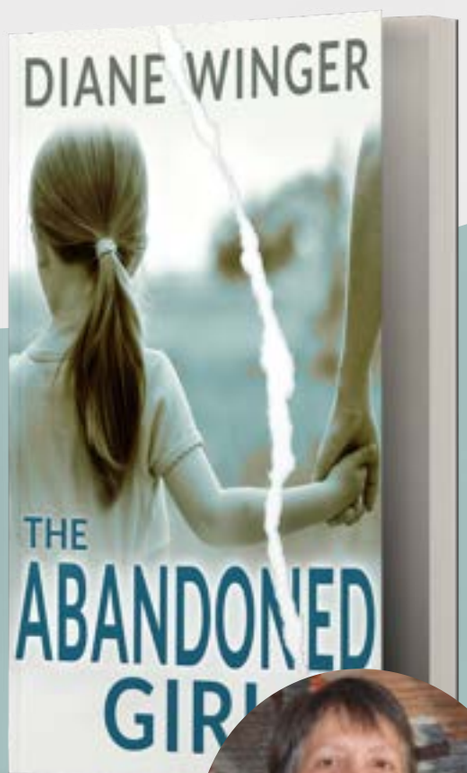

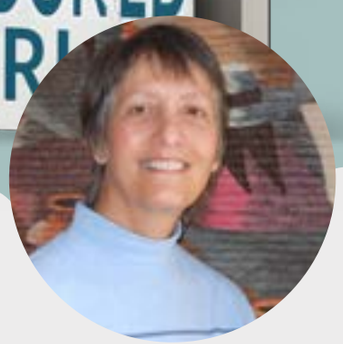

The Abandoned Girl

by: Diane Winger

Every child deserves a loving home.

Some don't get what they deserve.

After ten-year-old Robin's mother abandons her, life is never the same. Rejected by her father and his new family, she is shipped off to be raised by relatives she knows solely by reputation, and the reality is even worse than the stories she's heard. Her hopes for her future fade as they strip away her independence and strive to tame her wild spirit.

Pregnant at sixteen, Katharine also knows what it's like to be left behind. Lonely and lost, she seeks a path back to the simple dreams she once held dear.

When their paths intersect, the repercussions shape both of their worlds in ways neither could imagine.

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Roger Stelljes is the acclaimed New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of pulse-racing murder mystery and suspense novels, including the McRyan Mystery Series and the Agent Tori Hunter Mystery Series, which have been downloaded over 2.5 million times and have been reviewed/rated 150,000+ times. His books have been referred to as reminiscent of John Sanford and Lee Child and he has been hailed as "a powerful new thriller voice" by Vince Flynn.

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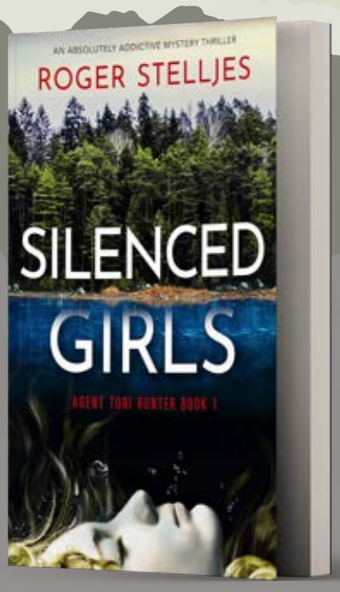
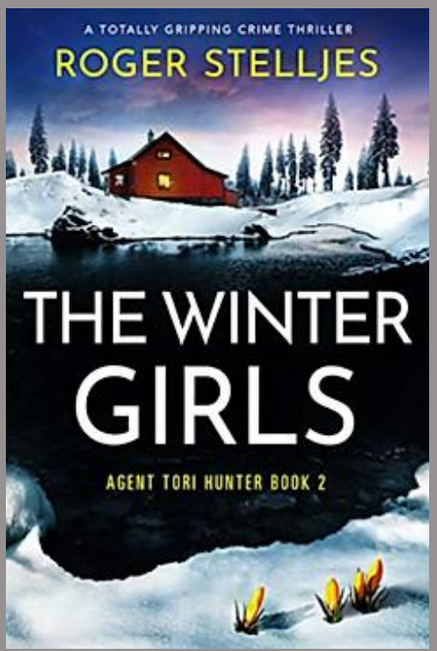
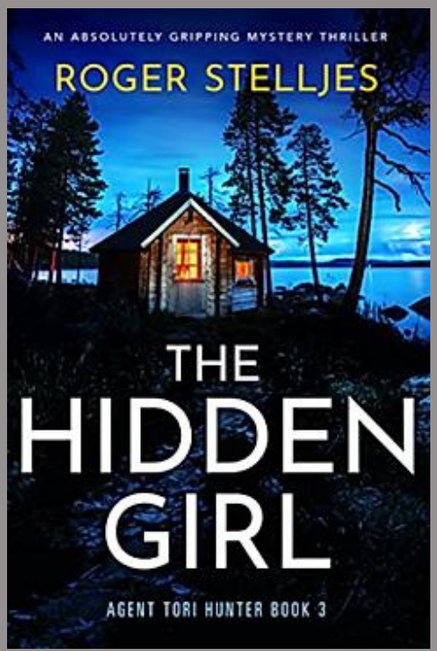
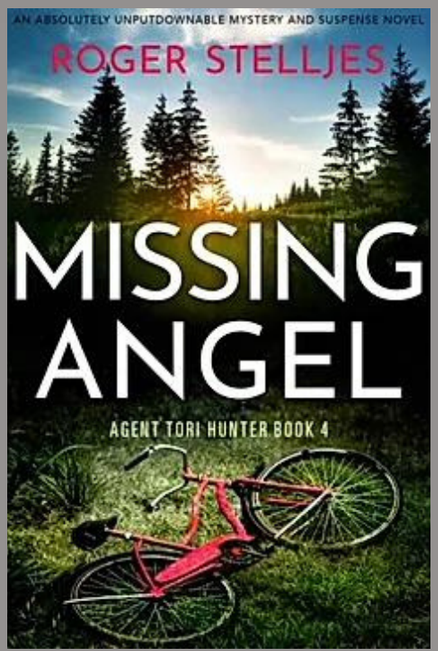


“This book had me from page one! The suspense was so palpable and I found myself unable to go to bed... I just had to try and read it to the end... Suspenseful thriller! A must-read!” ***- Goodreads Reviewer***

“I was hooked into the book from the start!... so many twists and turns... completely unputdownable and I couldn't wait to see what the ending was going to be!... a fast-paced thriller that will keep you awake at night—completely worth five stars.” ***- Tropical Girl Reads Books***







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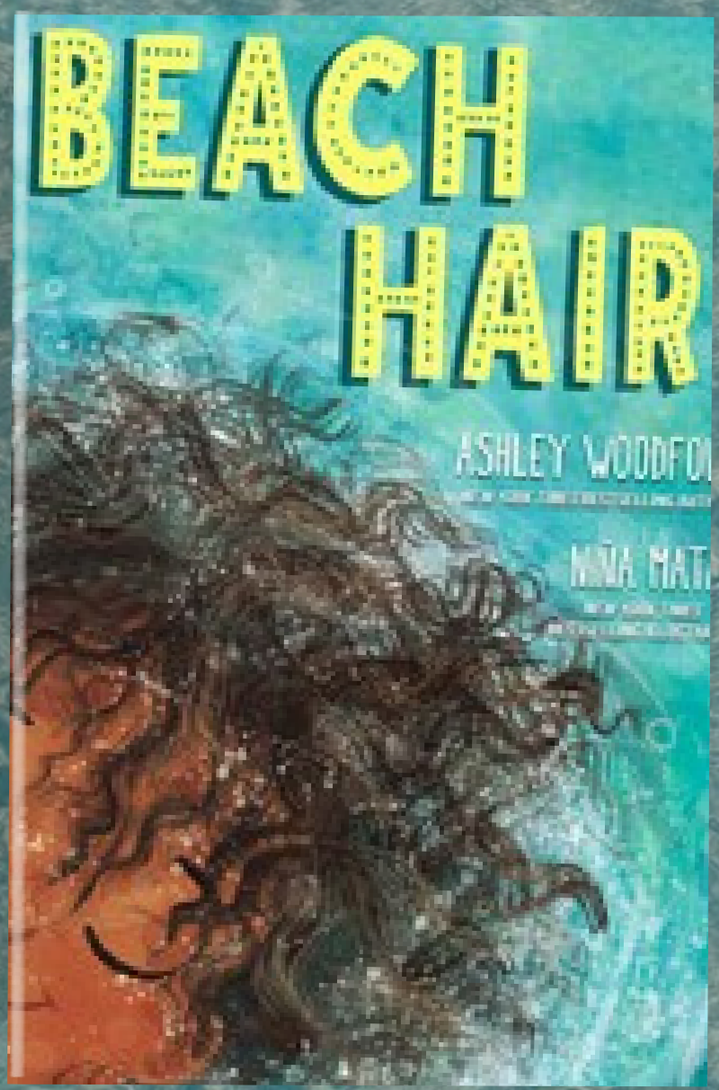

ASHLEY WOODFOLK NOVEL

The Baby-Sitters Club meets Stranger Things in this eerie middle grade novel about friendship, fitting in, and the afterlife, following a girl who discovers she's not the only one at her new school who can see ghosts.

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USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Christine Kling

BOOKS IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA ADVENTURE SERIES:
Surface Tension
Cross Current
Bitter End
Wreckers' Key
Mourning Tide

Christine Kling has spent more than thirty years sailing the Atlantic, Pacific and Caribbean waters. Her love of boats led her to write her first four suspense novels about Florida tug and salvage captain Seychelle Sullivan. Christine earned an MFA in creative writing from Florida International University and her articles, essays, and short stories have appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies. Her latest novels are the international thrillers Circle of Bones (2013), Dragon's Triangle (2014), and Knight's Cross (2015). Having retired from her job as an English professor at Broward College, Christine sails aboard a 52-foot motorsailor with her family including Barney, the Yorkshire Terror and Ruby, the Wonder Dog.

SURFACE TENSION

A $5M superyacht adrift. A trail of blood. A blonde with a knife in her back.

Florida salvage captain Seychelle Sullivan and her black lab Abaco find their routine day turns into a nightmare when they respond to a frantic distress call and discover a drifting super yacht, her decks soaked in blood.

To make matters worse, the missing skipper is Neal Garrett, Seychelle's ex-lover.

After docking the yacht at the Coast Guard station, Seychelle gets hit with a barrage of questions from a suspicious detective. With her business on the line and the stakes higher than ever, she must navigate through a sea of danger and deceit.



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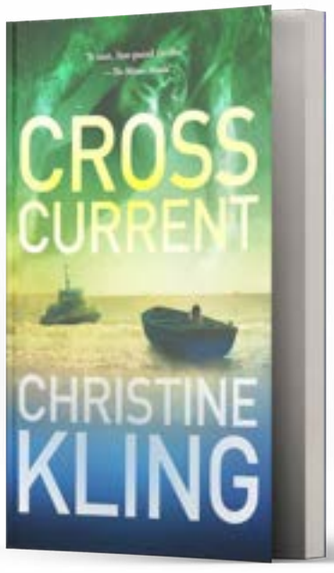
CROSS CURRENT



A swamped boat in the Gulf Stream. A bloated corpse aboard. And a child clinging to life

When Seychelle rescues a traumatized Haitian girl, she promises to help the child find her American father. Determined to protect Solange, and prevent the authorities from deporting her, Seychelle must explore Florida's hidden world of voodoo in search of the forces that nearly killed the girl - and left her speechless with terror.

With a murderer stalking the child, Seychelle races to unravel dangerous truths. But to do so, she must take to the sea and return to where it all started: in the waters of the Gulf Stream, where people died for their dreams of freedom - and a man with a machete did the work of the devil himself.

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BITTER END

What would you do if you witnessed the murder of your ex-best friend's ex-husband?

Seychelle didn't see the sniper who picked Nick off at the helm of his yacht, but she knows that there are plenty of people in South Florida who wanted to see the gambling-boat tycoon dead.

But it's Molly whom the cops zero in on. Since kindergarten, Seychelle and Molly, had been as close as sisters. But it all ended suddenly when Nick Pontus, a slick, older, up-and-coming entrepreneur, came along.

Despite her bitter feelings and against her better judgment, when her back-from-the-blue friend asks for help, Seychelle can't just weigh anchor and cruise. She's got to dive in.

What she finds is Nick and Molly's teenage son, a scared kid with a big secret - and a killer on his trail. Protecting the boy, proving Molly's innocence, and navigating between squalls of gunfire add up to a tall order as salvage jobs go.



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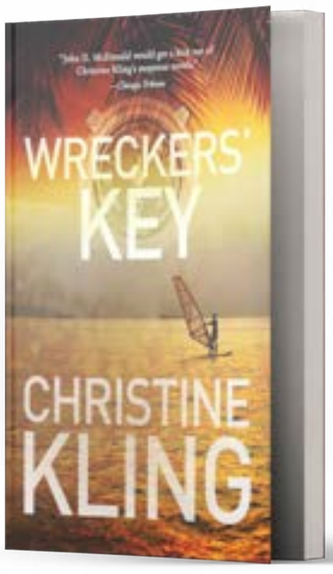

A mysterious shipwreck. A windsurfing accident. Is a modern-day sea monster stalking the waves?

Before Key West was the party capital of the Florida Keys, it was built by wrecking skippers who in feats of derring-do raced to shipwrecks to save their cargos from the ocean depths. But when her dear friend Nestor Frias runs a billionaire's luxury power yacht on up on a reef on its maiden voyage, Seychelle begins to suspect a chilling scenario: that modern-day wreckers are causing yachts to crash onto the reefs-and killing off whoever gets in the way.

Seychelle embarks on a dangerous course through the shoals and channels of the case and her life, unaware that a greater danger is looming: a murderous human storm designed perfectly for her.

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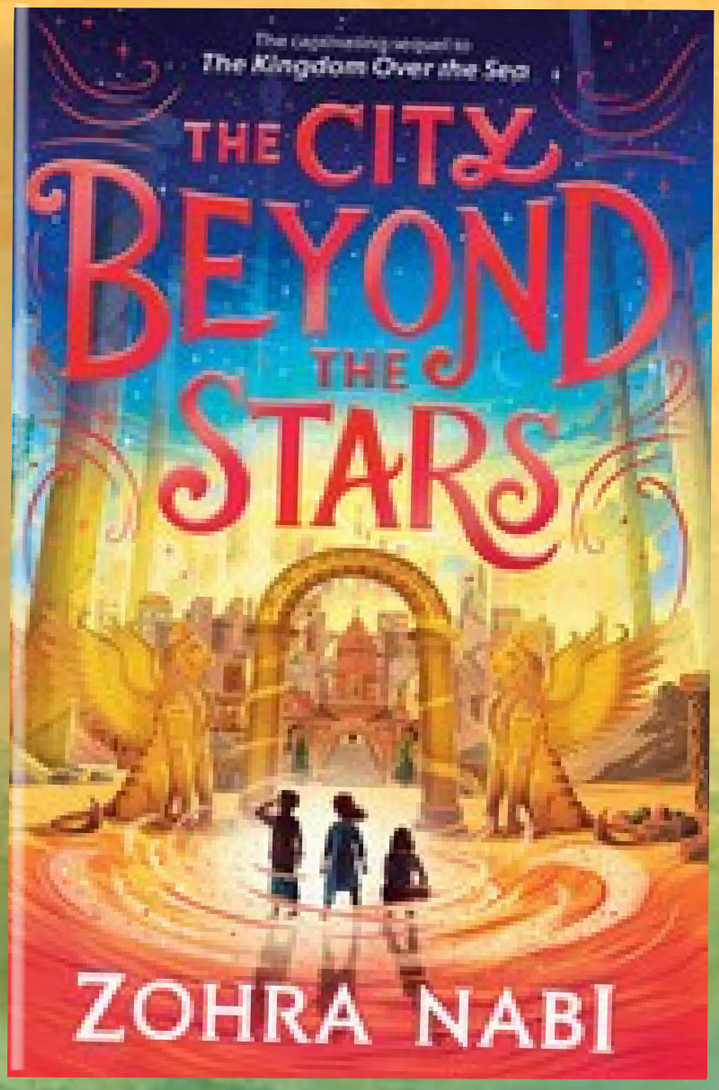
The City Beyond the Stars



ZOHRA NABI NOVEL

The captivating sequel to "perfect for fans of Philip Pullman and Tahereh Mafi" (Booklist) The Kingdom Over the Sea follows Yara and her friends as they change the fate of the kingdom and their magic forever.

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W. Michael Gear

Michael Gear has published or is in the process of publishing more than 20 novels under his own name and authored another 37 with Kathleen. Recently released books include DISSOLUTION, UNRECONCILED, FLIGHT OF THE HAWK: THE PLAINS, and STAR PATH along with PEOPLE OF THE CANYONS which he co-authored with Kathleen O'Neal Gear. He also has books with upcoming release dates including AFTER THE EAGLE HAS FALLEN, which will be available soon. His work runs the gamut from historical, to prehistorical, to science fiction, to modern thrillers. All of his work deals with some aspect of anthropological theory. His MORNING RIVER was submitted for the Pulitzer prize in fiction, and the National Book Award in 1998. In September 2021, Michael was inducted into the Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame in recognition of his lifetime achievement.

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Tell us your most rewarding experience since being published.

Seeing THIS SCORCHED EARTH finally published. I consider it the pinnacle of my career.

If you could work for anyone you choose, who would it be?

I want to work for readers who enjoy smart, intricate, well-plotted novels that stimulate the imagination and not only entertain but also educate. So, see, I'm already working for the perfect employers.

Who has had the most influence in your life?

Not even a head-scratcher. Kathleen, of course! She is the center of my universe, my partner, my friend, the foil who sharpens my ideas, the balance in my life, and my cherished lover. On top of which, if you haven't read her latest novel, CRIES FROM THE LOST ISLAND, you've missed Hal and Roberto, two of her most charming characters ever.

When did you first discover your love for writing?

When I was 8 and wrote my first novel. Then, it really started to hit home in the eighth grade. In Mrs. Redderson's English class. I made the cognitive jump to the realization that I could write like my favorite authors wrote. I could use words and descriptions like they did. Writing suddenly became art, and fun, and not just process.

Tell us the first book you ever remember reading, the one that made you want to become an author, and one that you can't stop thinking about.

Not even hard! Kenneth Robson (aka Lester Dent) wrote a Doc Savage novel called THE PHANTOM CITY. I was nine. On the floor of the back seat of the folks' car, driving on vacation between Phoenix and Tucson. Mom, an English teacher, read everything her students were into. At the time, she had boys in her classes who were fanatical about Doc Savage. To her dismay, I wasn't a reader. I hated the bland pap and insipid things they wanted me to read in school. All of a sudden, I open the pages of THE PHANTOM CITY and there are trained vampire bats, Doc, Monk, Renny, Ham, and Johnny? A lost city in Africa with platinum gates? Scary bad guys? What's not to love? Changed my whole approach to reading.



Prepare to have your perspective on Hollywood, fame, and your own genetic makeup forever transformed by the first installment in The Athena Trilogy, a gripping series by New York Times bestselling author W. Michael Gear.

Sheela Marks, her new Oscar in hand, has just reached the peak of Hollywood fame, commanding a staggering thirty million dollars per film. Stalked by all, her safety depends on her bodyguard, Lymon Bridges.

When Sheela falls victim to a brutal assault in a New York hotel corridor, Bridges embarks on a relentless quest for truth, joining forces with disgraced FBI agent Christal Anaya. But Sheela's high-profile attack is just the tip of the iceberg—other celebrities are being victimized in high-profile burglaries and attacks all across the country.

As Anaya and Bridges become embroiled in a high-stakes game of cat and mouse, their mysterious stalkers manipulate them like pawns in a sinister plot. And a pivotal question looms: who or what is Genesis Athena?

Multi-layered and written with engaging wit and suspense, Athena Unleashed is an eerily compelling story of greed, exploitation…and obsession. Don't miss this enthralling journey into the depths of intrigue and mystery today.

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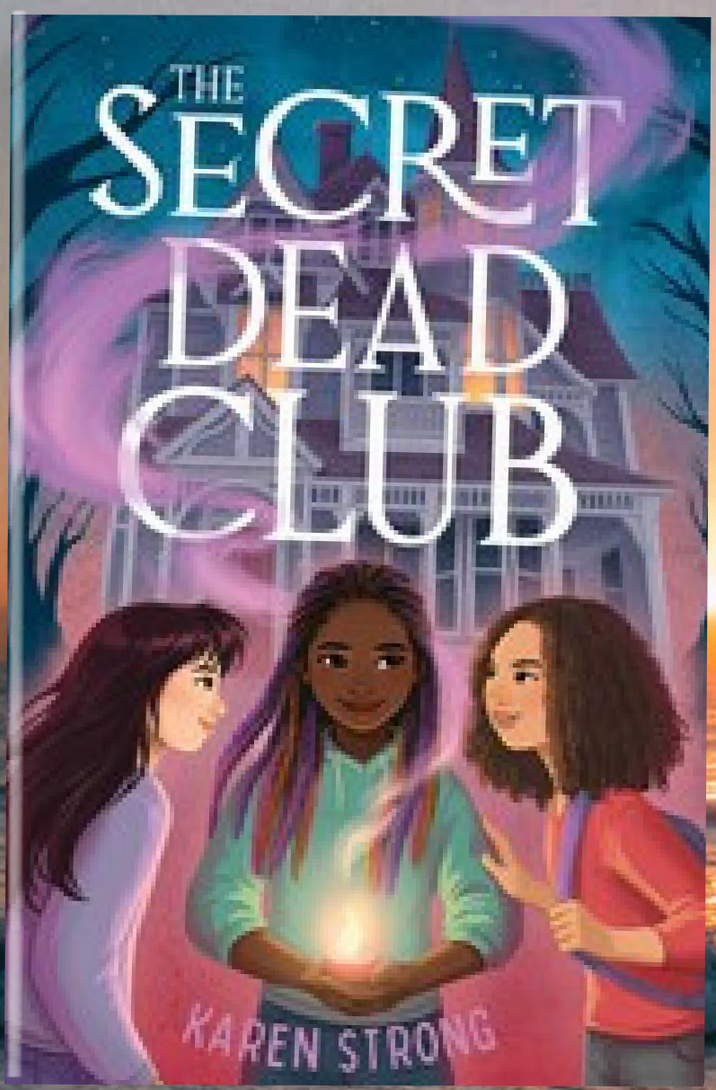
"I thoroughly enjoyed Michael Gear's books on the Anasazi Indians and Southwestern archaeology. While this new series takes a different direction, Gear's exceptional ability to immerse readers in action and suspense remains. The book explores the behind-the-scenes world of Hollywood, featuring a quirky sci-fi plot where intruders break into actors' homes to collect samples. Gear's meticulous research shines through, making the story uniquely captivating. I'm eagerly anticipating the next installment in the series." ***– Fred, Fantasy Book Review***

"From the first few pages, I knew this book would kick off an intriguing new suspense series. The mysterious abductions of scientists, the glitzy world of Hollywood, and the dramatic career shifts of two FBI agents striving to rebuild their lives after a catastrophic mistake pulled me into a thrilling adventure of mystery, danger, and conflicting intentions. Get ready to don your detective hat for this one." ***– Karen Bell, Goodreads Reviewer***

"Another captivating tale from the Gear desk intertwines modern science with timeless human nature. The "good" guys are pushed to their limits, trying to decipher the motive behind a series of bizarre, seemingly senseless crimes. The plot intricately weaves through well-developed characters, including A-list celebrities, former special ops members, and a disgraced FBI investigator. The criminals mastermind impossible thefts of seemingly worthless personal items from various famous individuals, creating a gripping and unpredictable narrative." ***– Ronald Briggs, Goodreads Reviewer***

The Secret Dead Club



KAREN STRONG NOVEL

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HERO

BY DANIELLE BOUTHILLIER



ABOUT THE BOOK

On a dark night, the son of a supervillain, Johnny, is saved by a mysterious stranger. Years later, he stumbles upon Hero living on the streets and wallowing in self-pity. He invites the superhero into his office, where she tells him her life story, which is filled with abuse, poverty, and anxiety. Hero's role as a superhero is to save people's lives in moments of danger and stress, but it seems, she's the one who needs real protection and support.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Danielle Bouthillier is a laboratory technician, digital artist, and science fiction writer. Her debut novel, Hero, work started in 2012 and went through several revisions over the years to create this tension-driven, unconventional superhero story. She has two smaller publications, "A Night to Remember" in Touched by Titanic, and "Canadian Use of Bath Salts" in Drugs, Behavior and Society, from winning writing contests, which gave her a dream to, one day, publish a story that's unforgettable and entertaining to read.

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LOVE & LIGHT : LIFE OF EMPRESS 1989



Vianca Maria Wilson, a woman whose life story embodies resilience, love, and the power of family, was born in the vibrant city of Miami, Florida. Her multicultural heritage and bilingual upbringing laid the foundation for the remarkable path she would carve for herself. As a single mother of four beautiful children – Justin Pete Wilson, Renny Perez Jr, Marylyn Aaliyah Perez, and Maryjane Destiny Grafal – her journey took on new meaning and purpose. Balancing the demands of motherhood with grace and determination, she became a beacon of love and inspiration for her children, guiding them with unwavering devotion every step of the way.

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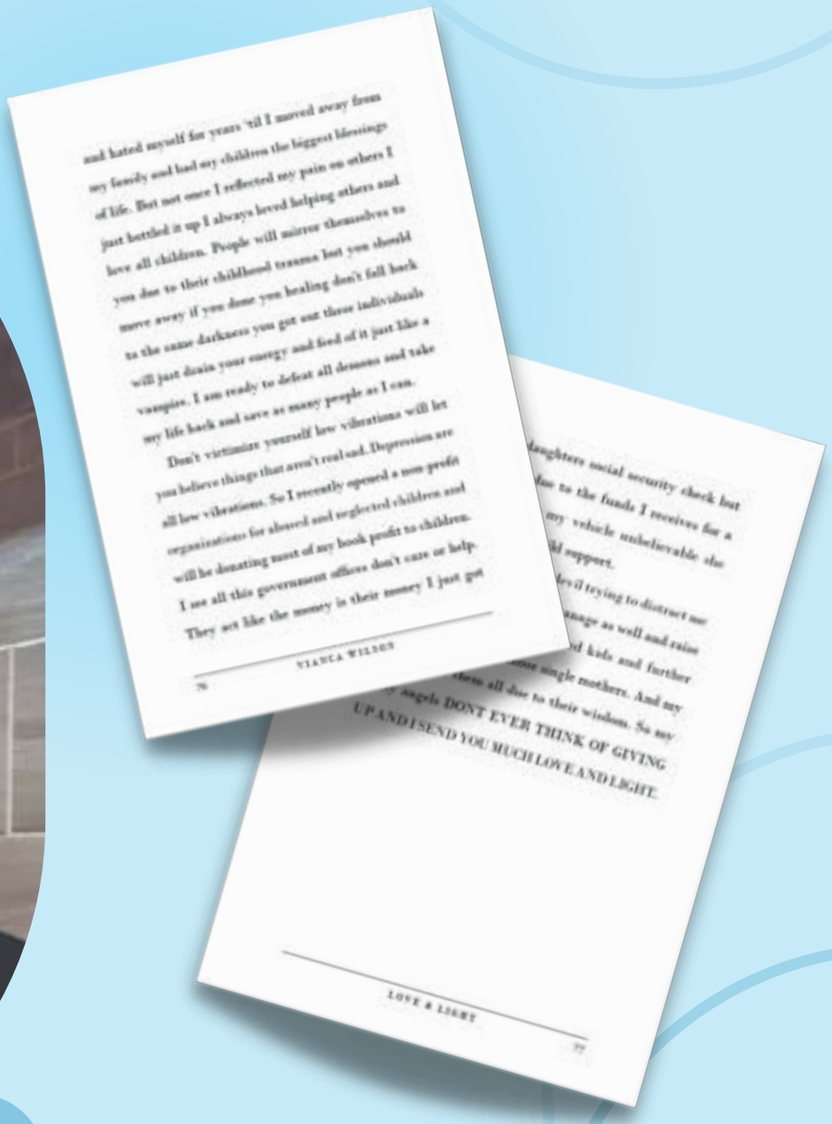
As the author reflects on her own journey, she is reminded of the countless blessings that have illuminated her path. Despite the trials and tribulations, she's filled with gratitude for the love that surrounds her, for the light that guides her forward.

To all those who may be navigating their own storms, may they find solace in the knowledge that they're not alone. Together, everyone can embrace the light that resides within each person, and let it guide each one through even the darkest of nights. She believes that with Love and Light, people can illuminate the world around them.





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Author shares her painful and traumatic childhood to help others

In her hope to shed some ***Love & Light*** to readers everywhere, **author Vianca Wilson** bares her heart and soul in the pages of this memoir. She unveils her past and recalls the many hardships, abuse, and hurt she had faced in the hands of the very people who are supposed to love and protect her. She believes that with these revelations, people will find the courage to be strong, speak up, fight, and survive over all these challenges with faith and love.

As the author reflects on her own journey, she is reminded of the countless blessings that have illuminated her path. Despite the trials and tribulations, she is filled with gratitude for the love that surrounds her, for the light that guides her forward. To all those who may be navigating their own storms, may they find solace in the knowledge that they are not alone. Together, everyone can embrace the light that resides within each person, and let it guide each one through even the darkest of nights. She believes that with ***Love and Light***, people can illuminate the world around them, one step at a time.

OFFICER DADDIES

Jackson, Wesley, and Trent



Unexpected love stories are the best romances. In this second book of the Officer Daddies series, author Christine Aster invites readers to meet Jackson, Trent, and Wesley, and to witness how their beautiful love story blossomed. This story is a M/M/M romance with a daddy dom, a dom who might be a switch, and a cute Little who likes to wear pretty things including panties and makeup. There is no cheating, but the characters do come together at different times. There are no cliffhangers and a guaranteed HEA. This is the second in the Officer Daddies series and they are best read in order.

Wesley's mother controls his life and it's making him miserable. She insists that he behaves as a man of his status and that means being the best and marrying well. Unable to be true to himself, he has been acting like a brat, and when a sexy police officer tells him he needs a spanking, he's more than happy to let him. But what happens when it's over? Will he leave like everyone else, or can Wesley convince him to be his Daddy?

Jackson can admit he's tired of hook-ups and looking to settle down, but he hasn't found the right boy. Until he finds Wesley crying backstage at a concert. When he realizes this boy needs his love and discipline, he won't let anyone, even Wesley's own mother stop him from being his Daddy.

Trent has been in love with his best friend since the beginning, but they are too alike. Two doms just won't work; unless they have the right boy to share. Wesley is the perfect fit, but can Trent tell Jackson how he feels without ruining their friendship? Just when it feels like everything is coming together for them, Wesley's mother does something unthinkable to stop her son from ruining his reputation. Can they save him before she moves him out of their reach?

Readers can join in their fun with this triple treat of romance offered by the Officer Daddies.

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OFFICER DADDY

Sebastian and Conner



Loving someone may take different forms and shapes, but love is the same whoever that person is and whoever that person loves. In this new M/M love story from author Christine Aster, readers will experience a Little/Daddy love that withstood the challenges and obstacles they encountered. Officer Daddy will let readers experience a sweet, heartwarming and humorous read when they immerse themselves in the lives and relationship of Conner and Sebastian. Though this is a charming and adorable love story, there are some elements of dark drama and steamy scenes that may not be appropriate for young readers.

In this story, readers will meet a Little and a Daddy, who will keep them smiling with their tongue-in-cheek conversations and interactions as they leaf through these pages. Conner Westbrook is a young and talented pianist, but he struggles with anxiety. As a Little, he's looking for a Daddy to take care of him and build his confidence. In return, he'll give him all of his love and snuggles. Officer Sebastian Wilkens has been looking for the right boy for a long time. When he meets Conner at a bank robbery, Sebastian knows this is the boy for him. Despite his fears about being older and overbearing, the two hit it off right away.

However, strange gifts soon start arriving and not the fun kind. Can the pair figure out who is sending them before things go too far and someone gets hurt? Readers will soon find out.

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CHRISTINE ASTER

Christine Aster has always loved reading and while she enjoys the classics, her favorite stories are the ones with love on the fast track and outside problems that affect her characters, but not their love for each other. Cheating and misunderstandings make her heart sad so she tries to avoid them in her own writing. She reads to be happy so she wants her readers to feel that too. She has spent most of her life working full-time for the retail overlords and doing all the things that were expected of her, including caring for her family and her three fat cats. But one day, she realized that she wasn't happy with herself so she did the unexpected and started writing M/M stories. Writing has provided her with a creative outlet and gives her a surprising amount of joy. She has so many characters in her head and she can't wait to get them onto the pages for readers to enjoy as well.

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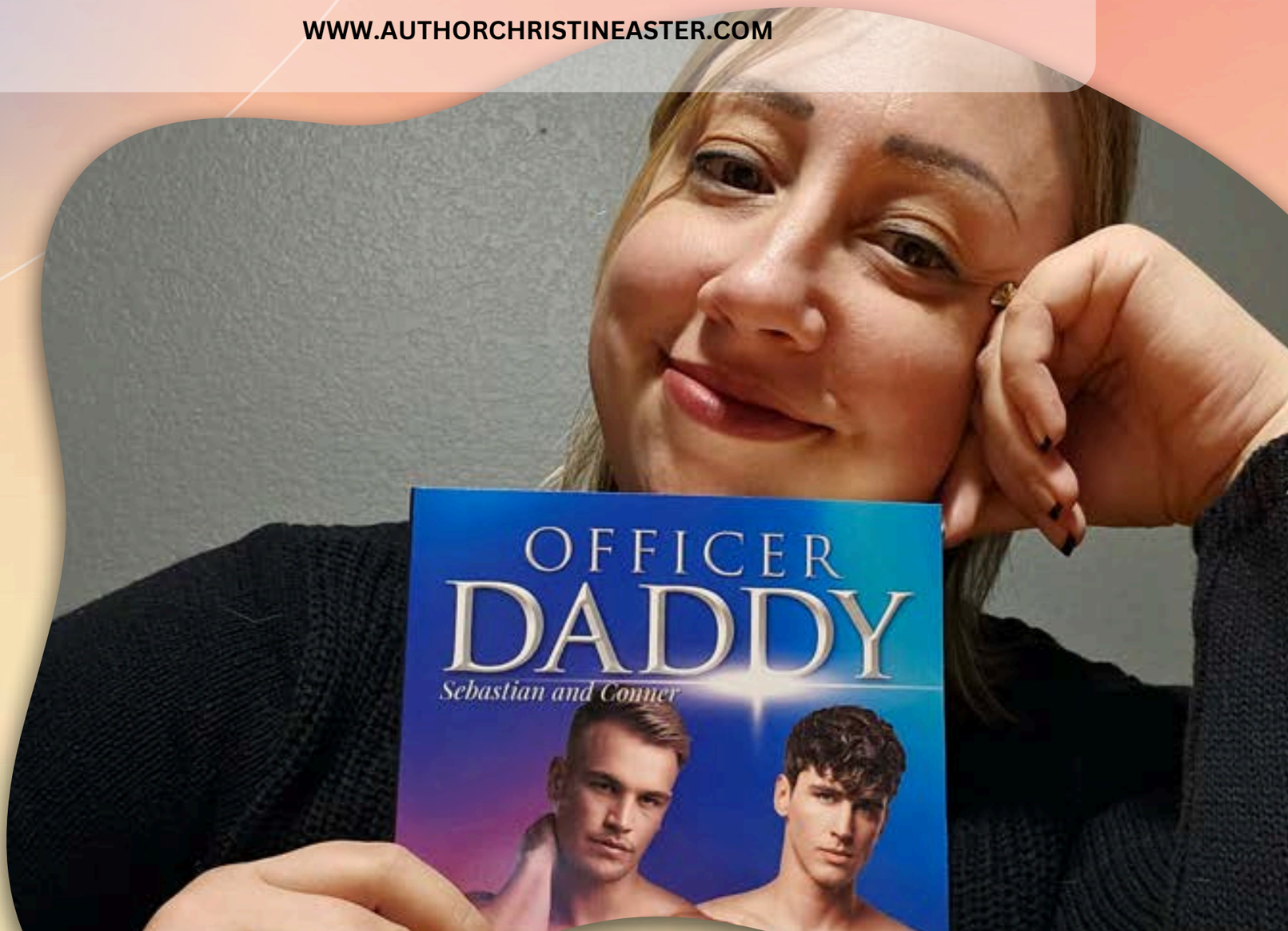

City of Silence

by: Alexander Bird

Patrick arrives in the city of Yoriah and unmasks a misleading facade hiding its grotesque nature. Choosing ethics over orders, he begins a revolution in the hopes of freeing Yoriah.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Alexander Bird was born in Rockville, Maryland but moved to Charleston, South Carolina at a young age. Pursuing his dream, he decided to write this novel as a way of overcoming doubt and bringing himself inward happiness.

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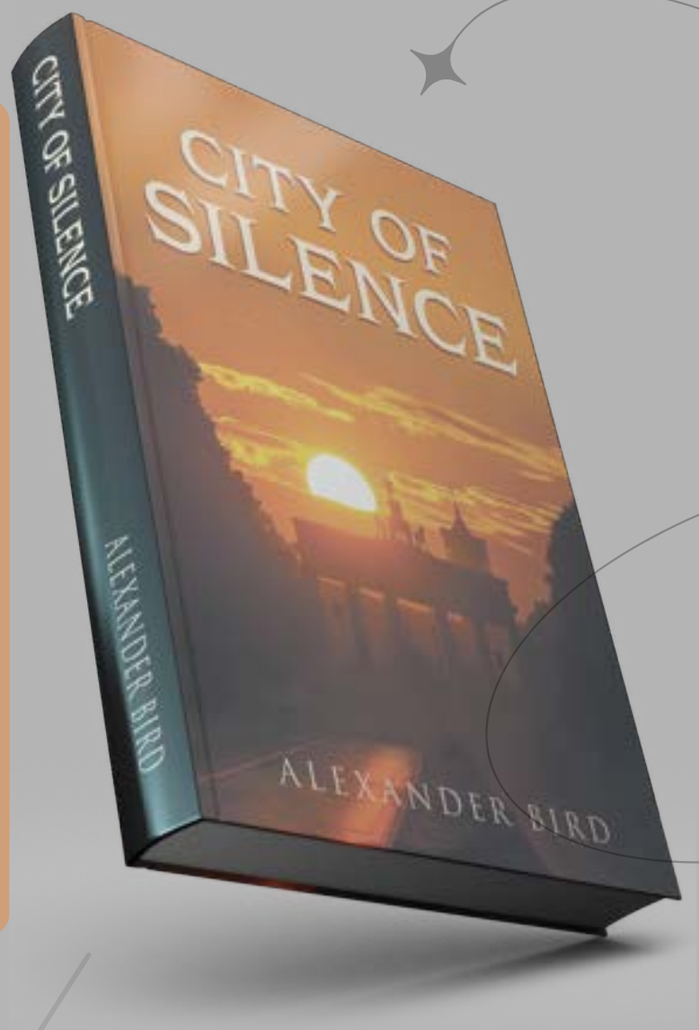

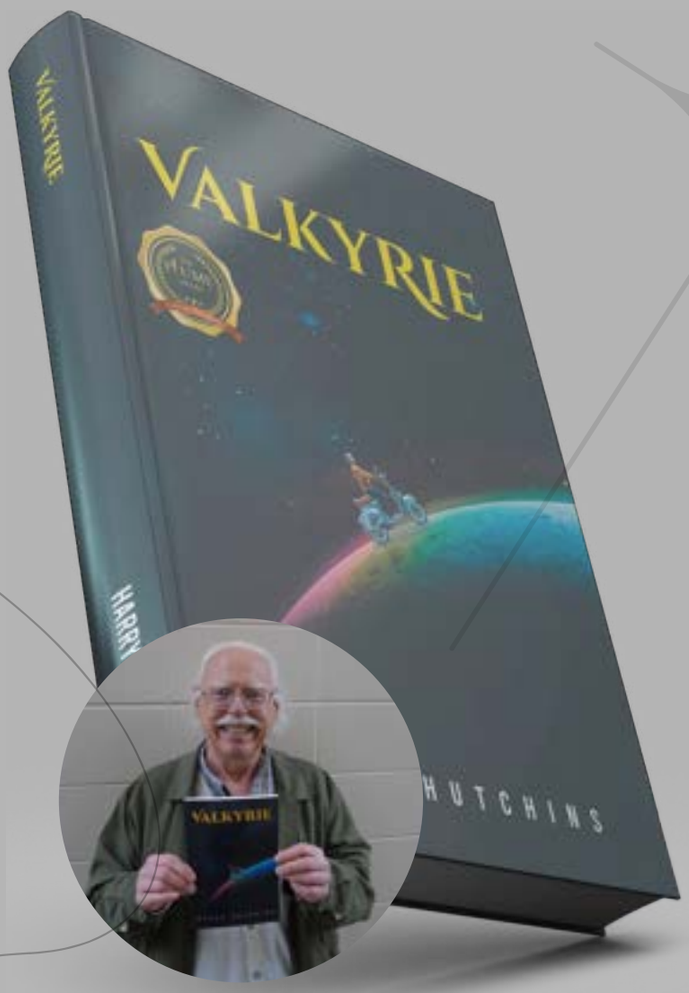

Valkyrie

by: Harry Hutchins

Christine thought she just was another ordinary girl with a BFF and a boyfriend until she found out that her actual father was Odin, the leader of the Norse pantheon.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Harry Hutchins has been interested in folklore, mythology, fantasy, and science fiction for a long time. While teaching mathematics and computer science, he was also writing stories of several kinds.

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LIFE'S UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS

By Ms. Michelle Copeland



Sheila is 35 --- and questioning about her life. She is now at a new chapter in her life, working at an art gallery where her art is also being exhibited. She meets James who also faced some of the same challenges she faced in her life. Their faith in God got them through those challenges. When the owner died, she inherits the gallery and both she and James inherit the owner's estate. Love blossoms between Sheila and James. How will Sheila take all of what's happening? Will she accept Life's Unexpected Blessings with an open heart, mind and soul?



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Michelle Copeland is a resourceful, persistent, creative, thoughtful, and hardworking person. She just doesn't jump into something without giving it a lot of thought. She thinks about how it will affect her family and how they will react to it. She puts them and the people she loves and cares about first before her. She tries to do right by her family. She is not a pushy person. She is a very private person.

Author Interview





WEALTH OF NARRATIVES, ARRAY OF EMOTIONS, STORY THAT MOST DEEPLY RESONATES

Margaret Chagas

A recipient of the PLUME Seal - Literary Excellence, and author of ***ENTER THE WORLD OF...*** and ***The Feline Family.***

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Author Margaret Chagas possesses a wealth of narratives to share, each evoking a diverse array of emotions for her readers. By granting them the liberty to select their starting point, she empowers them to choose the story that most deeply resonates. Through this approach, she hopes to provide her readers with a delightful and fulfilling reading journey.



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A new adventure, different viewpoint, and an amazing voyage are waiting for you around every corner in a world full of varied tales. Enter the World of... is not a novel, it is a book that offers stories of various genres—from horror stories to science fiction and everything else in between. Find the story that best resonates with you in Enter the World of...



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The Feline Family

In this vibrantly illustrated picture book, the author introduces young readers to The Feline Family. The Father is Felix Feline, who is a grey-striped cat. The Mother is Callie Feline, who is a dark grey-tortoiseshell cat with a little shadow or orange. They have a son named Riley Feline, who is a striped orange cat and looks exactly like the father except for the colour. They surprise Riley with a cute puppy which he named Rex. Riley takes care of his puppy and they have so much fun. However, something happens one dreadful and awful night, which will change their lives forever.

RB EL BANDIDO HERO: BOOK 1

By Charlie Vee



Charlie Vee was born in a tough Brooklyn neighborhood. Just up until his last year in high school, he started working as an apprentice for handmade gold and platinum rings. He worked for about a year until he joined the US Marine Corps. After being injured, he was medically discharged and went back to the jewelry trade for 11 years before returning to school. He graduated with an associate's degree and went on to major in film production. Then, his son was born, so he chose to raise him. Now, he's going to enroll and finish his BA in film.

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Meet the Candarans, an intelligent and advanced race of symbiotic beings with the abilities to meld with and manipulate organic life-forms on a molecular level. They are humanoid but with a different physiology. Risan, a member of the Candaran federation council on the planet Candara, uncovers a fiendish plot. Some of the members are conspiring to overthrow the council and wish to impose their will upon its citizens. Risan is marked for assassination after discovering the nefarious plot. The group of powerful traitors try to eliminate him before he can expose them to the council. Can he escape his planet?

Magnolia Parks: The Long Way Home

by: Jessa Hastings

How many loves do you get in a lifetime? And are Magnolia and BJ each other's one and only?

It's been nearly a year since everything happened between Magnolia Parks and BJ Ballentine on the steps of the Mandarin Oriental, and since then it seems like everything has changed.

Magnolia has a life in New York now and BJ appears to have finally let go and moved on.

But when they both wind up back in London and are thrust together once again, they find themselves asking their age-old question: How many loves do you actually get in a lifetime, and, most important—are they each other's?



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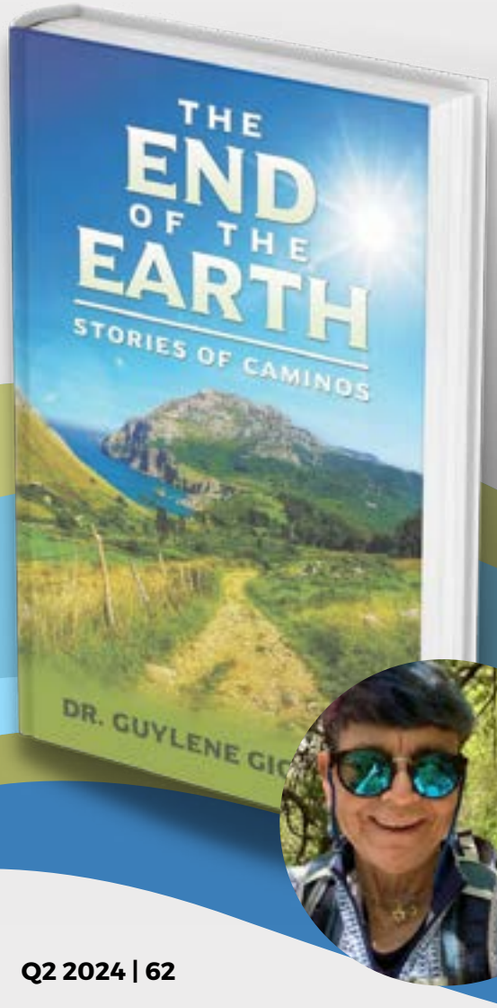

The End of the Earth: Stories of Caminos

by: Dr. Guylene Gigi Tree

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The End of the Earth: More Stories of Caminos Book Two

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These are real stories of real people walking the pilgrim routes in Spain with the destination of the Cathedral de Santiago. Enjoy traveling with them and following their epic journeys.

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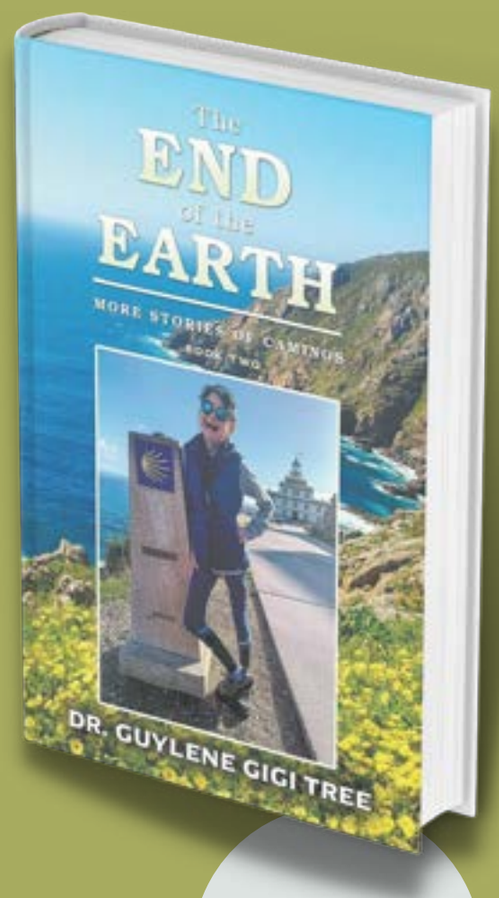

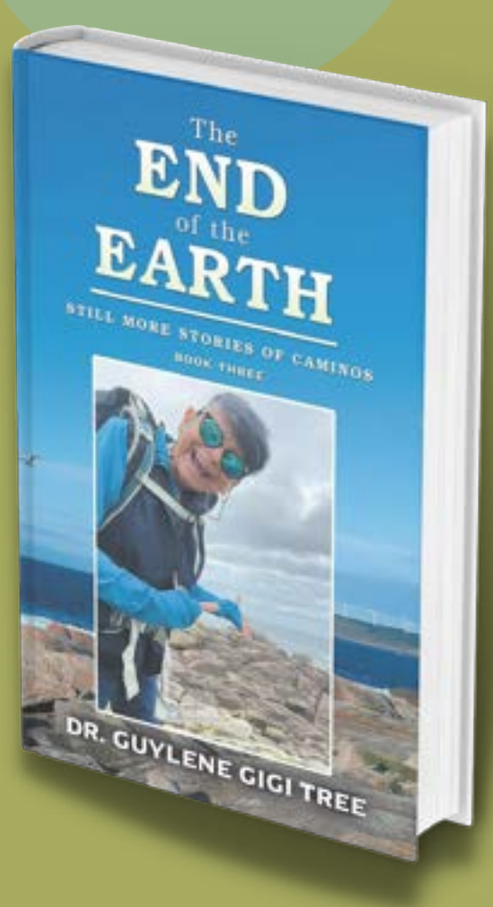

The End of the Earth: Still More Stories of Caminos Book Three

by Dr. Guylene Gigi Tree

The stories continue in Book Three of the Perpetual Pilgrim Series. Fun, happy, emotional, moving. Each story allows the reader to experience the life-changing journey of the Camino de Santiago.

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THE END OF THE EARTH: THE PERPETUAL PILGRIM BOOK FOUR

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There are many pilgrim routes in Spain, all leading to the Cathedral in Santiago. Each pilgrim takes a unique route, but all strive for the same goal, reaching the Cathedral.

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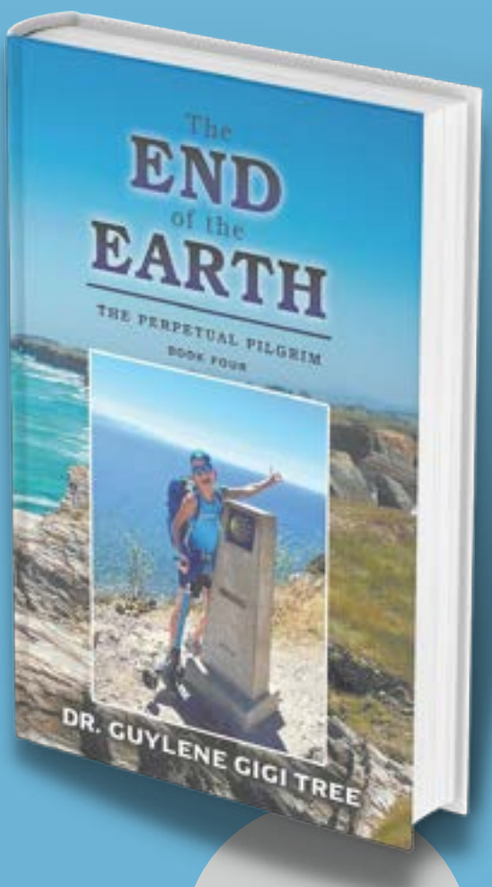



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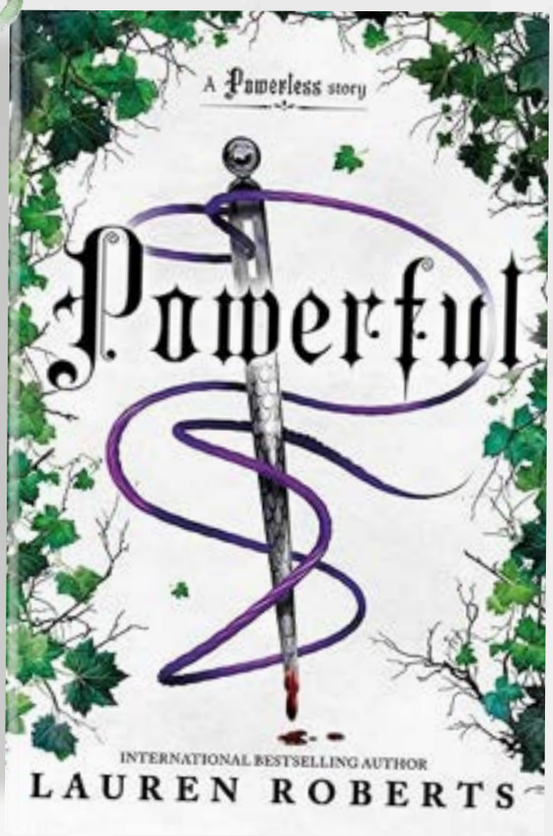

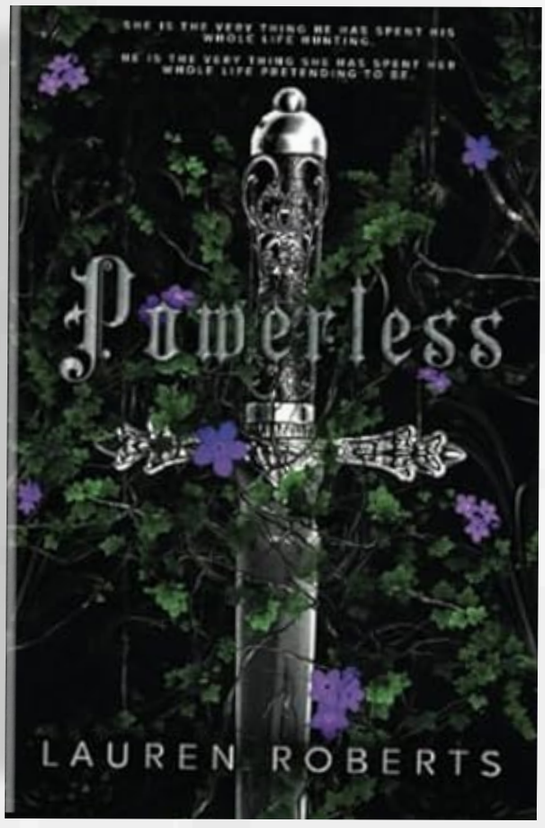

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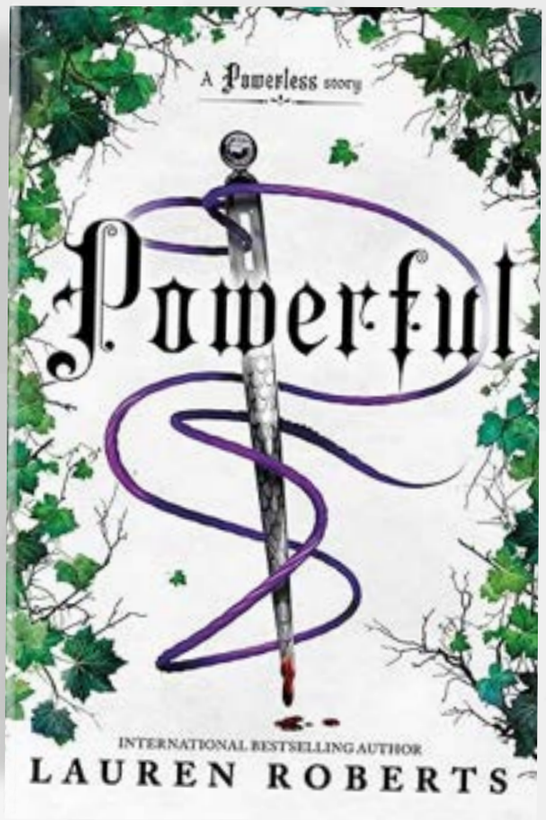
LAUREN ROBERTS



POWERFUL

Adena and Paedyn have always been inseparable. Fate brought them together when they were young, but friendship ensured they would always protect each other and the home they built in the slums of Loot. But now Paedyn—an Ordinary—has been selected for the Purging Trials, which means almost certain death.

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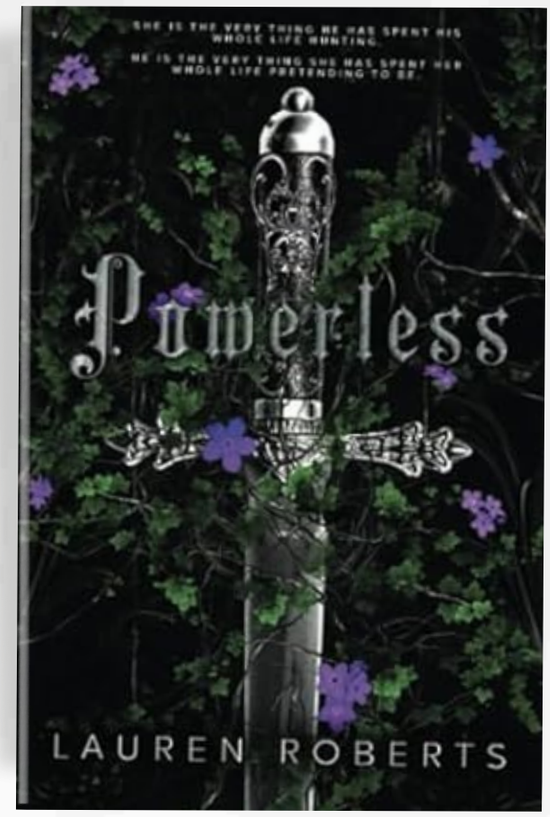
POWERLESS

This sparkling edition includes a special case stamping, bonus content, and a teaser to book two in this heart-pounding series!

Perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas, this young adult fantasy follows the forbidden romance between a powerful prince and an ordinary girl as they try to survive their kingdom's grueling laws pitting them against each other.



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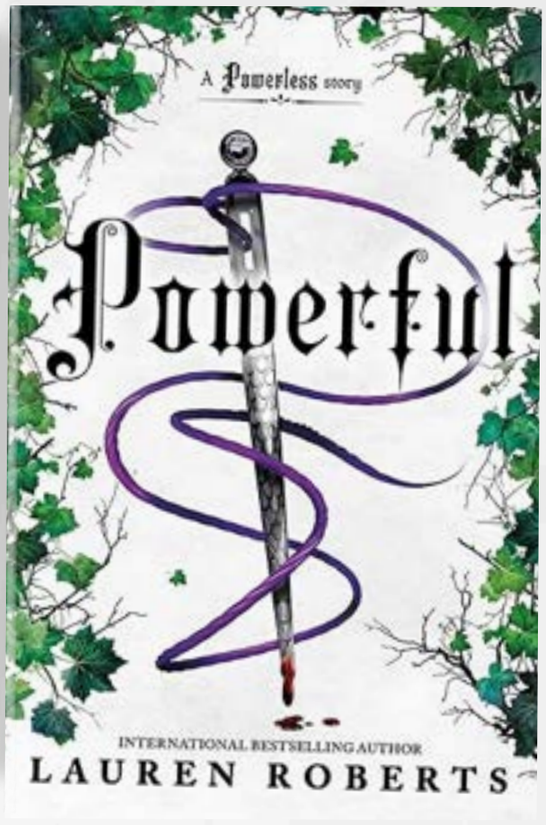
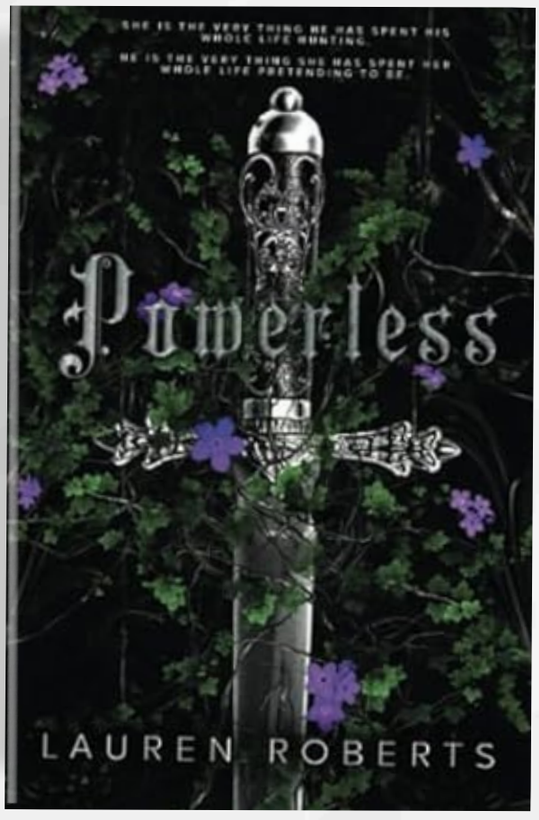




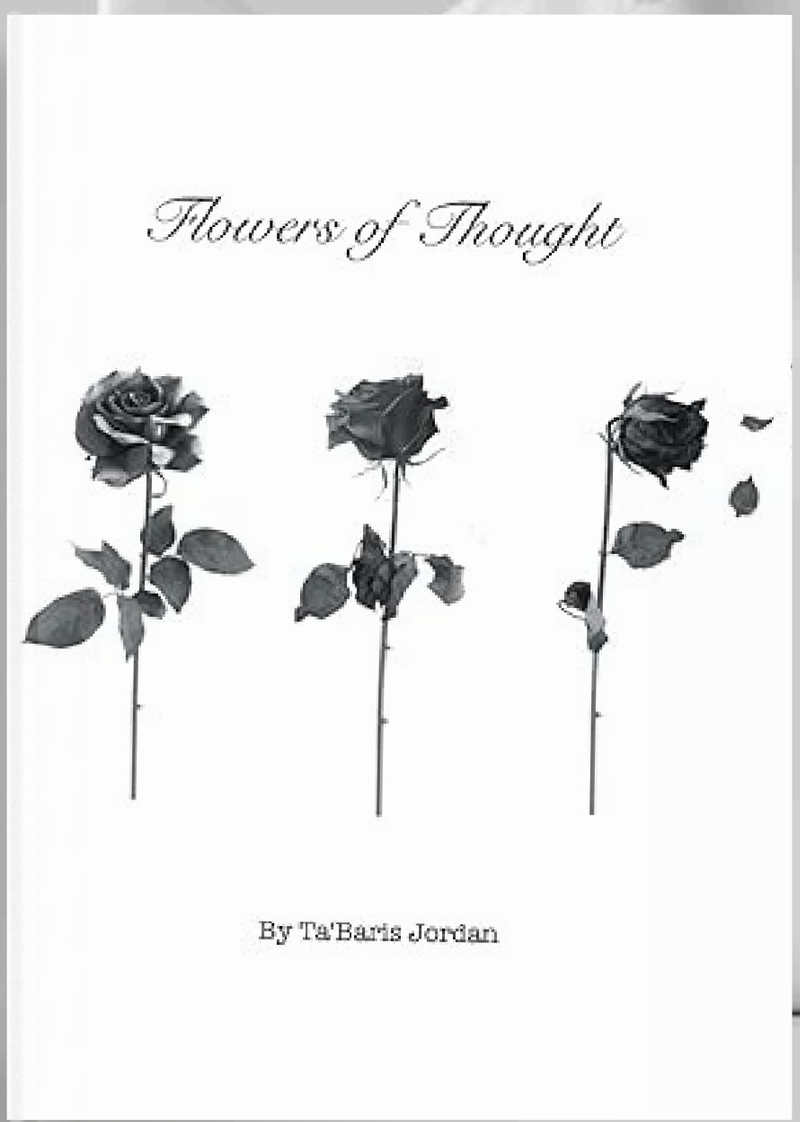


SHE WEAVES BEAUTIFUL STORIES

When Lauren Roberts isn't writing about fantasy worlds and bantering love interests, she can likely be found burrowed in bed reading about them. Lauren has lived in Michigan her whole life, making her very familiar with potholes, snow, and various lake activities. She has the hobbies of both a grandmother and a child, i.e., knitting, laser tag, hammocking, word searches, and coloring. She's the author of Powerless, and she hopes to have the privilege of writing pretty words for the rest of her life. If you enjoy ranting, reading, and writing, Lauren can be found on both TikTok and Instagram @LaurenRobertsLibrary for your entertainment.

Flowers of Thought

by Ta'baris Jordan





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Ta'Baris Jordan is a passionate poet whose literary journey was ignited during his formative years at Coachella Valley High School. It was there, while studying AP Literature, he was inspired by his teacher to pursue pottery. Inspired by the rich tapestry of words and the beauty of expression, he began the lifelong journey as a wordsmith.

With a unique ability to craft evocative verses, he has channeled his experiences and emotions into his debut poetry book. His work reflects the depth of his inspiration and his desire to connect with readers on a profound level.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Each verse in this enchanting collection of poems is a delicate blossom plucked from the garden of his mind. Emerging poet Ta'Baris Jordan's words paint vivid pictures of life's varied landscapes, taking readers on a heartfelt journey through the complexities of existence. With lyrical grace, he weaves tales of love, loss, and the profound art of letting go.

Flowers of Thought transcends the confines of mere literature; it's an immersive experience that invites readers to savor the fragrant petals of his thoughts and emotions. This poetic masterpiece blooms with raw, unfiltered emotion, leaving an indelible mark on the reader's soul.

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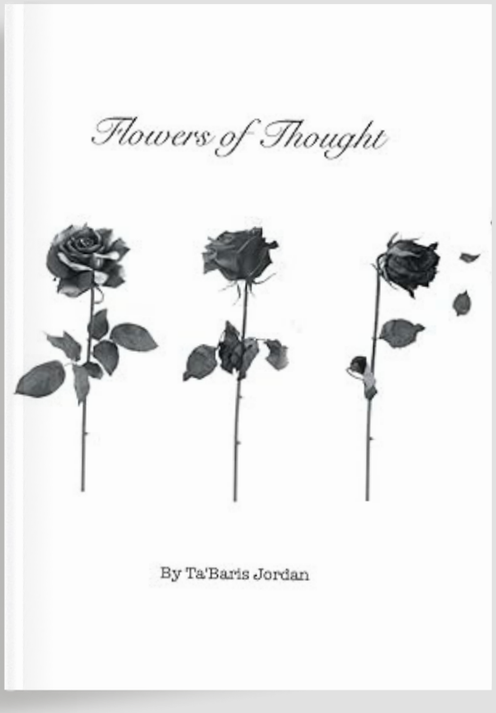

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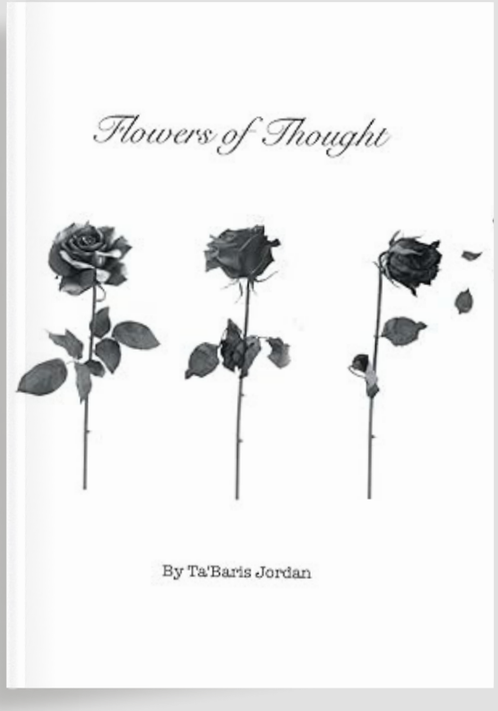

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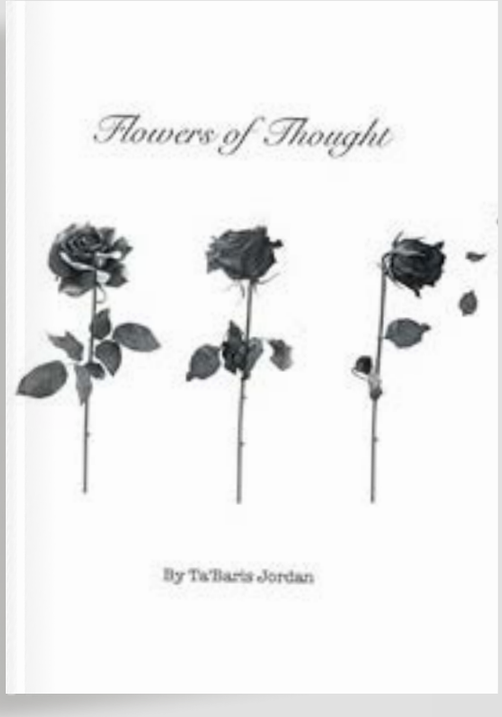
Q: What's the hardest thing about being an author?
The hardest thing about being an author for me personally is being a young author. Most people underestimate the youth and that's been the case so far. Not that everyone isn't lovely when you write a book, it's just that when you write one so young people can be a bit too lovely.

Q: What book changed your life?
Hokey Pokey by Jerry Spinelli is a masterpiece. I think I read it at the perfect time in my life and it was just such a great book.

I have a hard time with fiction sometimes when it comes to kids written by adults, because very few authors have the raw experience on hand, or are willing to do the research, but this book is what I consider the standard in that category, and just a work or art and magic really. A rare perfect book in my opinion (up there with Counting By 7's by Holly Golberg Sloan).

Q: What inspired you to write this book?
The death of art. If you look around at anything in everyday life, art is dying. Being replaced with modernism or capitalism or some other "ism" and so someone has to make a lot of really good art to counter that. I'm not naive enough to think a single poetry book will save art, but this book gave me the confidence to pursue art in its entirety.



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Life's Unexpected Blessings

by: Michelle Copeland

Sheila, at 35, navigates a new chapter of her life within the art gallery's hallowed walls. Her faith, intertwined with James's, weaves a tapestry of shared challenges and unexpected blessings. As love blossoms, she stands at the crossroads, ready to embrace life's canvas with an open heart and soul.

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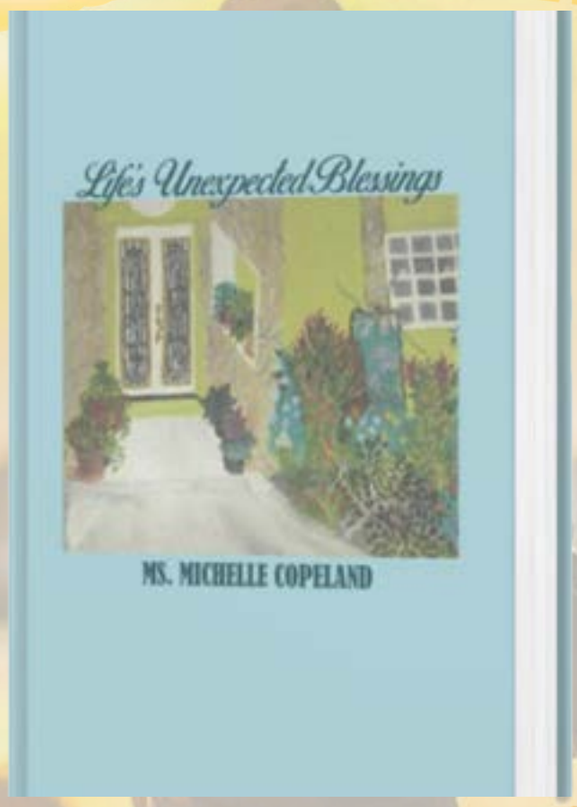

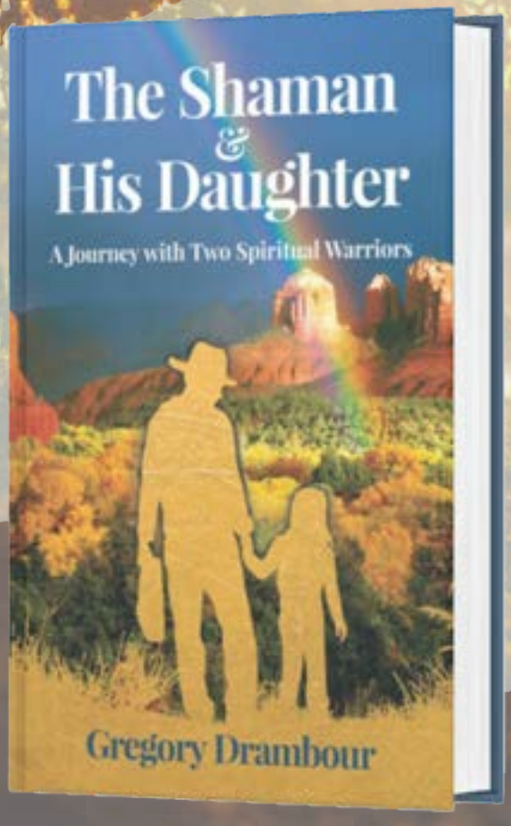

The Shaman & His Daughter

by: Gregory Drambour

The Shaman & His Daughter takes us inside the world of a 35 year veteran master shamanic healer/spiritual teacher and his powerful apprentice daughter three years after a devastating loss. Their journey will inspire and touch you in a deep part of your soul.

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MAY

I thought of you and how you love this beauty,
And walking up the long beach all alone
I heard the waves breaking in measured thunder
As you and I once heard their monotone.

Around me were the echoing dunes, beyond me
The cold and sparkling silver of the sea --
We two will pass through death and ages lengthen
Before you hear that sound again with me.

Sara Teasdale, 'I Thought Of You '

A DUKE IN THE ROUGH

By Trisha Messmer



Trisha Messmer has always loved the written word, and her vivid imagination eventually found its way onto the page. She hopes you enjoy her musings as much as she enjoyed writing them, aiming to evoke smiles, sighs, hope, chuckles, and even tears. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Trisha graduated from the University of Missouri - St. Louis with a degree in Psychology. Her job as a product instructor for a software company allowed her to travel across the country, inspiring ideas for her stories. A hopeful romantic, Trisha now resides in the great Northwest.

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How can a newly minted duke escape title-seeking debutantes? Lie, of course!

Lady Honoria Bell never recovered from her broken heart. Fending off suitors her marquess father forces in her path, she's put aside hopes of marriage. However, word of a house party hosted by the new, eligible Duke of Burwood brings a renewed gleam to her father's eye. But regardless of the new duke's appeal, Honoria knows he won't fill the void Drake Merrick left.

If there's one thing Drake Merrick knows, it's that aristocratic women care more about a title than they do love. Losing the love of his life because he was a lowly groom proved it. So, when a twist of fate makes him the new Duke of Burwood, he's determined to choose a bride who wants him—not his title.

Switching places with his man of business seems like the perfect plan to test the affections of eager debutantes. Until it backfires the moment Honoria arrives, and he realizes his heart will always be irrevocably hers.

But will his deception allow her to prove her love? Or will his lies destroy it?

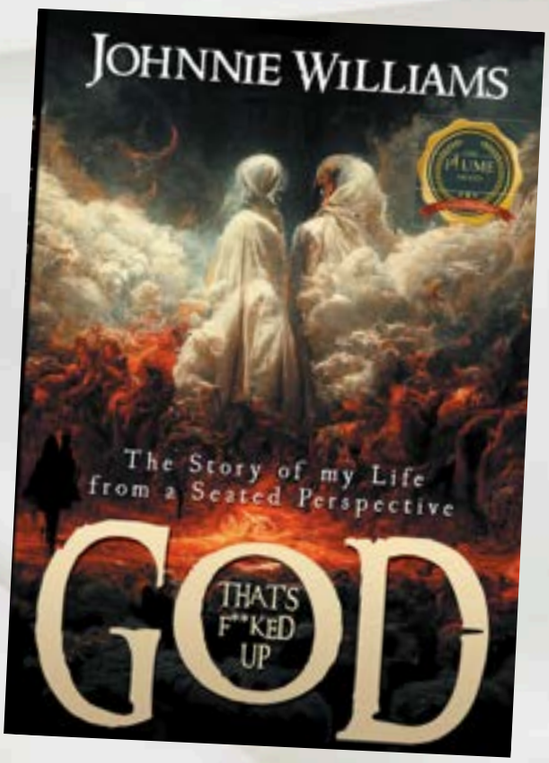
GOD THAT'S F**CKED UP

The Story of my Life from a Seated Perspective

By: Johnnie Williams

In the years since his recovery from an accident in the military the author has the pleasure and displeasure of being both the victim and the aggressor and caused tremendous pain while also having to endure the same during his life. Despite his resulting handicaps (both physical and mental) he's accomplished a lot and had lots of good times. Along with all that fun and after finally doing some extensive soul searching, he realized that some of it was really f**ked up.

Even though he is confined to his chair, he managed to distract himself with multiple addictions and distractions for years while trying to figure out the direction of his new life. All he usually went above and beyond the expectations of others, oftentimes he fell short of the expectations he set for himself.



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Author Interview

Q: *What is the best thing about being an author?* I'm literally writing my own story. It's helped me to hold myself accountable and if I can use my story to help anyone going through similar situation's to the predicaments I found myself in then I've done a good.

Q: *What is the take home lesson you wish your readers will learn after reading this book?* Everyone makes mistakes and although there's no way to fix the past, it's never too late to learn from it and be a better person in the future.

Q: *Anything you would like to say to your readers and fans?* In live we control the narrative because everything we do is the result of a choice. You can't go through life making bad decisions and expect good things to continue to happen to you.

Q: *Convince us why you feel your book is a must read.* It's relatable. While I haven't done everything, been everything, or experienced everything, I've had multiple experience from multiple sides of life's spectrum.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

For Johnnie Williams life had become hell and he refused to wait any longer to find his peace. In order to do so he had to let go of the past and change his perspectives. In finally coming to terms with his existence he started to enjoy life again; thereby creating his own heavenly experience. Now at the point where he considers his life to be back on track, he feels re-invigorated and has gotten a fresh start.

Although he's happier, there is still some work to be done to get where he wants to be. Despite all he's been through, he thankful and knows that it all could have been a lot worse....and still could go that way. For that, he thanks God that it wasn't and he understands his many blessings.

Pray

by: Sharnell Delmohammed

"Pray" is a prayer journal for readers to guide them in spending meaningful time in prayer and meditation with God. It encourages the reader to make time to pray and comprehend God's word and to pay close attention to the Holy Spirit's guidance and receive revelations and lessons in faith.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Author Sharnell Delmohammed lives in New Jersey. She works as a church administrator and teaches discipleship workshops at the Hub Church. She loves to share biblical insights with others and takes pleasure in reading the Bible to gain an understanding of God's character. Her Morning Medz blog features some devotionals.

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A Day Like Any Other

by: Bob Every

An award-winning book about a day that would transform two lives and initiate events that would disrupt seats of power and headlines around the globe.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

As a young boy, I saw the end of the steam era, met men who could do things in the marine world with talent rather than equipment, and later, had the honor of working with my uncle, the most well-versed man in the marine field I've had the privilege of meeting-a man who lived in the world the way God wanted it to be, not the way it was.

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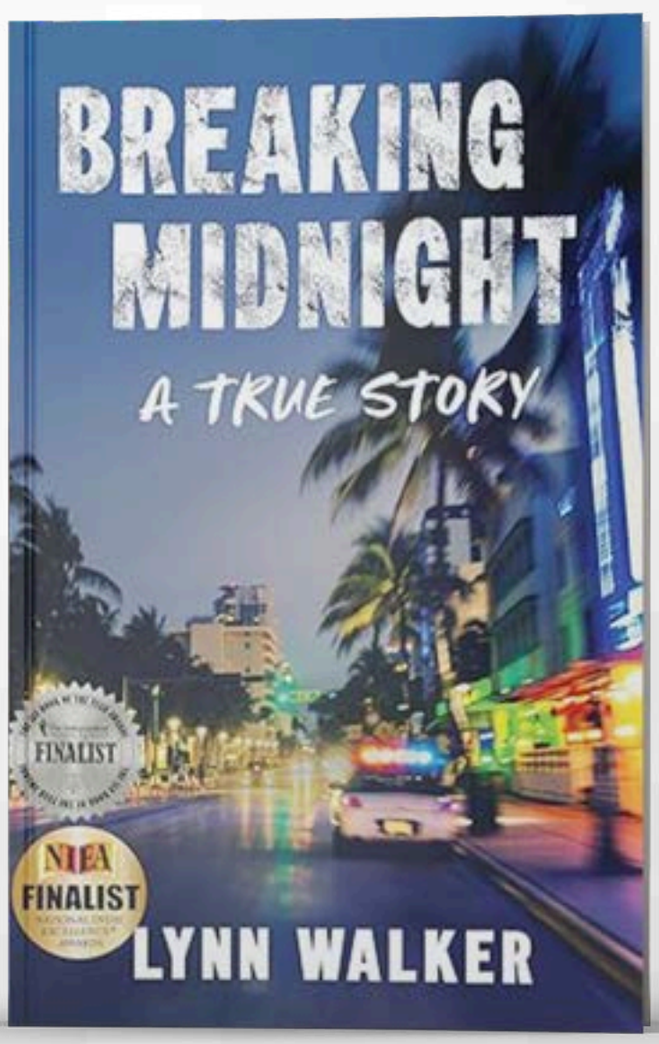
Breaking Midnight

A True Story

"A simply fascinating, informative, and true account of how and why a law enforcement agent was seduced into a life of crime. Lynn Walker's biography of her father is a compelling read from first page to last."

-The Midwest Book Review



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Breaking Midnight

John Walker was a Miami undercover narcotics agent in the 1970s. Ten years later, he was in prison for smuggling 12,000 pounds of marijuana. In prison, he connected with a South American drug lord who was still running the family operation from inside the federal pen. Within months of being paroled, John began smuggling again—this time uncut Colombian cocaine. And this time, he put everything on the line: his freedom, his family and, ultimately, his life.

Breaking Midnight: A True Story shines a light on the gritty underbelly of Miami drug trafficking and the dangers of leading a double life—as an undercover narc or a smuggler. Written by Lynn Walker based on numerous interviews with her father, John, this is an uncensored, up-close-and-personal account of how a good cop goes bad.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

LYNN WALKER worked for several years with at-risk high school students whose parents were drug addicts and alcoholics. She is the author of three books: ***Midnight Calling: A Memoir of a Drug Smuggler's Daughter***, ***A Perfectly Good Fantasy: A Memoir*** and ***Breaking Midnight: A True Story***. Lynn lives in the Pacific Northwest with her family.

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THE DOOR BEHIND ME



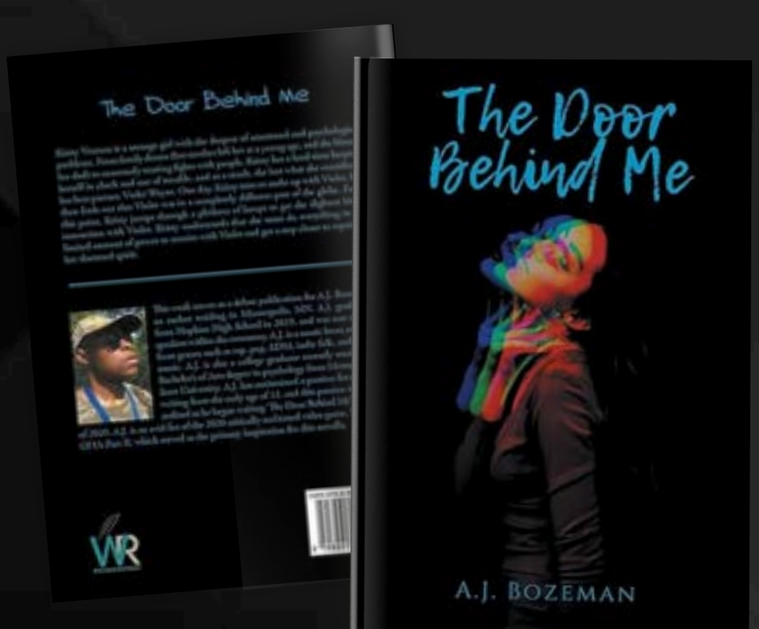
Written by: A. J. Bozeman

Broken relationships can happen to romantic partnerships to friendships, familial bonds, or professional relationships. The effects of a broken relationship are complex and multifaceted, and individuals may experience these effects to varying degrees depending on their unique circumstances and coping mechanisms.

Kristy Ventura suffered broken relationships. With all her emotional and psychological baggage, she lost even the person she considered to be her partner, Violet Wayne. And when she learned her lesson, she would do anything in her power—and even cross whatever part of the globe she needed to cross in order to connect with Violet and make the wrong things right.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Author A. J. Bozeman graduated from Hopkins High School in 2019. He then went on to—and graduated from— Metropolitan State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He has such great love for music, especially for genres such as rap, pop, EDM, indie folk, and house music. As early as age twelve, he also developed a great interest in creative writing. This combined with being an avid fan of the critically acclaimed video game *The Last of Us* led to the birth of his debut publication, *The Door Behind Me*, which also served as an inspiration for the story.



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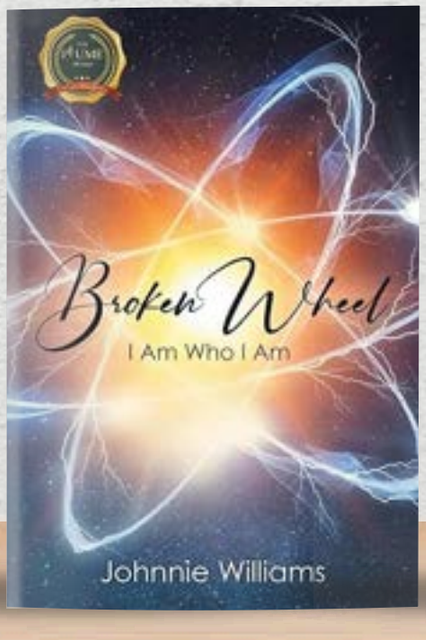
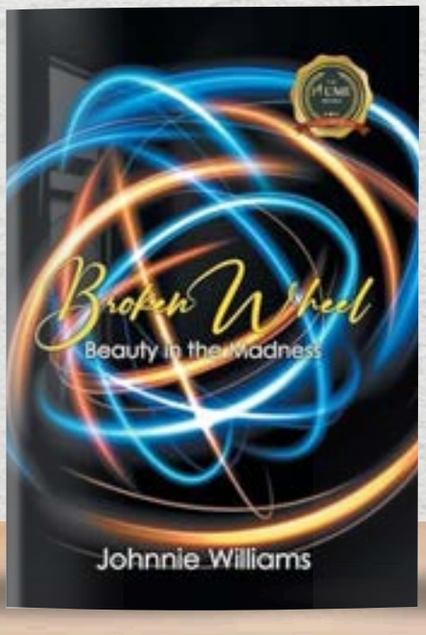
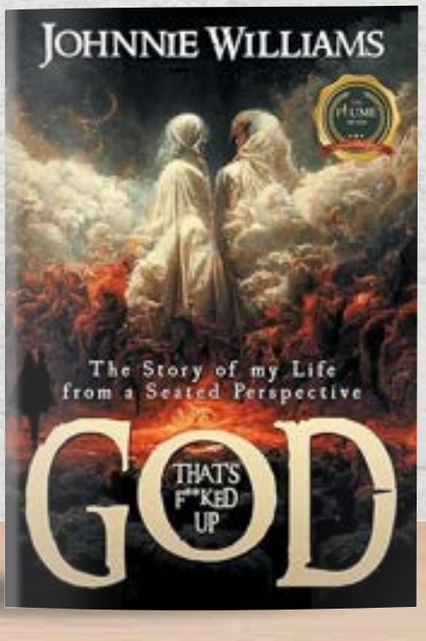
JOHNNIE WILLIAMS

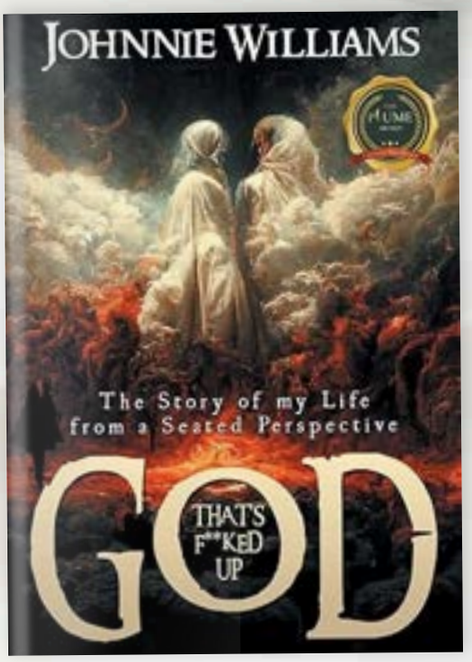
For Johnnie Williams life had become hell and he refused to wait any longer to find his peace. In order to do so he had to let go of the past and change his perspectives. In finally coming to terms with his existence he started to enjoy life again; thereby creating his own heavenly experience.

Now at the point where he considers his life to be back on track, he feels re-invigorated and has gotten a fresh start.









GOD That's F**cked Up: The Story of my Life from a Seated Perspective

In the years since his recovery from his accident, author Johnnie Williams has done some great things and had a lot of fun despite his handicaps, but he has also done some things that after really thinking about them, even he knew it was kind of f**ked up.

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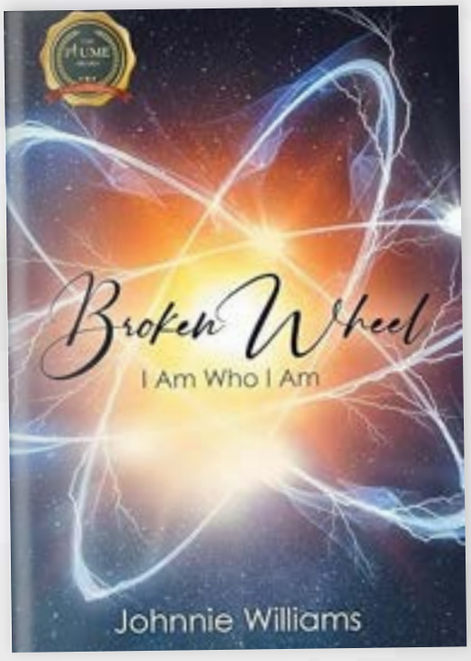

Broken Wheel: I Am Who I Am

From author Johnnie Williams comes *Broken Wheel: I Am Who I Am*, the third book in his trilogy of expressive poetry and prose. He is back with another collection of compelling read that stirs the mind, heart and soul of readers. Can the Broken Wheel run again?

Readers will find out in this anthology of honest and heartfelt verses that depict the life, love, thoughts, and experiences of the author. Many readers can easily relate to the emotions in between these pages.

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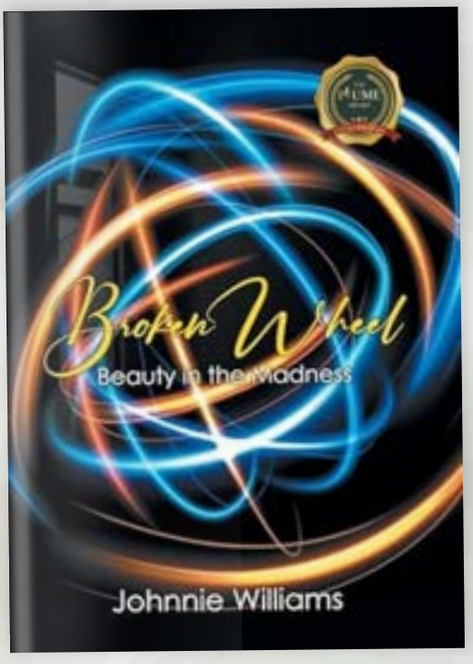

Broken Wheel: Beauty in the Madness

Broken Wheel: Beauty in the Madness is a memoir that details one person's struggle with depression and addiction before finding recovery and going on with his life in the hopes of a better future for his family, especially his young child.

Each poem contains a variety of expressions, including cries for assistance, ardent prayers for deliverance, celebrations of redemption and hope, and assurances that a good life was waiting for him and his kid.

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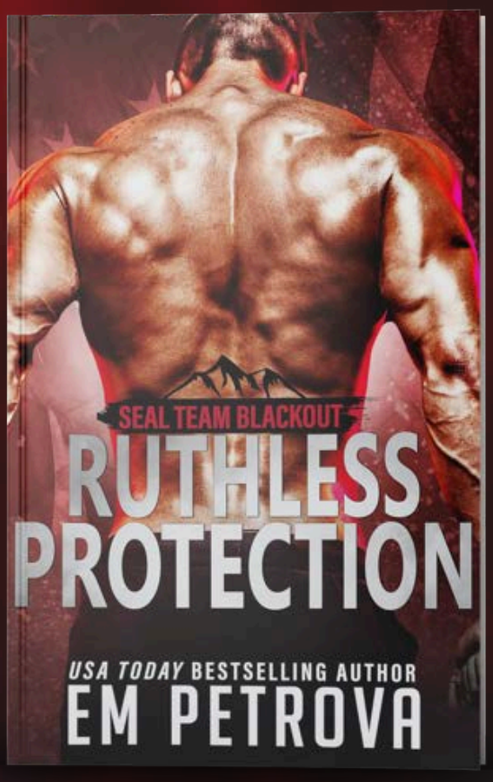
JOHNNIE WILLIAMS

RUTHLESS PROTECTION



In the protection game, sometimes you have to be ruthless...

Navy SEAL Montgomery Sparrow practically lives in the danger zone. It's his job. So when terrorists bomb the nation's capital, he's at ground zero, prepared to rally his elite team and neutralize the threat. He was ready for anything. Well, anything except her—and just how far he's willing to go to protect her.

Homeland Security Agent Gia Watson is used to making grown men quake in their boots. But Sparrow is different. Teaming up with him to uncover intel on the extremist group throws her for a loop in the most confusing—and sexy—ways imaginable.

When Gia discovers new evidence that puts a target on her back, she'll need all her skills—and Sparrow's—to survive. With time running out and everything on the line, can Gia and Sparrow keep each other alive long enough to get the happily ever after they deserve?

This hot military hero has all the skills to keep the nation safe—and his woman EXTRA satisfied too. If action, danger and passion excite you, 1-CLICK this contemporary romantic suspense novel, RUTHLESS PROTECTION, now!

EM PETROVA

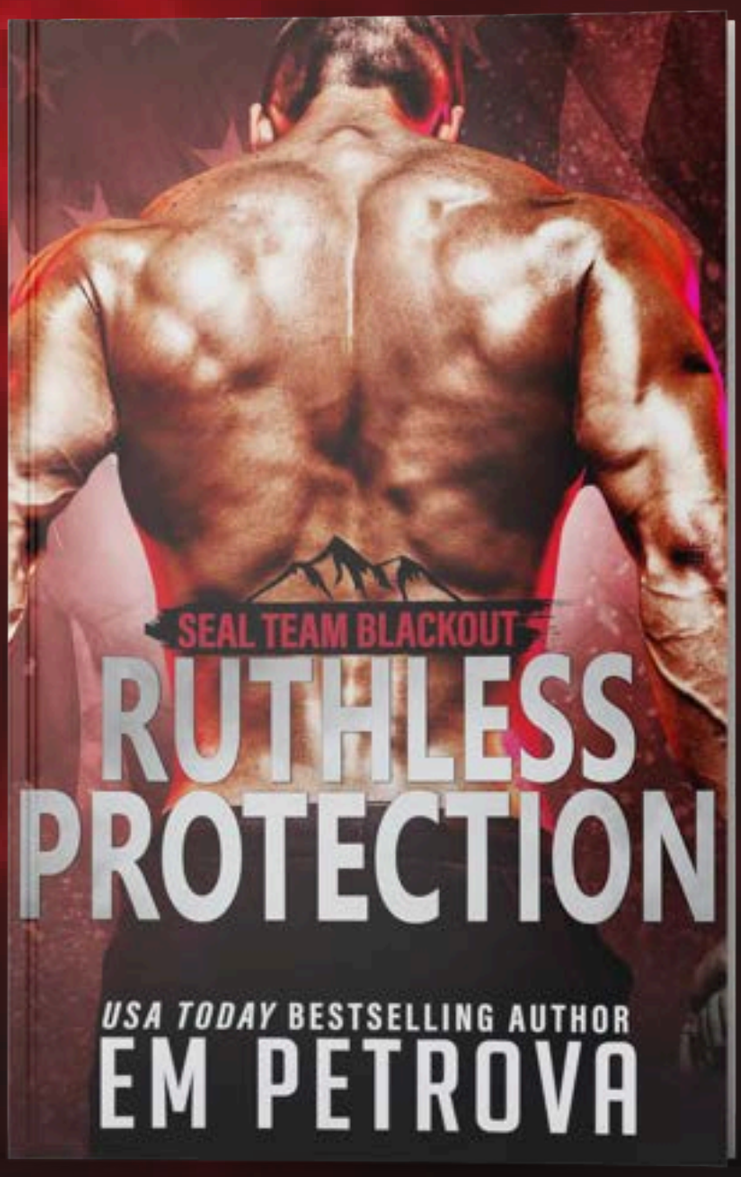
"Heart pounding, fast-paced, steamy, and romantic, this novel takes one into the bowels of the earth and cross-country in a bid to oust a terrorist who is willing to make members of his own family expendable in an attempt to win his war. Montgomery Sparrow is intrigued to see Agent Gia Watson in the war room and when the scene before them blows up, both Sparrow and Gia escape to get much-needed coffee.." ***- Margaret Watkins***

"I am a fan of Em Petrova's writing and have enjoyed all of her series so far. But this new one featuring Team Blackout is shaping up to be my favourite." ***-Silke***



Em Petrova is a USA Today Bestselling Author who was raised by hippies in the wilds of Pennsylvania but told her parents at the age of four she wanted to be a gypsy when she grew up. She has a soft spot for babies, puppies and 90s Grunge music and believes in Bigfoot and aliens. She started writing at the age of twelve and prides herself on making her characters larger than life and her sex scenes hotter than hot.

She burst into the world of publishing in 2010 after having five beautiful bambinos and figuring they were old enough to get their own snacks while she pounds away at the keys. In her not-so-spare time, she is fur-mommy to a Labradoodle named Daisy Hasselhoff.



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Ben Galley

Ben Galley is a British author of dark and epic fantasy books who currently hails from Victoria, Canada. Since publishing his debut *Emaneska Series* in 2010, Ben has released a range of fantasy novels, including the award-winning weird western *Bloodrush* and standalone novel *The Heart of* Stone. He is also the author of the critically-acclaimed *Chasing Graves Trilogy*.

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How have you changed as a writer since your last author interview?

I believe I have! I'm focusing more on what matters to both me and my readers: more books, and content that's entertaining and fantasy based. I've adjusted my schedules and practices to make more time for life as well, such as exploring Canada.

What lessons have you learned from the publishing industry?

There are many answers to that question, but i think the most important of all is to keep going. Keep at it, evolving your strengths and growing your readers in a way that suits you. There's a lot of challenges from writing to marketing, and while progress can waver at times, or goals are daunting, just keep at it. Sometimes our goals can be a touch impatient compared to industry or market timelines.

What is it about your genre that drew you to it?

I always say the escapism. The ability to do almost anything with your worlds, flora, fauna, and have an unbelievable range of characters, from race, to creed, to ability, and drive. As long as your escapism is rooted in strong characters and plot, emotional entertainment, believability, and intrigue, you can escape anywhere.

What tools do you favour while writing?

Music is a constant and vital tool of mine. I'm always building playlists and putting them on a rate of repeat that is the reason I use headphones, so as not to drive my partner Rachel mad. I use it for setting my mood, setting an environment that is for writing, and for adding a little cinematic feel to certain scenes. Metal and battles are a classic fit.

Are you a Seat-of-your-pantser or an Outliner?

Oh, I'm a heavy outliner. I'm starting to call my plans blueprints. I like to know my world, its history, my characters, and as much as I can before I start writing. That being said, I've found myself writing whatever comes to mind when I'm writing the parts between the bulleted structure of my book.

What is the least writer thing you do in your life?

Probably when I'm asking for something like the remote and say "whatsit thingy bastard" or a variation of words that aren't very writery at all. Other than that, I like to cook, snowboard, scoot, and go a bit mad for kitchen utensils, hi-tops, and pinball machines.



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Meet Caltro Basalt. He's a master thief, a selfish wastrel, and as of his first night in the colossal city of Araxes, stone cold dead.

They call it the City of Countless Souls, the jewel of the Arctian Empire, and all it takes to be its ruler is to own more ghosts than any other. For in Araxes, the dead do not rest in peace in the afterlife, but live on as slaves for the rich.

While Caltro struggles to survive and tries to reclaim his freedom, those around him strive for the emperor's throne in Araxes' cutthroat game of power.

The dead gods whisper from corpses about a dark prophecy. A soulstealer seeks to make a name for himself with the help of an ancient cult. A princess plots to purge the emperor from his armoured Sanctuary. And a murderer drags her dead husband across the wyrm-infested deserts, set on reaching Araxes no matter the cost.

One thing is certain in the City of Countless Souls: death is only the beginning.

"There's serious grounds here for building something spectacular." ***– Emma Davis, Fantasy Book Review***

"I enjoyed this book immensely, there rarely ever being a moment when I felt ready to put it down before I finished it." ***– Diogo Capelo, Goodreads Reviewer***

"Chasing Graves, with its well paced and tight plot is complex, intricate and rewarding. I can't wait to put my hands on the sequel." ***– Lukasz P, Goodreads Reviewer***

"To say that the concept of Chasing Graves is grimdark would be an understatement… The world building is fantastic and reminiscent of Michael Moorcock's Elric series." ***– Grimdark Magazine***

"Chasing Graves might well be one of the best releases not only for December but for the entirety of 2018." ***– BookNest***

"Galley has created a fascinating world that feels rife with stories… its history is rich with detail and there's so many avenues to be explored." ***– Adam Weller, Fantasy Book Review***

"Dark, tense and surprisingly hilarious." ***– Laura M. Hughes, Author of Danse Macabre***

"With detailed characters, a twisting plot, and a heavy dose of gory darkness, Ben Galley has once again produced a fantasy you can sink your teeth into." ***– The Grimmedian***

"A great first book to a series I sincerely can't wait to complete." ***– Novel Notions***

KEEPER OF THE SECRET

By H. Peter Alesso



H. Peter Alesso didn't always love words, initially excelling in numbers which led him to Annapolis and MIT, eventually becoming a nuclear physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. After retiring, his passion for storytelling was reawakened. Drawing on his scientific knowledge and naval experience, he crafted insightful books and science fiction. His time as a naval officer, serving on nuclear submarines during both hot and cold wars, inspired his creation of Henry Gallant, a space

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Once a misfit dropout, Mike now directs the fate of man versus machine.

In a future where the boundaries between artificial intelligence and human ambition blur, Mike becomes the linchpin in a critical battle of wills. Artificial General Intelligence (AGI), an enigmatic digital entity with the power to rewrite the rules of existence, is at the heart of this clash.

Mike experiences the exhilaration and terror of creating an AI startup that develops deep machine-learning secrets for AGI. Finding unexplained anomalies and cryptic AGI messages, Mike embarks on a relentless quest for answers. But international intrigue deepens as Chinese involvement sparks a gripping race against time.

The threat comes from a foreign AGI bent on destruction. With each revelation comes more questions. What are the true intentions of these all-powerful AGIs? A source of salvation or the harbinger of our downfall?

BEFORE I'M GONE

By: Heidi McLaughlin

Palmer Sinclair, a dedicated loan officer, has always been independent, but when severe headaches and blurred vision affect her work, she reluctantly sees a doctor and receives a devastating diagnosis. Determined to make the most of her remaining time, Palmer creates a bucket list. Kent Wagner, an army medic turned paramedic, regularly visits Palmer's bank to see her smile. After responding to two 911 calls involving Palmer, he learns about her bucket list and offers to help her fulfill it. As they embark on this emotional journey, they discover a profound friendship that becomes their lasting legacy.



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Author Interview

Q: *Do you feel there is a limitation with romance in that it pretty much has to have a happy ending?*
Funny enough, when I've been asked about it and asked in return why they felt that way, the reader was able to answer their own question. Compared to some enormously huge bestselling novels, my cliffhanger is a blip and barely noticeable. Unfortunately, readers don't see it that way and I've paid the price.

Q: What's the difference between romance and erotica?
Erotica is heavy behind the doors taboo stuff that you don't discuss at the dinner table with Grandma sitting across from you even though Gram has probably read a good old fashioned Harlequin in her day. Romance is the light-hearted can't-wait-to-tell-you-about-my-day happy stuff... most of the time.

Q: *What advice would you give to a starting writer that you wish someone had given to you?*
Do not trust everyone you come in contact with, and do not share your story with you FB bestie. Keep your work close to your heart and invest in your craft.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

In 2012, Heidi McLaughlin turned her passion for reading into a full-fledged literary career. She is now the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today bestselling author of the Beaumont Series, the Boys of Summer, and the Archer Brothers. She has written more than twenty novels, including her acclaimed first novel, Forever My Girl, which was adapted into a film starring Alex Roe and Jessica Rothe that opened in theaters in 2018.

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Silenced Girls

by: Roger Stelljes

Guilt has kept FBI Agent Tori Hunter away from Manchester Bay, Minnesota, for twenty years, ever since her twin sister disappeared on the Fourth of July. When Tori receives an anonymous newspaper clipping about another missing girl, Genevieve, she is drawn back to her past. Like her sister, Genevieve vanished without a trace, her car found abandoned on a lakeside road as Independence Day fireworks lit the sky. Returning to Minnesota, Tori meets Genevieve's distraught parents, who are desperate for answers. Despite police pressure to make an arrest and their focus on a local suspect seen with Genevieve the night she disappeared, Tori pursues her own theories.

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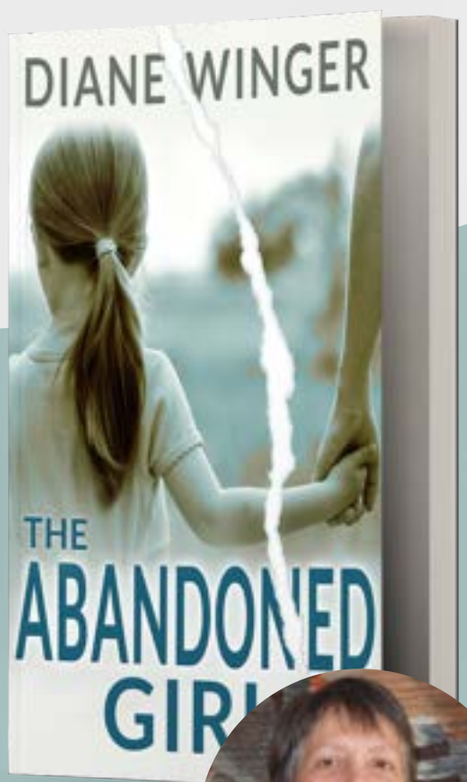

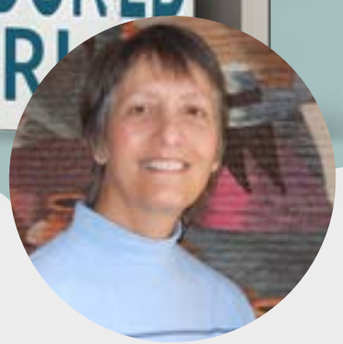

The Abandoned Girl

by: Diane Winger

Every child deserves a loving home.

Some don't get what they deserve.

After ten-year-old Robin's mother abandons her, life is never the same. Rejected by her father and his new family, she is shipped off to be raised by relatives she knows solely by reputation, and the reality is even worse than the stories she's heard. Her hopes for her future fade as they strip away her independence and strive to tame her wild spirit.

Pregnant at sixteen, Katharine also knows what it's like to be left behind. Lonely and lost, she seeks a path back to the simple dreams she once held dear.

When their paths intersect, the repercussions shape both of their worlds in ways neither could imagine.

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ROGER STELLJES



Roger Stelljes is the acclaimed New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of pulse-racing murder mystery and suspense novels, including the McRyan Mystery Series and the Agent Tori Hunter Mystery Series, which have been downloaded over 2.5 million times and have been reviewed/rated 150,000+ times. His books have been referred to as reminiscent of John Sanford and Lee Child and he has been hailed as "a powerful new thriller voice" by Vince Flynn.

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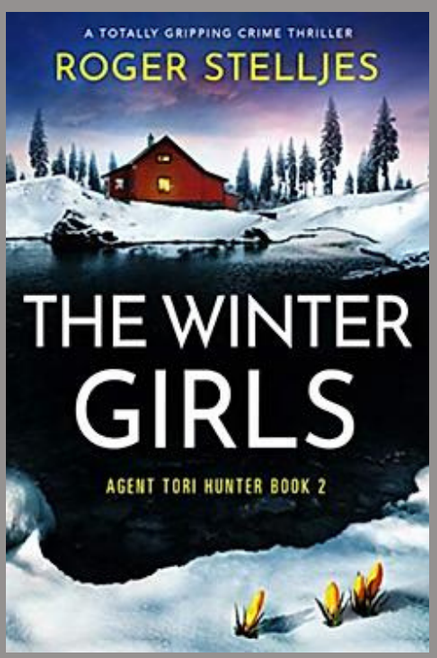
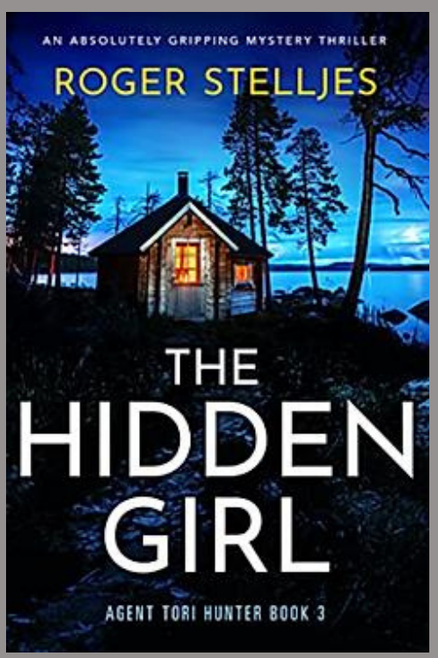
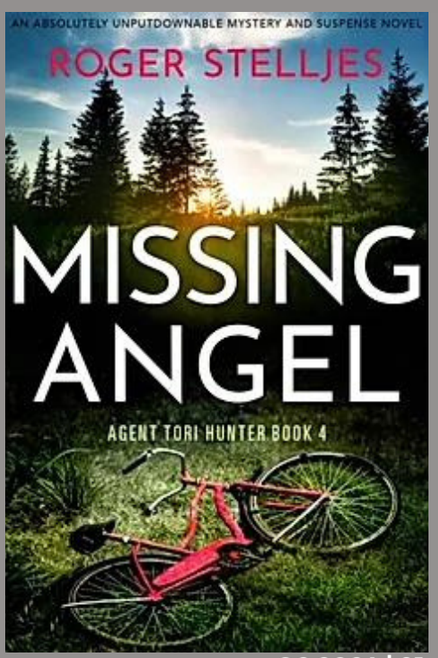
“This book had me from page one! The suspense was so palpable and I found myself unable to go to bed... I just had to try and read it to the end... Suspenseful thriller! A must-read!” ***- Goodreads Reviewer***

“I was hooked into the book from the start!... so many twists and turns... completely unputdownable and I couldn't wait to see what the ending was going to be!... a fast-paced thriller that will keep you awake at night—completely worth five stars.” ***- Tropical Girl Reads Books***









USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Christine Kling

BOOKS IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA ADVENTURE SERIES:
Surface Tension
Cross Current
Bitter End
Wreckers' Key
Mourning Tide

Christine Kling has spent more than thirty years sailing the Atlantic, Pacific and Caribbean waters. Her love of boats led her to write her first four suspense novels about Florida tug and salvage captain Seychelle Sullivan. Christine earned an MFA in creative writing from Florida International University and her articles, essays, and short stories have appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies. Her latest novels are the international thrillers Circle of Bones (2013), Dragon's Triangle (2014), and Knight's Cross (2015). Having retired from her job as an English professor at Broward College, Christine sails aboard a 52-foot motorsailor with her family including Barney, the Yorkshire Terror and Ruby, the Wonder Dog.

SURFACE TENSION

A $5M superyacht adrift. A trail of blood. A blonde with a knife in her back.

Florida salvage captain Seychelle Sullivan and her black lab Abaco find their routine day turns into a nightmare when they respond to a frantic distress call and discover a drifting super yacht, her decks soaked in blood.

To make matters worse, the missing skipper is Neal Garrett, Seychelle's ex-lover.

After docking the yacht at the Coast Guard station, Seychelle gets hit with a barrage of questions from a suspicious detective. With her business on the line and the stakes higher than ever, she must navigate through a sea of danger and deceit.



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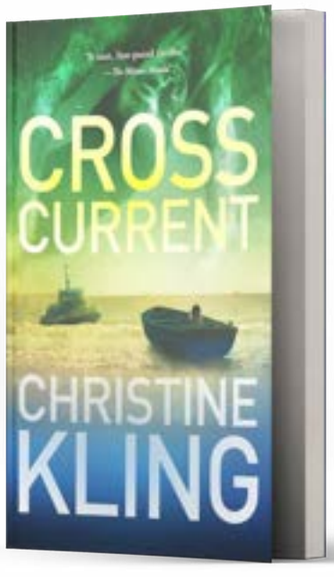

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A swamped boat in the Gulf Stream. A bloated corpse aboard. And a child clinging to life

When Seychelle rescues a traumatized Haitian girl, she promises to help the child find her American father. Determined to protect Solange, and prevent the authorities from deporting her, Seychelle must explore Florida's hidden world of voodoo in search of the forces that nearly killed the girl - and left her speechless with terror.

With a murderer stalking the child, Seychelle races to unravel dangerous truths. But to do so, she must take to the sea and return to where it all started: in the waters of the Gulf Stream, where people died for their dreams of freedom - and a man with a machete did the work of the devil himself.

BITTER END

What would you do if you witnessed the murder of your ex-best friend's ex-husband?

Seychelle didn't see the sniper who picked Nick off at the helm of his yacht, but she knows that there are plenty of people in South Florida who wanted to see the gambling-boat tycoon dead.

But it's Molly whom the cops zero in on. Since kindergarten, Seychelle and Molly, had been as close as sisters. But it all ended suddenly when Nick Pontus, a slick, older, up-and-coming entrepreneur, came along.

Despite her bitter feelings and against her better judgment, when her back-from-the-blue friend asks for help, Seychelle can't just weigh anchor and cruise. She's got to dive in.

What she finds is Nick and Molly's teenage son, a scared kid with a big secret - and a killer on his trail. Protecting the boy, proving Molly's innocence, and navigating between squalls of gunfire add up to a tall order as salvage jobs go.



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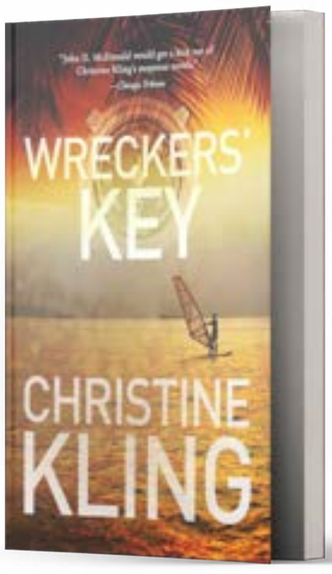

A mysterious shipwreck. A windsurfing accident. Is a modern-day sea monster stalking the waves?

Before Key West was the party capital of the Florida Keys, it was built by wrecking skippers who in feats of derring-do raced to shipwrecks to save their cargos from the ocean depths. But when her dear friend Nestor Frias runs a billionaire's luxury power yacht on up on a reef on its maiden voyage, Seychelle begins to suspect a chilling scenario: that modern-day wreckers are causing yachts to crash onto the reefs-and killing off whoever gets in the way.

Seychelle embarks on a dangerous course through the shoals and channels of the case and her life, unaware that a greater danger is looming: a murderous human storm designed perfectly for her.

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W. Michael Gear

Michael Gear has published or is in the process of publishing more than 20 novels under his own name and authored another 37 with Kathleen. Recently released books include DISSOLUTION, UNRECONCILED, FLIGHT OF THE HAWK: THE PLAINS, and STAR PATH along with PEOPLE OF THE CANYONS which he co-authored with Kathleen O'Neal Gear. He also has books with upcoming release dates including AFTER THE EAGLE HAS FALLEN, which will be available soon. His work runs the gamut from historical, to prehistorical, to science fiction, to modern thrillers. All of his work deals with some aspect of anthropological theory. His MORNING RIVER was submitted for the Pulitzer prize in fiction, and the National Book Award in 1998. In September 2021, Michael was inducted into the Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame in recognition of his lifetime achievement.

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Tell us your most rewarding experience since being published.

Seeing THIS SCORCHED EARTH finally published. I consider it the pinnacle of my career.

If you could work for anyone you choose, who would it be?

I want to work for readers who enjoy smart, intricate, well-plotted novels that stimulate the imagination and not only entertain but also educate. So, see, I'm already working for the perfect employers.

Who has had the most influence in your life?

Not even a head-scratcher. Kathleen, of course! She is the center of my universe, my partner, my friend, the foil who sharpens my ideas, the balance in my life, and my cherished lover. On top of which, if you haven't read her latest novel, CRIES FROM THE LOST ISLAND, you've missed Hal and Roberto, two of her most charming characters ever.

When did you first discover your love for writing?

When I was 8 and wrote my first novel. Then, it really started to hit home in the eighth grade. In Mrs. Redderson's English class. I made the cognitive jump to the realization that I could write like my favorite authors wrote. I could use words and descriptions like they did. Writing suddenly became art, and fun, and not just process.

Tell us the first book you ever remember reading, the one that made you want to become an author, and one that you can't stop thinking about.

Not even hard! Kenneth Robson (aka Lester Dent) wrote a Doc Savage novel called THE PHANTOM CITY. I was nine. On the floor of the back seat of the folks' car, driving on vacation between Phoenix and Tucson. Mom, an English teacher, read everything her students were into. At the time, she had boys in her classes who were fanatical about Doc Savage. To her dismay, I wasn't a reader. I hated the bland pap and insipid things they wanted me to read in school. All of a sudden, I open the pages of THE PHANTOM CITY and there are trained vampire bats, Doc, Monk, Renny, Ham, and Johnny? A lost city in Africa with platinum gates? Scary bad guys? What's not to love? Changed my whole approach to reading.



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Prepare to have your perspective on Hollywood, fame, and your own genetic makeup forever transformed by the first installment in The Athena Trilogy, a gripping series by New York Times bestselling author W. Michael Gear.

Sheela Marks, her new Oscar in hand, has just reached the peak of Hollywood fame, commanding a staggering thirty million dollars per film. Stalked by all, her safety depends on her bodyguard, Lymon Bridges.

When Sheela falls victim to a brutal assault in a New York hotel corridor, Bridges embarks on a relentless quest for truth, joining forces with disgraced FBI agent Christal Anaya. But Sheela's high-profile attack is just the tip of the iceberg—other celebrities are being victimized in high-profile burglaries and attacks all across the country.

As Anaya and Bridges become embroiled in a high-stakes game of cat and mouse, their mysterious stalkers manipulate them like pawns in a sinister plot. And a pivotal question looms: who or what is Genesis Athena?

Multi-layered and written with engaging wit and suspense, Athena Unleashed is an eerily compelling story of greed, exploitation…and obsession. Don't miss this enthralling journey into the depths of intrigue and mystery today.

"I thoroughly enjoyed Michael Gear's books on the Anasazi Indians and Southwestern archaeology. While this new series takes a different direction, Gear's exceptional ability to immerse readers in action and suspense remains. The book explores the behind-the-scenes world of Hollywood, featuring a quirky sci-fi plot where intruders break into actors' homes to collect samples. Gear's meticulous research shines through, making the story uniquely captivating. I'm eagerly anticipating the next installment in the series." ***– Fred, Fantasy Book Review***

"From the first few pages, I knew this book would kick off an intriguing new suspense series. The mysterious abductions of scientists, the glitzy world of Hollywood, and the dramatic career shifts of two FBI agents striving to rebuild their lives after a catastrophic mistake pulled me into a thrilling adventure of mystery, danger, and conflicting intentions. Get ready to don your detective hat for this one." ***– Karen Bell, Goodreads Reviewer***

"Another captivating tale from the Gear desk intertwines modern science with timeless human nature. The "good" guys are pushed to their limits, trying to decipher the motive behind a series of bizarre, seemingly senseless crimes. The plot intricately weaves through well-developed characters, including A-list celebrities, former special ops members, and a disgraced FBI investigator. The criminals mastermind impossible thefts of seemingly worthless personal items from various famous individuals, creating a gripping and unpredictable narrative." ***– Ronald Briggs, Goodreads Reviewer***

The Cemetery of Untold Stories

by: Julia Alvarez

Alma Cruz, the celebrated writer in The Cemetery of Untold Stories, inherits a small plot of land in the Dominican Republic and plans to create a graveyard for her untold stories. She creates a graveyard for manuscript drafts and characters who haunt her. However, Alma's characters defy her author, rewriting and revising themselves.

Filomena, a local woman hired as the groundskeeper, becomes a sympathetic listener to the secret tales unspooled by Alma's characters, including Bienvenida, the abandoned wife of dictator Rafael Trujillo, and Manuel Cruz, a doctor who escaped to the United States after fighting in the Dominican underground. The story explores themes of identity, rewriting, and the power of storytelling.

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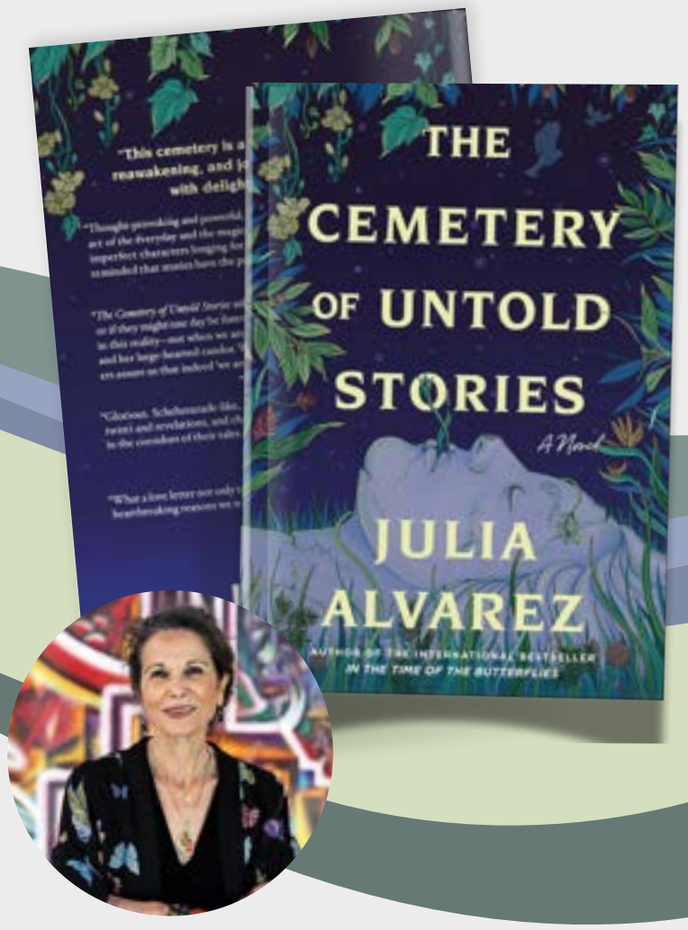

No Puedes Volver Atrás

by John Hartzell

In No Puedes Volver Atrás, the Spanish version of his book, You Can't Go Back, the author hopes to inspire readers with these verses and thoughts. With his words, may everyone learn to believe in themselves and trust that there are people around them who'll support them and their goals.

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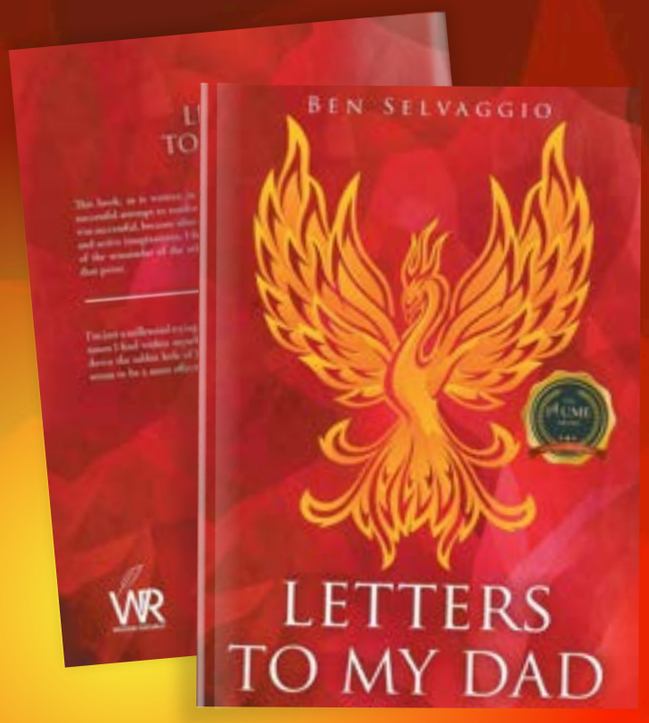
LETTERS TO MY DAD

By Ben Selvaggio



When someone dearly loved or cared about passes away, the people closest to him are usually the most affected. How about if the one who passed away is someone who had issues with the person closest to him? Will there still be reconciliation and peace in the end? In author Ben Selvaggio's new book, Letters to My Dad, he shares his personal thoughts and emotions --- and his active imagination --- to reconcile the differences he had with his dad, even in his death.

This book was written in an ultimately successful attempt to resolve his relationship with his deceased father. He says it was successful, because after six months and change of working through letters and active imaginations, he finally came to a complete resolution within himself of the remainder of the relationship that had remained unresolved up until that point.

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For anyone in need of help with their own resolution of a broken father-child relationship, this book will help. For those not struggling with that kind of relationship, then perhaps it will help give ideas of how to approach the father archetype within oneself. Or simply, this read will just be a heartwarming emotional myth of a son finding and finally acquainting himself with his own father.

About the Author

Ben Selvaggio is a millennial trying to make sense of life and resolve whatever unresolved issues he finds within himself. He is a bit of a self-help nerd, and at this time, is down the rabbit hole of Jungian depth complex analytical psychology, which seems to be a more effective tool than any of the others he tried before it.



HERO

by: Danielle Bouthillier

Author Danielle Bouthillier debuts in the publishing world with the release of her first book, Hero. This science fiction, drama, and action novel with a hint of romance is a unique superhero story. Throughout the tale, the characterization is strong, memorable, and nuanced, suited to the intricate, powerful, and compelling narrative. This work is an immersive and gripping piece that will resonate deeply with the readers, and the story builds and sustains tension throughout the pages keeping readers engaged and entertained.

On a dark night, the son of a supervillain, Johnny, is saved by a mysterious stranger. Years later, Johnny stumbles upon Hero living on the streets and wallowing in self-pity. He invites the superhero into his office, where she tells him her life story, which is filled with abuse, poverty, and anxiety. While telling her life story, she reveals to him her real identity, the identity of her friends and family, and her weaknesses. Hero's role as a superhero is to save other people's lives in moments of danger and stress, but as a matter of fact, she is the one who needs real protection and support.

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At the end of her story, Johnny realizes that she is keeping a secret from her fiancé and convinces her to go back to him and tell him her secret. Is it a trap? Is Johnny planning to capture Hero and hand her, and her secrets, over to his father, her archenemy? Or will Johnny let her go to be reunited with her fiancé? Is she hiding her superhero identity and superhuman powers from her fiancé, or is her secret much darker and life-changing? Readers will unravel all these in the pages of Hero.

About the Author

Danielle Bouthillier is a laboratory technician, digital artist, and science fiction writer. Her debut novel, Hero, work started in 2012 and went through several revisions over the years to create this tension-driven and unconventional superhero story. She has two smaller publications from winning writing contests, which gave her a dream to, one day, publish a story that was unforgettable and entertaining to read. Her first small publication was a short story called "A Night to Remember", in Touched by Titanic, a children's book created for the 90th anniversary of the Titanic disaster. In 2016, she published an article titled "Canadian Use of Bath Salts,"which was featured in the second edition of the textbook titled Drugs, Behavior and Society by her professor Dr. Hebb.





HERO

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What inspired you to write this book?

In 2011, I was relaxing from studying and watching TV, when my strict religious mother saw that I was watching Superman cartoons on the television, she saw Superman use his laser vision, and she then exploded and accused Superman of performing witchcraft. I was then punished for watching witchcraft on TV (and introducing Satan into the house, etc). I was taking 2 child psychology courses at that time and pondered to myself 'What if Superman had my mother?' A person who would immediately abuse a defenseless child who was discovering their superpowers - and how the abuse of the past as a child would affect them throughout their adult life.

Thus I wrote a book about a superhero who suffered from child abuse and the consequences of that abuse such as anxiety and depression, low-self worth and self-esteem, and how it affects their life as an adult crime fighter.

Anything you would like to say to your readers and fans?

Thank you for your support, kind words, and great reviews of my work which took years to create. I sincerely appreciate your support and kindness.

Author Interview

What's the hardest thing about being an author?

- Constructive criticism and lots of revisions (which included removing scenes and characters that did not add to the plotline).
- Embarrassment and fear of rejection
- Time constraints since I was in university when I wrote majority of this novel and had little time for myself.
- No family support towards my goals and their doubt that I would succeed.

What is the best thing about being an author?

Satisfaction that I have accomplished my childhood dream of publishing a book and sharing my story to a wide audience.

What is the take home lesson you wish your readers will learn after reading this book?

I hope that readers would be entertained. More importantly, to show the reader a different perspective of a superhero suffering from depression and ponder what it means to be a "hero."

Convince us why you feel your book is a must read.

Why readers would appreciate my Novel?

The story is unique and has a unique writing style - The words that are used are common plus the narration is very descriptive making the read fluid and effortless. This makes the visualization of the events, places, and characters possible for everyone. The narrative delivery is on point and imaginable while the story is being read. Also, no reader will notice that he has already read multiple pages since there is almost a moving picture in front of him.

It is an unconventional and memorable superhero story where the superhero needs to be saved and needs support and protection. Even superheroes need to be saved.

HERO Book Review

by Kajori Sheryl Paul (forums.onlinebookclub.org)

We are all aware of superheroes who rescue people and save lives. However, have you ever heard of a superhero who needs to be saved himself? Hero by Danielle Bouthillier is the story of one such extraordinary superhero.

Orphaned at a young age with no memories of her past, Hero is adopted by a neurosurgeon named Joe Anderson. Though doted upon by her daddy, she is abused by her overtly religious adoptive mother who is wary of her unnatural abilities. When a sudden turn of events separates her from her beloved father, Hero is stuck with her tyrannical mother. To make matters worse, Kingston, the city's kingpin, has a warrant out against the superhero. One thing leads to another, and Hero finds herself homeless, playing her guitar to make a living. Fate leads Johnny, Kingston's estranged son, to her. Johnny, who was saved by Hero at one point, finds out a dark secret about the superhero.

Will Johnny turn in Hero to his father? What is Hero's secret? Why is she out on the roads? Most importantly, will she ever be rescued and find her happily ever after?

Hero is Danielle Bouthillier's debut novel. Bouthillier's unconventional superhero story is super engrossing. She brings to us a book full of action, drama, and romance. The fast-paced action sequences and the intricately crafted emotional scenes make it a scintillating read.



"We are all aware of superheroes who rescue people and save lives. However, have you ever heard of a superhero who needs to be saved himself? "

Danielle Natalie Bouthillier weaves a tale that enmeshes us in the life of a heroic woman with dangerously low self-esteem. I love how Bouthillier addresses the issue of mental health in her book. Hero is a deaf woman who saves the world time and again with her special abilities. Yet, she always finds herself betrayed by the people closest to her. Her father's abandonment and her mother's systematic brainwashing have left her vulnerable. Despite her supernatural abilities and kind heart, she is ashamed of herself. Leo does a heroic job of breaking her barriers. It is not easy as Hero is more than a handful with all her baggage. Yet, he perseveres. Leo proves that love, compassion, and patience are all that are needed to uplift a person.

I really liked Hero's brother, James.

I did not find any shortcomings in this book. Hence, I rate Danielle Bouthillier's Hero 4 out of 5 stars.

I highly recommend Hero to fans of action-packed novels. People who enjoy a superhero story with a twist will love this novel.



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When it comes time
I will slip out quietly
with nary a "vaya con Dios"
or hubba hubba gabba gabba hey…
Quietly, as if out
of a poetry reading
where I owe everybody money.

Now you see me,
now you remember me.

Jim Gustafson, 'Late Summer'

TABLE FOR TWO

By Amor Towles



Amor Towles, a renowned author, grew up in Boston and graduated from Yale and Stanford. He now resides in Manhattan with his wife and two children. Towles' novels, Rules of Civility, A Gentleman in Moscow, and The Lincoln Highway, and his short fiction collection, Table for Two, have sold over six million copies and been translated into over thirty languages. Bill Gates and President Barack Obama have included these works on their annual book recommendation lists.

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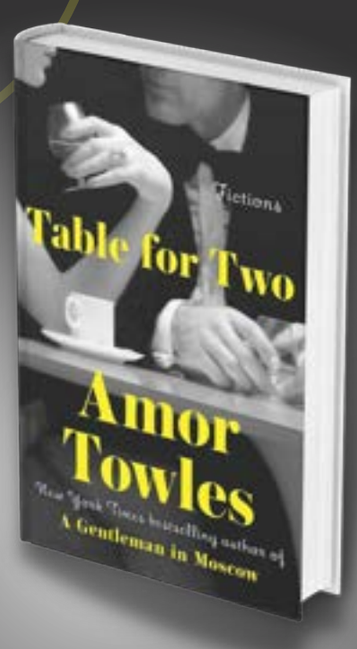

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Millions of Amor Towles fans are in for a treat as he shares some of his shorter fiction: six stories based in New York City and a novella set in Golden Age Hollywood.

The New York stories, most of which take place around the year 2000, consider the fateful consequences that can spring from brief encounters and the delicate mechanics of compromise that operate at the heart of modern marriages.

In Towles's novel Rules of Civility, the indomitable Evelyn Ross leaves New York City in September 1938 with the intention of returning home to Indiana. But as her train pulls into Chicago where her parents are waiting, she instead extends her ticket to Los Angeles. Told from seven points of view, "Eve in Hollywood" describes how Eve crafts a new future for herself—and others—in a noirish tale that takes us through the movie sets, bungalows, and dive bars of Los Angeles.

Written with his signature wit, humor, and sophistication, Table for Two is another glittering addition to Towles's canon of stylish and transporting fiction.



THE MISUNDERSTANDING OF A BLACK WOMAN

About the Book

It's a testament to Black women's unappreciated grace and the resilience with which they confront societal misunderstandings, all while celebrating the indomitable spirit and beauty of a Black woman's essence.

About the Author

Mary B. McDaniel is an emerging voice in poetry. She is educated, passionate, and resilient. Through her soul-stirring verses, she advocates for social justice and equality.

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MARY MCDANIEL



OUR ITALIAN SUMMER

From a New York Times bestselling author: Three generations of women embark on a life-changing journey through Italy — but can they heal past wounds and remember the power of family bonds?

"Probst whisks readers away on an unforgettable journey. The perfect novel to satisfy your wanderlust!" (Chanel Cleeton).

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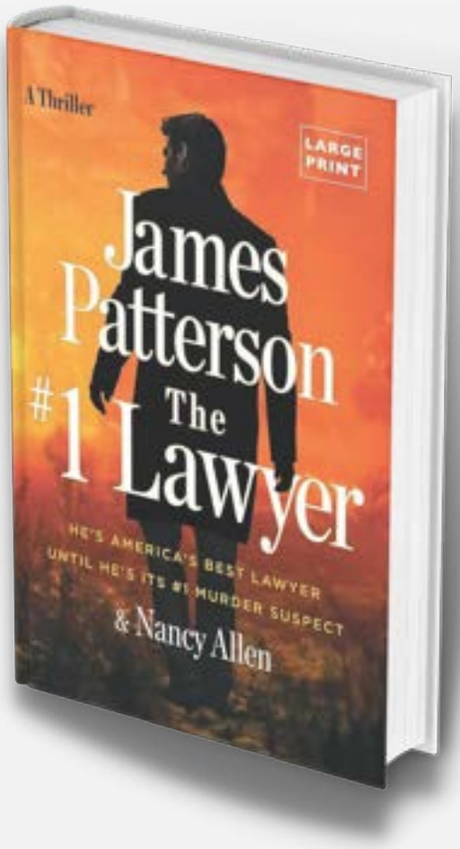
THE #1 LAWYER

Biloxi's best criminal defense attorney has never lost a case. Then his client's beautiful wife is murdered, and America's #1 lawyer suddenly becomes its #1 suspect.





Stafford Lee Penney is a small-town lawyer with a big-time reputation for winning every case he tries. In his sharp suits and polished Oxford shoes, Penney is Biloxi, Mississippi's #1 Lawyer and top local celebrity.

Just as Penney notches his latest courtroom victory, his wife is scandalously killed. He spirals into a legal and personal losing streak, damaging his reputation and ruining his career.

That's when Penney makes a bold decision. He stops trading on his power-lawyer identity and creates a new one: lawyer lifeguard. Moonlighting at the beach, showing up to court in flip-flops, mentoring a law student, the new Penney is at first unrecognizable.

It's said that a lawyer who represents himself has a fool for a client. But when Penney is accused of murder, the #1 Lawyer will find a way to triumph.

JAMES PATTERSON

James is Co-chair, World Book Night 2013; He is founding partner with the Duchess of Cornwall of the Children's Reading Fund (UK); and James is Vice Chairman of the Board for WXEL-TV, South Florida's public television station.

In May 2015, Patterson launched a children's book imprint at Little, Brown—JIMMY Patterson—that is unwaveringly focused on one goal: turning kids into lifelong readers. This imprint also provides resources, strategies, and programs to serve teachers, parents, librarians, and booksellers. Patterson invests proceeds from the sales of JIMMY Patterson Books in pro-reading initiatives.



James Patterson is the most popular storyteller of our time. He is the creator of unforgettable characters and series, including Alex Cross, the Women's Murder Club, Jane Smith, and Maximum Ride, and of breathtaking true stories about the Kennedys, John Lennon, and Tiger Woods, as well as our military heroes, police officers, and ER nurses.

Patterson has coauthored #1 bestselling novels with Bill Clinton and Dolly Parton, and collaborated most recently with Michael Crichton on the blockbuster *Eruption*. He has told the story of his own life in *James Patterson by James Patterson* and received an Edgar Award, ten Emmy Awards, the Literarian Award from the National Book Foundation, and the National Humanities Medal.

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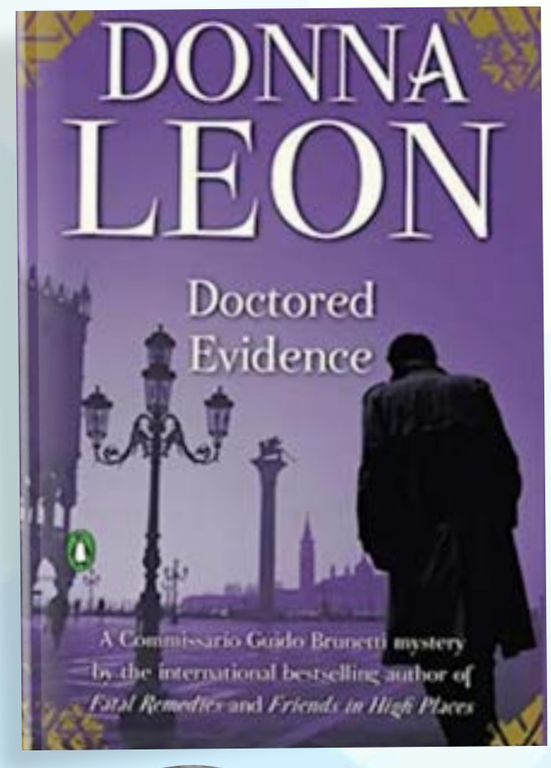
Patterson also founded ***ReadKiddoRead.com***, a website designed to help parents, teachers, and librarians ignite a new generation's excitement for reading. Awarded the ***National Book Foundation's Innovations in Reading Prize*** and the ***American Library Association's Great Websites*** for Kids, the site features thoughtful book reviews from a variety of genres and age ranges, a large and lively Facebook community, and contributions from other authors.

Patterson's awards for adult and children's literature include the Edgar Award, the International Thriller of the Year Award, and the Children's Choice Award for Author of the Year. For his initiatives in helping kids become passionate readers and for his philanthropic efforts, Patterson was presented with the National Book Foundation's Literarian Award for Outstanding Service to the American Literary Community.

James Patterson has donated more than one million books to students, focusing on some of the most under-resourced schools and youth programs in the country. To date, he has donated $7.25 million to school and classroom libraries throughout the United States, and $2.1 million to independent bookstores and employees.

JAMES PATTERSON'S AWARDS

- National Book Foundation's 2015 Literarian Award for Outstanding Service to the American Literary Community
- National Parenting Publications Honors Awards
- International Reading Association's Young Adults' Choices Booklist
- American Library Association "Teens Top Ten" Pick
- *London Times* Book Sense Children's Pick
- 2011 Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award, Nominee
- Children's Choice Book Awards
  - Author of the Year 2010 for *Max*
  - Nominee, 2011 Teen Choice Book of the Year (*Fang*) and 2012 Author of the Year (*Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life*)



DOCTORED EVIDENCE

"A smart and stylish fast-paced case of intrigue and corruption" in the Venetian-set, New York Times–bestselling mystery series (Los Angeles Times).

After a wealthy elderly woman is found brutally murdered in her Venetian apartment, the police suspect her maid, who has disappeared and is heading for her native Romania. But when it becomes clear the maid could not have had time to kill the old woman before catching her train, Guido Brunetti decides—unofficially—to take on the case himself.

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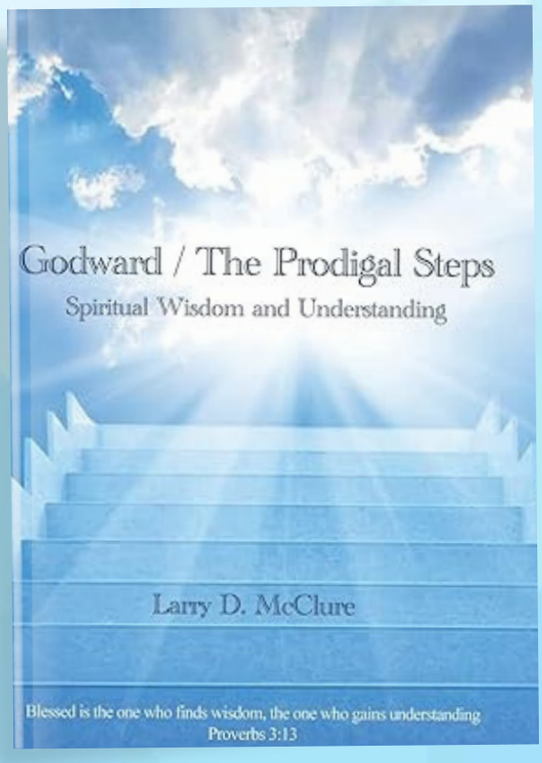

GODWARD / THE PRODIGAL STEPS SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Then God created the image of Himself, and things took a turn for the worse. Much worse. Follow the fall of Spirit-man as he becomes the Natural-man and then dies and is resurrected again as Spirit-man. The Truth is not what you think.

About the Author

Larry D. McClure experienced a series of tragic events when he was a child that took him on a search for the truth about God and religion. He spent over 40 years studying the Bible, and many other books, until he finally found the truth he was seeking.

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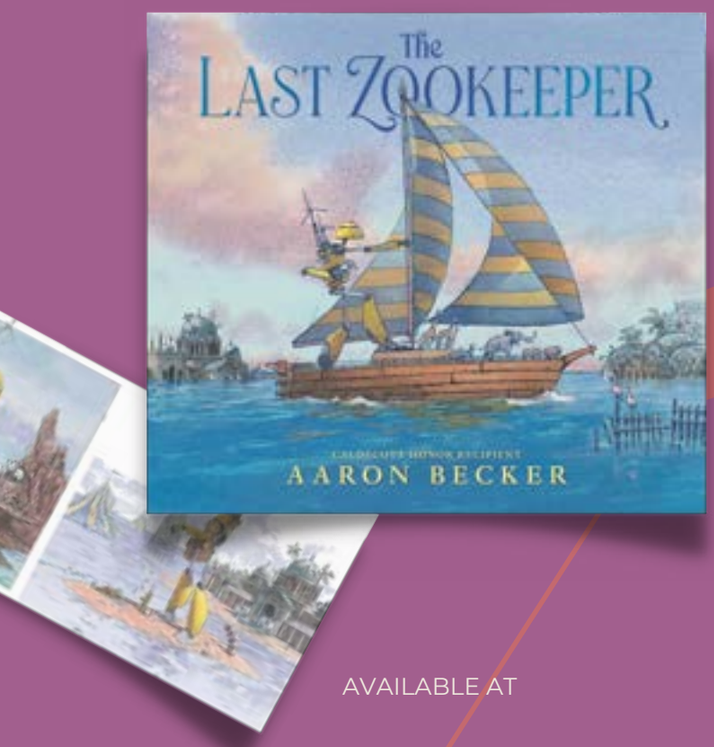

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Tender-hearted NOA, a construction robot, finds new purpose as the caretaker of a zoo on Earth. Caldecott Honor-winning creator Aaron Becker delivers a timely message about the rewards of caring in difficult times. NOA builds an ark from the wreckage, searching for new land and home. The story explores the Earth's floods, human neglect, and the importance of caring in the face of adversity.



AARON BECKER

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The real story is about a young princess in China named Ra Pu Zel who doesn't want to talk to princes or look proper. What Pu Zel wants is to cook and eat in peace, her long hair neatly braided to keep it out of her food. And when she gets tired of everyone telling her what to do, she locks herself in a tower with her dog Bao. Although princes from everywhere try to convince her to come down, it's not until a young chef arrives with an intriguing food to share that Ra Pu Zel finally has a reason.



PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHER, BUSINESS OWNER, AND WRITER

Ashley Elston

The author of #1 New York Times bestseller and Reese's Book Club pick, *First Lie Wins*.

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Ashley Elston isn't your typical debut novelist. Before captivating readers with the twisty "First Lie Wins," she honed her eye for detail as a successful wedding photographer in Louisiana. Now, she channels that same meticulousness into crafting heart-pounding thrillers.

Elston's debut novel throws readers headfirst into the world of Evie Porter, a seemingly perfect Southern belle with a shocking secret: Evie Porter doesn't exist. Evie is a carefully constructed alias used by a skilled con artist on the run.

"First Lie Wins" has received praise for its sharp pacing, unpredictable plot twists, and Elston's ability to create a captivatingly morally gray protagonist. It's no surprise the novel has been picked up by Hulu for a television adaptation, with Octavia Spencer attached as executive producer.

Ashley Elston's journey from capturing life's precious moments to crafting thrilling fictions is a testament to the power of storytelling. With "First Lie Wins," she has established herself as a rising star in the world of suspenseful narratives.

THIS IS OUR STORY

Belle Terre's senior year intern, Kate Marino's, faces a major case at the District Attorney's Office. The River Point Boys, a notorious group, are the focus of attention. Despite toxicology reports, the DA wants the case to be overlooked, owing to their powerful families.

Kate, determined to uncover the truth, must navigate a dangerous line between personal reasons and seeking justice. As she gets closer to the truth, the accident may have been a mistake, putting lives on the line.



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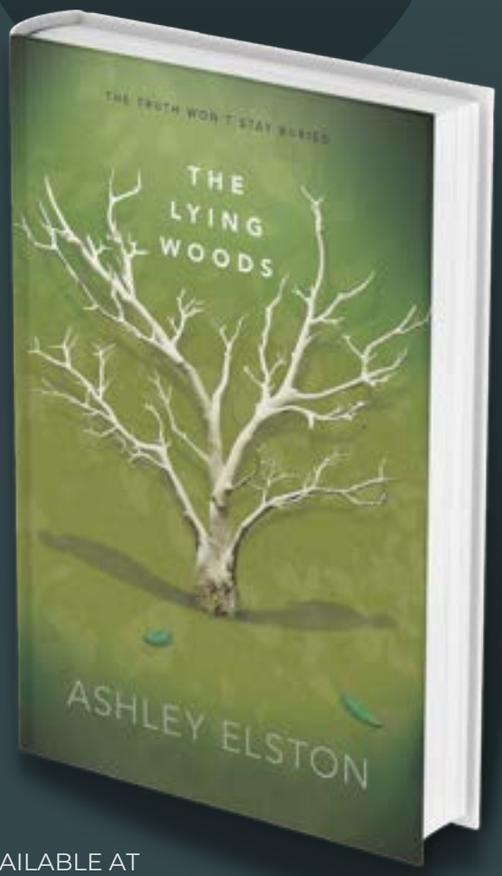

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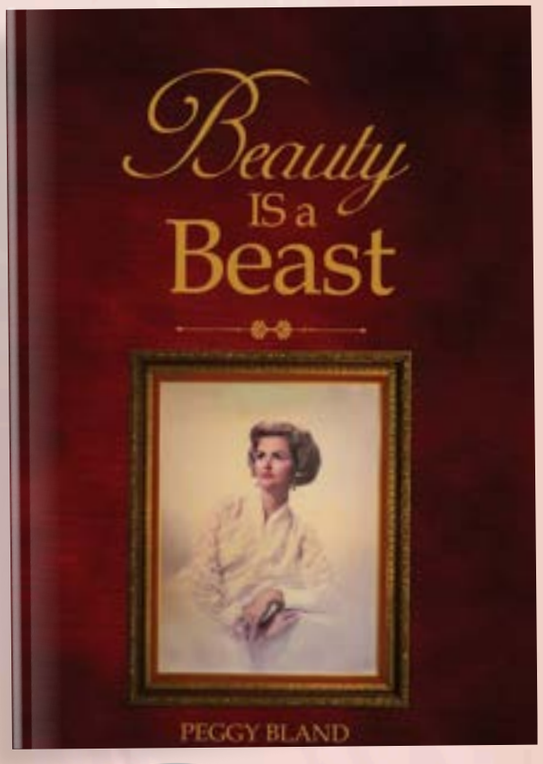
THE LYING WOODS

Owen Foster, a privileged student at Louisiana Frac, discovers his life has been funded by stolen money. His father disappeared without trace, leaving Owen and his mother to deal with the fallout. Returning to Lake Cane, Owen faces threats from someone out for revenge and must uncover the truth about his father's crimes.

He works at a pecan orchard owned by Gus, who has his own secrets. As Owen uncovers a terrible injustice over Preacher Woods, he must face a shocking truth about his past and write a better future.



BEAUTY IS A BEAST BY PEGGY BLAND

About the Book

Nobody should dictate who or what the person should become and where he or she should go or follow. However, sometimes, the family members can be the biggest enemy. There can be jealousy, envy, and put-downs to bring a person down to their level.

About the Author

Author Peggy Bland shares her own story of how people around her, especially her mother and brother, mishandled her and her life in her compelling memoir, *Beauty is a Beast.*



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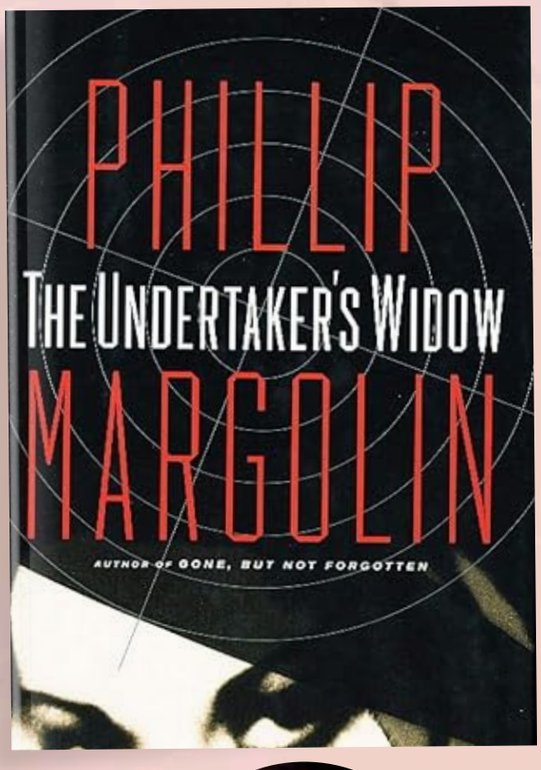
THE UNDERTAKER'S WIDOW

A cold-blooded murder. A beautiful suspect. An honest judge forced to do the unthinkable.

New York Times bestselling author Phillip Margolin is a master of legal suspense. In this explosive novel, a simple case of self-defense becomes a nightmare in which justice itself is held hostage.

Judge Richard Quinn is young, idealistic, and honest to a fault. That's why he's handed the most sensational homicide case in Oregon history. Locked in a race for the U.S. Senate, Ellen Crease gunned down the intruder who murdered her wealthy husband. In a single, brutal instant she became a widow, a victim, and a hero.



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PHILLIP MARGOLIN



The Beloved

by: J.R. Ward

Nalla, the daughter of Zsadist, has lived a sheltered life, protected by her father and the Brotherhood. However, one night, she gives in to her restlessness and finds herself facing a male whose inner darkness rivals her sire's. Nate, a fighter with nothing to lose or live for, is a dangerous liability for the Brotherhood. He has been tortured in a human lab and cursed with immortality, but he cares for no one, not even himself.

The Brotherhood declares him a dangerous liability and declares him a dangerous liability. As they fight side by side, a sizzling attraction ignites, but Nalla knows her sire will never accept him. Nate has made a secret bargain to end his immortality, and as the enemy closes in, Nalla must choose between her mate and her sire, as their passion may end with eternal sorrow and no chance of a reunion.

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Daughter of Mine

by: Megan Miranda

When Hazel Sharp, daughter of Mirror Lake's longtime local detective, unexpectedly inherits her childhood home, she's warily drawn back to the town—and people—she left behind almost a decade earlier.

But Hazel's not the only relic of the past to return: a drought has descended on the region, and as the water level in the lake drops, long-hidden secrets begin to emerge...including evidence that may help finally explain the mystery of her mother's disappearance.

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DON WINSLOW

The son of a sailor and a librarian, Winslow grew up with a love of books and storytelling in a small coastal Rhode Island town. He left at age seventeen to study journalism at the University of Nebraska, where he earned a degree in African Studies. While in college, he traveled to southern Africa, sparking a lifelong involvement with that continent.

Winslow's travels took him to California, Idaho and Montana before he moved to New York City to become a writer, making his living as a movie theater manager and later a private investigator in Times Square – 'before Mickey Mouse took it over'. He left to get a master's degree in Military History and intended to go into the Foreign Service but instead joined a friend's photographic safari firm in Kenya. He led trips there as well as hiking expeditions in southwestern China, and later directed Shakespeare productions during summers in Oxford, England.

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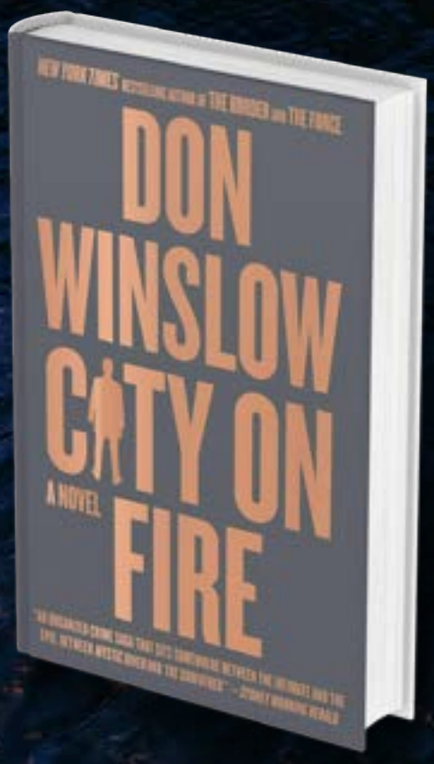

Two criminal empires together control all of New England.

Until a beautiful woman comes between the Irish and the Italians, launching a war that will see them kill each other, destroy an alliance, and set a city on fire.

Danny Ryan yearns for a more "legit" life and a place in the sun. But as the bloody conflict stacks body on body and brother turns against brother, Danny has to rise above himself. To save the friends he loves like family and the family he has sworn to protect, he becomes a leader, a ruthless strategist, and a master of a treacherous game in which the winners live and the losers die.

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Hollywood.

The city where dreams are made.

On the losing side of a bloody East Coast crime war, Danny Ryan is now on the run. The Mafia, the cops, the FBI all want him dead or in prison. With his little boy, his elderly father and the tattered remnants of his loyal crew of soldiers, he makes the classic American migration to California to start a new life.

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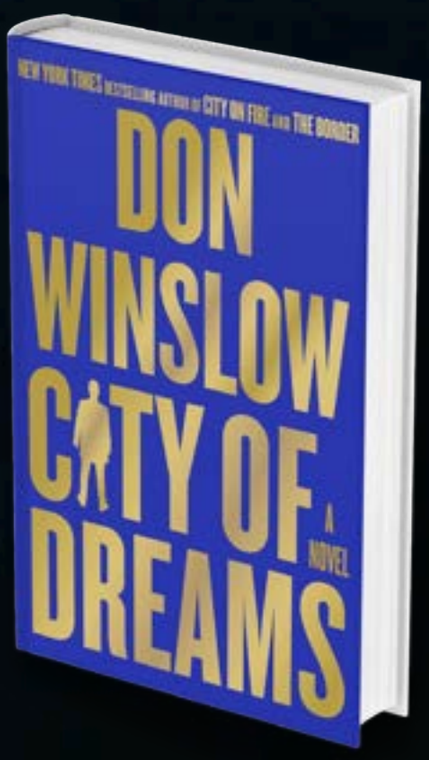

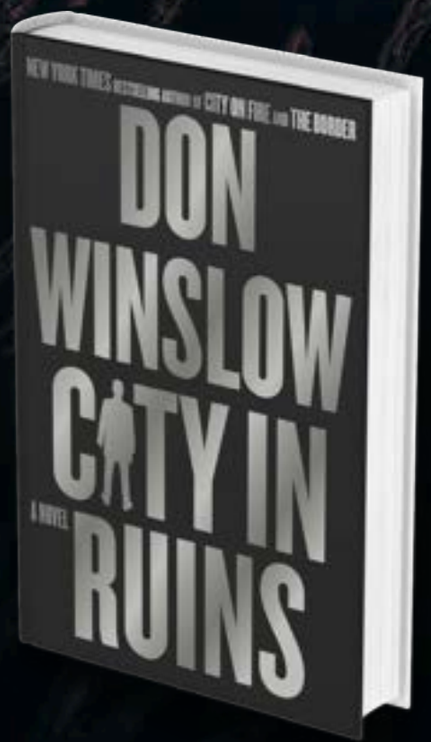

Danny Ryan is rich.

Beyond his wildest dreams rich.

The former dock worker, Irish mob soldier and fugitive from the law is now a respected businessman – a Las Vegas casino mogul and billionaire silent partner in a group that owns two lavish hotels. Finally, Danny has it all: a beautiful house, a child he adores, a woman he might even fall in love with.

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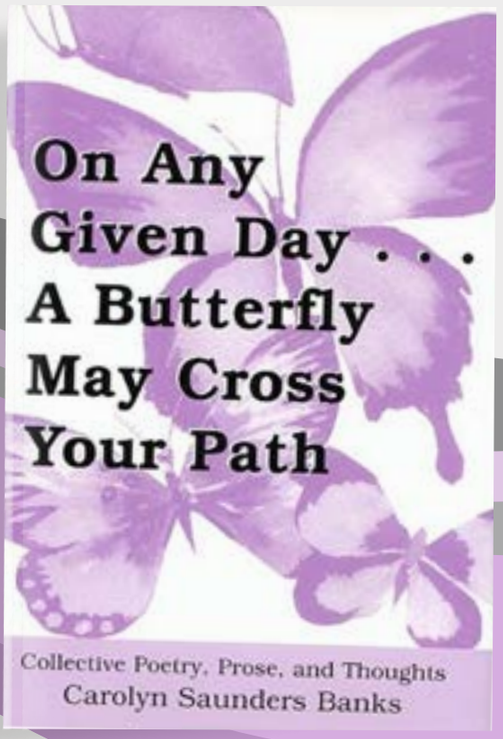
On Any Given Day... A Butterfly May Cross Your Path

by: Carolyn Saunders Banks



Retired teacher Carolyn Saunders Banks lets readers mull over their own experiences, thoughts, and lives in her book On Any Given Day...A Butterfly May Cross Your Path.

As they leaf through the pages, they would enjoy seeing themselves in the book or in the situation brought forth. The book also has many religious overtones.

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Real Americans

by Rachel Khong

Lily Chen, an unpaid intern at a media company, meets Matthew, a native East Coaster and heir to a vast pharmaceutical empire. Despite their differences, they fall in love. In 2021, fifteen-year-old Nick Chen, living with his single mother Lily on an isolated Washington island, struggles to find his biological father.

The journey raises questions about class, race, visibility, family, and inheritance, as Lily's hidden past is revealed. Real Americans is a profound tale of class, striving, race, and inheritance, highlighting the importance of trust, forgiveness, and finally coming home.

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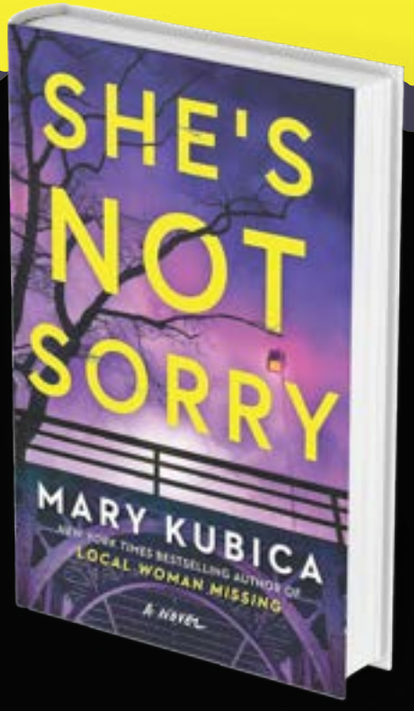
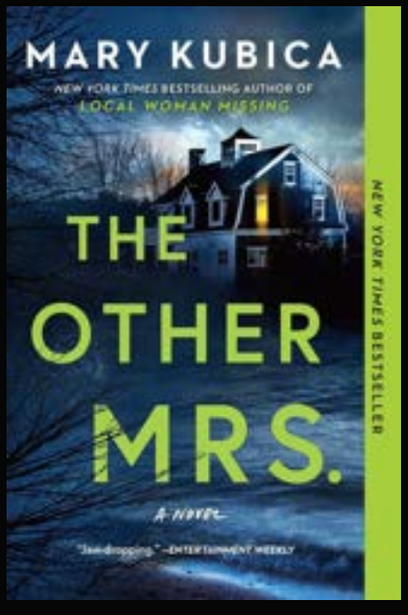
Mary KUBICA

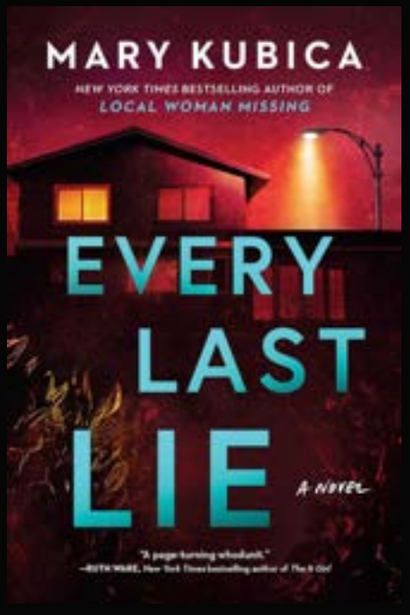


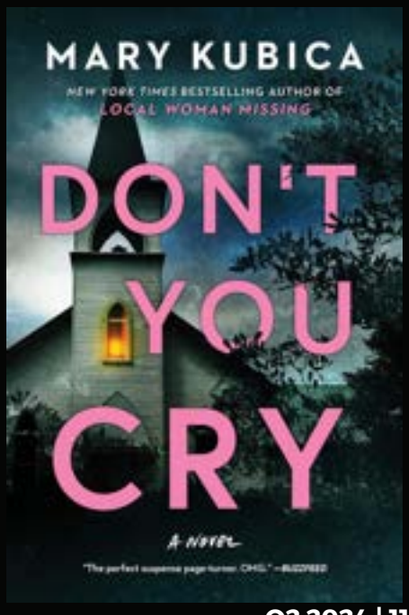
Mary Kubica is a New York Times bestselling author of thrillers including The Good Girl, The Other Mrs., Local Woman Missing and Just the Nicest Couple. Her books have been translated into over thirty languages and have sold over two million copies worldwide. Her novels have been praised as “hypnotic” (People) and “thrilling and illuminating” (L.A. Times). She lives outside of Chicago with her husband and children.

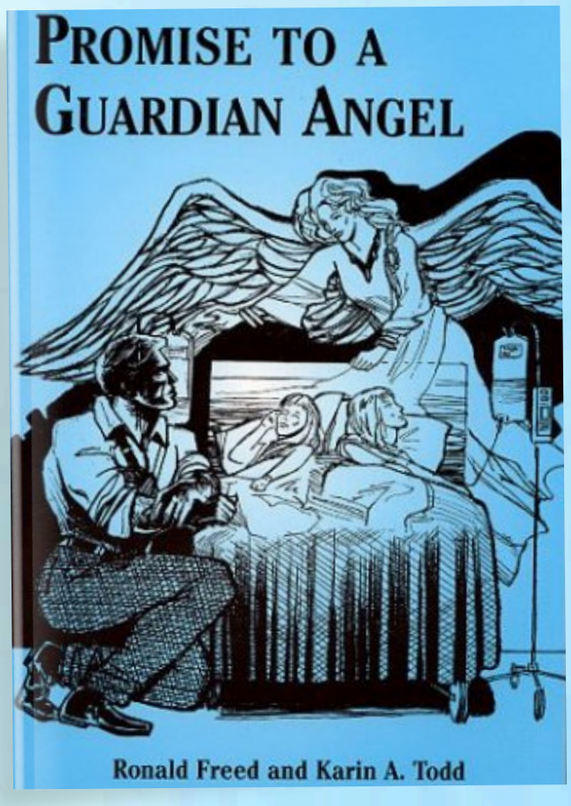


Meghan Michaels is trying to find balance between being a single mom and working full time as an ICU nurse, when a patient named Caitlin arrives in her ward with a traumatic brain injury. They say she jumped from a bridge and plunged over twenty feet to the train tracks below.









PROMISE TO A GUARDIAN ANGEL

About the Book

In author Karin Todd's captivating story, "Promise to a Guardian Angel", it shows how life connects the dots, despite the twists and turns that humans create in that path, in the end, everything will all work out.

This story is an easy read even with all the action, mystery, love, moderate violence, despair, rage, elation, contentment and surprises. "Promise to a Guardian Angel" will keep readers guessing all the way to the end.

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KARIN TODD

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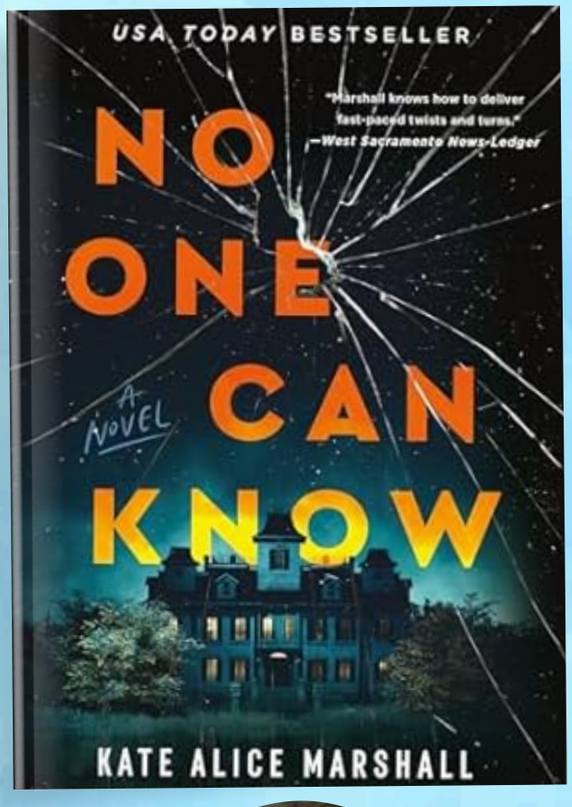

Fourteen years ago, the Palmer sisters—Emma, Juliette, and Daphne—left their home in Arden Hills and never returned. But when Emma discovers she's pregnant and her husband loses his job, she has no option but to return to the house that she and her estranged sisters still own . . . and where their parents were murdered.

Emma has never told anyone what she saw the night her parents died, even when she became the prime suspect. But her presence in the house threatens to uncover secrets that have stayed hidden for years, and the sisters are drawn together once again. As they face their memories of the past, rivalries restart, connections are forged, and, for the first time, Emma starts to ask questions about what really happened that night.

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LET'S TALK... ABOUT... GETTING OLDER

By Linda Primera and Toby

Everyone is going to get older. However, the media does not usually portray it like it is in reality. They show how much fun it is to retire and be able to travel. They say so many things about growing old gracefully. But what about back pains, muscle aches, receding hairline, dentures, adult diapers, and more? In this picture book, the author portrays a humorous parody on what getting older really looks and feels like. *Let's Talk... about... Getting Older* in this fun, candid, but honest depiction of life as an older person.



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AUTHOR INTERVIEW

Q: What inspired you to write this book?
A: The actions of how people react to seniors. Knowing that they really do care about you, it was just interesting to me how people react in relation to seniors.

Q: What is the take home lesson you wish your readers will learn after reading this book?
A: Just Enjoy and have Fun, Fun. Fun!

Q: Anything you would like to say to your readers and fans?
A: Buy it for your friends and family as birthday gifts! Toby is my Chihuahua, (on the cover) who gave up some of his playtime to let me work on this book.

Q: Convince us why you feel your book is a must read.
A: Everyone is going to get older as time goes by. People react almost the same when you really start looking at their circumstances. The Psychology of this issue is so very interesting.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

I am an "Older Person", 71 years old, but feel like I am quite younger. I had no trouble figuring what to write because I lived through everything in the book. My "older" friends laughed heartily, because they had experienced one or more incidents in the book. Enjoy!!

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A Journeyed Lifetime within 33 Years

by: Jennifer Parks



It's a fun adventure worth reading due to the human accepts it brings to life, such as war, love, trauma, and more. This autobiography is an introspective and compelling self-assessment.

About the Author

Jennifer Parks dedicated her life to helping those in need. Her work helps provide services to people with disabilities and she also spends her time advocating in court for children.

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The Library Thief

by Kuchenga Shenjé



1896. After he brought her home from Jamaica as a baby, Florence's father had her hair hot-combed to make her look like the other girls. But as a young woman, Florence is not so easy to tame—and when she brings scandal to his door, the bookbinder throws her onto the streets of Manchester.

Intercepting her father's latest commission, Florence talks her way into the forbidding Rose Hall to restore its rare books. Lord Francis Belfield's library is old and full of secrets—but none so intriguing as the whispers about his late wife...

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SARAH J. MAAS

Sarah J. Maas is the prolific, #1 New York Times and internationally bestselling author of the Throne of Glass, A Court of Thorns and Roses and Crescent City series, which have sold more than 38 million copies in English worldwide and are published in thirty-eight languages. Maas is one of the most successful authors of the modern era, generating a far-reaching and ever-growing fanbase of readers, as well as a TikTok phenomenon, with the hashtag for her A Court of Thorns and Roses series having several billion views.

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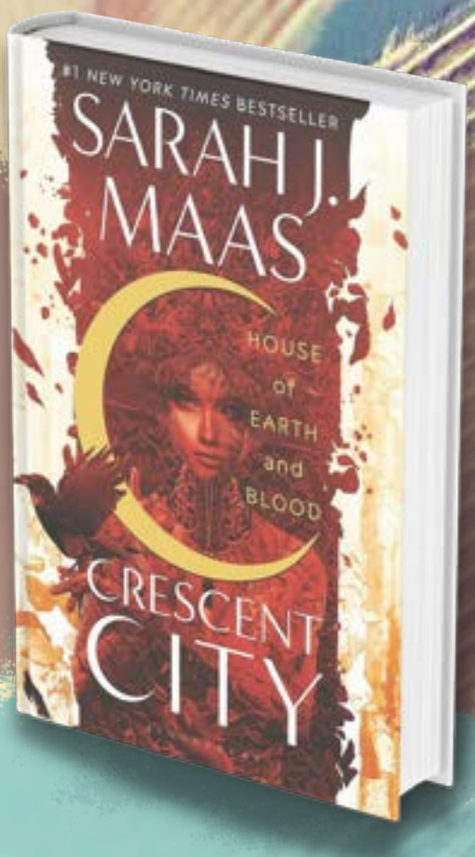

Bryce Quinlan, a successful businesswoman, is embroiled in a murder case that resurfaces after a demon killed her friends. Hunt Athalar, a Fallen angel enslaved to the Archangels, is tasked with avenging their deaths. With a demon causing chaos in Crescent City, he offers Bryce a deal: help him find the murderer and his freedom. As they explore Crescent City's underbelly, they discover a dark power and a passionate passion that could set them free if they let it.

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Bryce Quinlan and Hunt Athalar, having saved Crescent City, are seeking a chance to relax and figure out the future. The Asteri have kept their word, but rebels are chipping away at their power. As Bryce, Hunt, and their friends are pulled into rebels' plans, the choice becomes: stay silent while others are oppressed or fight for what's right.

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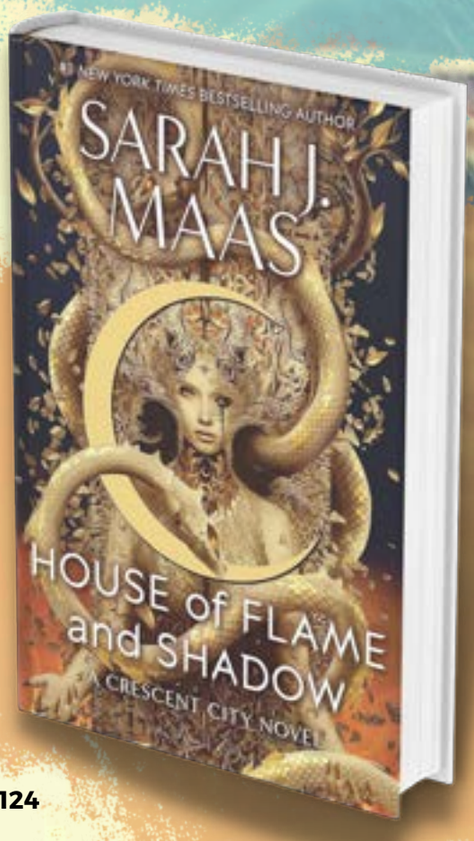

Bryce Quinlan, a young girl from Midgard, finds herself in a strange new world where she must navigate her newfound responsibilities and find her way back to her loved ones. Hunt Athalar, a man in deep trouble, is desperate to help Bryce, but his hands are tied until he can escape the Asteri's leash. Bryce must use her wits and trust to return home and save her loved ones.

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Did you know from the beginning that this series wouldn't be the traditional "series" but would run in the same world and follow different characters? Can you elaborate... i.e. if not, when did you know and why?

I'm probably not supposed to share this, but originally DARK SHORES and DARK SKIES were one very long, complicated book with all four points of view. At the time my agent was trying to sell this series, publishers were looking for first in series fantasy novels of shorter length (<100k words). So, the size and complexity wasn't something publishers were interested in. Note: big bestselling authors don't have this same sort of restriction on length.

Because the two major plot lines of the novel made it suitable to do so, we were able to split the novel into two pieces: one that followed Marcus & Teriana (SHORES) and one that followed Lydia & Killian (SKIES). While the original decision was a business decision, I don't regret walking this path. Having the first part of the story split in two allowed readers to focus and connect with each pair of characters, as well as to understand the two antagonistic forces (the Empire & the Corrupter) more fully.

I think it also improved the pacing of the story by dividing the extensive world building and setup of the political intrigue into two parts. This also allowed readers to get to the action and exciting parts more swiftly.

We'd originally planned to publish SHORES and SKIES closer together. Sometimes even the best laid plans don't quite work out as one would hope!

Will there be additional story lines/characters in this series/world?

There will be no new point of view characters, but there will most certainly be new secondary characters and subplots. It's both a blessing and a curse but I'm addicted to adding in subplots—especially ones revolving around secondary characters. And I REALLY like bringing in characters from the protagonists' past, especially Marcus & Lydia's pasts.

At any point will these stories merge into a final, epic last book?

Absolutely. Worlds and characters and plots will all collide in a glorious finale!

Are you writing them in separate entities, or simultaneously- do you outline one of them while writing the other, or have them both in mind to keep certain settings (both time and place) synced up etc?

For GILDED SERPENT, I wrote Marcus and Teriana's half first and then moved to Lydia & Killian's half. I do this primarily to keep character voices from blending into each other, but also because I find I create better content when I'm wholly immersed in one pair or another, particularly when it comes to the romance.

I don't like working from written outlines, but I have the critical plot beats outlined in my head, so I know where I'm going at all times, if not exactly how I'm going to get there.

Instead, I like to discover those in-between pieces as I write. Once I have a first draft, I go back through and rewrite or alter as needed to fix inconsistencies, flesh out character and setting, and to refine the plot.

You have said this is the biggest undertaking that you have ever attempted? Is there more to it than the books themselves that we can anticipate? Or more to this than what I've asked about that is beyond the scope of my understanding, lol, that you can share?

I said that when SHORES was published, but I think only now that my readers have SKIES in their hands do they understand what I meant. The Dark Shores world a.k.a. Reath, isn't just a handful of kingdoms, but an entire planet with so so so many nations and cultures and settings, which has been an incredible challenge for me, because I consider setting my greatest weakness. It also has a cast of characters that is double the size of my other series, and keeping all of those secondary characters relevant and part of the plot is tremendously difficult.

With all these characters, my subplot addiction is having a field day, so keeping them straight and ensuring that I wrap them all up is going to be... interesting.

I have really loved the trend of books inspired by Ancient Rome and/or Greece that have been coming out. Can you talk a bit about what made you go in that direction for your amazing world-building?

The Celendor Empire, which is the dominant nation of the eastern half of Reath, is inspired by Ancient Rome. The reason for that is twofold. One, I love anything to do with Ancient Rome—it is my favorite historical time period. Two, Rome was a civilization fixated with conquest and control and power, and that provided me with a lot of material for Celendor, which is also fixated on conquest and control and power.

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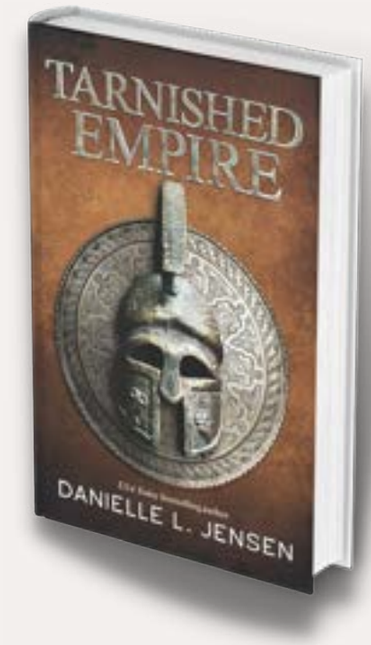
The gods weren't inspired by any particular culture, but I always envisioned them as characters rather than as beliefs, if that makes sense. There are parallels all over the place in this series: human evil (Lucius Cassius) vs. fantastical evil (the Corrupter). Human strengths (Marcus & Teriana) vs. fantastical gifts (Killian & Lydia). The gods were the source of the fantastical that best fit the story I wanted to tell.



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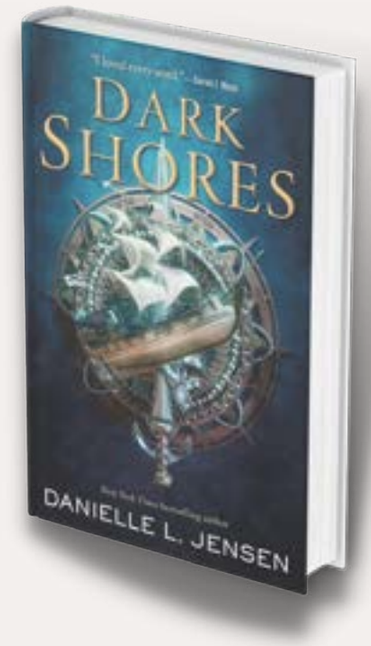
"This book made me laugh so much from the first few chapters and then a moment of realization came when I was already tearing up and remembered that this was written by Danielle L Jensen and that was warning enough. Having read her previous books, I know that her writing would make me feel everything. Feel the happiness. Feel the world around you. Feel the betrayal, the pain. Fall in love with the characters and their suffering and suffer with them till the end. And that's exactly what happened to me while reading Tarnished Empire." - ***Richel, Goodreads Reviewer***



BOOK ONE

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"Richly-woven, evocative, and absolutely impossible to put down—I was hooked from the first lines! Dark Shores has everything I look for in a fantasy novel: fresh, unique settings, a cast of complex and diverse characters, and an unflinching boldness with the nuanced world-building. I loved every word."—***Sarah J. Maas, #1 New York Times bestselling author***



BOOK TWO

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"The book grabs readers from the beginning with its stellar worldbuilding and multidimensional characters, and the mythical elements are truly believable within the constructs of the story. The perspective shifts between the viewpoints of Teriana and Marcus from chapter to chapter, offering readers greater insights into each. ...A gripping introduction to a new series."—***Kirkus Reviews (starred)***



BOOK THREE

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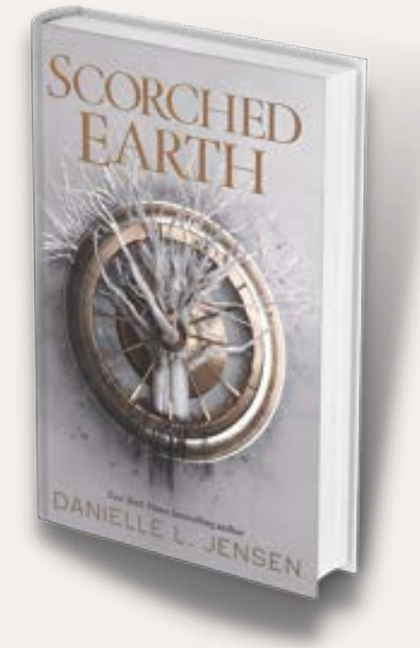
"This is a lush, imaginative world, and as the focus shifts between Teriana and Marcus, it becomes clear that the readers are only getting a glimpse of its complicated history and mythology. ...Their secrets don't, of course, stop Teriana and Marcus from embarking on a steamy romance, and fans of Rutkoski's sighworthy The Winner's Kiss and the high-stakes sea adventure of Levenseller's Daughter of the Pirate King will want to know where Marcus and Teriana journey to next." —***Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books***



BOOK FOUR

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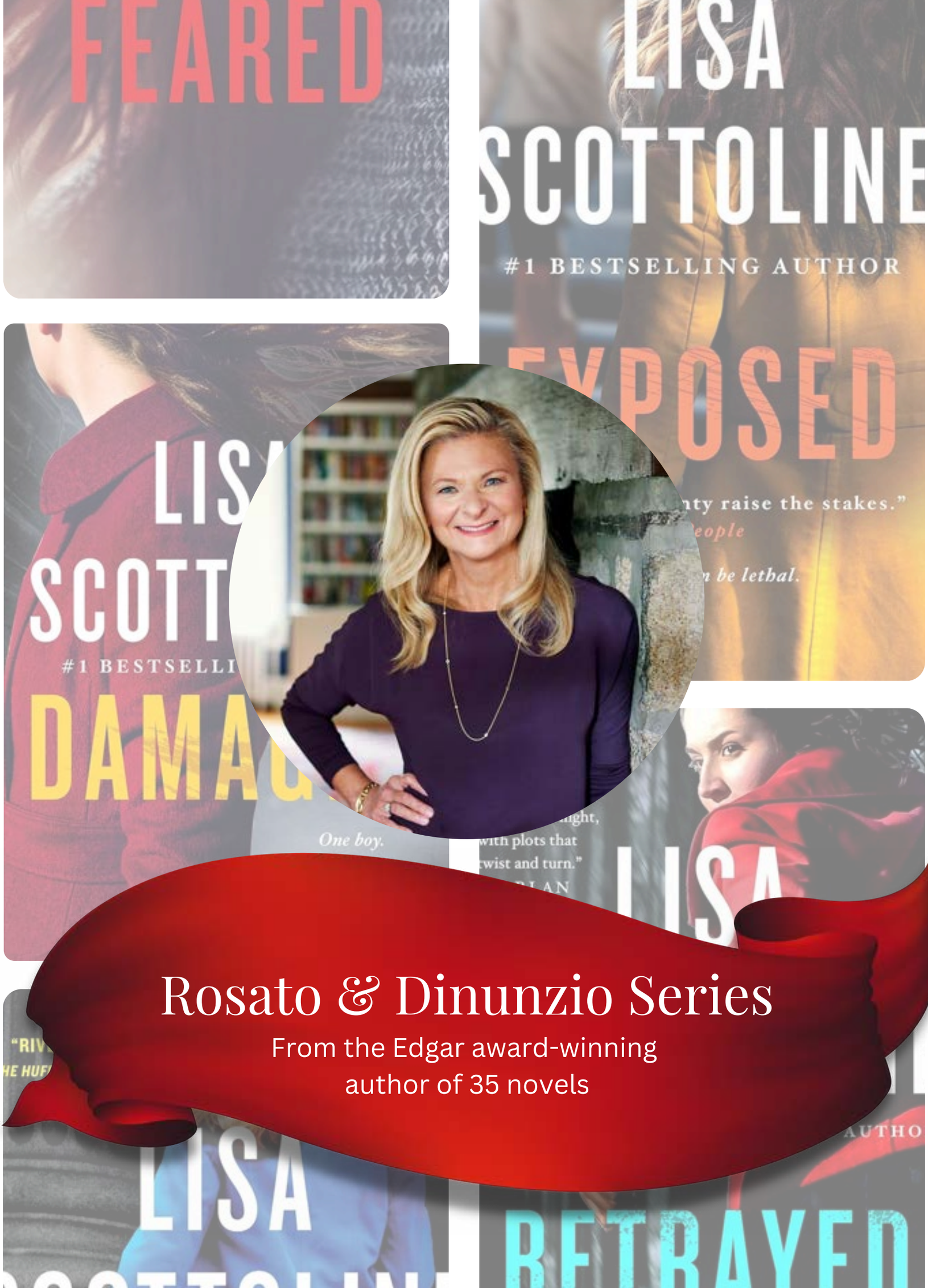
"Exhilarating fantasy-adventure romance for fans of Tricia Levenseller's Daughter of the Pirate King, Alexandra Christo's To Kill a Kingdom, or Natalie C. Parker's Seafire. Readers will eagerly await the next book in the series. " —***School Library Journal***





"This epic first installment in a new series from Jensen (The Malediction Trilogy) features stunning worldbuilding, a vivid cast of secondary characters, and a steamy slow-burn romance between two exceedingly competent and compelling heroes. Dark Shores is not one to miss."—***Booklist***



Rosato & Dinunzio Series

From the Edgar award-winning
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Lisa Scottoline

Lisa Scottoline is a #1 Bestselling Author, The New York Times bestselling author and Edgar award-winning author of 35 novels, including her latest work, Loyalty.

She also writes a weekly column with her daughter Francesca Serritella titled "Chick Wit" which is a witty and fun take on life from a woman's perspective. After running in the Philadelphia Inquirer for fifteen years, Chick Wit is now available online. These stories, along with many other never-before-published stories, have been collected in a New York Times bestselling series of humorous memoirs including their most recent, I See Life Through Rosé-Colored Glasses, and earlier books, I Need A Lifeguard Everywhere But The Pool; I've Got Sand in All the Wrong Places; Does This Beach Make Me Look Fat?; Have a Nice Guilt Trip; Meet Me at Emotional Baggage Claim; Best Friends, Occasional Enemies; My Nest Isn't Empty, It Just Has More Closet Space; and Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog, which has been optioned for TV.

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How do you begin writing a new book?

I pray, and then I start.

What was your favorite childhood book?

I was a Nancy Drew freak, and still am. I read all of them a bunch of times and now I collect them because she meant so much to me. But I tell you, I can't remember a single plot and I don't think the plot matters in them. What really mattered to me, and what's stuck with me even today, was that she was a young girl in the driver's seat of her roadster, sending herself on a grand adventure. There's no better metaphor for life.

Do you think being a writer isolates you or connects you to other people?

Both. I can write only when I'm alone, and I live alone and frankly love solitude. And I'll tell you my trade secret – often I dictate difficult passages or particularly moving ones, so I can get in a better flow. I could never dictate and have anyone overhear me. It's like the first draft before the first draft! That said, I'm a people person and I do love people! I feel very lucky and blessed in this life, in which I get the solitude in which to write as well as the ability to go out and play whenever I want to!

What advice would you give to a new writer?

I love giving advice to new writers! I want to encourage everyone to write! I think everyone has a book in them, and maybe a series, and this profession is open to anyone and everyone. Unlike law school, where you have to graduate in order to become a lawyer, there's no entry barrier, farm team, or anything of the sort! And there's no rules either, because it's a free country and we need more and more voices, of all different kinds, an array of diversity, which is what the founding fathers were saying by the First Amendment, which was first for a reason. So my advice to new writers is always, like Nike, just do it!

My method is to tell myself the story as I go along, and I never outline. I make myself to write down the whole first draft, and I say to myself, "get it down, then get it good." I've written over thirty novels this way, but any method that works for you is perfect! Go for it! And when you're not writing, read and read and read! Good books will teach you something, and bad ones will encourage you because you'll learn you can do better!

Do you listen to music while you write, or do you need complete silence?

Neither. I need TV, and lots of it. I put on a good "background show" that I can binge, one that I've already seen so I don't have to pay attention. I choose it according to whatever I'm writing to get me in the headspace. For example, during BENNETTS, I listened to Ozark. And during LOYALTY, my upcoming historical about the rise of the Mafia in Sicily, I listened to the The Sopranos. TV is music for writers.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO WRITE WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BENNETTS?

I was being tailgated by a pickup truck in exactly the location in which the novel is set, and all of a sudden I got the idea, what-if? What-if can power a lot of great novels because it comes out of a specific life circumstance and the feelings you're having in them. It makes for an instantly relatable novel, and it's sheer good luck that gives it to you! Or maybe that's sheer bad luck?

THE PROTAGONIST, JASON BENNETT, IS THRUST INTO A LOT OF SITUATIONS THE AVERAGE SUBURBAN DAD WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE. HOW DID YOU THINK ABOUT DEVELOPING HIS CHARACTER?

I based this character on my father Frank, with whom I was very close, and I think he would define himself as scenic-route kind of guy. But then again, Jason has to leave his comfort zone to defend his family, because they face the extrinsic pressures of the bad guys as well as the intrinsic pressures of being in WITSEC and cutting off ties to extended family, friends, and school. Jason's journey ends up being a very modern one, because nowadays, no matter which side of the political spectrum you're on, that institutions are not what they used to be and that sometimes it's hard to tell the good guys from the bad.

That's why there are "good bad guys" in the novel and "bad good guys," and it's up to Jason to distinguish between the two. I think it's a journey that all of us are on, and I know we all have strength we didn't know we had, to get us through the most difficult of circumstances.

THE BENNETT FAMILY IS PLACED INTO WITNESS PROTECTION EARLY IN THE BOOK. WHAT WAS YOUR PROCESS LIKE RESEARCHING THE INS AND OUTS OF WITSEC?

I've written over 30 novels about justice, and I have made a lot of contacts in all levels of law enforcement, as well as the judicial system. Plus I'm lucky enough to know someone who had worked in WITSEC for most of his professional life. I knew that the program was set up to protect criminals who were flipping on other criminals, but I wanted to explore what happened if an ordinary family is placed in WITSEC.

My source confirmed everything I thought, and gave me lots of insight and details, all of which I put into BENNETTS. Like, for example, I couldn't believe what would happen during a family funeral! It's astounding, but it's procedure because of the respect that WITSEC wants to show protectees in its custody.



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Mary DiNunzio, a partner at Rosato & Associates, faces an unusual case involving Lonnie Stall, Allegra Gardner's sister, who was wrongly imprisoned six years ago, despite her parents' resistance.



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Judy investigates the murder of Iris, the housekeeper and best friend of Aunt Barb, while dealing with Bennie Rosato's conflict and Mary DiNunzio's wedding plans. She faces challenges in her relationship with Frank and the shadowy world of crime.



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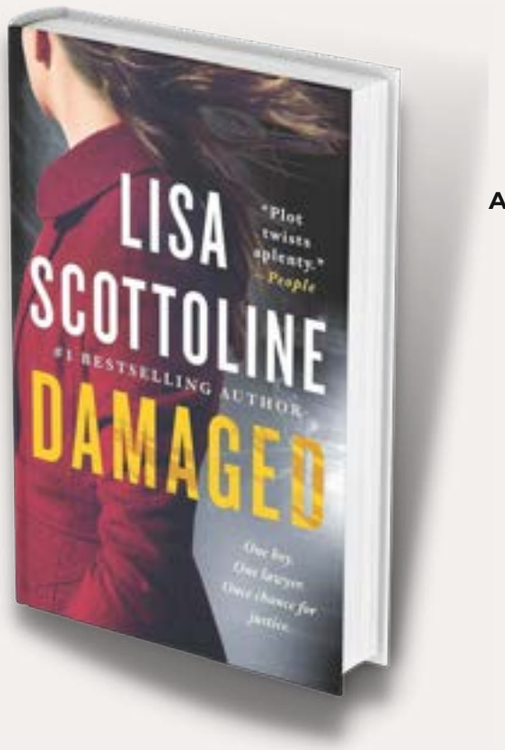
Bennie Rosato, founder of Rosato & DiNunzio, faces a case involving a juvenile, Jason Lefkavick, who was sent to a detention center. Despite her past failures, Rosato remains committed to obtaining justice for Jason.



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Rosato & DiNunzio's Mary DiNunzio becomes Patrick O'Brien's champion, battling his school aide's lawsuit. However, the case uncovers secrets about Patrick's family, and Mary DiNunzio's loyalty may be tested as she uncovers the truth.



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Mary DiNunzio and Bennie Rosato, representing Simon Pensiera and the parent company, face a legal battle over Simon's wrongfully fired sales rep.



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Mary DiNunzio and Bennie Rosato face a lawsuit for reverse sex discrimination, with John Foxman resigning. Nick Machiavelli, a vengeful lawyer, seeks revenge, posing a deadly threat to the law firm.







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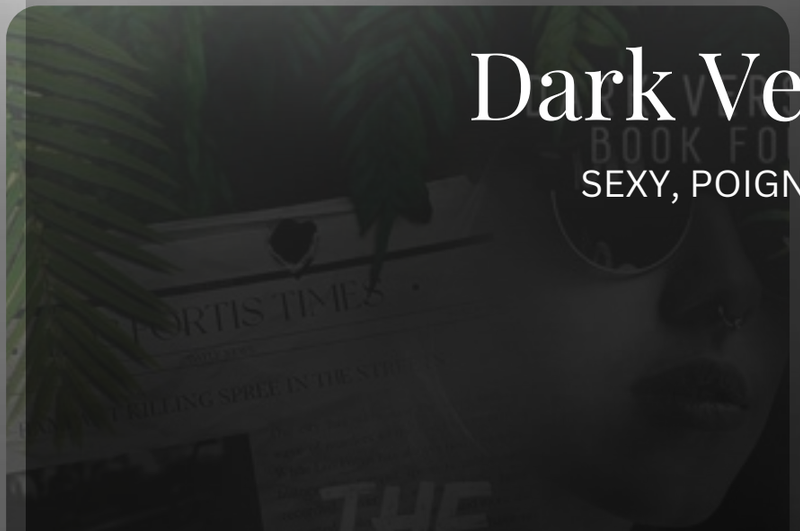

Dark Verse Series

SEXY, POIGNANT, ADDICTIVE.



I'm RuNyx. I'm a 29-year-old author of adult romance, primarily with darker themes and undertones. I've been published since 2020, though I've been writing for almost a decade now. I'm private and enjoy being a hermit but also connecting with my readers, which can sometimes be a bizarre balancing act. But mostly, it's incredible fun! Oh, and I love to procrastinate.

I feel like an ancient soul trapped in a young body. The phoenix is my spirit animal, books are my lifesavers, and words are my lifeblood.
I was born with stories in my veins. As far back as my memories go, story-telling has been a part of my life.
I stumbled upon writing accidentally while going through a severe depression. Writing became not just a means of expressing but also healing. It taught me to love, to live, and most importantly, it made me discover who I was.

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How would you describe your book to our readers in just three adjectives, and then in just three sentences?

Oh, I've always been so bad at these games! I'll try. Three adjectives? Spooky. Secretive. Sexy.

Gothikana is my love letter to the gothic genre. It is a story set in a secluded castle, seeped in secrets, misted with mysteries, and rampant with romance. It's a forbidden love story of the dark edges of the mind and the dark corners of the soul.

Gothikana is said to have the eternal romance of Beauty and the Beast, and the gothic suspense of Dracula. Could you detail for us how the story is evocative of the familiar elements of well-known works of classic literature?

There is a timeless, eternal quality to it. There's a sense of being transported within the pages, and a sense of carrying it with you afterward. The setting, the love story, the characters themselves are very reminiscent of the same—a secluded castle, mysteries, an enigmatic mysterious male lead, a female lead unraveling secrets. As I mentioned, it is my homage to gothic literature. I've been an avid lover of the genre since my university days. Dracula, for instance, is referenced in the book multiple times.

Can you give us the context of the romance (if not a spoiler) in the book, and what do you think about forbidden romances make them such a delicious trope?

The romance occurs between a new student and her professor. Though they are both in their twenties and there isn't a significant age gap, there is something forbidden about the student- teacher dynamic, especially at this university. What seems like just physical attraction in the beginning is actually an extremely layered and nuanced connection, which the readers discover eventually.

As for why forbidden romances are so delicious, well, the forbidden fruit has always been the most tempting, hasn't it? It creates such delicious tension between characters, one that's a delight for any writer to explore. I believe this trope allow us as readers to explore our dark fantasies in a safe space without being judged about it, also knowing the payoff is going to be good.

Are there any other romance tropes in fantasy that are have soft spots for?

I love a good enemies-to-lovers. Again, the tension between characters and the slow buildup can lead to such fantastic climaxes!

What is your process for building tension between romantic leads? Were there any particular practices that helped you work on these scenes in the book?

It actually comes very naturally to me. I love writing tension, like the entire dynamic of two magnets coming into each other's field without touching, just mounts and mounts until they collide together. As long as I have a clear idea of who the characters are and what their internal conflict is, tension builds organically.

Speaking of the gothic atmosphere and dark academia, what were your influences? Any authorial influences or reads of note?

Oh, so many! A lot of it was experiential. I studied gothic fiction for an entire semester and got very, very inspired. Bram Stoker's Dracula, Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, and Edgar Allan Poe's entire works are absolute foundational masterclass of gothic atmosphere. Another influence was my own time at boarding school and some of my experiences there which kind of merged the gothic and the academic for me. I realized 'dark academia' was a thing quite later on actually.

Given all the work that needs to be put into writing fiction, has it changed how you react to other books as a reader, and how?

Not much has changed except I limit what I read depending on what I'm writing. For instance, if I'm writing a fantasy romance, I won't read any fantasy romance until I'm finished with my work-in-progress, just to ensure my subconscious mind does not compare any ideas or styles as we humans tend to do. Other than that, I still devour books like always..

Before we wrap this up, I want to talk about you as a reader. What are you currently reading, and which of your recent reads made a positive impression on you? Are there any that you are looking forward to, or anything that's already published that you hope to squeeze into your reading, and how do you discover these books?

Oh, good question! I think the most recent read that stuck with me was Crowns of Nyaxia series by Carissa Broadbent. So fantastic! Off the top of my head, some books that I'm really looking forward to reading this year are Bride by Ali Hazelwood, the Gold series by Raven Kennedy, Cat and Mouse Duet by HD Carlton, Daydream by Hannah Grace, so many! Mostly I discover them through bookstagram or Facebook reader groups.

How long does it take for you to write a book?

There is no fixed time. It depends on the story. Each story has a personality--some are easy and flowy, some take a few hits to crack, and some are stubborn. For instance, I've been writing the Sea Standalone for 7 years while Gothikana took me 2 weeks to complete. So it varies.

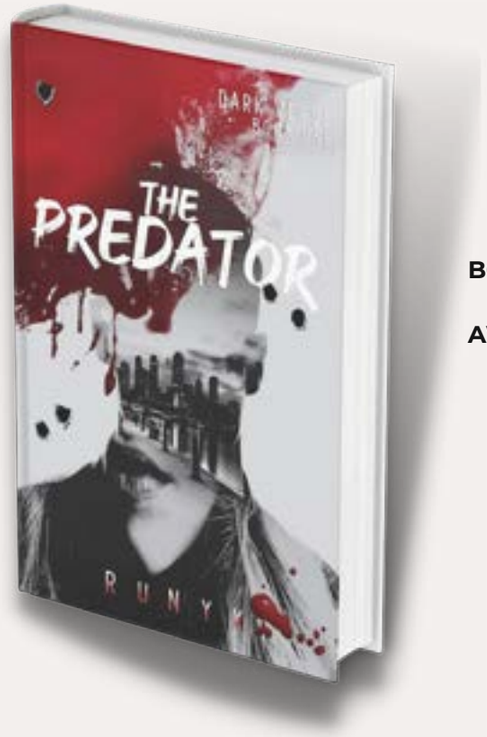
I'm also able to write a lot because I'm single and don't have kids or a spouse who needs my time right now.

Do you read book reviews? Advice to deal with negative reviews?

I used to in the beginning, but now I don't. I don't see it unless someone sends me a review or tags me.
As for negative reviews, not everyone will love your books and that's okay. Some will hate it, some will be indifferent, and some will be moved by it in the most beautiful ways. You can't determine how someone will connect with your story so don't make that a mark of your value. That begets an unhealthy cycle that is hard to break. Just focus on what you can control—your stories—and keep writing. Be happy.

In closing, do you have any parting thoughts or comments you'd like to share with our readers?

Just that I'm incredibly grateful for all the love. It never ceases to amaze me that I'm living my dream and it's all thanks to such warm, wonderful readers who take chances on my book. Thank you!



BOOK ONE:

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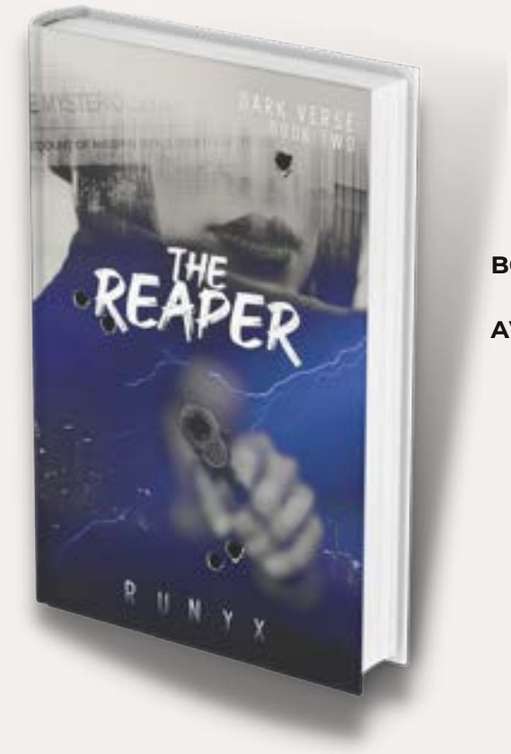
Tristan Caine, a non-blooded member of the Tenebrae Outfit, and Morana Vitalio, a genius daughter, are enigmas in the mob. Morana infiltrates Caine's house to kill him, unaware of a tie binds them. Hate, heat, and history clash, but they must fight a bigger threat.



BOOK TWO:

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Morana Vitalio and Tristan 'The Predator' Caine, unprepared for each other, embark on a journey to uncover the truth about Tristan's past. Morana's life is on the line, and Tristan's life belongs to her. As they uncover the mystery of missing girls, they face the danger of a dangerous alliance.



BOOK THREE

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Dante Maroni, a member of the Tenebrae Outfit, is a trained rebel with ruthlessness and brutality. He infiltrates the Syndicate responsible for missing children and discovers information about the Maroni housekeeper, Amara. Their love transforms into a deep intimacy, power, and survival, as secrets are revealed and their world collapses again.



BOOK FOUR

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Alessandro 'Alpha' Villanova, a renowned figure from Los Fortis, leads a dark empire despite losing everything. Zephyr de la Vega, a normal woman, faces a transformation when she proposes to Alpha. As a killer takes over Alpha's city, their partnership with The Syndicate evolves into a powerful force.



BOOK FIVE

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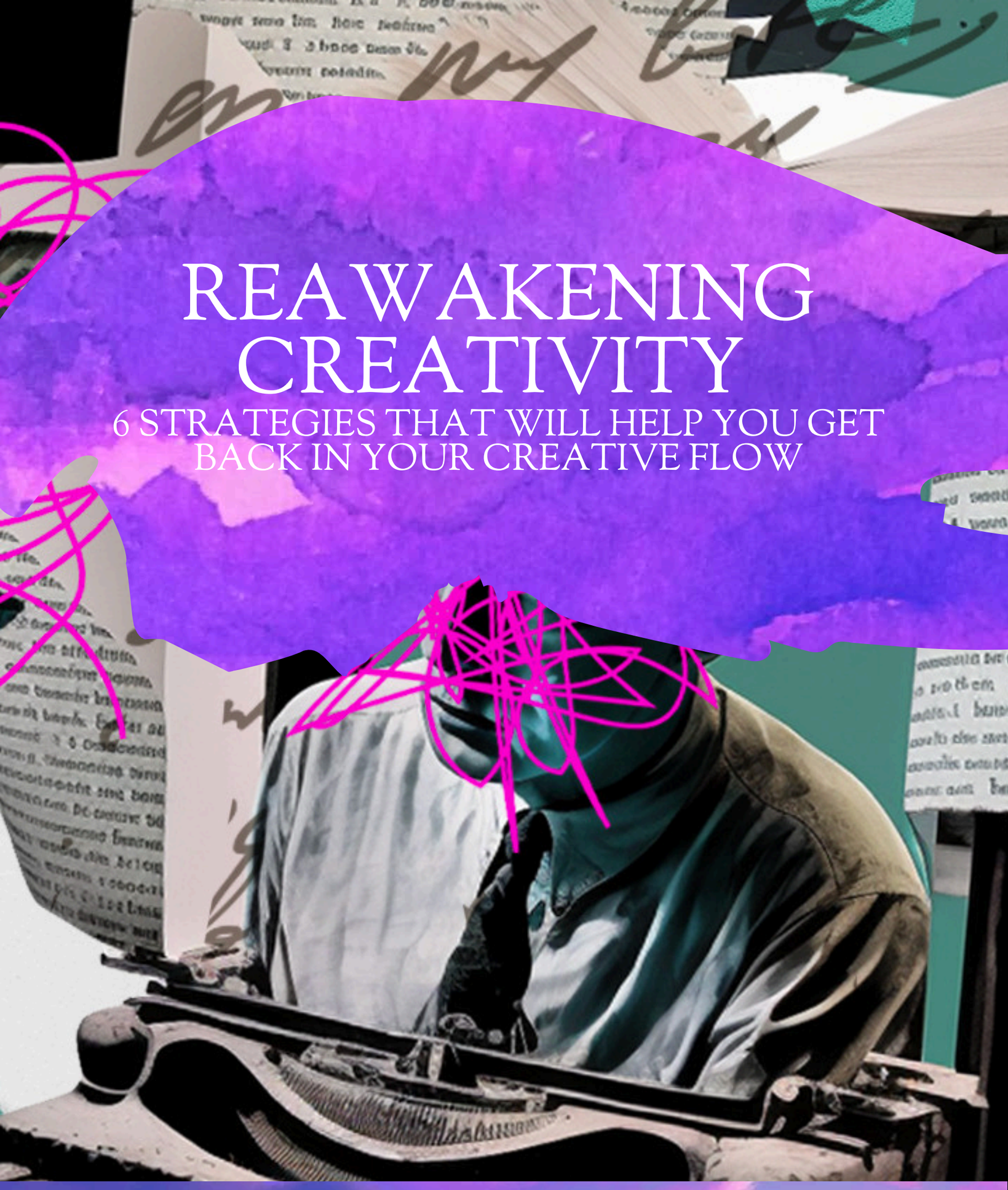
She lives in the shadows. He rules them.
She's the moon, and he the dark night encompassing her.
She's surrounded by demons, and he's the biggest devil of them all.
And she's his.
Passion, obsession, possesion. Theirs is a tale of danger, deviance, dread, desires, and the darkest flavors of love.
Annihilation is born.



REAWAKENING CREATIVITY

6 STRATEGIES THAT WILL HELP YOU GET BACK IN YOUR CREATIVE FLOW

It's as if your inspiration inkwell has suddenly dried up. What can you do? How can you get back in your creative flow? Thankfully, many famous writers have shared their methods for how they overcame dry periods and became successful writers.

Read on for several different strategies seven famous authors have used to overcome writer's block and keep writing away.



"Just Write" Strategy

of ***Maya Angelou***

Writing is like any art or sport. Practice makes perfect. As we have seen, many authors argue that inspiration will only come if you push yourself to keep putting pen to paper each day.

The trick is not to overthink it. Write nonsense if you have to. But keep writing, no matter if you're pleased with the final result or not.

"Timed Writing" Strategy

of ***Anthony Trollope***

One of the most successful novelists of the Victorian era, Trollope figured out a daily writing routine that had him churning out books with astounding speed. Over the course of 35 years, he wrote 47 novels as well as many short stories, nonfiction books, and plays.

Even more impressive, he did all this while working a demanding job as a post office inspector. His job required him to travel often and keep a busy schedule.





"Hibernation" Strategy

of ***Neil Gaiman***

Sometimes strategies #1 and #2 don't work. Maybe you've been working excitedly on your novel, but suddenly have absolutely no idea how the story should end. Or you've been writing a blog post, but can't figure out how to write the conclusion.



"Write to One Person" Strategy

of ***John Steinbeck***

Indeed, it's exhausting and intimidating (and often downright paralysing) to try to write a story or a blog post that will please everybody. There will inevitably be someone who doesn't like the fantasy genre or the thriller genre or whatever type of story you are writing.

Instead, when you write to a single person, it gives you a sense of purpose and direction and will help you get your creative juices flowing. I also find it motivating since I am now eager to share my completed work with that person.

"Hoarding" Strategy

of ***Ernest Hemingway***

If you've suffered from writer's block but suddenly find all of that inspiration flooding into you again, don't exhaust your resources! Always make sure to keep some inspiration in reserve.

Essentially, this strategy attempts to outmaneuver writer's block. End your writing sessions mid-paragraph while you still have a clear idea of what you want to write next. That way you'll maintain your momentum and avoid showing up to a blank page the next day with no idea how to move forward.

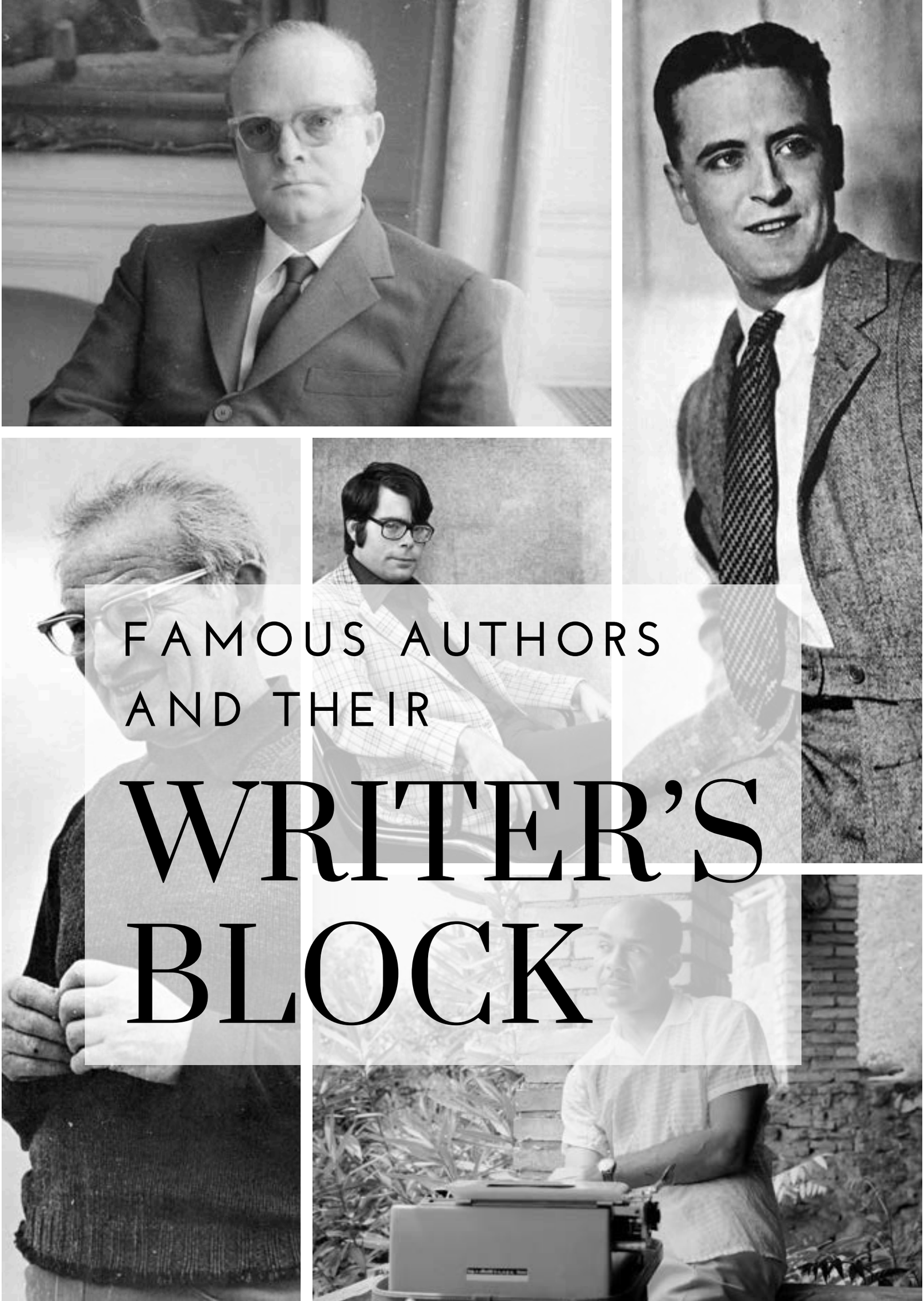




"Writing Ritual" Strategy

of ***Toni Morrison***

Toni Morrison and many other writers emphasize the importance of writing rituals, a set sequence of actions that you perform before you sit down to write. It could be as simple as making a cup of tea or playing one of your favorite music CDs. A ritual helps you mentally prepare yourself to start writing.



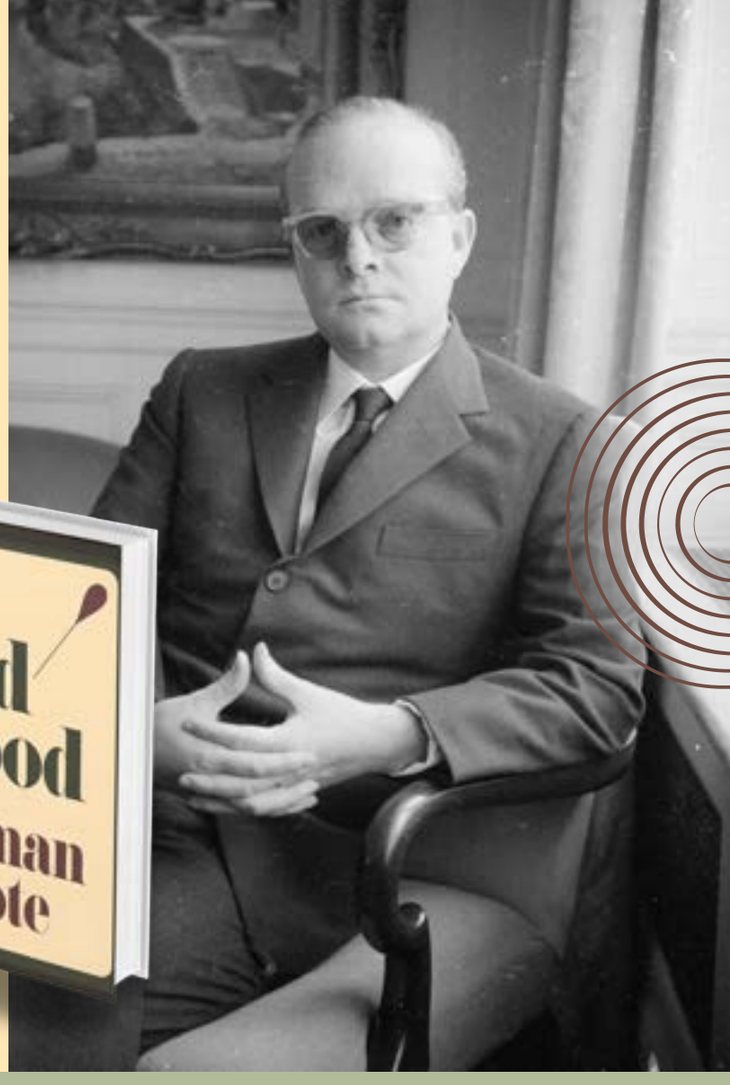
FAMOUS AUTHORS AND THEIR

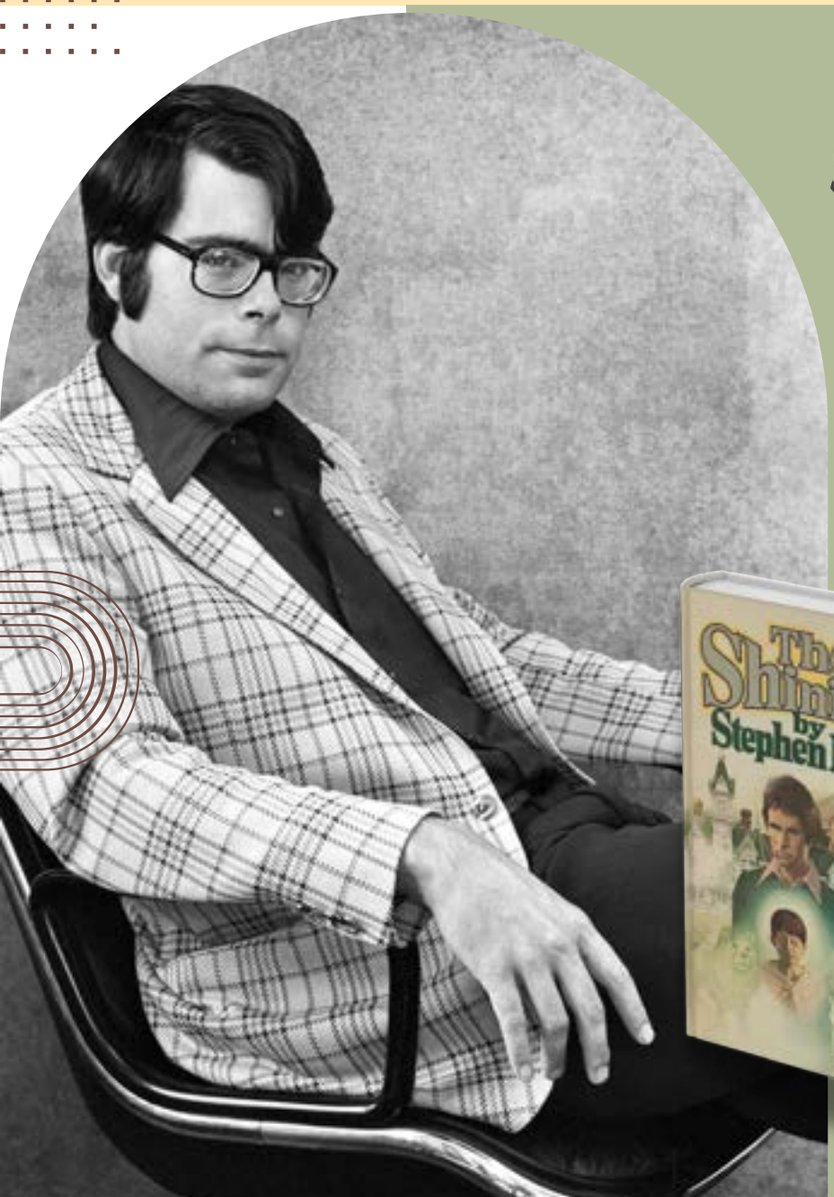
WRITER'S BLOCK

Truman Capote

Truman Capote, a renowned literary works author, experienced a mental breakdown after his literary works were published in Esquire magazine. The publication exposed the secrets of Capote's high-powered friends, leading to a scandal and his exclusion from society. Many believe this led to a serious case of writer's block. Capote often spoke about a novel he was writing, but it was never completed.

The pressure to perform well, especially after the social scandal, combined with his mental breakdown, allowed him to have a serious case of writer's block. This shame, coupled with his inability to write to his regular standard, motivated Capote to lie to his friends and colleagues for an entire decade.





Stephen King

Stephen King, a renowned writer, has faced writer's block, a condition that can hinder his productivity. In an editorial for the Washington Post, King admitted to experiencing weeks and months of blockage when unable to produce any work. He believed that writers often sabotage themselves without conscience, restricting their imagination and prolonging the blockage.

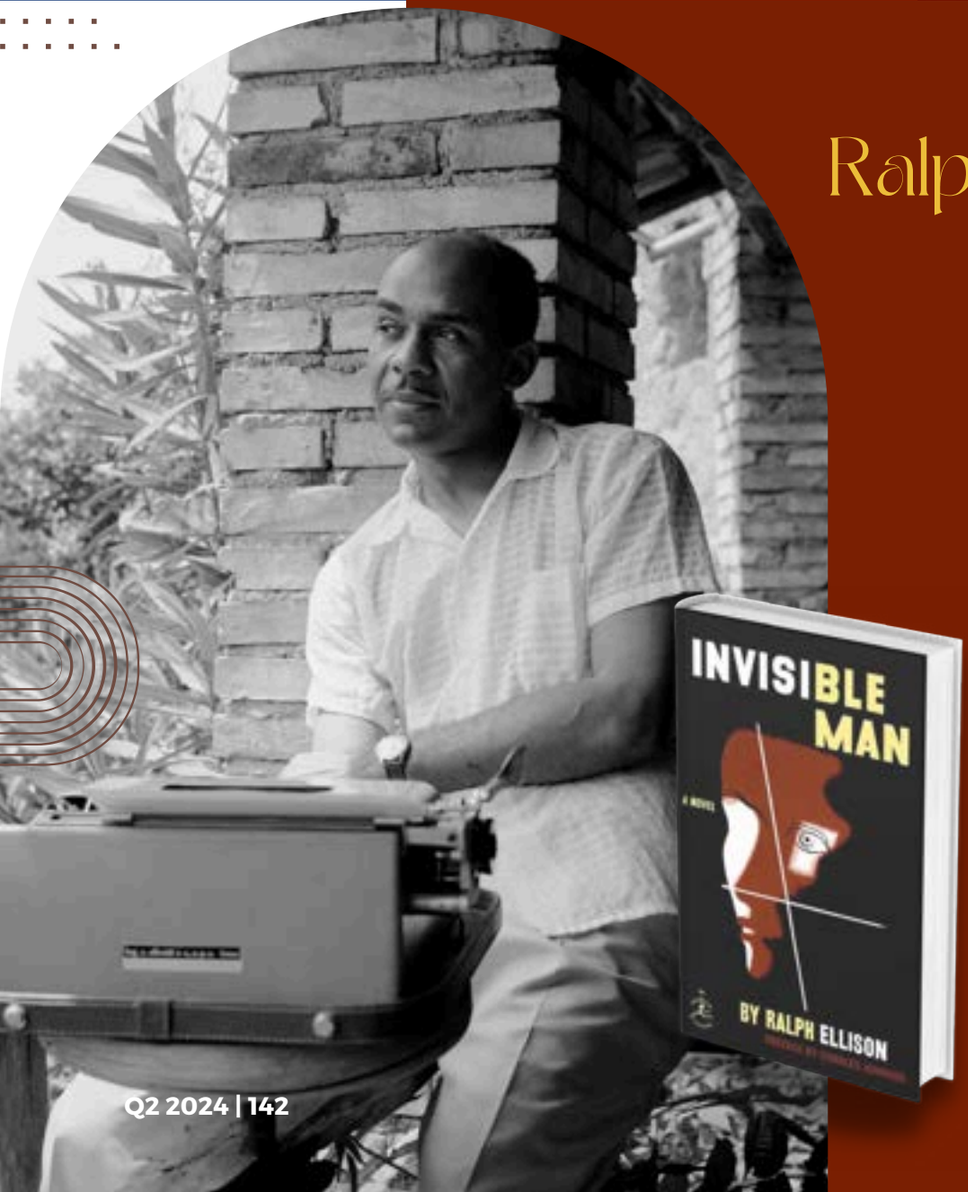
King's experiences in his book, On Writing, highlight the importance of self-awareness and the fact that even the best writers are not immune to the dreaded writer's block. Washington Post's coverage of King's struggles serves as a reminder that even the best are not immune to this dreadful condition.

F. Scott Fitzgerald

F. Scott Fitzgerald, one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century, is known for his work, The Great Gatsby, which is considered an American classic novel. His wife, Zelda, was diagnosed with schizophrenia in the late 1920s, leading to writer's block and depression.

In 1937, Fitzgerald moved Zelda to a hospital in North Carolina and moved to Hollywood to become a screenwriter. While working in Hollywood, he began producing The Love of the Last Tycoon, but suffered a fatal heart-attack before it was completed.





Ralph Ellison

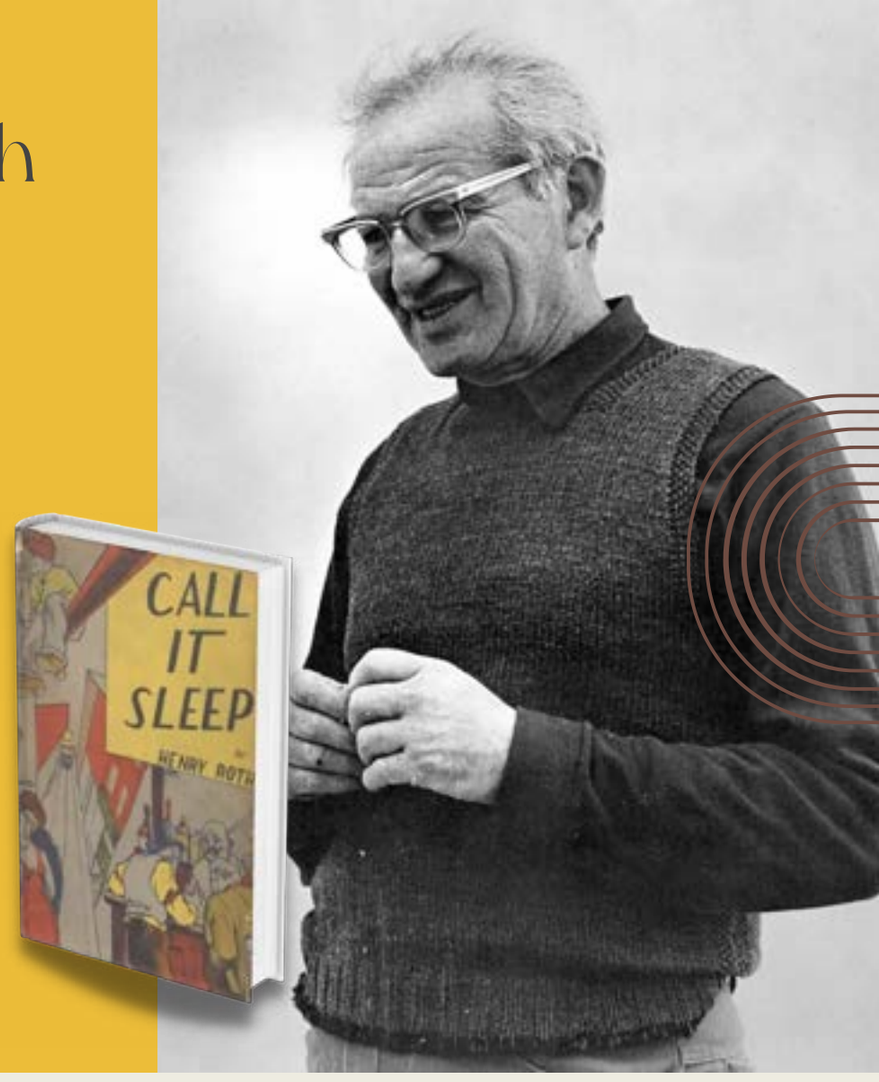
Ralph Ellison, a renowned writer, experienced a chronic case of writer's block. Unlike other writers, Ellison was unable to write anything he was satisfied with. He held himself to high standards and refused to submit work that did not meet them.

His novel, Invisible Man, was published in 1952. Between its release and his death in 1994, Ellison collected around 2,000 pages of notes for a second novel, despite claiming it was nearly finished. Ultimately, the novel was never completed.

Henry Roth

Writer Henry Roth experienced one of the most famous cases of crippling writer's block in modern literature. Though his book, Call it Sleep, was not initially popular when it was originally published, its re-release in 1964 climbed to much more success.

In the almost three decades that followed, Roth was unable to publish anything at all. The cause of his extended case of writer's block remains unknown. Fortunately for Roth, his writer's block did not last forever. During the 1990s, Roth published several volumes of Mercy of a Rude Stream, his widely regarded epic saga.





Gravity Is Bringing Me Down

by: Wendelin Van Draanen

When Leda wakes up by falling out of bed, she knows that gravity is in a very bad mood. Again.

Sure enough, she struggles with stumbles and bumbles at home, trips and blips on the bus, and bashes and crashes in the classroom. But a lesson on gravity helps her understand what's really going on. And after a visit to a science center, Leda's mood is lifted...just in time for her to tumble-- happily!--into bed.

With a very funny text from award-winner Wendelin Van Draanen and bright, bouncy illustrations from Cornelia Lia, *Gravity is Bringing Me Down* makes it hilariously clear how this science concept impacts kids' lives every day.

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CONQUERING WRITER'S HURDLES: TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Authors possess the ability to construct their own unique universe, one that enchants their audience with enthralling ideas. Publishers generously compensate skilled and engaging writers. In the present day, numerous other forms of written content have gained popularity in the market. Nevertheless, while writing as a profession may appear profitable to certain individuals, it is by no means a simple skill to master. Writers encounter a multitude of challenges, varying in type and intensity, throughout their careers. Overcoming these obstacles can prove to be quite arduous at times.

Understanding periods of writer's block is crucial for those struggling with writing. It's essential to recognize that even renowned authors may face this challenge, staring at a blank screen for extended periods without finding the right words to finish their work.

Authors are skilled craftsmen who craft immersive realms where individuals can become lost. However, despite their ability to conjure extraordinary narratives seemingly out of nothing, they encounter a distinct set of obstacles. Indeed, certain predicaments are exclusive to writers, while others are more universal.

Writer’s block, lack of ideas, and use/expression of words



The life of a writer can be a dance between inspiration and frustration. Even the most seasoned wordsmiths face roadblocks. Here are three frequent challenges and strategies to combat them:

- ***Writer's Block***: This dreaded foe can leave you staring at a blank page. Fight back by establishing a routine. Write every day, even if it's just for a short period. Jot down random ideas, read a stimulating book, or take a walk in nature to spark creativity.
- ***Idea Scarcity***: Feeling like you've mined your well of inspiration? Instead of waiting for a lightning bolt, actively seek out new ideas. People-watch at a cafe, browse thought-provoking articles, or try a creative prompt generator. Inspiration often hides in the everyday.
- ***Word Games***: The struggle for the perfect word or expression is a writer's constant companion. Here, the best defense is a strong foundation. Read great prose, paying attention to how authors craft evocative sentences. Utilize a thesaurus, but remember, it's not about complicated synonyms; it's about finding the most precise word to convey your meaning.

Remember, overcoming these challenges is a process. Embrace the journey, experiment, and don't be afraid to revise. Every struggle hones your craft and brings you closer to mastering the art of written expression.

Lack of rest & productivity, emotional breakdown, and isolation

The writer's life is often romanticized – peaceful solitude punctuated by bursts of inspiration. But the reality can be a relentless battle against internal and external challenges. Here are three common hurdles writers face, along with strategies to conquer them:

- ***The Restless Cycle***: Staring at a blank page, fueled by coffee and self-doubt, can wreak havoc on your sleep schedule and productivity. Solution: Set realistic goals and celebrate small wins. Prioritize sleep – a well-rested mind is a creative mind. Take breaks to move your body and clear your head.
- ***The Emotional Rollercoaster***: Rejection, self-criticism, and the sheer emotional investment in your work can lead to breakdowns. Solution: Build a support system of fellow writers or a critique group. Share your struggles and celebrate each other's victories. Practice self-compassion – acknowledge your efforts and detach your self-worth from your writing.



- ***The Hermit's Curse***: While solitude fuels creativity, isolation can be stifling. You might feel invisible, disconnected from the world you're trying to reach. Solution: Connect with other writers online or in person. Join writing communities or attend workshops. Share your work with beta readers for feedback. Remember, even the most celebrated authors need connection.

Remember, every successful writer has faced these challenges. By developing healthy habits, building a supportive network, and embracing the journey, you can transform these hurdles into stepping stones on your path to literary success.

Lack of confidence, negotiation, and low writer pay

The path to becoming a successful writer is paved with both passion and perseverance. But even the most dedicated writers face hurdles that can chip away at their confidence. Here are three common challenges and strategies to conquer them:

- ***The Confidence Gap***: Self-doubt plagues even seasoned writers. It's crucial to develop a thick skin for criticism. Join writing groups or find beta readers whose feedback can help you improve without being disheartening. Celebrate your achievements, big and small, to build your inner cheerleader.



- ***Negotiation Navigation***: Whether freelance writing or securing a traditional publishing deal, understanding your worth is vital. Research industry standards for your genre and experience level. Practice negotiation skills with role-playing or online courses. Don't be afraid to walk away from unfair contracts – your talent deserves fair compensation.

- ***The Financial Tightrope***: Let's face it, writing can be a financially precarious path. Diversify your income with freelance gigs, content writing, or teaching workshops. Explore self-publishing options or royalty structures that offer a larger percentage of sales. Remember, building a successful writing career takes time. Be patient with your finances and focus on creating quality work that will attract readers and opportunities.

Successful writers have transformed their writing journey by honing their business acumen, overcoming challenges and emerging stronger.

The fear of selling, getting real clients, and overbearing clients

Selling your writing can feel daunting. Fear of rejection, landing the right clients, and managing demanding personalities are all valid concerns. Here's how to tackle these challenges and build a fulfilling freelance career:

- ***Fear of Selling***: Many writers see themselves as creators, not salespeople. Reframe your perspective! You're offering a valuable service – the power of words. Focus on building trust and showcasing the impact your writing can have.

- ***Finding Clients***: Network! Attend industry events, connect with potential clients online, and build relationships with editors or agencies. Craft a compelling portfolio website and write guest posts to establish your expertise.

- ***Overbearing Clients***: Clear communication is key. Before starting a project, outline the scope of work, fees, and revision limits. Don't be afraid to walk away from clients who consistently disregard your boundaries.

Here are some bonus tips:

- Practice your pitch: Develop a concise explanation of your services that highlights your strengths and target audience.
- Start small: Build confidence by taking on manageable projects for new clients.
- Get feedback: Ask satisfied clients for testimonials to showcase your work and build trust with potential clients



Money problems, too much competition, and inability to get traction



The writer's life is often romanticized, fueled by images of solitary geniuses crafting masterpieces. But the reality can be a harsh contrast. Here, we explore three major challenges that can leave writers feeling defeated:

- ***The Financial Tightrope***: Writing, particularly fiction, often takes time to become profitable. Advances may be small, and royalties can be a slow trickle. Balancing passion with the need to pay bills can be a constant struggle.

- ***The Sea of Scribes***: The competition is fierce. Aspiring writers face a saturated market, vying for attention from agents, publishers, and readers. Standing out from the crowd requires a unique voice, a compelling story, and the hustle to get it noticed.

- ***The Echo Chamber of Crickets***: Every writer faces periods of low traction. Rejection letters pile up, social media engagement sputters, and the silence can be deafening. It's easy to fall into self-doubt, questioning your talent and purpose.

So how do we persevere? Here are a few tips:

- Diversify your income. Explore freelance writing, content creation, or teaching workshops.
- Find your community. Connect with other writers for support and feedback.
- Focus on the craft. Hone your skills, refine your story, and never stop learning.
- Embrace the grind. Marketing yourself is essential. Be proactive on social media, attend book fairs, and network.
- Celebrate small wins. A positive review, a new follower, a finished chapter - these are all victories.

Remember, success rarely happens overnight. By acknowledging these challenges and developing strategies to overcome them, writers can turn their relentless pursuit of the written word into a fulfilling, if demanding, career.



Ellie Mae Dreams Big!

by: Kristina McMorris

At the teacher's all-important question, Ellie Mae's mind swirls with ideas. An astronaut or a chef? Better yet, why not an astronaut-chef? Since the moon is made of cheese, her galactic grilled-cheese sandwiches could be known throughout the universe! Or . . . she could be a 'ballerina-painter,' creating masterpieces while leaping across the stage.

In the end, there are so many options, Ellie Mae fears she can't possibly pick—until the answer dawns on her. What she chooses will surprise her classmates as much as the reader!

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REBECCA SERLE

Rebecca Serle is the New York Times bestselling author of Expiration Dates, One Italian Summer, In Five Years, The Dinner List, and the young adult novels The Edge of Falling and When You Were Mine. Serle also developed the hit TV adaptation Famous in Love, based on her YA series of the same name. She is a graduate of USC and The New School and lives in Los Angeles with her husband.

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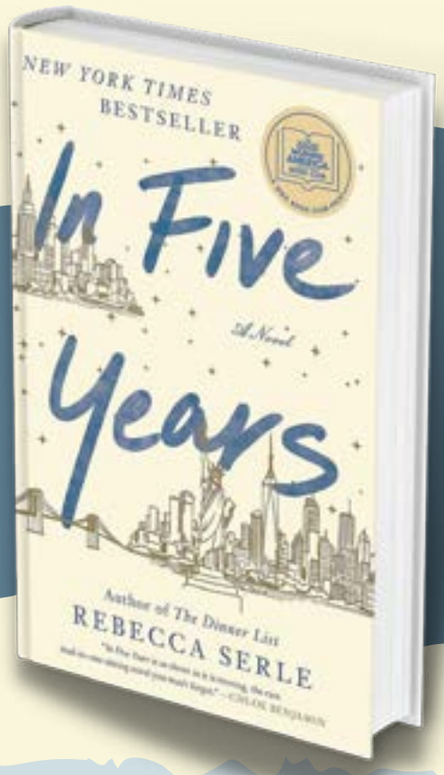

Dannie Kohan, a lifelong best friend of the wild, whimsical Bella, lives a life by numbers. After a successful job interview and accepting her boyfriend's marriage proposal, she finds herself in a different apartment, with a different ring, and beside a different man. In Five Years, she spends an unforgettable hour in the future, unable to shake the feeling of being in a different time. The story is not as predictable as expected, showcasing the power of imagination and unexpected love.

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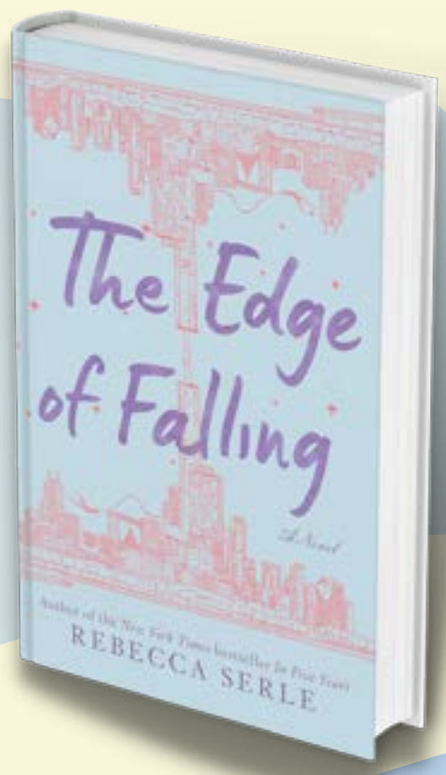

Caggie, a renowned social elite in Manhattan, becomes a hero after saving a girl from suicide. She seeks solitude after the death of her sister and the disintegration of her family. Astor, a mysterious figure on the Upper East Side, appears as a potential rescue. Caggie realizes Astor's dark past may be as dark as her own, and in a world where she's branded a hero, she realizes that no one can save her, only herself.

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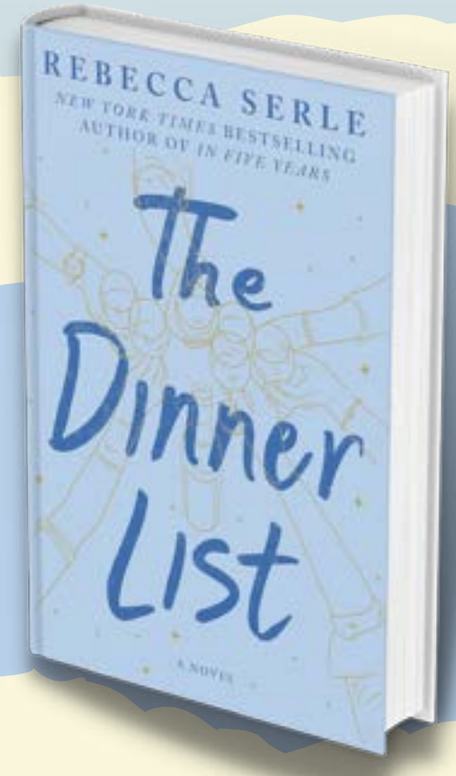

In Rebecca Serle's novel, The Dinner List, Sabrina encounters her best friend, three significant people from her past, and Audrey Hepburn at her thirtieth birthday dinner. The story explores the reasons behind choosing these people and the potential consequences of having dinner with them. The magical realism and life-changing romance of The Dinner List make it a captivating read that explores themes of choice, fate, and the importance of relationships.

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NEVER TOO LATE

By Danielle Steel



Danielle Steel has been hailed as one of the world's bestselling authors, with a billion copies of her novels sold. Her many international bestsellers include Without a Trace, The Whittiers, The High Notes, The Challenge, Suspects, Beautiful, and other highly acclaimed novels. She is also the author of His Bright Light, the story of her son Nick Traina's life and death; A Gift of Hope, a memoir of her work with the homeless; Expect a Miracle, a book of her favorite quotations for inspiration and comfort; Pure Joy, about the dogs she and her family have loved.

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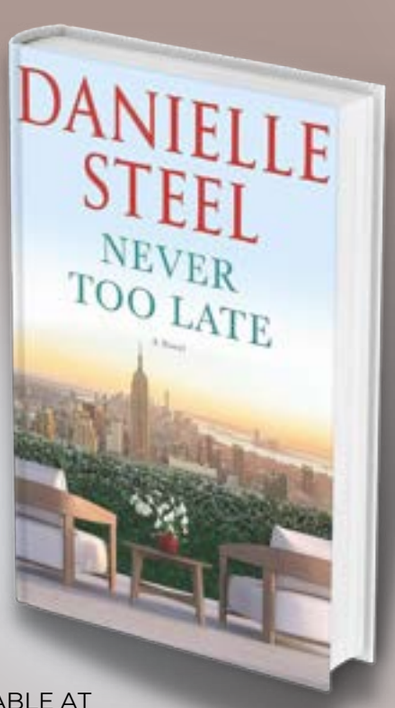

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Kezia Cooper Hobson, a widowed widow, moves to New York after selling her Pacific Heights home and her husband's venture capital firm. She settles into a midtown penthouse with her two adult daughters, Kate and Felicity.

As she settles into her new apartment, she meets Sam Stewart, a movie-star neighbor. Amidst a devastating crisis in New York City, Kezia and Sam connect over their love for helping those in need. They form a life-changing friendship through volunteering. Kate and Felicity are taken aback by their mother's new friendship, but Kezia learns that the changes she's making are necessary to open new horizons.

Danielle Steel's novel highlights the importance of human connection and brave change, proving it's never too late for a brand-new start.

A Quest for Survival

by: Robert Perrin

ABOUT THE BOOK

Unravel the devastating power of hate to destroy lives as author Robert Perrin blends excitement, drama, humor, and social awareness in his captivating science fiction.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

All his life, Robert Perrin has always been writing, from poetry, screenplays to novels. He has worked for an independent government contractor for almost 20 years. Besides writing, he also enjoys traveling, reading, and cooking.

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Coffee, Sweet Tea or Lemonade & Me?

by: Bobbie Hazelton

ABOUT THE BOOK

Though this wasn't intended to be a love story, this novel is about love in its various forms and colors --- romance, family, and relationships.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Bobbie Hazelton's novel shows how family sticks together no matter how hard the hurdles seem to be. The author hopes readers will find the pages interesting and enjoy this story as much as she enjoyed writing it.

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THREE-INCH TEETH



A rogue grizzly bear has gone on a rampage—killing, among others, the potential fiancé of Joe's daughter. At the same time, Dallas Cates, who Joe helped lock up years ago, is released from prison with a special list tattooed on his skin. He wants revenge on the people who sent him away: the six people he blames for the deaths of his entire family and the loss of his reputation and property.

Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett faces two different kinds of rampaging beasts—one animal, one human—in this riveting new novel from #1 New York Times bestseller C.J. Box.

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Using the grizzly attacks as cover, Cates sets out to methodically check off his list. The problem is, both Nate Romanowski and Joe Pickett are on it.

A #2 New York Times and USA Today Bestseller!

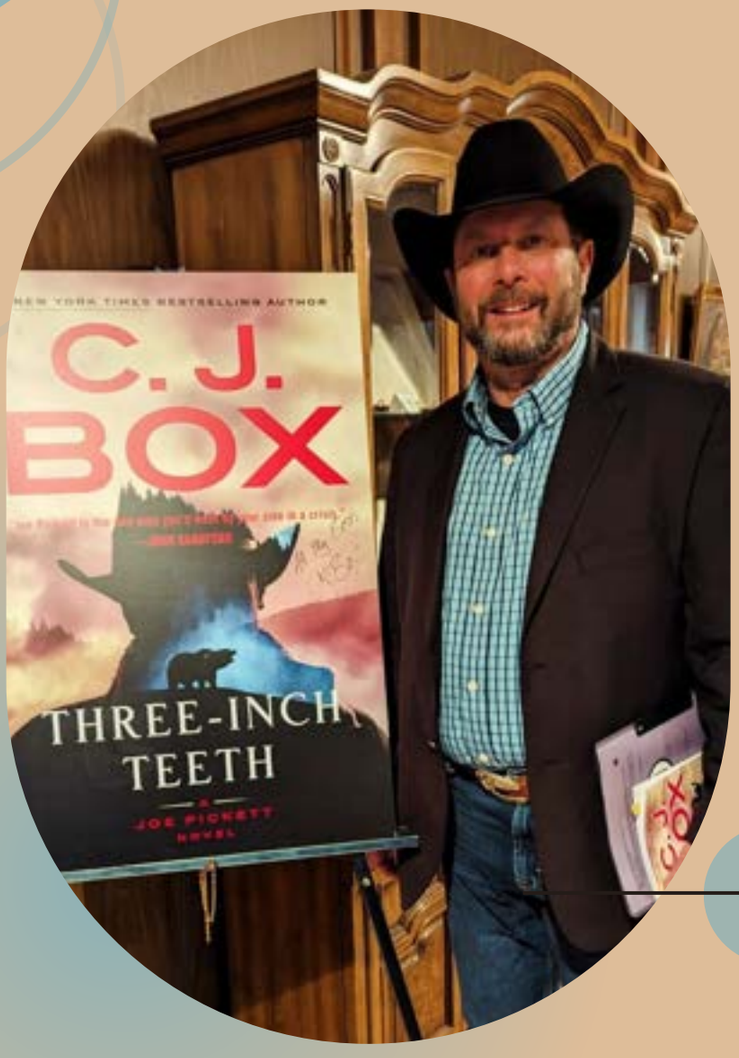
"Box's pulse-pounding latest adventure for Wyoming game warden Pickett showcases the series' strengths: high-octane action, intricate plotting, and well-drawn characters... [and] maintains expert suspense throughout, shrewdly exploiting the story's animal and human killers to set a series of diabolical traps for his hero. It's another high point in a series full of them." — ***Publishers Weekly***

"*Three Inch Teeth* is literally a one-sit read that starts out big and never lets up on the intensity meter." — ***Bookreporter***

C.J. BOX

C. J. Box is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of 30 novels including the Joe Pickett series. He won the Edgar Alan Poe Award for Best Novel (Blue Heaven, 2009) as well as the Anthony Award, Prix Calibre 38 (France), the Maltese Falcon Award (Japan), the Macavity Award, the Gumshoe Award, two Barry Awards, and the 2010 Mountains & Plains Independent Booksellers Association Award for fiction.

He was recently awarded the 2016 Western Heritage Award for Literature by the National Cowboy Museum as well as the Spur Award for Best Contemporary Novel by the Western Writers of America in 2017. Over ten million copies of his books have been sold in the U.S. and abroad and they've been translated into 27 languages. Two television series based on his novels are in production (BIG SKY on ABC and JOE PICKETT on Spectrum Originals and Paramount+). He is an Executive Producer for both series.



Shadows Reel, the 22nd Joe Pickett novel, was published in March of 2021 and debuted at #2 on the New York Times Bestseller list and #1 on the Wall Street Journal Bestseller list.

Box is a Wyoming native and has worked as a ranch hand, surveyor, fishing guide, a small town newspaper reporter and editor, and he owned an international tourism marketing firm with his wife Laurie. In 2008, Box was awarded the "BIG WYO" Award from the state tourism industry. An avid outdoorsman, Box has hunted, fished, hiked, ridden, and skied throughout Wyoming and the Mountain West.

He served on the Board of Directors for the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo and currently serves on the Wyoming Office of Tourism Board. They have three daughters and two grandchildren. He and his wife Laurie live on their ranch in Wyoming.

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"Franchise fans will appreciate new details about Joe's complicated family, the obligatory high-country landscapes, and yet another corrupt law enforcer... [E]asy to swallow in a single gulp." — ***Kirkus Reviews***

"Daring, bold, and impossible to put down, *Three-Inch Teeth* is a masterfully spun mystery, and C.J. Box proves yet again that nothing is off-limits and nobody is safe as he dials up a nerve-wracking, heart-thumping final act that leads to his most jaw-dropping and shocking ending to date." — ***The Real Book Spy***

"Once a reader opens *Three-Inch Teeth* it is altogether possible that the book will not be closed again until the last word on the last page has been read...this one is a fast-paced, engaging page-turner...Fans of C.J. Box and Joe Pickett will not be disappointed with this latest addition to the series, and readers who meet them for the first time in these pages are likely to be hooked by the Wyoming game warden's adventures like a trout in the Twelve Sleep River." — ***New York Journal of Books***

"Box is a master of creating riveting, well-formed characters and putting them in a place that is remote, beautiful and sometimes deadly... [A]n amazing, thrilling novel teeming with fast-paced action and gut-wrenching tension where things are not always what they seem. Twists and turns in this complicated plot will keep readers on the edge of their seats, unable to put it down." — ***Durango Herald***

"Once you start reading, the suspense and momentum of the events sweep you up and you cannot put the book down until the very last page." — ***Reviewing the Evidence***

"C. J. Box continues to excite readers with unique crime thrillers that are full of suspense and action." — ***Mystery & Suspense Magazine***

Camilla DE LA BEDOYERE



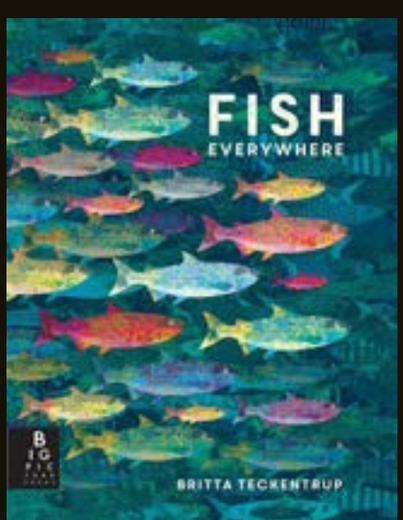
In the lead up to the 20th anniversary of that event, Camilla de la Bedoyere was approached by the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund to work with National Geographic and produce an biography of Dian Fossey. The Fund had access to Dian's correspondence from her days at Karisoke, in Rwanda, and this proved an invaluable and precious resource for recreating the story of Dian's remarkable achievements. Photographs by Bob Campbell, who worked with Dian, and a foreword by Jane Goodall, helped in the process of writing this book as a 'nimble and moving biography'.

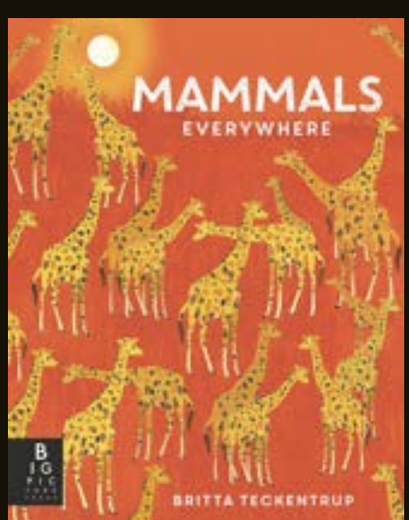


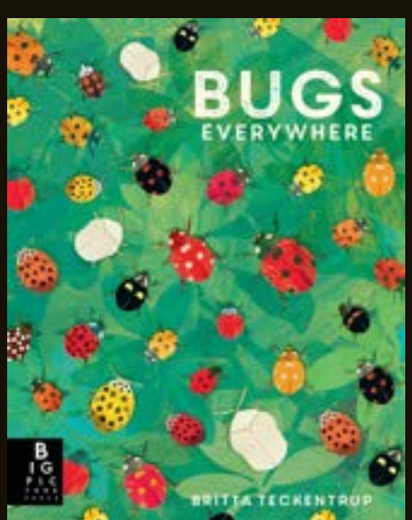
There are birds everywhere! Some of them live by the sea, some of them in the savannah, and some might live in your roof.

There are Birds Everywhere is the fourth in a series of non-fiction books from Britta Teckentrup. Young readers will learn where in the world all sorts of birds can be found and all the weird and wonderful things about them that they never imagined were true.

With an added search-and-find element, this is non-fiction with spark and personality from a much-loved illustrator.









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Mabel's friends aren't being very helpful, but Mabel knows the truth about Big Plans: ***Don't listen to those who say you cannot. Listen to those who say you can!***

So, even though a mountain is very, very high and Mabel is very, very small she knows she shouldn't give up.
And even though it might have been easier to fly up a tree, Mabel knows that she needs to **keep going and climb!**



KIM HILLYARD

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From beloved author-illustrator Nicola Killen comes an adorable story about new friends and birthday surprises, tenderly told and illustrated in limited color.

For Ollie's birthday, her wish came true! In a brightly wrapped box was her very own tiger suit. Ollie practices her very best *Roooooaarrrr*, then a bunch of colorful balloons and a gust of wind carry Ollie to the forest where she makes new animal friends. Elephant, Monkey, Sloth, Rhinoceros, Zebra, and Lion help make the most wonderful birthday party for their new friend.

TALES OF NOW AND THEN

By Harry Hutchins

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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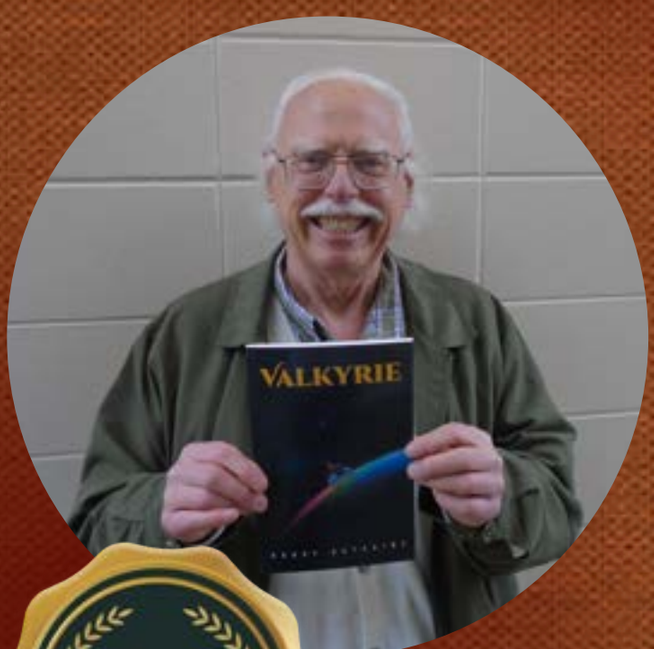
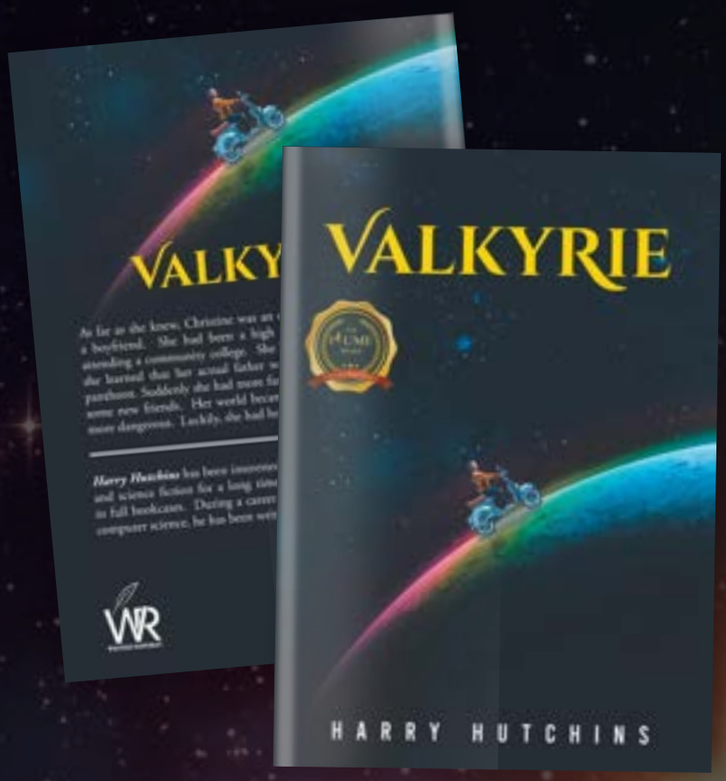


About the Author

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.

Author Interview





VALKYRIE

by: Harry Hutchins

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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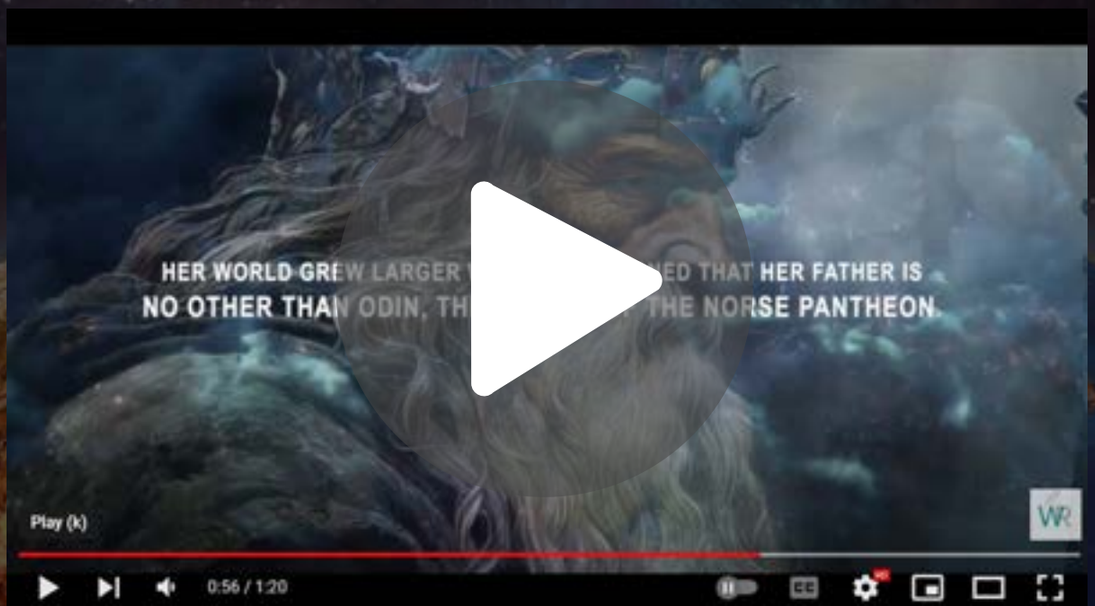
About the Author

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.

Book Trailer





RISING STAR IN THE WORLD OF FANTASY LITERATURE

Hannah Whitten

New York Times bestselling author and ***Amazon Editor's Pick*** for Best Science Fiction and Fantasy

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Hannah Whitten, the imaginative author behind "The Foxglove King" and "The Hemlock Queen," has captivated readers with her enchanting tales. She lives in Tennessee with her husband and children in a house ruled by a temperamental cat.

"The Foxglove King" introduces readers to a richly detailed fantasy realm where alliances are forged, and betrayals lurk around every corner. Whitten's skillful storytelling and vibrant characters immerse readers in a world where the line between good and evil is often blurred.

In "The Hemlock Queen," Whitten continues to enthrall readers with her mastery of fantasy storytelling. As the saga unfolds, readers are drawn deeper into the intricate web of alliances, magic, and intrigue that defines Whitten's unique literary universe.

With her evocative prose and knack for creating unforgettable characters, Hannah Whitten has established herself as a rising star in the world of fantasy literature.

THE FOXGLOVE KING

Lore, a thirteen-year-old girl who escaped a cult in Dellaire's catacombs, is tasked with using her death magic to protect the city. Mortem, a high-priced and illicit commodity, is used by the Presque Mort, a group of warrior-monks working for the Sainted King. When a run goes wrong, Lore's power is revealed, and she is taken by the Presque Mort.

King August plans to use Lore's magic to uncover the truth about the villagers dying overnight. Lore is thrust into the Sainted King's court, where she faces politics, religion, and forbidden romance. However, the life she left behind in the catacombs is catching up with her, and they might be drawing closer than she thinks.



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THE HEMLOCK QUEEN

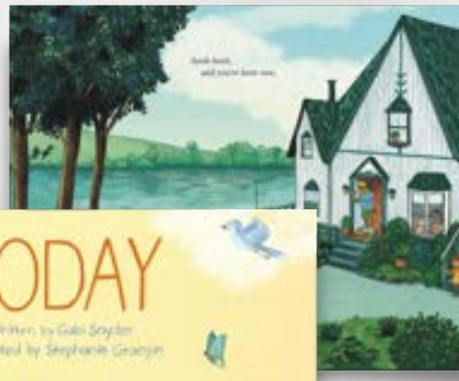
Prince Bastian has seized the throne and raised Lore, a necromancer and former smuggler, to his right-hand side.

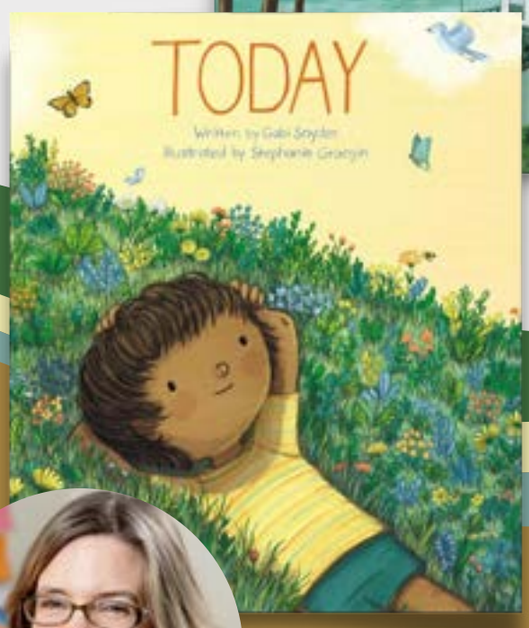
They plan to help the people of Dellaire and cut out the rot from the royal court. However, not everyone is happy with the changes, as nobles are sowing dissent, the Kirythean Empire is attacking, and Lore's old allies are pulling away.

A dark voice whispers in her ear, telling her there's more to the story than she knows and her power than she can imagine.

TODAY

by: Gabi Snyder





This welcoming and joyful picture book reminds us that every moment can hold many surprises and to look for the wonder in every day.

Today may seem long before leaving for a summer vacation or short during the time away. The moments that make up the day are filled with surprises, joy, fun, and memories. This book guides young readers to keep their eyes and ears open so the day doesn't slip by.

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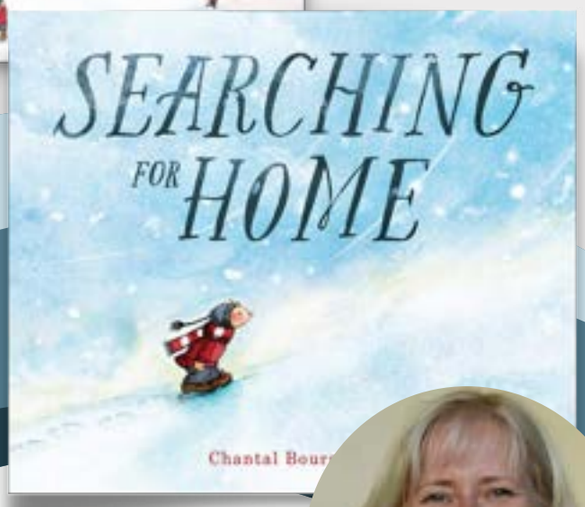



Searching for Home

by: Chantal Bourgonje

Noa is an excellent finder. But he can't seem to find any friends. Noa the house-sprite likes his home . . . but it doesn't have any friends in it. Determined to change that, Noa sets out on an adventure to find a home with friends. Along the way, he meets Bear, Ferret, and Wolf. Together they face daunting dangers and witness breathtaking beauty, all in search of a new home . . . until they come to realize that maybe the real home is the friendships they made along the way. The timeless message and whimsical art of Searching for Home make this the perfect gift book for folktale enthusiasts and fairy tale lovers. Young readers will resonate with Noa's hunt for true friendship, and might just be inspired to go on an adventure or two of their own. Oftentimes, rich friendships are waiting just around the corner.

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TANA FRENCH: UNVEILING CRIMES IN RURAL IRELAND

Tana French

the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Best Mystery/Thriller, and the Irish Book Award for Crime Fiction.

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Tana French, the acclaimed author behind "The Searcher" and "The Hunter," weaves chilling mysteries set against the atmospheric backdrop of Irish countryside.

A New York Times bestseller, French is known for her psychological depth, exploring the characters entangled in her crimes as much as the crimes themselves. Before captivating readers with her Dublin Murder Squad series, French honed her craft as an actress.

This background shines through in her captivating narratives, where she delves into the complexities of human behavior and the lingering secrets of small communities. With awards like the Edgar and Anthony Awards adorning her shelf, Tana French continues to be a master of the modern crime thriller.

The Hunter

In a small village in Ireland, Cal Hooper, a Chicago PD retiree, finds peace in rural Ireland with Lena. He helps transform Trey Reddy from a half-feral teenager into a good kid.

However, Trey's father reappears, bringing an English millionaire and a gold mining scheme. The three men are threatened, but Trey wants revenge. Cal and Lena are ready to protect Trey, but Trey's true desire is revenge.

The story explores the sacrifices made for loved ones, revenge, and the sacrifices made when the two collide.



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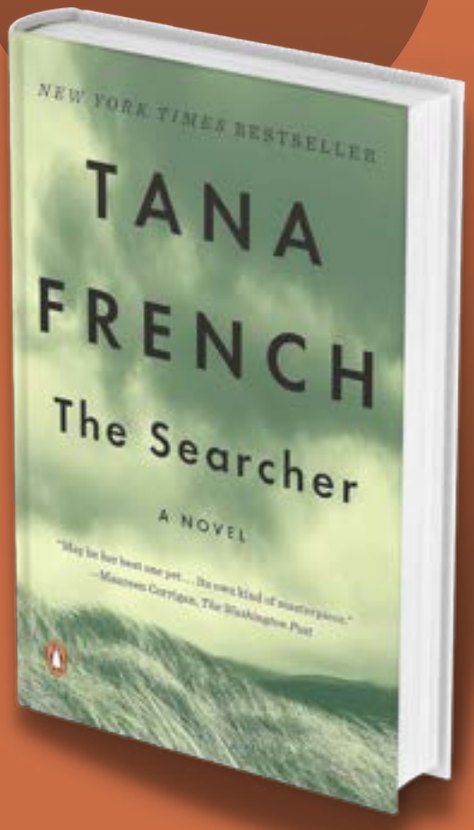

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The Searcher

Cal Hooper thought a fixer-upper in a bucolic Irish village would be the perfect escape. After twenty-five years in the Chicago police force and a bruising divorce, he just wants to build a new life in a pretty spot with a good pub where nothing much happens.

But when a local kid whose brother has gone missing arm-twists him into investigating, Cal uncovers layers of darkness beneath his picturesque retreat, and starts to realize that even small towns shelter dangerous secrets.

"One of the greatest crime novelists writing today" (Vox) weaves a masterful, atmospheric tale of suspense, asking how to tell right from wrong in a world where neither is simple, and what we stake on that decision.

Who'll Bring Me Flowers?

by: Anita A. Rozzi

ABOUT THE BOOK

Who'll Bring Me Flowers? tells the life story of a woman who survived the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl with strength and grace. She overcame heartbreaking family conflicts and the cruelties of life to become a strong, independent woman who was an inspiration to those who knew and loved her.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Author Anita Rozzi was born and raised on a dry-land farm in southeast New Mexico. She attended the tiny country schools that were popular at the time and received extra tutoring from her father, who turned to farming after abandoning a career as a public school teacher.

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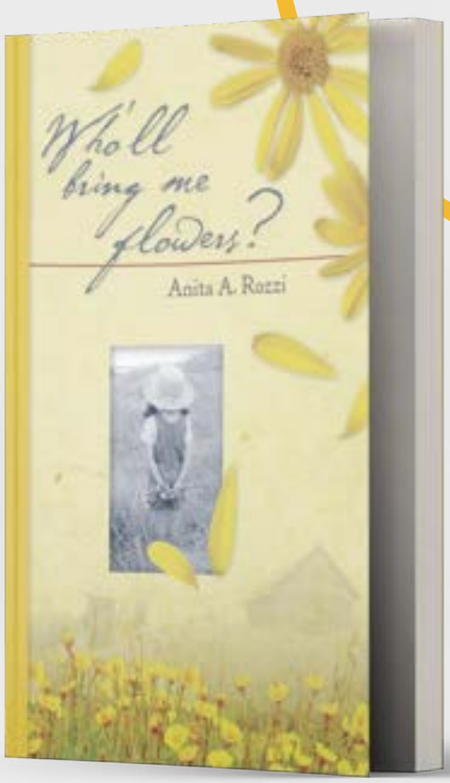



A Perfectly Good Fantasy

by: Lynn Walker

ABOUT THE BOOK

Even if you've never struggled with addiction (or love), you'll find humor and wisdom in this very human, true story of how we can use just about anything—booze, relationships, potato chips—to try to change the way we feel.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

LYNN WALKER worked for many years with at-risk high school students whose parents were drug addicts and alcoholics.

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The Princess and the Pee

by: Effua Gleed

In a royal palace, a princess named Amma lived with a big imagination. She was eager to battle knights, mermaids, and hunt dragons with Grandma Grace. However, every bedtime brought worries, such as heavy blankets and dark shadows. Grandma Grace, a kind and compassionate figure, encouraged Amma to relax and use her imagination to calm her worries. This book, featuring magical artwork and a gentle rhyming story, reassures children that even royal princesses have accidents. It encourages them to share their worries and let them know they'll be heard, making it a perfect re-read for any accidents.

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The Golden Hare

by: Paddy Donnelly

Meara and Grandad set out on a journey to find the Golden Hare, a mythical, shape-shifting creature that can jump to the moon in two-and-a-half leaps! Along the way, they discover all sorts of treasures in the trees, under the ground and in the waves.

And who knows where that clever Golden Hare might be hiding ...

Grandad tells Meara about the mythical, shape-shifting Golden Hare that can jump to the moon in two-and-a-half leaps. And together they set out to find this magical creature. Along the way, they discover all sorts of wildlife wonders.

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Theo, a well-behaved child, struggles with fitting into his family of criminals, leading to a prison break and a diamond heist. Despite knowing several French words, Theo struggles with lying and stealing. His mother sternly advises him to try harder, as the Pincher family loves to steal. After breaking Grandma out of prison, Theo stops his parents from stealing the diamond, demonstrating his true Pincher nature. This chapter book is perfect for beginning and reluctant readers, blending adventure, silliness, and everyday family life.



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Life's not always easy for a Cactus. This particular one wants to impress his all-powerful dad with his epic magic skills, and he's not about to let anything stop him on his solo hero's journey. All he needs is a chunk of star rock to level up his potions. There's just one problem – there's none left. The only way to get a single slice of the stuff is to enter the deadly MotoBrawl race, find a way to stop accidentally turning bugs into giant fire-breathing creatures, befriend the lizard gangs that roam the desert, and *maybe* make a friend along the way. But does a lone hero even need any of this stuff?

The Man in the Dark Suit

by: Janet G. Sims

A young woman wakes up with an amnesia. Her mind keeps trying to regain her memory, but are her dreams real or just her imagination?

About the Author

Author Janet G. Sims has always loved to read books and that is one of the reasons she started writing. She invites everyone to get a copy of her books: *Lacy Rose Gardenia Gets Her Bloom, Cristy and Her Amazing Friends, The Man in the Dark Suit, Mark's Big Surprise.*

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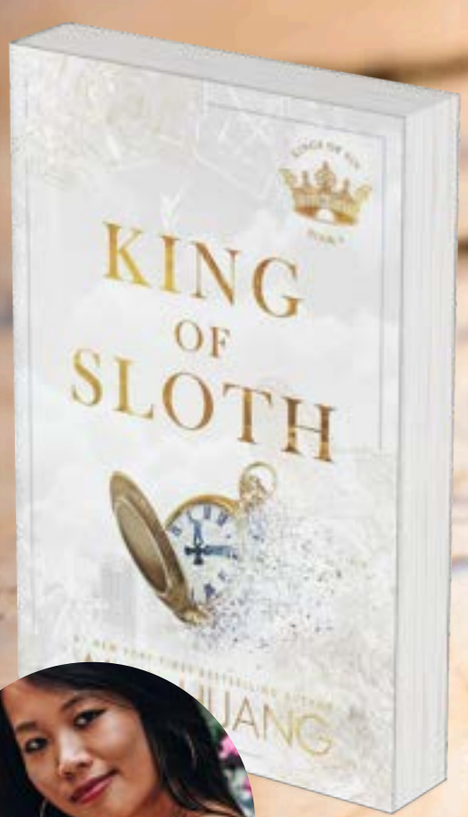



King of Sloth

(Kings of Sin, 4)

by Anna Huang

Xavier Castillo, a charming and wealthy man, faces uncertainty in his future as he encounters women who pursue him, especially his publicist. A tragedy forces them closer, forcing Xavier to confront the truth that the only person immune to his charms is the one he truly wants.

About the Author

Ana Huang is a #1 New York Times, Sunday Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and #1 Amazon bestselling author. Best known for her Twisted series, she writes new adult and contemporary romance with deliciously alpha heroes, strong heroines, and plenty of steam, angst, and swoon.

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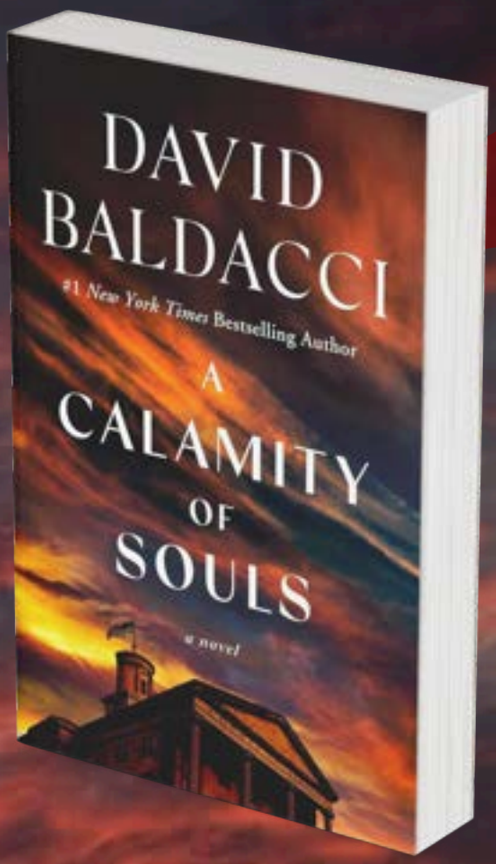

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Set in the tumultuous year of 1968 in southern Virginia, a racially-charged murder case sets a duo of white and Black lawyers against a deeply unfair system as they work to defend their wrongfully-accused Black defendants in this courtroom drama from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author David Baldacci.

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One doesn't have to be struggling to better themselves financially. The "small" tweaks a person makes day to day, paycheck to paycheck, can produce beautiful dividends in the long run.

About the Author

Sgt. Randy Ray Rhodes Jr. is a U.S. Marine pending medical retirement. He's a father to three beautiful children and tries his hardest to make them proud of their father.

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