

# FRIESENPRESS CATALOGUE

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#### **COVER FEATURE**



#### **RED LEOPARD**

PAUL VINCENT JACUZZI

- "... Red Leopard will have readers entranced by the high stakes, the compelling geopolitical setting, and the adorable protagonist."
- —The Book Commentary ★★★★
- "A war that's decades in the making may ignite in the thrilling novel Red Leopard, a tale of murderous intent in which the Cold War may not be finished after all."
- -Foreword Clarion Review ★★★★

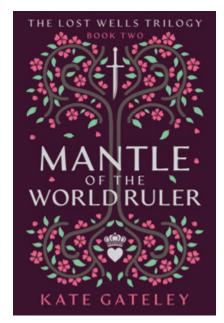
#### THE CLEAR PATH TO BETTER BOOKS

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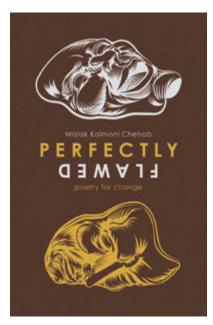
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#### **CANADIAN BOOK CLUB AWARDS**



MANTLE OF THE WORLD RULER
KATE GATELEY

WINNER FANTASY / SCI-FI CATEGORY



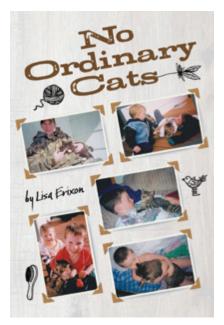
PERFECTLY FLAWED:
POETRY FOR CHANGE
MALAK KALMONI CHEHAB

FINALIST POETRY CATEGORY



THE LITTLE GIRL H. PHAM-FRASER

WINNER CHILDREN'S CATEGORY

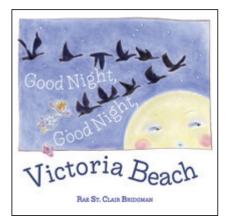


NO ORDINARY CATS
LISA ERIXON

FINALIST
YOUNG ADULT CATEGORY

#### **NEXT GENERATION INDIE BOOK AWARDS**

#### **GRAND PRIZE WINNER**

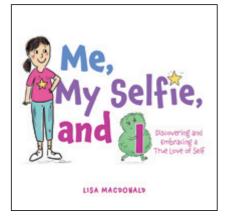


GOOD NIGHT, GOOD NIGHT, VICTORIA BEACH

RAE ST. CLAIR BRIDGMAN

WINNER CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK 0-5 YEARS

#### **FINALIST**



ME, MY SELFIE, AND I:
DISCOVERING AND EMBRACING
A TRUE LOVE OF SELF
LISA MACDONALD

CHILDREN'S/JUVENILE NONFICTION

#### **FINALIST**



WE BOTH SPEAK ENGLISH BUT

**HEATHER BRADLEY** 

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK NONFICTION

#### WHISTLER INDEPENDENT BOOK AWARDS 2024



QUITTING THE MASTER RACE:
A DAUGHTER'S JOURNEY TO BREAK THE BONDS OF HATE BARBARA LEIMSNER

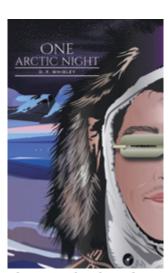
SHORTLIST NONFICTION NOMINEE



**PALMYRA** KAREN BARROW



THE LOST SPIRIT L.G. ANDERSON



ONE ARCTIC NIGHT D.F. WHIBLEY

SHORTLIST FICTION NOMINEE

SHORTLIST CHILDREN'S NOMINEE

SHORTLIST CHILDREN'S NOMINEE

#### AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, **HOPE WEST**

#### 2024 INDEPENDENT **PUBLISHER BOOK AWARDS**

**IPPY GOLD** MEDAL WINNER

VISIONARY/ **NEW AGE FICTION** 

#### **2024 ERIC HOFFER AWARD**

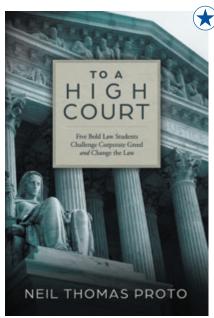
WINNER SPIRITUAL FICTION

NOMINATED VISIONARY/NEW AGE **FICTION** 



THE ONCE UPON A TIME **OF NOW** 

#### AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, **NEIL THOMAS PROTO**



TO A HIGH COURT **FIVE BOLD LAW STUDENTS CHALLENGE CORPORATE GREED** AND CHANGE THE LAW

KIRKUS REVIEWS **BEST INDIE BOOKS OF** THE YEAR

STARRED REVIEW ADULT NONFICTION

#### **2024 ERIC HOFFER AWARD**

**GRAND PRIZE** SHORTLIST + **CULTURE CATEGORY** WINNER

**ADULT NONFICTION** 

#### AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, RUTH AMANDA

**LITTLE PEEPS AWARDS IN THE CHANTICLEER** INTERNATIONAL **BOOK AWARDS** 

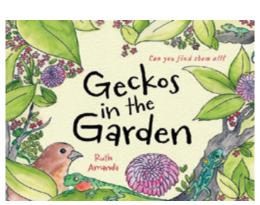
**FINALIST** 

**MOM'S CHOICE AWARDS** 

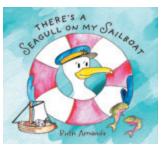
**PURPLE DRAGON BOOK AWARD** WINNER

**GLOBAL EBOOK AWARDS** 

**GOLD WINNER** 



**GECKOS IN** THE GARDEN



ON MY SAILBOAT

**ROYAL DRAGONFLY BOOK AWARD** 

> **HONORABLE MENTION**



THERE'S A SEAGULL THERE'S A BUZZARD ON THE BALCONY

**ROYAL DRAGONFLY BOOK AWARD** 

> HONORABLE **MENTION**

#### AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, **R.F. VINCENT**

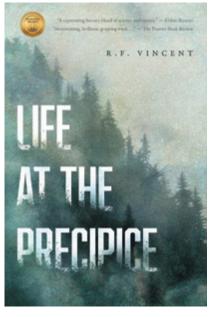
#### AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, **CAROL KENT**

#### **2023 BEST INDIE BOOK AWARDS** (BBA)

**WINNER LITERARY FICTION** 



2024 **LEACOCK AWARD BRONZE MEDAL AWARD** 



LIFE AT THE PRECIPICE

# STORY STORY WESTERN AND QUINTERFED BY CAROL KENT

HAMBURGER AND FRENCH FLIES A BARN SWALLOW' STORY

#### **NAUTILUS BOOK AWARDS**

**SILVER WINNER** 

NONFICTION CHILDREN'S **CATEGORY** 

#### **INTERNATIONAL BOOK AWARDS**

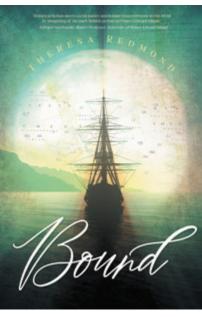
**FINALIST** 2023

#### AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, THERESA REDMOND

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BOOK AWARDS** 2024 **WINNER** 

FICTION





**BOUND** 

#### AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, FRED W. KENNEDY

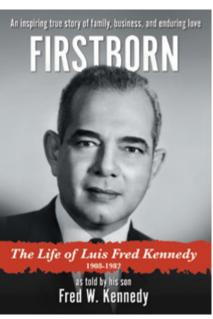
NONFICTION воок **AWARDS** 

> GOLD. **MEDAL**



**BOOK EXCELLENCE AWARD** 

> **FINALIST BIOGRAPHY**



**FIRSTBORN** THE LIFE OF LUIS FRED KENNEDY 1908-1982

FRED W. KENNEDY

**2023 BEST** BOOK **AWARDS** (BBA) **FINALIST** 

CATEGORY: **BIOGRAPHY**: GENERAL



#### **NOTABLE KIRKUS REVIEWS**



# THE INVESTORS' ADVOCATE: PRACTICAL COUNSEL FOR SUCCESSFUL INVESTING

PAYSON Y. HUNTER

"A lean and immensely informative handbook for investing."

-Kirkus Reviews (★ STARRED REVIEW)

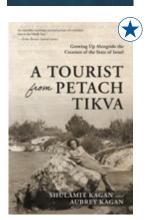


#### **SHE WHO BURNS**

MYRL COULTER

"Riveting family saga with themes of female empowerment creatively tied to tarot lore ... a timely, poignant novel with shades of Delia Owens' Where the Crawdads Sing (2018) and Miriam Toews' Women Talking (2018)."

-Kirkus Reviews (★STARRED REVIEW)



#### A TOURIST FROM PETACH TIKVA

SHULAMIT KAGAN AND AUBREY KAGAN

"An enjoyable, touchingly personal account of a turbulent time in the Middle East."

-Kirkus Reviews (★ STARRED REVIEW)



#### **GO TO THE START**

MICHAEL JANYK

"...a sleek, in-depth remembrance..."

-Kirkus Reviews

#### **NOTABLE KIRKUS REVIEWS**



#### **CHOSEN BY THE BLADE**

S.R. SEREDA

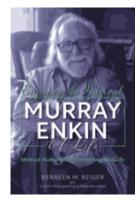
- "...fun, rousing quest tale..."
- -Kirkus Reviews



#### THE COMFORT OF STONE

MARIE GROUNDWATER

- "...a captivating collection of poetry"
- -Kirkus Reviews



# ENJOYING THE INTERVAL: MURRAY ENKIN: A LIFE MEDICAL HUMANIST AND HONORARY MIDWIFE KERREEN M. REIGER

"...remarkably comprehensive..."

-Kirkus Reviews



# THE MAGICAL ADVENTURES OF QUIZZLE AND PINKY PALM

TERESA MAE WATERLAND

- "...whimsical and wise..."
- -Kirkus Reviews

#### **FEATURED REVIEWS**



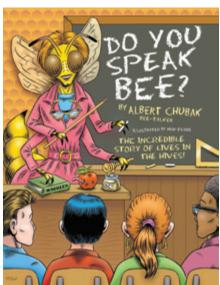
#### THE CHOSEN ONE A SOLDIER OF LIGHT NOVEL - BOOK ONE ASHLEY LEBLANC

"An exciting, highly entertaining tale of magic, power, and destiny."

-Kirkus Reviews

"A compelling fantasy novel, The Chosen One blends elements of meditation and magic into a story about the powers of love and community."

-Foreword Clarion Review ★★★★



## DO YOU SPEAK BEE? THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF LIVES INSIDE THE HIVES

ALBERT B. CHUBAK ILLUSTRATED BY HUW EVANS

"A whimsically illustrated and informative guide that will turn readers into bee experts."

-Kirkus Reviews

"An edifying introductory work of apiculture from a seasoned beekeeper, Do You Speak Bee? is fascinating as it peeks inside the inner workings of a colony."

-Foreword Clarion Review ★★★★

#### NOTABLE FOREWORD CLARION REVIEWS

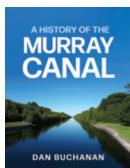


#### **RED LEOPARD**

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"Red Leopard is a fascinating thriller in which the Cold War may not be finished after all."

-Foreword Clarion Review ★★★★



#### A HISTORY OF THE MURRAY CANAL

DAN BUCHANAN

"Infusing engineering history with a sense of intrigue, A History of the Murray Canal lays bare the intricacies of the canal's planning and construction."

-Foreword Clarion Review ★★★★



#### **EMBERS**

**HOWARD GISKIN** 

"Reaching to lyric heights, Embers is an empathetic poetry collection that speaks to consequential universal experiences."

-Foreword Clarion Review ★★★



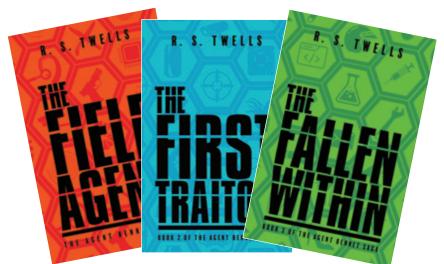
## INTO THE KNOWN UNIVERSE: A COSMIC LOVE STORY, KINDA

JAMES R.D. HILTON

"Into the Known Universe is a rollicking science fiction farce that takes on arbitrary social restrictions with aplomb."

-Foreword Clarion Review ★★★

#### **NOTABLE SERIES**



#### THE AGENT BENNET SAGA

R.S. TWELLS

THE FIELD AGENT
THE FIRST TRAITOR
THE FALLEN WITHIN



#### THE LOST WELLS TRILOGY

KATE GATELEY

TIDES OF THE SOVEREIGN MANTLE OF THE WORLD RULER SEVERANCE OF THE SORCERER



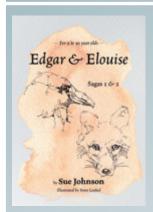
#### THE DROWNED KINGDOM

P.L. STUART

A DROWNED KINGDOM
THE LAST OF THE ATALANTEANS
LORD AND KING
A LION'S PRIDE

# FICTION BOOKS

#### **FICTION BESTSELLERS**



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#### PAPERBACK

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ALSO AVAILABLE IN EBOOK FORMAT



THE IRISH WITHIN US C. A. LOGAN

#### HARDCOVER

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#### PAPERBACK

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ALSO AVAILABLE IN EBOOK FORMAT



THE BANDAGE SOLUTION MARIANNE RICHARDS

#### HARDCOVER

\$35.99 USD Trade Discount 978-1-03-919608-7

#### PAPERBACK

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ANTONIA GIGLIO

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INTO THE KNOWN UNIVERSE: A COSMIC LOVE STORY, KINDA JAMES R.D. HILTON

#### HARDCOVER

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J-S RIOUX

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**RETURN OF POWER**CJ ARRAN

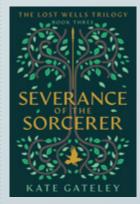
#### HARDCOVER

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SEVERANCE OF THE SORCERER KATE GATELEY

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#### PAUL VINCENT JACUZZI

#### WHEN AMERICAN AUTHORITIES LEARN THAT A NUCLEAR MISSILE MAY HAVE BEEN

spirited away by the Castro regime during the Cuban Missile Crisis and that their enemies are planning to use it against them, the CIA calls upon Dalton Drake, a dauntless Canadian private intelligence contractor, to uncover the truth. Embarking on a perilous journey to Cuba, Drake and his elite team soon find themselves enmeshed in a web of intrigue involving Cuba, Venezuela, China, and American political radicals, who are conspiring to dismantle the very foundations of American power. Their goal: to usher in a new world order with China at the top and to vanquish US leadership. As Drake and his team race against time, their pursuit takes them on a high-stakes odyssey across Cuba, Central America, the Caribbean, Canada, and the US. With the fate of the west and also his family hanging in the balance, this is Drake's most personal mission yet.

#### www.daltondrakenovels.com

"(★★★★★) Red Leopard by Paul Vincent Jacuzzi is an enthralling geopolitical thriller that features complex plotlines involving espionage, political intrigue, and the looming nuclear crisis. The narrative is both gripping and expansive, taking readers on a high-stakes journey across Cuba, Central America, the Caribbean, Canada, and the U.S. Jacuzzi combines suspense, action, and geopolitical dynamics to create a multifaceted thriller that keeps entertained throughout. The plot's intricate layers unfold gradually, revealing a web of alliances, betrayals, and covert operations."

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—The Book Commentary

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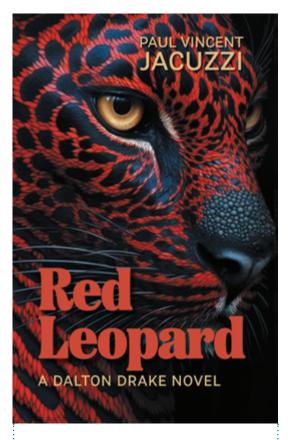
" $(\star\star\star\star\star)$  Jacuzzi keeps the suspense high; not only does the enemy plan to use the missile as a weapon against America, they also threaten to topple the existing world order. He demonstrates an extensive understanding of espionage tactics and the events of the Cold War, and the intricate, layered world he creates comes complete with courageous heroes and malevolent villains. The narrative moves back and forth between the past and present, fueled by the search for the missing missile while raising profound questions about power, loyalty, and the human experience. With vivid descriptions and a darkly fascinating exploration of recent political landscape, this novel leads readers down a thrilling path. A page-turner."

-BookView Review

#### PAUL JACUZZI SPENT HIS EARLY CAREER YEARS IN GENERAL MANAGEMENT ROLES,

affording the opportunity to travel the globe, and learn from a variety of cultures and successful entrepreneurs. Jacuzzi crafted his own unique business and personal style based on decisive action, team building, and injecting fun into solving complex business challenges. In the latter half of his career, Jacuzzi acquired his own manufacturing company, growing the business into a leading North American player with operations across Canada and the United States. Upon his retirement in 2020, Jacuzzi turned to his interests in travel, family, and studying historical events. Combining his career and individual experiences with a love of writing, led to the creation of the Dalton Drake series of espionage and military thrillers. For more information, interviews, upcoming events and more, go to www.daltondrakenovels.com.

#### **RED LEOPARD**



#### FICTION, THRILLERS, ESPIONAGE

324 pages, Black & White, 5.5 x 8.5

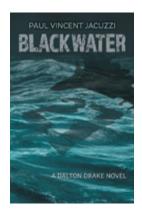
#### **HARDCOVER**

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DALTON DRAKE SERIES: **Blackwater** 

#### KANE'S GUEST BOOK MICHAEL MURPHY



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In 1795, Russia dominates the Pacific fur trade. Cultures clash on every shore as explorers sail the unknown waters of Pacific North America.

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www.mmurphyauthor.com

"This is a return to the grand legacy of adventure storytelling.

Compelling characters witnessing and being shaped by a world gone by, yet a world that still shapes us today, open the book, jump onboard and live along with two brothers as they follow a path mixed with violence and hope, dreams and danger, and always the truth to guide them.

Michael Murphy has created that believable alliance between reality and myth . . . a world we can all believe in. A wonderful read."

-Terry Donnelly, Journalist

#### MICHAEL MURPHY USES HIS LIFE EXPERIENCES TO TELL GREAT STORIES. HIS LIFETIME

of living on the West Coast and having a great brother, combined with his desire to tell a story, led to the writing of Kane's Guest Book. His love for reading and travel fuel his writing, which builds on themes of brotherhood, acceptance, learning discipline, and characters coming into their own.

When not writing, Murphy enjoys cycling, walking, and spending time in the outdoors. He lives in the Fraser Valley, B.C., with his wife.

#### ROBERT J. ROGERS SHAHBAZ RISING

WHEN ESTHER, A BEAUTIFUL, BRILLIANT, AND SUCCESSFUL YOUNG AMERICAN woman with a degree in engineering physics, meets a handsome, mysterious Iranian man while on a vacation, her world is shattered when he advises her that she is not who she believes she is. The couple who raised her are not really her parents, and she has another family she has never met back in the Middle East.

She subsequently loses her job in the defense industry and is deported, sent back to Iran, where she must begin a new life in a world she doesn't know or understand. As Esther's anger toward the country that rejected her grows, intensified by a string of heartbreaking events, she becomes involved with a terrorist group planning a major attack on the United States.

#### www.shahbazrising.ca

"A timely, high-stakes military page-turner. Long-hidden secrets unearth a lifetime of struggles and ruin for a young woman in Rogers' poignant debut novel. Esther, a stunning and brilliant American with an engineering physics degree, has her world turned upside down when she meets a mysterious Iranian man on vacation. He reveals that her real family resides in the Middle East. Soon, Esther loses her job and is deported to Iran. As resentment towards her former home grows and tragedy strikes, she becomes entangled with a terrorist group plotting an attack on the United States. The intricate plot grips the reader from the very first page. Rogers, with his experience in naval intelligence and combat control, delves into the gritty realities of covert operations: clandestine meetings, alliances forged in the shadows, agents living double lives, and terrorism. The vividly described Middle Eastern landscapes and arsenal of weapons add a sophisticated layer to this military thriller. And through it all, Esther's personal struggles bring a human element to the story. Exhilarating and poignant."

-The Prairies Book Review - 5 March 2024

#### ROBERT JAMES ROGERS JOINED THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES IN 1964 AND

travelled all over the globe during his thirty-three-year naval career, working as an anti-submarine air control officer, executive officer of a minesweeper, senior watchkeeper, and the combat control officer of a destroyer. He also worked in emergency planning before he was moved into naval Intelligence for the second half of his career. He has a degree in history and political science from the University of Manitoba and worked as the administrator of a minor hockey association, the administrator of a large evangelical church, and a peace officer with the Edmonton Police Service before finally retiring in 2016. In 2022, Robert was awarded the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal for his valuable voluntary contributions to the Province of Alberta by the Lieutenant Governor of the province.



#### FICTION, POLITICAL

318 pages, Black & White, 6 x 9

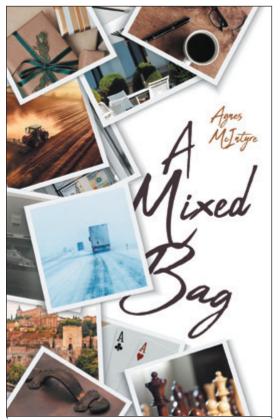
#### **HARDCOVER**

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#### PAPERBACK

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#### A MIXED BAG AGNES MCINTYRE



#### FICTION, SHORT STORIES (SINGLE AUTHOR)

186 pages, Standard Color, 5.5 x 8.5

#### **HARDCOVER**

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#### SIXTEEN SHORT STORIES FROM SIXTEEN DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES, THIS THOUGHTFUL

collection traverses a range of topics and themes intrinsic to the human experience. Connected only by their exploration of how we understand our world, each tale is a journey through a unique scenario with a unique personality. With relatable characters and situations inspired by real-world events, A Mixed Bag grapples with interpersonal relationships, complex emotions, and how different people might react when life throws them curveballs.

Brimming with profound insights, a good dose of humour, and range of voices, A Mixed Bag offers a survey of diverse ideas and champions a compassionate interest in people, relationships, and the human experience—both positive and negative. Multi-faceted and bold, this story collection reveals the potential for good in us all.■

www.agneselizabethmcintyre.com

"Very well written and relatable. Easy to read and comprehend."

-Betty Anne Stevens (Amazon Reviewer)

#### AGNES MCINTYRE LIVES IN EDMONTON, ALBERTA, WITH HER CAT. WHILE HER

pastimes include sewing and reading and watching mystery stories, she harbours a deep interest in studying human nature through lived experience. Drawing from her own life experiences, she is inspired to write about the human condition and what makes us tick. Her short story collection, A Mixed Bag, is her first published

#### JEAN FILEWYCH THE UNINVITED GUEST

#### CAROL IS LIVING A FORTUNATE LIFE WITH A DEVOTED HUSBAND AND THREE children. She is about to embark on a dream career as a speech language

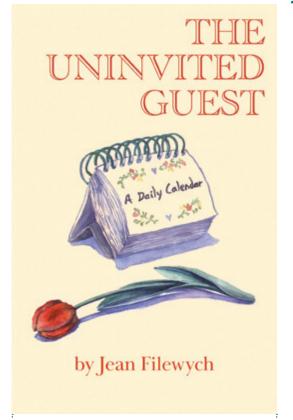
pathologist. And then the couple hear two ominous words in a doctor's office: multiple sclerosis.

So begins Carol and Paul's new life—with an autoimmune disease looming over them. Although MS has no cure, there is still hope: Paul could go into remission. As Carol strives to stay strong, everything she loves is put at risk; her marriage, her relationships with her children, her budding career, and even her faith. How do you find resolve under relentless strain and loss? How do you find joy in growing grief? How do you find hope under the shadow of disease?

Join Carol, her husband, and their family on a harrowing journey that lasts over a decade.

#### IEAN FILEWYCH IS A WRITER FROM ALBERTA WHO TAUGHT HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH

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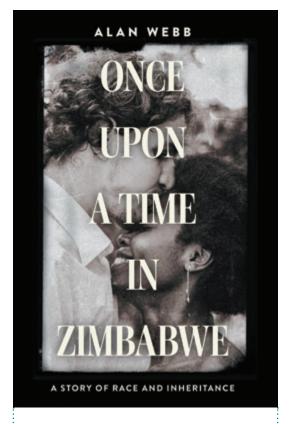
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#### ALAN WEBB WAS BORN IN ZIMBABWE DURING THE TAIL END OF THE RHODESIAN

Civil War and had family who served on both sides of the conflict. He travels the world and is passionate about history, ancient civilizations, wildlife conservation, and environmental issues. He lives in Igaluit, Nunavut, Canada with his family.

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Outside of writing (and watching dramas), K. W. collects vintage tractors and other farm equipment, listens to audiobooks, and hopes to spend his retirement travelling with his husband.



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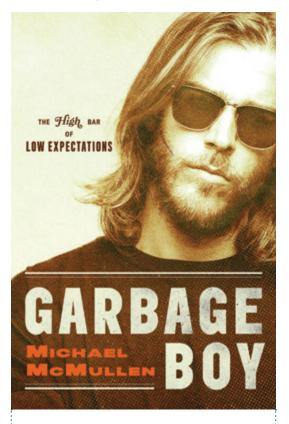
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The book implies an ethical question "Does a wrong become right if you have been wronged all along?"■

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#### MICHAEL MCMULLEN HAS BEEN WRITING FOR DECADES, HIS STORIES BASED LOOSELY

on his lived experience. His work history has given him rich insights into a demographic kaleidoscope, which he seeks to reflect in his gritty, heartfelt stories. Michael's previous work includes the novel *Scarred* (2019), which laid the groundwork for this book. He lives in Manitoba with his wife, Deb, whom he's been married to for forty-four years. They have three grown children and four grandchildren.

#### J. A. MEDFORD

#### CONSCIOUSNESS IS AN ABERRATION IN THE COSMOS AND MUST BE ERADICATED. SO

says the Inner, a bodyless visitor to the Milky Way Galaxy. In an effort to destroy consciousness, he sets up the environment to play his game, The Kill. If he can get two gamers, one from Earth and one from Genesis, to enter the electromagnetic eye on Genesis, the magnetosphere which protects Earth from charged cosmic particles will be destroyed. His gamers, Lodgemen and Sacred Sisters ritualize their avatars and it's game on. But the gamers, Luther Keyes and Sek, the Beast of Genesis wound each other, exchange blood, and break the rules of The Kill. As the controller searches for consciousness while struggling to retain control of his game, Luther, a former playboy,now in the throes of his first love, realizes that whether he wins or loses The Kill, the outcome will mean Earth's demise. This science fiction/fantasy/romance follows the Inner on his relentless search for consciousness, and Luther Keyes, as he finds true love and realizes he may have to lose it to save us all.

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#### I. A. MEDFORD WAS BORN IN BARBADOS. IS A CANADIAN CITIZEN AND LIVES IN

Chatham, Ontario. The author became interested in other worlds after reading Revelations in the Bible at a very early age. Favorite authors are Isaac Asimov, Robert A. Heinlein, Arthur C. Clarke, Ursula K. Le Guin and Frank Herbert . Publishing history includes a children's short story with Longman Caribbean - Trinidad, and newspaper articles on hiking. The author won one of Barbados' Silver Literary Awards. J.A. Medford lived in London, UK and worked at Scotland Yard and the U.S. Naval Support Activity in Grosvenor Square. Also lived in Brooklyn, NY and worked for the Associated Press. Also lived in Trinidad and Barbados. This book began as a romance pre-COVID and ended in science fiction.

#### THE KILL



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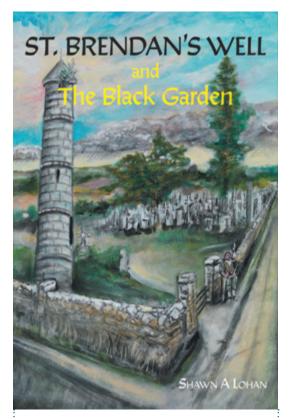
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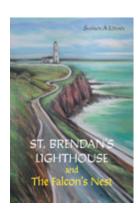
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-Camille G. Hobart, Tazmania November 9,2022

#### HE GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND A

Diploma in Law and Justice. He had attended Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario and the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, all within Canada. He is a father to 4, brother, oldest of 5, uncle and grandparent. The son of Christopher(Bob)Lohan, who immigrated from Ireland, and Helena Attard, born in Toronto, Ontario. He is the holder of a private pilot licensed, licensed semi-truck operator, and former business owner. He loves to bring old friends together and enjoy their company, appreciating the things that are important to them. Between 1987 and 2019, he put 250,000 kilometers on his 2003 SAAB 9-3, traveling between Edmonton, Alberta and Vancouver, British Columbia, including nurmerous trips to Vancouver Island, Gabriola included, touring and visiting long-time friends. Edmonton to Vancouver via, Jasper, Calgary or the Lethbridge routes; trips for the soul and mind. He was 65 at the time of this writing, while care-giving full-time for his 91 year old mother suffering from Alzheimer's. Born in Toronto, Ontario, he has also lived in Sudbury, Ottawa, Edmonton and area and Vancouver and area, Canada. He enjoys interacting with people and the challenges life has to offer. He cherishes the friendships he has across Canada and feels he has been luckier than most and is eternally grateful.■

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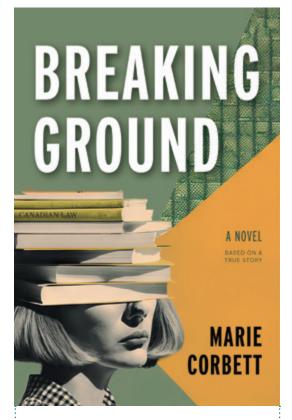
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#### MARIE CORBETT IS A RETIRED SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE WHO WAS A PIONEER IN THE

women's movement of the 1970s. She is the author of *January: A Woman Judge's Season of Disillusion*, a memoir. Marie is a tireless advocate for social justice and reform of sexual assault law. She lives with her wife in Florida and in her native Newfoundland.



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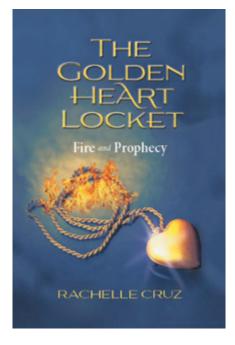
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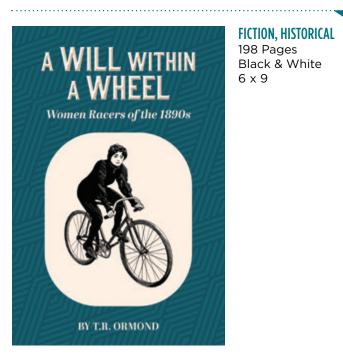
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Under the Nova pact, no one was allowed to trespass each other's borders. Trespassing could mean death. But Estella had to search for her missing loved ones who had left for the war and never returned. She was given a supernatural vision: The key to finding her missing family is to find this golden heart locket. Throughout her journey in search for the locket, she meets friends and foes, ghouls and demons, angels and guides. Will this prophetic quest end in victory or will she lose everything she has, including herself?

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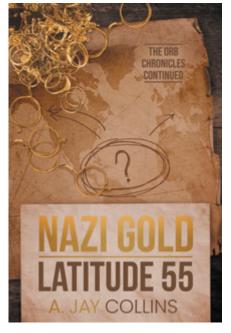
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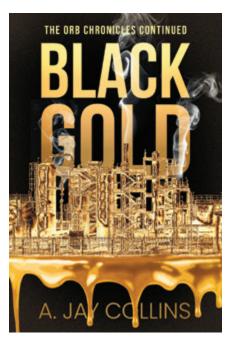
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ORB sends their senior field operative, Matthew Black, into Iran to "fix" the refinery problem. But this won't be an easy task. Black needs to refocus the Regime on being pro-West, a tall order that's going to require all his skills and the support of many.

During significant political unrest and social upheaval, Black and the other ORB operatives on the ground, use every element at their disposal to upset the Regime's plans. Amid the rise of the Iranian working men's union movement and the birth of the Friends of Iran youth organization, ORB works to sabotage the refinery, cut the Regime's access to funds, and bring about the failure of the Revolutionary Guard.

Can Stockman and his people cut Iran's ties to Russia and China and wrest control of the Iranian oil industry from the Regime before it's too late?■

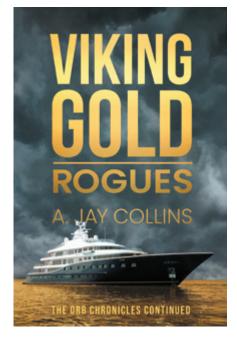
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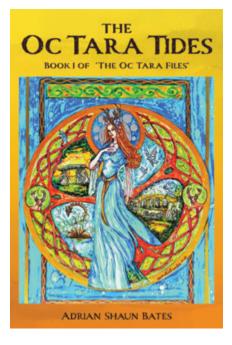
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gain control of an ill-equipped and cash-poor mining company. It owns an abandoned underground mine on the barren south coast of Newfoundland that still hosts quality gold but cannot convince the market to financially support rejuvenation. The pair intend to strip out as much of the high-grade gold remaining and ship it off-shore for processing, as they did on a similar project in Greenland.

A powerful Russian oligarch, with murky motives, arranges a multi-million-dollar loan, based on lies, for the Danes to reactivate the mine, and build a processing plant they don't actually intend to build. Instead, the Russian and the Danes keep the loans for themselves, as well as the revenue from the sale of the gold. It's another billion-dollar heist.

Just like their previous "venture" on the southern tip of Greenland. they intend to mine as fast as possible, leaving Newfoundland with nothing but a toxic mess.

Led by saboteur Matthew Black, ORB - the Organization for Restructuring Business - has to stop the Russian and the Danes, control their cash flow, divert money back to the original lenders, and put all three out of business. Their tactics include sabotaging the mine, their barges, and their mega-yachts.

As ORB goes to great lengths to sabotage the thieves, the gold hangs in the balance. Will ORB succeed in stopping the rogues? Will the financier be left in the lurch, again? Or will ORB be able to put a stop to their nefarious plans once and for all?

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Collapse, survivors in the Welsh hamlet of Tragumna have managed to rebuild peaceful lives for themselves through community, caring for crops and livestock, and living off the land.

This tranquility, however, is jeopardized by the looming threats of plague and invasion. Thus, Tegwynn Galander must travel to the island now known as Faïl to meet its leaders and request that Tragumna's people be allowed to resettle there. On Faïl also grows a special medicinal plant—one needed to treat the chronic radiation burns of Teg's friend, Vanessa, whose condition constantly risks worsening.

But Faïl will be more than just a difficult journey through the wilderness. Strange individuals-some benevolent, some dangerous-await Teg on his journey, as do romance, an awakening to esoteric spirituality, and encounters with beings straight from Celtic folklore. In the end, Teg's guest may force him to brave horizons even further than Faïl, ones of which he had never previously even dreamed.

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promotion of his dreams (with a private office to boot) in exchange for a seemingly simple task: tracking down a stolen corporate freighter and recovering its cargo. "If the cargo ain't recoverable," his boss, Asset Protection Commander Proseus Oort II, growls, "terminate it."

Stuart's simple assignment becomes decidedly less so when he finds the missing freighter only to discover that the "cargo" is none other than Janna, Commander Oort's runaway bride. Hellbent on seeing the stars, she has no intention of allowing Stuart or anyone else to reclaim her, no matter how spacious his new office is.

Stuart is faced with a terrible choice: complete his assignment and secure his promotion or allow Janna to escape while he returns to Oort to face the consequences.

He's still deciding when the pirates show up.

Though their journey into the known universe is just beginning, it's shaping up to be one hell of a ride.■

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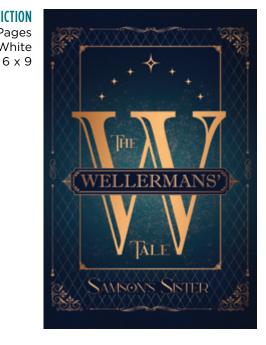
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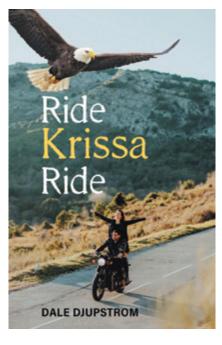
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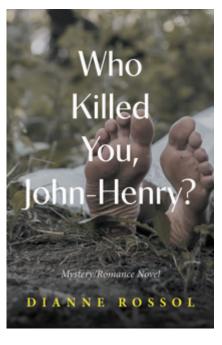
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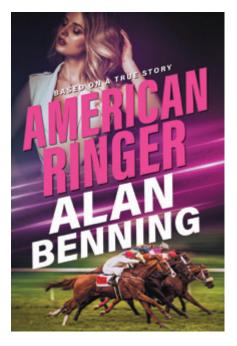
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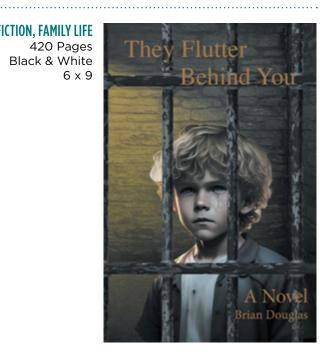
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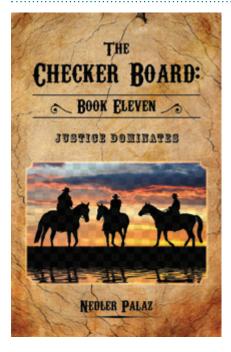
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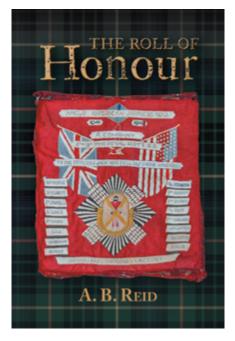
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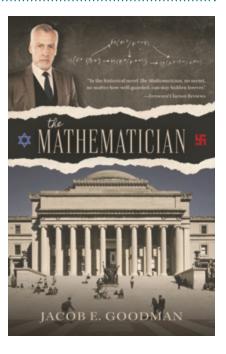
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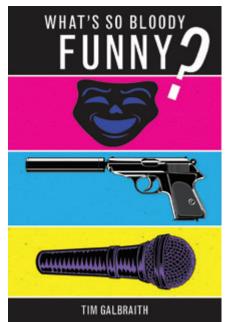
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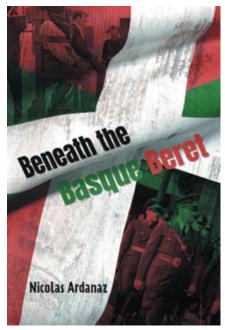
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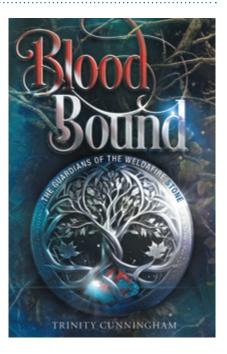
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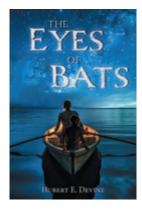
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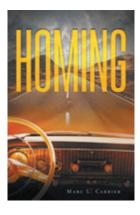
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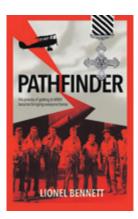
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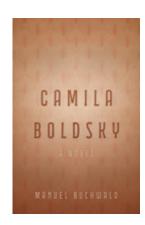
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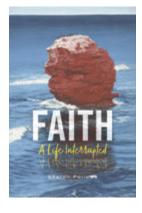
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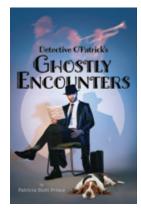
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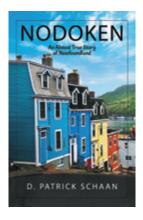
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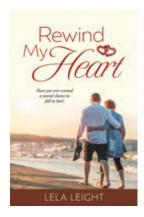
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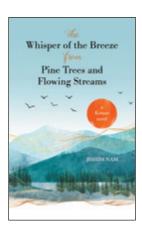
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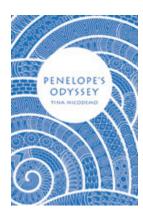
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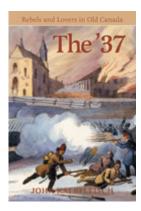
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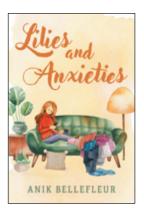
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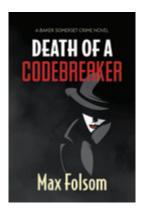
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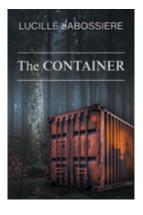
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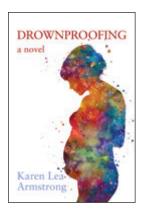
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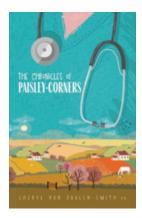
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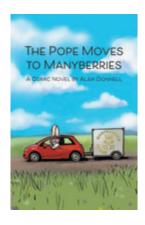
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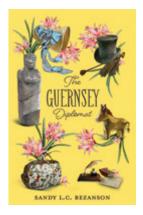
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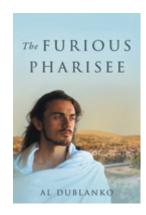
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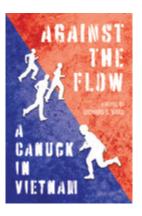
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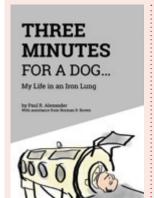
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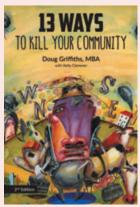
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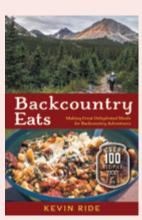


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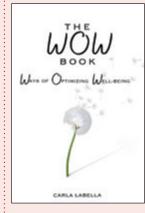
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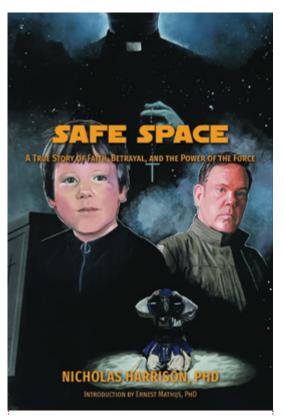
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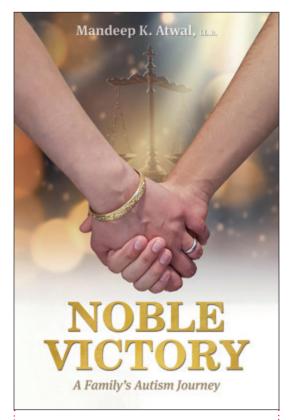
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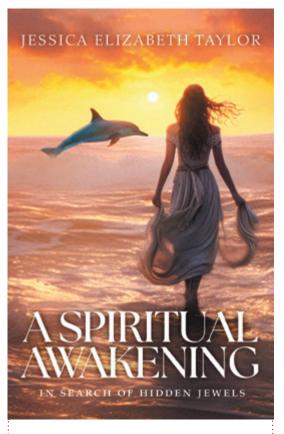
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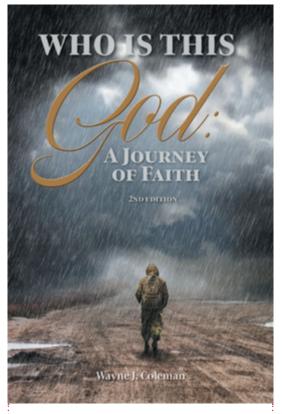
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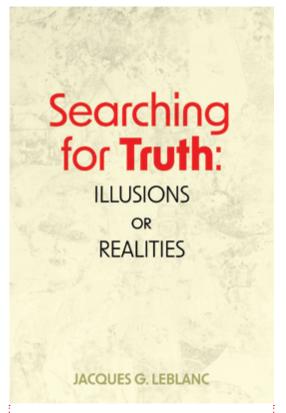
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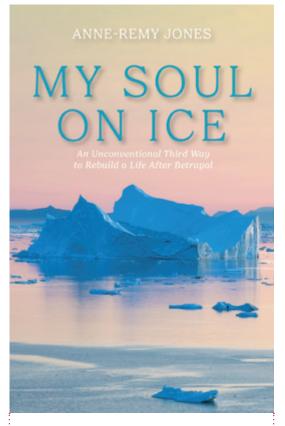
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and contributed to Shanghai Cocktail (2007), a compilation of expat experiences in China. She belongs to a Toronto writer's circle called Mistresses of the Muse.

Anne-Remy Jones lives in Toronto, Canada.

#### WILLA-MAE E. SCOT MY INVISIBLE SCARS

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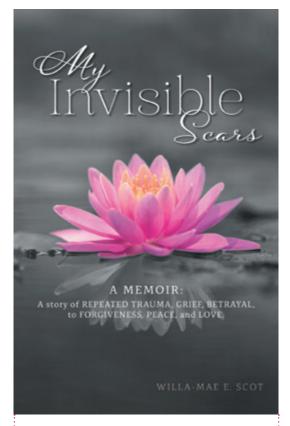
honest, sad, triumphant, tense, motivating, uncomfortable, and unforgettable. Relying on journals that she has kept since childhood, Canadian author Willa-Mae E. Scot articulately recounts in (mostly) chronological order the highs and lows of her long life, beginning with her early childhood in a small Saskatchewan town. Willa-Mae writes candidly about terrible disappointments, life-threatening ordeals, and her incredible and unwavering determination to put aside countless negative experiences, and live, embrace, and enjoy life to the fullest.

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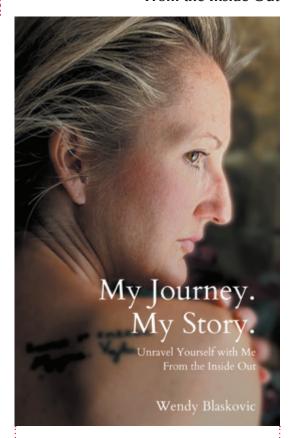
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#### WENDY BLASKOVIC BEGAN HER TEACHING CAREER AS A SECONDARY SCHOOL

woodworking teacher, as well as a district school administrator, for eleven years before returning to university to do a master's degree in education. It was during the writing of that thesis that she felt a deep desire to heal and connect with herself in an authentic way. Because of the shifts she's felt in her life since writing this thesis, and the magic she has encountered along the way, she hopes that sharing her story will help others on their own healing journey.

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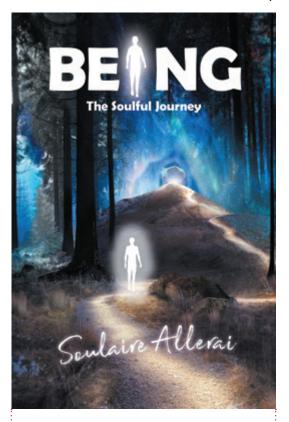
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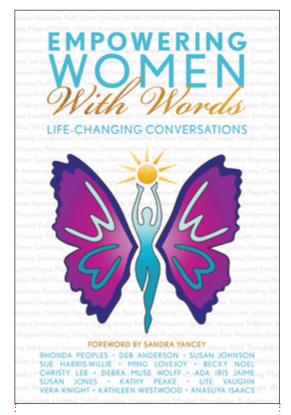
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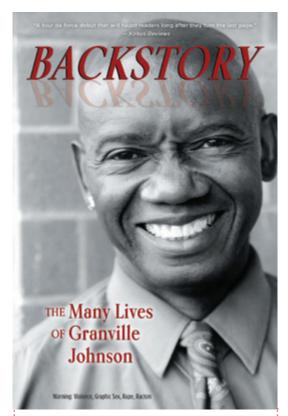
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"I am a survivor of long-term sexual and physical abuse," states the author in the opening lines of this book. The victim of a "family sex ring" Johnson writes, his own relatives used "the family bond to their own perverse ends," the author describes his abuse in explicit, graphic detail. Compounding Johnson's childhood trauma was the systemic racism that constricted the lives of young Black boys like the author, who grew up in Chicago's West Side in the 1950s and '60s.

Johnson approaches this memoir with a genre-defying writing style to accommodate the lapses in his own memory; the book is written like a novel, with third-person omniscient narration that both describes the experiences of the author and includes the perspectives of his abusers.

This approach also gives him a space to explore societal misconceptions about the rape of young boys by older women, dispelling the myths of "subtle seduction" that reduce such assaults to a benign (or, even worse, enviable) "coming-of-age experience."

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artist—a poet, short story writer, dancer, drummer, band leader (Autumn Rose), and multi-media creator. He is also an outspoken dementia advocate who has lived with the repercussions of a traumatic brain injury, vascular dementia and converted disorder, for years. Granville resides with his spouse and two dogs in Ferndale, a rural suburb, just outside of Prince George, British Columbia. There he continues to write, create, and make music on a daily basis.

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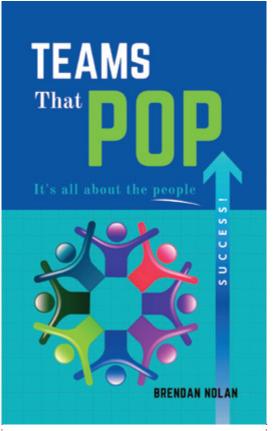
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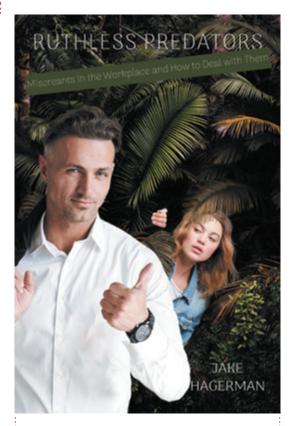
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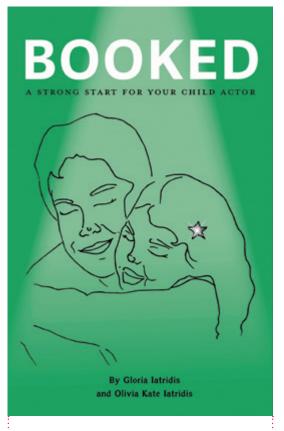
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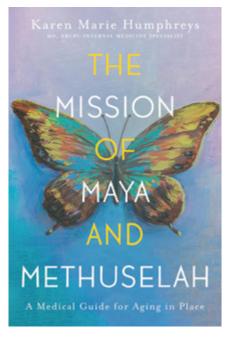
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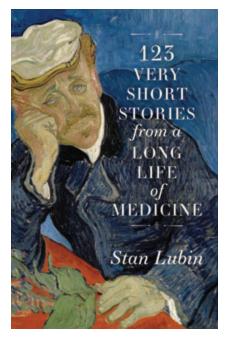
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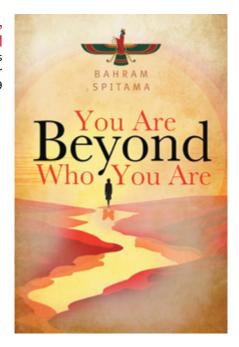
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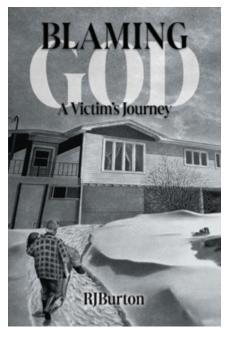
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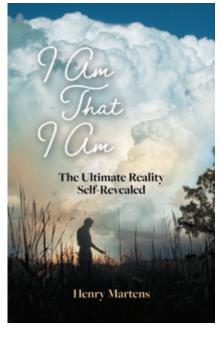
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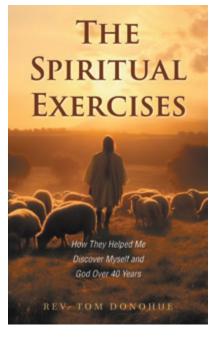
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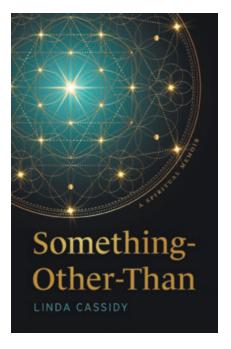
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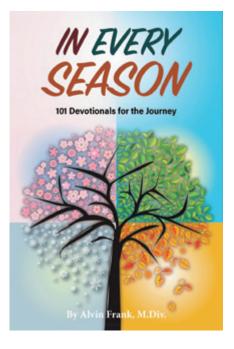
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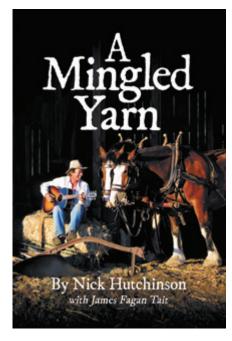
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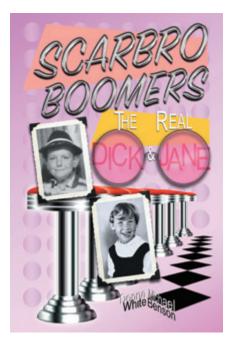
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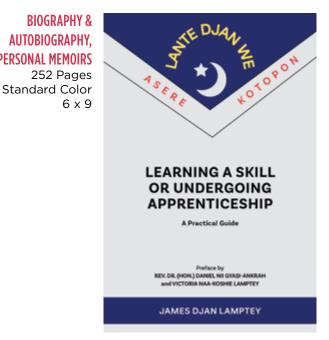
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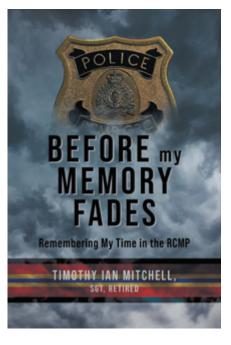
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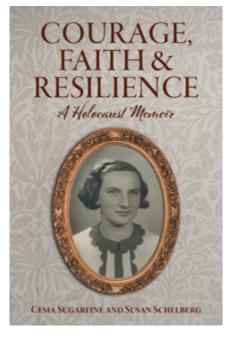
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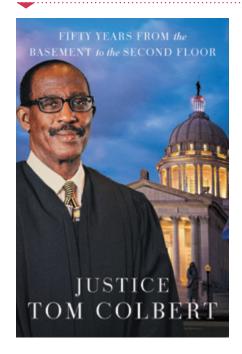
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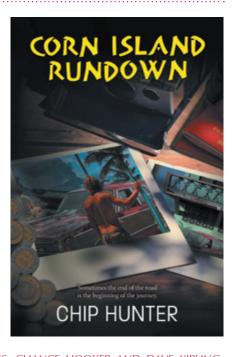
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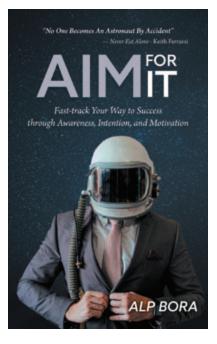
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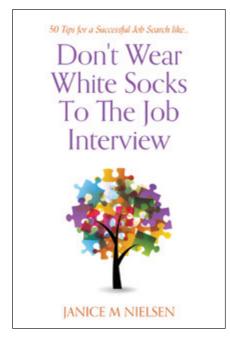
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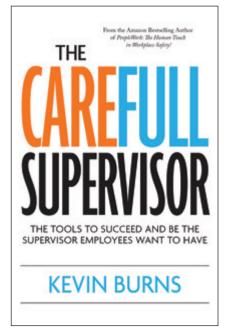
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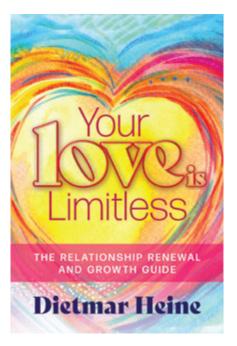
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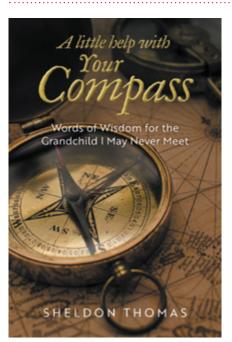
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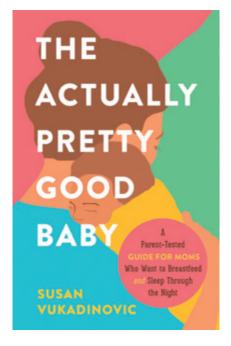


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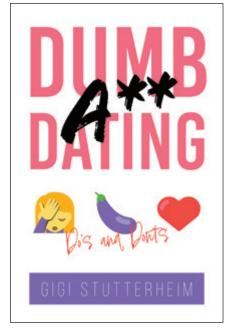
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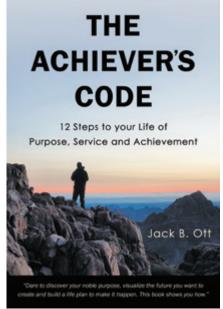
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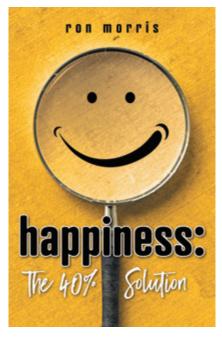
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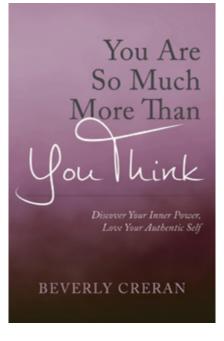
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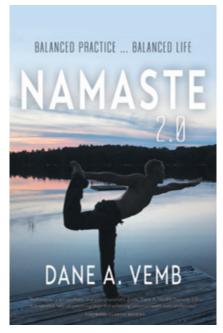
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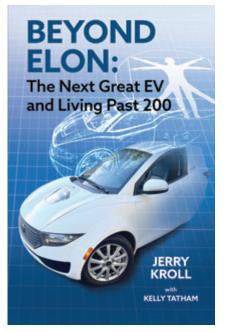
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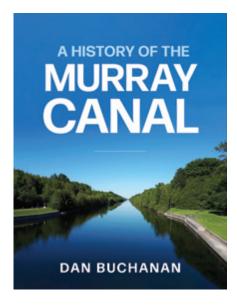
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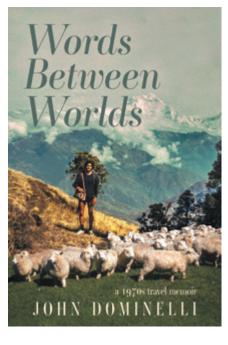
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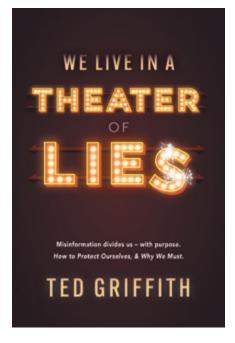
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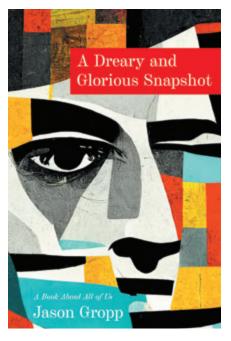
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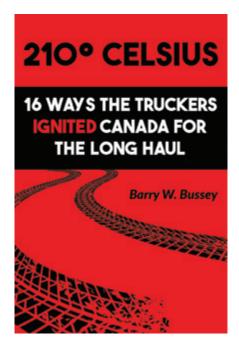
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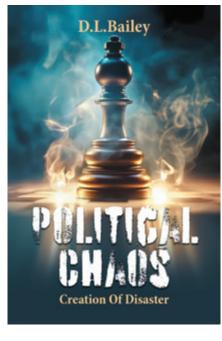
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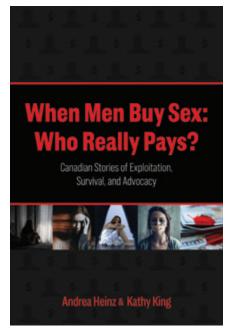
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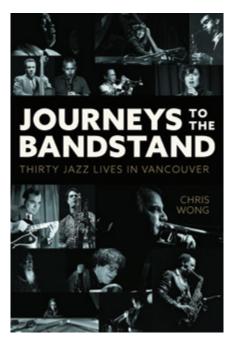
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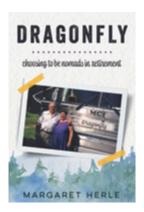
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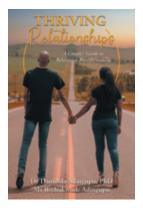
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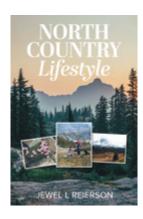
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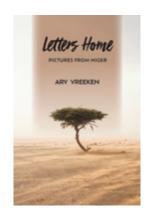
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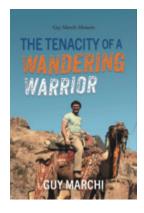
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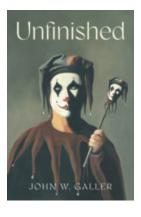
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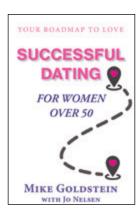
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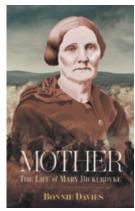
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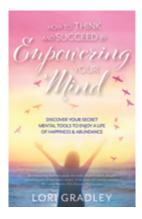
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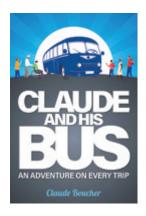
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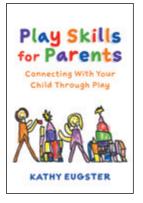
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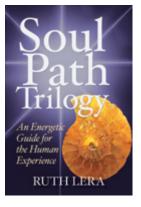
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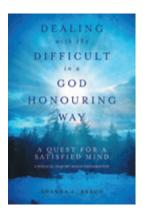
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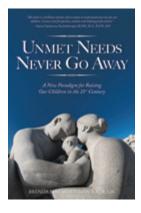
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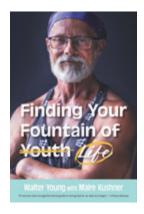
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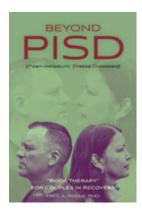
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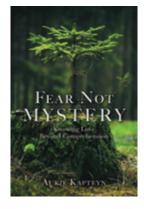
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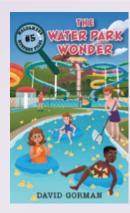
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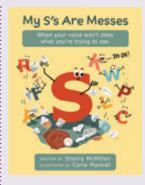
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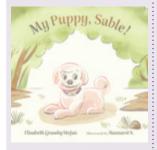
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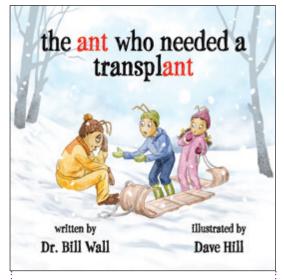
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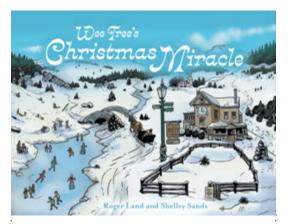
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ROGER LAND IS A DEBUT POET AND AUTHOR OF THE NEW CHILDREN'S RHYMING story, Wee Tree's Christmas Miracle. Roger has worked in many occupations but has always maintained a passion for writing. The idea for this book came as Roger passed by a Christmas tree lot to and from work. As the number of trees got smaller each day, he wondered what it would be like to be the last tree left on the lot, and what the possibilities could be with a little bit of Christmas magic.

Shelley Sands is a debut poet and co-author of the new children's rhyming story, Wee Tree's Christmas Miracle, which she had the pleasure of co-writing with Roger Land. Shelley was inspired by her mother's penchant for writing poems on special occasions for family and friends. She is a mother of one and enjoyed reading books to her young son. Christmas has always been Shelley's favorite time of year, as it brings family and friends together.

Shelley and Roger live on an acreage in southern Alberta, with their 5 cats.

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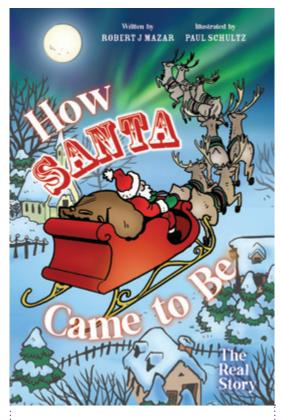
#### A friend of Santa's■

"I was so curious how the author laid out for the real story. He was very clever; I was surprised to see how he ended the book and smiled back to his photo on the book. If someone can ask children to be kind, it could be him who did many good things to Canadian and American citizens during his employment and volunteer work in New York for 911 victims. I wish the author (Retired Fire Captain Robert Mazar) to have many well deserved happy days with your family and get better everyday. Your book is meaningful to children and adults. Thank you for sharing your talent with this world."

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Author Nancy Anderson based *One of a Kind Kid* on her own experiences raising a child with ADHD, giving the story a moving authenticity.■

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"One of a Kind Kid is an empathetic picture book about a child's experience with ADHD."

The boy is an empathetic hero—he's curious about his surroundings and faces common situations in his daily life. His voice is clear and honest; this transparency extends to his thoughts regarding his ADHD-related behaviors and treatment processes, which include medication and doctor visits. The typography is playful, with some terms appearing in different colors and larger print for emphasis. And the illustrations are vibrant, featuring color-blocking and shadowing techniques. Their settings are imaginative; they complement the vastness of the hero's interests."

-Foreword Clarion Review ★★★★

"One of Kind Kid by Nancy Anderson, the story of a little boy living with ADHD. This deceptively simple book gets to the heart of how confusing our society can seem to a child with this diagnosis. His need to keep moving and his desire to meet and help others often clashes with the expectations of adults and the norms of our society. His wise mother helps him focus on his positive attributes while letting go of the seemingly negative. I highly recommend this book to any parent who has a child diagnosed with ADHD. I feel they could benefit from the wisdom this book provides. A child living with ADHD will be able to find a kindred spirit in the main character and hopefully learn to appreciate the positive side of themselves. A book for all children, that speaks volumes about acceptance for and of everyone."

-Janet Harwood

NANCY ANDERSON IS THE MOTHER OF A SON WHO WAS DIAGNOSED WITH ADHD at six years old. She advocates for more understanding around ADHD and hopes her book *One of a Kind Kid* will raise awareness about the disorder and the importance of understanding it. Her goal is to spread a message of awareness and compassion around a condition that affects over a million children and adults in Canada. She currently lives in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, with her husband, Terry.

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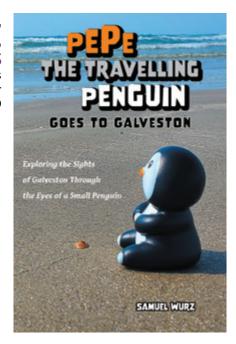
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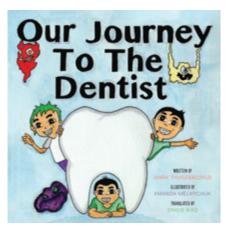
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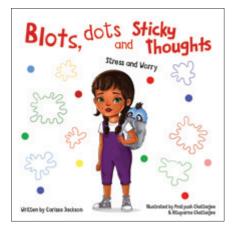
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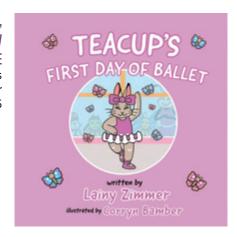
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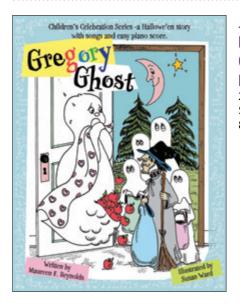
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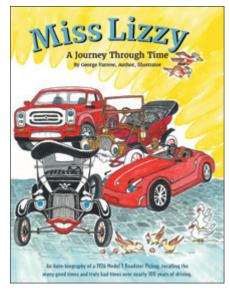
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Atestament to generational love, and it is a reminder to readers to care for and cherish the people and things they hold dear—no matter how old they are. Everyone and everything matters!

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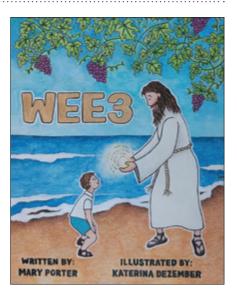
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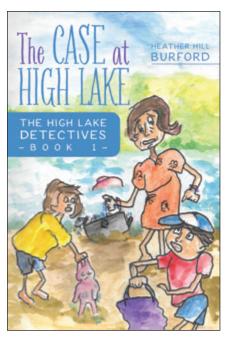
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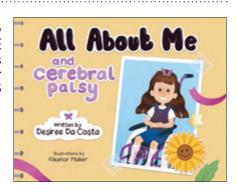
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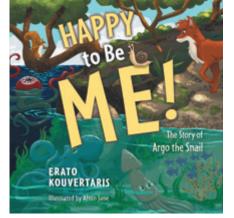
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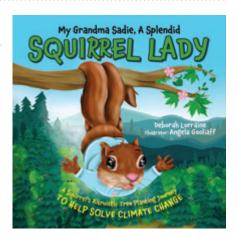
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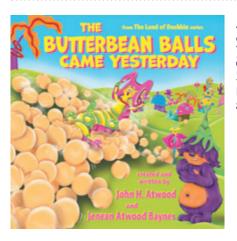
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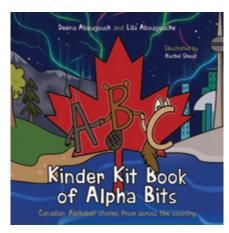
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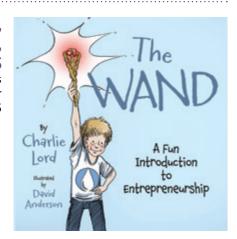
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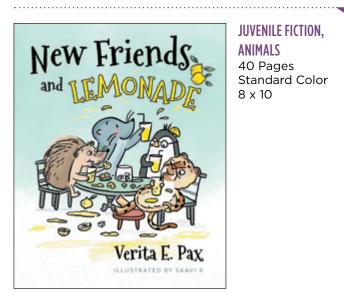
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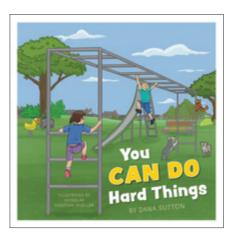
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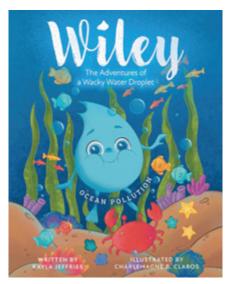
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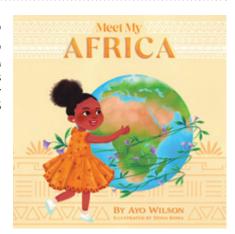
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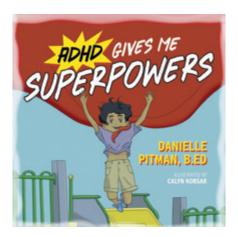
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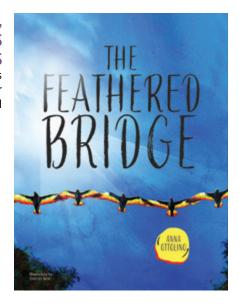
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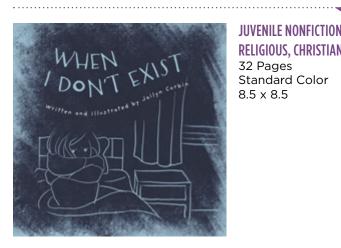
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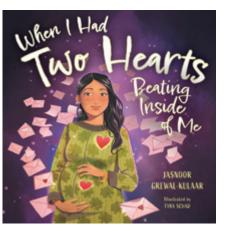
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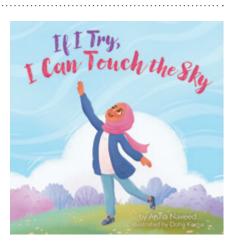
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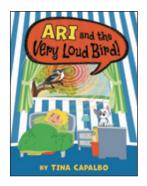
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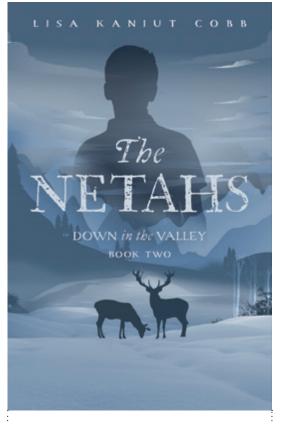
"An incredibly intriguing coming-of-age story...Like every teen (Josh) questions boundaries while struggling with his emotions...fresh world-building."

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LISA KANIUT COBB IS A WRITER AND OUTDOORS ENTHUSIAST WITH A MASTER'S degree in writing from the University of Denver. Her first YA novel, *The Netahs: Into the Wilderness* was on the longlist for the Reading the West awards in 2022, and was a finalist for the National Indie Excellence award. In addition to the Netahs series, she is the author of Literary Ideas and Scripts for Young Playwrights. She loves spending time in nature, which continually captures her imagination and inspires her writing.

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Lisa has lived in Colorado for over twenty-five years and is married to an entrepreneurial scientist. She has three adult children, two grandsons, and one grand puppy. Lisa loves school visits and her local indie bookstores, and is an active member of SCBWI, and the Authors Guild. You can find out more about Lisa and her books at lisakaniutcobb.com.



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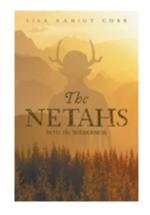
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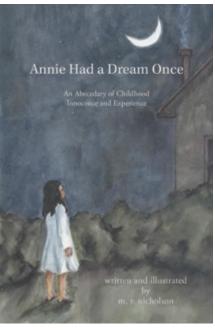
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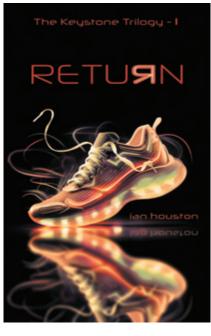
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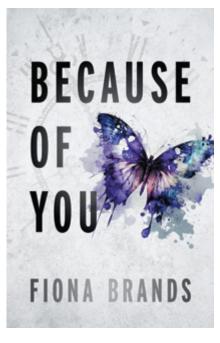
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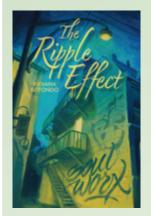
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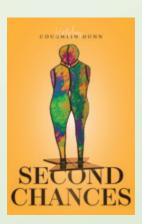
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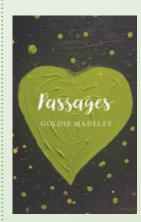
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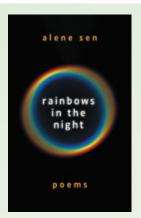
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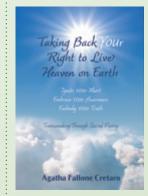
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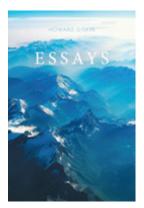
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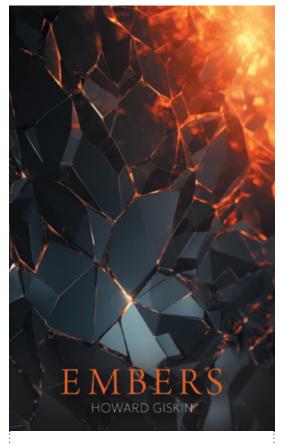
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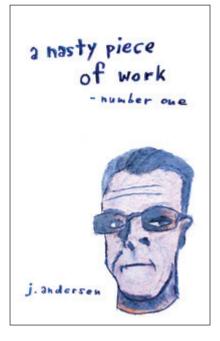
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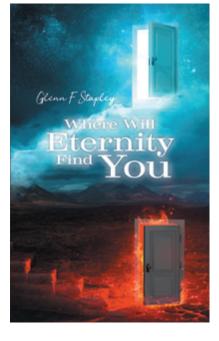
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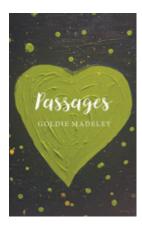
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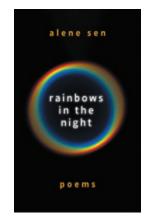
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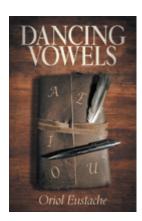


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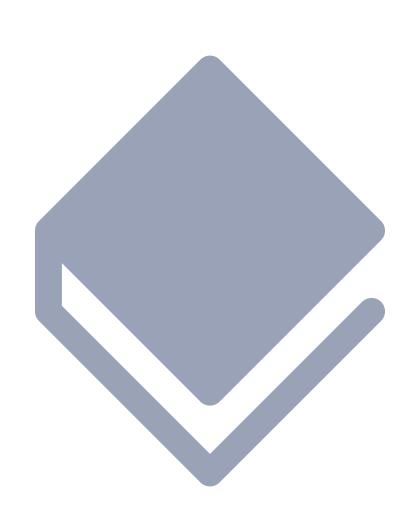
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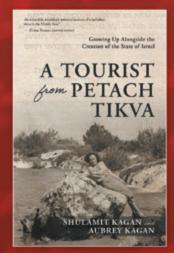
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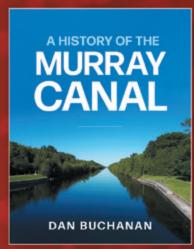
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