George Harrison on George Harrison
Interviews and Encounters
Ashley Kahn

Summary
George Harrison on George Harrison is an authoritative, chronologically arranged anthology of Harrison’s most revealing and illuminating interviews, personal correspondence, and writings, spanning the years 1962 to 2001. Though known as the “Quiet Beatle,” Harrison was arguably the most thoughtful and certainly the most outspoken of the famous four. This compendium of his words and ideas proves that point repeatedly, revealing his passion for music, his focus on spirituality, and his responsibility as a celebrity, as well as a sense of deep commitment and humor.

Contributor Bio
Grammy-winning author Ashley Kahn has received widespread critical acclaim for A Love Supreme: The Making of John Coltrane's Signature Album and Kind of Blue: The Making of the Miles Davis Masterpiece. His other books include The House That Trane Built and, as cowriter, The Universal Tone, Carlos Santana's autobiography. He teaches at New York University, and his articles have appeared in the New York Times, Rolling Stone, and other publications.

Prine on Prine
Interviews and Encounters with John Prine
Holly Gleason

Summary
Prine on Prine definitively presents the iconic American songwriter’s songwriter across the many eras of his celebrated life, career, and songs in his own words.

John Prine hated giving interviews, but he said much when he talked. Embarrassed by fame, delighted by the smallest things, the first songwriter to read at the Library of Congress, and winner of the Pen Award for Literary Excellence, Prine saw the world unlike anyone else.

The songs from 1971’s John Prine remain spot-on takes of the human condition today, and his writing only got richer, funnier, and more incisive. The interviews in Prine on Prine trace his career evolution, his singular mind, his enduring awareness of social issues, and his acute love of life, from Studs Terkel’s radio interviews from the early ’70s to Mike Leonard’s Today Show packages from the ’80s, Cameron Crowe’s early encounter to Ronni Lundy’s Shuck Beans, Stack Cake cookbook, and Hot Rod magazine to No Depression’s cover story, through today.

Editor Holly Gleason enjoyed a longstanding relationship with Prine, his family, and John’s surviving longtim...

Contributor Bio
Holly Gleason is a music critic, academic, and artist development consultant. Her work has appeared in Rolling Stone, the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Miami Herald, Musician, CREEM, Oxford American, and NPR Music. The 2019 Country Music Association Media Achievement Award recipient, she created and contributed to Woman Walk The Line: How The Women of Country Music Changed Our Lives, the 2018 Belmont Book Award winner. She lives in Nashville, TN.
Bet My Soul on Rock 'n' Roll
Diary of a Black Punk Icon
Jean Beauvoir, John Ostrosky

Summary
The life and career of Haitian American musician Jean Beauvoir, a member of the New York City punk band the Plasmatics

Jean Beauvoir joined the Plasmatics in 1979, playing bass and keyboards for the most notorious band to emerge out of the New York City punk scene. By 1982, he was a member of Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul, a retro-rock revival act headed by Steven Van Zandt. The Disciples of Soul videos played on MTV during the network's earliest years, making Beauvoir one of the first Black recording artists to break the start-up music channel's "color line."

Bet My Soul on Rock and Roll follows this iconic musician's ride through the American music industry, detailing his encounters with rock stars such as Lita Ford, Bruce Springsteen, and Gene Simmons, as well as the actor Sylvester Stallone, the billionaire executive Richard Branson, and even Donald Trump. Beauvoir also considers the manner in which his Haitian heritage has shaped his public image, his music, and his role as an activist for the dispossessed and the poor.

Beauvoir's collaborations—and stories—span genres,...

Contributor Bio
Jean Beauvoir is an American singer, multi-instrumentalist, producer, and songwriter of Haitian descent. Guitar World featured him on its list of the fifty "Most Influential Black Rockers" of all time. Beauvoir's worldwide music catalogue, currently administered by Universal Music Publishing, contains over 600 published titles. As an artist, producer, and songwriter, he has sold in excess of 40 million records. He lives in Bonita Springs, FL. John Ostrosky, the New York Times bestselling coauthor of Ace Frehley's No Regrets, is the cohost of Talking Metal and a Berklee alumnus who has performed with musicians including members of the Ramones and Twisted Sister.

She's Unlikeable
And Other Lies That Bring Women Down
Aparna Shewakramani

Summary
Aparna Shewakramani of Indian Matchmaking fame knows who she is and what she wants—and she is not afraid to ask for it

When Aparna Shewakramani appeared on Netflix's hit series, Indian Matchmaking, it soon became clear that Aparna knew what she wanted. But all stories are told through certain lenses—and her story is no exception. That reality show turned Aparna into a character. Her decisiveness combined with careful editing spun her into a very specific archetype: The villain. The woman you love to hate. The unlikable woman.

It turned around, though, with a single message of support: Be Like Aparna. Soon supporters were in the tens of thousands. Women are tired of seeing other women being vilified simply because they have a voice. In this book, you will learn about the real Aparna Shewakramani.

She bares it all—the good, the bad, and the it-depends-on-how-you-look-at-it. There is her mother's bravery in escaping an abusive marriage, Aparna's diagnosis of an autoimmune disease, and her confession that she too is susceptible to the deep-rooted need to be pretty and likeable. But it is al...

Contributor Bio
Aparna Shewakramani is a lawyer and holds a JD from Vanderbilt Law and a BA from Rice University. The breakout star of Netflix's hit series Indian Matchmaking, Shewakramani became an overnight ambassador for women demanding to be heard—in their love lives, workplaces, and in every space they occupy. She is the founder and owner of the luxury travel company My Golden Balloon. She lives in New York City.
Letters from Attica
50th Anniversary Annotated Edition
Sam Melville, Joshua Melville

Summary
Now presented with a son’s thirty years of research to provide new context.

In June 1970, Sam Melville pleaded guilty to a series of politically motivated bombings in New York City and was sentenced to thirteen to eighteen years in jail. His imprisonment took him to Attica, where he helped lead the massive rebellion of September 9, 1971—and where, four days later, he was shot to death by state police.

During nearly two years in prison, Melville wrote letters to his friends, his attorneys, his former wife, and his young son. To read them is to eavesdrop on a man’s soul. Determinedly honest and deeply moving, they reveal much about Sam and evoke the suffering of prisoners in America.

Collected after his death, the letters were originally published with material by Jane Alpert, who was living with Sam when both were arrested on bombing charges, and John Cohen, a close friend who visited Sam in jail.

Sam’s letters begin with despair but end in hope and defiance. He became a leader of the prisoners’ struggle for justice and humane treatment. At Attica he fought against and was a victim of...

Contributor Bio
Sam Melville was an activist involved with the New York–based Crazies and the national Weather Underground organization. He was convicted of being involved in several bombings in 1969, and in 1971 he was a leader of the uprising among inmates in Attica Prison, where he was killed by state police. Joshua Melville is the author of American Time Bomb: Attica, Sam Melville, and a Son’s Search for Answers, as well as five books on the music industry under the pseudonym Moses Avalon. He lives in Los Angeles, CA.

Among Silent Echoes
A Memoir of Trauma and Resilience
Phyllis Dyson

Summary
Twenty-five years after her mother’s brutal death made the headlines, Phyllis Dyson felt compelled to unearth the truth about her mother’s illness. By chronicling the events of her childhood, uncovering family secrets and betrayals and gaining access to government documents, Dyson has captured the heart of her family’s tragedy in a debut memoir. From a young age, Phyllis and her brother learned to rely on each other as they dealt with a missing mother, an absent father and a departed grandmother as well as being sent to live with their maternal uncle and his wife, despite their relatives’ apparent lack of interest in the responsibility of raising children. Although brother and sister were happy roaming the Cariboo backwoods surrounding their uncle’s home, there was always darkness beneath the surface. When she reached the same age her mother was when she was killed during an altercation with a police officer, Dyson became determined to learn the truth about her mother’s fate and the lack of protection extended to her and her brother as children, truths that only deepened her compassion...

Contributor Bio
Phyllis Dyson is an elementary school teacher who holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Graduate Diploma in Special Education. A member of the BC Schizophrenia Society, she has promoted mental health awareness in her community through a program called Partnership. She lives in a small town on BC’s West Coast with her husband and two daughters, where she enjoys hiking, playing her flute, and boating with her family. She is proud to say that Among Silent Echoes is her first book.
**Not of Reason**

*A Recipe for Outrunning Sadness*

Rita Moir

**Summary**

Rita Moir’s mother and sister underwent heart surgery in the same week; a year later her sister was dead and her elderly mother lived many more years. Not of Reason: A Recipe for Outrunning Sadness is a family memoir centred on the deaths of the author’s sister and mother and the final restoration of what is considered “the natural order.” Encouraged by her mother to “opt for joy,” Moir remained grounded within her rural BC community in the Slocan Valley, becoming deeply involved in everything from her local community hall to seniors housing and her local burial society, while continuing to travel to Minnesota to help her sister and mother. Moir’s journalist’s eye for detail brings sharp clarity to this beautiful and contemplative work, from the almost unbearable story of her sister’s difficult death, to digging in her garden, learning to dance and training her dog, to a day of glory and majesty near her brother’s home on the Bay of Fundy. The movement between urban and rural life creates what award-winning memoirist Patricia Hampl describes as "a kind of musical movement, allegro/an..."

**Contributor Bio**

Rita Moir lives in the Slocan Valley of BC where she worked for decades as a freelance journalist for the Globe and Mail, CBC Radio and regional publications. CBC also produced and broadcast several of her plays for a national audience. She is the award-winning author of the short story Leave Taking, about preparing a body for burial (event non-fiction winner, Norton Reader, Best Canadians Essays); Survival Gear (Polestar, 1994), shortlisted for the Edna Staebler Award for Creative Non-Fiction; Buffalo Jump: A Woman's Travels (Coteau, 1999, Winner of the Hubert Evans Award for Non-Fiction and the VanCity Book Prize); The Windshift Line (Greystone, 2005, shortlisted for the Hubert Evans Award); and The Third Crop: A personal and historical journey into the photo albums and shoe boxes of the Slocan Valley, 1800s to early 1940s (Sono Nis, 2011, Honourable Mention in the Lieutenant-Governor’s Medal for Historical Writing). Her work appears in anthologies such as Nobody’s Mother (TouchWood); Going Some Place (Coteau); Sleds, Sleighs and Snow (Whitecap); 75 Readings Plus (McGraw-Hill Ryers..."

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**Northbound With Theo**

*A Man and His Dog Thru-Hike the Appalachian Trail at Ages 75 and 8*

Soren West

**Summary**

Soren West discovered the woods as both adventure and refuge from a difficult home life as a 12-year-old. After 44 years as a trial attorney, he and his golden retriever, Theo, set out on the Appalachian Trail. Soren loses 30 pounds, has a tooth reset, and his shoulder repaired. But he also meets wild people, unscalable rocks, and night-time frights on this "life-changing adventure," all the way with Theo!

**Contributor Bio**

Soren West grew up in suburban Connecticut where he spent a lot of time in the woods near his home. In college he took courses that made him write. As a trial lawyer he wrote more. When he thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail, he wrote about it because he had to.
**A Body Across Two Hemispheres**

*A Memoir in Essays*

Victoria Buitron

**Summary**

In this electrifying debut, Victoria Buitron comes of age between Ecuador and the United States as she explores her ancestry, learns two languages, and searches for a place she can call home. It portrays not only the immigrant experience, but the often-overlooked repatriate experience while interweaving facets of depression, family history, and self-love. With the utmost honesty, *A Body Across Two Hemispheres* encompasses the deep and complex layers of teenage life into adulthood—and the sacrifices made along the way for Victoria to become who she was meant to be all along.

**Contributor Bio**

Victoria Buitron is a freelance writer and translator whose work delves into the intersections of identity and place, family history, and the moments her hippocampus refuses to forget. *A Body Across Two Hemispheres* is her debut memoir, which narrates her search for home between Ecuador and Connecticut. The latter is where she currently lives with her family.

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**Sh!thouse**

*A Memoir*

Lauren Dollie Duke

**Summary**

*Sh!thouse: A Memoir* is a story of brutal girlhood.

Lauren was seven when she helped her step-father boost rum bottles from the local liquor store. The next year, her biological father took her to a hotel room and shot up heroin in the bathroom. The next day he robbed a bank with a finger gun! When he was released from prison, he moved into Lauren's basement. They spent the weekends smoking cartons of cigarettes, diving into dumpsters, and swindling used cars. Lauren’s upbringing provided her with only one lens through which she saw herself—shame. And that shame overflowed into every aspect of her life.

In this compassionate and gritty real-life fairytale, the author, Lauren Dollie Duke, shows how it’s possible for good people to do bad things and what it takes to create peace with where you come from in order to find true happiness. This raw and humorous account about trauma, transcendence, and resilience challenges the binary of good vs. evil. It lays out the evolution of shame psychology and intergenerational trauma seeking to answer the question of how we unravel ourselves from the ...
The Quiet Selling Method
Christine Volden

Summary
In this interactive workbook, *The Quiet Selling Method*, Christine Volden shares her four-pronged approach to achieving sales goals. Starting with Awareness, a series of exercises and prompts lead the reader to discover how they can work with their own personalities—even if they are introverts—and develop the skills they need to close the deal.

Contributor Bio
Christine Volden is a sales & marketing consultant and owner of SoulfulSelling.com. She has over 15 years of experience in selling and managing sales teams at companies like Yahoo! and AOL with clients including Facebook, Google, Salesforce, Apple and LinkedIn. She has created online sales training courses viewed by over 500,000 people. Christine helps entrepreneurs build confidence in their sales abilities and enroll clients who adore them using the Quiet Selling Method. She lives in Oakland, CA with her two children and a fluffy cat named Minty.

Embrace the Work, Love Your Career
Fran Hauser, Regina Shklovsky

Summary
*Embrace the Work, Love Your Career* is a workbook for any woman who feels that their career is stalling, they've reached a crossroads and aren't quite sure about their next move, or they feel like they are fading into the background. Centered around five main actions, the workbook will help you move ahead without sacrificing your love of the job. It starts with *Focus*, where you'll be prompted to set your own specific priorities. *Enable* lets you set boundaries so you'll be able to carve out the time you need to work on your priorities. The *Listen* section helps you create a personal advisory board—people who can be there when you need them to support and encourage you—and also learn from. *Be* offers tools to move through your career with confidence and intention. And finally, *Reflect* gives you the space to look back and decide what's working—and what isn't. You'll revisit and reevaluate your priorities so you can continue to move forward.

Each chapter starts with an essay on the subject and includes skills exercises and plans that require you to actively apply your newfound knowledge to y...

Contributor Bio
**Fran Hauser** is an author, keynote speaker and investor at the intersection of women’s empowerment, career fulfillment, and collective wellbeing. Fran has invested in over 20 female-founded companies across CPG, media, future of work, and wellness. Her writing, speaking and investing is informed by 15 years spent in media, where she rose the ranks at Time Inc. to President of Digital. She is the best-selling author of *The Myth of the Nice Girl: Achieving a Career You Love Without Becoming a Person You Hate* which has been translated into six languages and was named “Best Business Book of the Year, 2018” by Audible. Fran regularly speaks at conferences and organizations to pioneer the notion that one does not have to choose between kindness and strength, and that the most effective leaders lead with both. She resides just outside of NYC with her husband and two sons.

**Regina Shklovsky** is an illustrator and graphic designer based in Sonoma County, California. She illustrated...
Stay Woke, Not Broke
How Companies Can Do the Right Thing and Avoid Cancel Culture
Alison Tedford

Summary
What is “woke” and how can a business be it? How can you avoid a mistake that could get you “cancelled”? Alison Tedford developed a program that is social justice education for business owners that explains how to create diversity statements, content plans for ongoing social justice topics and moderating online communities to let important conversations take place (and what to do when it looks like you might get “cancelled”). What she found on the heels of George Floyd’s murder was business owners didn’t know how to sell with sensitivity, they didn’t know how to share where they stood on social justice issues with their audiences and they didn’t know what their audience wanted from them. They didn’t want to say the wrong thing. With more big brands weighing in through their advertising and content, small business owners wanted to learn how to dip their toes in the water of inclusive marketing. Tedford spent over a decade doing cross cultural communication and education and she approaches social justice from an Indigenous perspective. She has contributed to culturally responsive progr...

Contributor Bio
Tedford has been struggling with chronic pain for a number of years as a result of her diagnosis of joint hypermobility syndrome (Hypermobile Ehlers Danlos Syndrome.) She has appeared on Sick Biz Buzz and Mom Camp podcasts to discuss life as an entrepreneur with chronic pain. She has also been a patient advocate with Pain BC in their collaborative care consultation and they have shared her content in the past. Tedford is an advocate for health issues, historically around mental health, serving as a Shoppers Drug Mart ambassador for their Run for Women and in-store fundraising events, and also around Indigenous health issues, having presented at a regional nursing conference on disparities in health experiences between Indigenous and non-Indigenous women. She has created Stay Woke, Not Broke: a program for business owners to learn what woke is, and how to avoid being cancelled in today’s environment.

Shipping Clerk to CEO
The Power of Curiosity, Will and Self Directed Learning
Ted Clark

Summary
The formula for reaching the pinnacle of professional success is not always what you've been told. While some reach the CEO level of major corporations after tens of years of college education and working a few years, others make the climb to the C-level suite by working their way through the ranks. If you've ever wanted to know “that guy” who started at the bottom of the ladder and climbed his way to the top, his secrets, his insight, his drive - look no further. Ted Clark not only worked his way up from Shipping Clerk to CEO he eventually went beyond that to be wildly successful in using private equity to buy multiple companies building on his success.

Contributor Bio
Theodore (Ted) Clark is a businessman, entrepreneur, and investor with over 40 years’ experience as a senior executive in both public and private equity owned specialty chemicals companies. Starting as a shipping clerk, he rose through the ranks to become President & CEO of Products Research & Chemical Corporation (PRC), a global leader in aircraft and construction sealants and coatings. As President & CEO, Ted led PRC to annual sales growth of 8% and annual profitability growth of 20% and led the sale of PRC to PPG Industries in 1999. He then joined Burke Industries, a manufacturer of fabricated silicone and synthetic rubber, as President & CEO and led them through a successful restructuring and then led the sale of its aerospace & defense business, ensuring the independence of its profitable construction products business. In 2003, Ted co-founded Royal Adhesives & Sealants and built it through 19 acquisitions into one of the top 10 adhesives and sealant companies in the world. In 2017 he led the sale of Royal to H.B. Fuller, a NYSE listed company, and remained as Chief Operating Of...
Being Essential
Seven Questions for Leading with Radical Self-Awareness
Dain Dunston

Summary

Being Essential presents the seven questions that will help any leader discover an authentic path to the true self and master a virtuous cycle of self-awareness that fosters purpose, value, and joy at work and in life.

Leaders often know what they need to do, but don’t have a clue who they need to be. Without a true essence of self, their leadership can feel void of purpose and confidence, affecting both teams and stakeholders. But when leaders discover their essential selves—who they are at their cores and why they show up—it enables them to reach a state of “radical self-awareness,” a game-changing skill that unlocks a more effective, commanding, agile approach to leadership.

For more than thirty years Dain Dunston has been coaching top executives to find the essence of their personal and professional journeys. Now readers can learn the holistic method he uses to calibrate leaders’ minds for radical self-awareness and help them achieve more satisfying professional experiences.

The seven questions are taught through examples from neuroscience, psychology, real-world events, pop culture...

Contributor Bio

Dain Dunston has spent thirty years as an advisor and coach to leaders, helping them frame the foundation of their personal and professional journeys. He is a founding partner of Reservoir LLC, a coalition of executive coaches, and is a frequent speaker on leadership, culture, and coaching topics. Dunston is the co-author of Nanovation: How a Little Car Can Teach the World to Think Big and Act Bold (2011, Thomas Nelson). He lives in Austin, Texas.

Remote Work for Military Spouses
Find and Grow Your Meaningful Mobile Career
Laura Briggs

Summary

If you are a military spouse considering remote work, this practical guide is for you! You’ll find strategies and advice to help you define your remote work goals, land the right job, handle stress, and grow your career!

While there are many rewards in military life, maintaining meaningful employment can be challenging when you’re constantly relocating for your service member’s next assignment. Military spouses often experience interruptions in valuable work experience, missed advancement opportunities, state-to-state re-certifications, and what seems like a never-ending job search. Remote work has many benefits for military spouses and employers!

In Remote Work for Military Spouses, military spouse author Laura Briggs offers a road map for military spouses looking for career continuity, financial stability, and fulfilling work amidst a mobile military lifestyle.

Strategies and tips in this ultimate guide include:

- Deciding if remote work is the right fit
- How and where to search for remote positions
- Adjusting application materials to reframe resume gaps and military affiliation
- Preparing for...

Contributor Bio

Laura Briggs is a digital marketing expert, freelance writer, and the founder of Operation Freelance, a national nonprofit teaching military spouses how to break into freelancing. Passionate about connecting military spouses with meaningful career options no matter where they live, Laura is also a two-time TEDx speaker and the author of Six Figure Freelancer & How to Start Your Own Freelance Writing Business.
Financial Statements in Power BI
Bring All 3 Financial Statements to Life at Any Granularity
Jonathan Liau, Liam Bastick

Summary
Just like a shovel, this book is genuinely ground-breaking. It hits you over the head with the proverbial gardening tool, implementing the way forward for financial modelling. Many working in banking and finance create their financial models in Excel and then import them into Power BI for graphical interpretation and further analysis. Not on our watch. We’re going to jettison the universal spreadsheet and build the entire model in Power BI. We can’t stress how far off the range we’re taking the horses. If you are reading this, you are a true pioneer. Some have managed to build the odd financial statement in Power BI, but all three? This is where you can gain a major advantage in the workplace. If you build the calculations for financial statements in Power BI, you can produce statements by product, by customer, by geography... Get the picture? The limitation will be restricted to the granularity of the underlying data and your imagination. This book unearths some of the tricks, measures, logic and tools needed to build the model (there is no need to bury your mistakes). We just can’t...

Contributor Bio
Jonathan Liau was born in Singapore and lived in China as an ex-pat for most of his formative years. He served in the military in Singapore for two years before enrolling in the University of Sydney, studying Economics, Finance and IT. Currently an experienced Senior Analyst at SumProduct Australia, Jonathan specialises in Power BI projects. Aside from work he enjoys hiking and driving around Australia, the casual whiskey with friends, power lifting and tinkering with computers.

Assassin's Creed Dynasty, Volume 1
Xu Xian Zhe

Summary
In the 14th year of the Tianbao Era (CE 755) An Lushan, a military governor with ties to the Knights Templar, leads his elite corps to rebel against the Tang Dynasty, and the ill-prepared Tang empire falters under the threat. The two capitals Luoyang and Chang'an fall and China falls under the oppression of the cruel An Lushan.

As the Tang dynasty starts to crumble, Li E, a shady Assassin trained by the Hidden Ones in the far West, teams up with Tang loyalists to turn the tide and save both the dynasty and the country from this crisis.

Contributor Bio
Xu Xian Zhe is the author of the best selling series Blades of the Guardians with more than 1 billion views in China. He is also published in Japan and Korea.

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**Assassin's Creed Dynasty, Volume 2**

Xu Xian Zhe

**Summary**

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The Graphic Novel (2022)

TOKYOPOP

**Summary**

Based on the 2021 animated series featured on Netflix, *Resident Evil: Infinite Darkness*, this exciting graphic novel tie-in features all-new original stories from the world of Resident Evil.

**Contributor Bio**

Creative team to be announced soon.
The Fox & Little Tanuki, Volume 4
Tagawa Mi

Summary
Legends say that Senzou the Black Fox is one of the most vicious and powerful supernatural beasts to ever roam the land. At least, he used to be. Now, 300 years after he was imprisoned by the Sun Goddess for his bad behavior, Senzou is back — in the form of a small black fox with no powers! Tasked with protecting a young tanuki called Manpachi as he fulfills various tasks for the gods, Senzou must earn his powers back by learning how to be a good guardian to the energetic little pup.

Though Senzou is a grumpy and reluctant companion at first, even a hard-hearted fox can be tamed by cuteness... and the little tanuki quickly learns there are some family ties that aren't decided by blood.

Contributor Bio
Mi Tagawa is a Japanese manga creator known primarily for slice of life manga, including The Fox & Little Tanuki, Manga Sake, Mugi no Mahoutsukai, and Hana no Niwa Ame no Mai.

Double, Volume 1
Ayako Noda

Summary
Yuujin Kamoshima and Takara Takarada are fellow actors in the same theater troupe who live next door to one another, with similar day to day lives.

Though they aren't exactly close friends, when Yuujin is cast as Takara's double, he sees first hand his extraordinary acting skills and is blown away. From that moment on, he's determined to help him succeed and support him in his dream of becoming a world renowned actor, even if Yuujin has to be in his shadow. But as the acting world begins to take notice, that's easier said than done...

Contributor Bio
Ayako Noda is a Japanese manga creator known for her seinen titles, including Double, Around, Ikazuchi Tooku Umi ga Naru, Sennetsu, and Watashi no Uchuu. She also publishes Boys Love titles under the name Niboshiko Arai.

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Double, Volume 2
Ayako Noda

Summary
Scatterbrained Takara Takarada is an undiscovered genius actor who fully embodies every character he plays—but this genius can only be brought forth by his best friend and fellow actor, Yuuji Kamojima, who cares for Takara even as he envies him for his innate talent. With Yuuji’s guidance, Takara manages to deliver a knockout performance for his first television role. But when the two of them audition for the same role in a film by an esteemed director, new fault lines are exposed in their relationship. As a newcomer to the world of television crews and movie stars, Takara's passive ambitions begin to stir, even as his continued dependence on Yuuji creates problems on the set. Meanwhile, Yuuji keeps covering for Takara's weaknesses...

How long will he be content to stay in the shadow of his best friend?

Contributor Bio
Ayako Noda is a Japanese manga creator known for her seinen titles, including Double, Around, Ikazuchi Tooku Umi ga Naru, Sennetsu, and Watashi no Uchuu. She also publishes Boys Love titles under the name Niboshiko Arai.

Laughing Under the Clouds, Volume 6
KarakaraKemuri

Summary
Under the curse of Orochi, the great demon serpent reborn every 300 years, Japan has been shrouded in clouds for as long as anyone can remember...

The era of the samurai is at an end, and carrying swords has been outlawed. To combat the rising crime rates, an inescapable prison was built in the middle of Lake Biwa. When brothers Tenka, Soramaru and Chutaro Kumo are hired to capture and transport offenders to their final lodgings in this prison, they unexpectedly find themselves faced with a greater destiny than any of them could have imagined.

Contributor Bio
KarakaraKemuri is an experienced and prolific manga artist and writer from Japan.
Alice in Bishounen-Land, Volume 1
Yushi Kawata, Yukito

Summary
Alice Kagami inadvertently gets herself trapped in the world of the otome game "Koiiro♡ School Stars" alongside her best friend, Tatsumi, who's a huge fan of the game. The only way to escape is to train the idols of the school to become top stars. However, the five candidates that appear are a half-dog, a ghost, fairy-sized (8 inches tall), a giant (59 feet tall), and a 41 year old teacher who looks like a child.

Useless game, only generating shallow, handsome guys with weird quirks! How on earth is she supposed to win with this motley crew of pretty boys? And all the while her best friend doesn't want her to win and end her dream of living surrounded by gorgeous boys. What's Alice to do?!

Contributor Bio
Yushi Kawata and Yukito are Japanese manga creators who have worked together on numerous titles, including Neko ga Arawareta!, Tamiko to Visual-kei to, and Super no Onii-san.

Her Royal Highness Seems to Be Angry, Volume 3
Neko Yotsuba, Kou Yatsuhashi, Mito Nagishiro

Summary
Leticiel has begun to move forward in her new life as Drossell. Suddenly, a mysterious masked man appears who seems to know her former self from a thousand years ago, then tries to take away her magic. Before he flees, he leaves her some mysterious parting words as an explanation:

"Because we are two people whose destinies are intertwined."

Witnessing the destruction left in the wake of the masked man, Leticiel resolves to face the true power hidden within herself and stop him.

Contributor Bio
Her Royal Highness Seems to Be Angry was originally released as a light novel by Kou Yatsuhashi, and he worked closely with Mito Nagishiro and Neko Yotsuba to create the character designs and manga, respectively.

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I Was Reincarnated as the Villainess in an Otome Game but the Boys Love Me Anyway!, Volume 2
Ataka, Sou Inaida, Hachipisu Wan

Summary
Fated to die as the villainess of an otome game, Mystia sets out to change her own unhappy ending!

Mystia Aren is the daughter of a noble family, and she just started high school. She’s surrounded by a group of adoring classmates and her charming fiancé. Everything seems perfect.

Except that this world is actually a dating sim called Kyun-Love, and Mystia knows she’s been reincarnated into the role of the main character’s evil rival! Mystia is determined to do everything she can to avoid her fate, but it’s not as easy as it sounds. Especially when all the boys keep falling in love with her!

Contributor Bio
Sou Inaida wrote I Was Reincarnated as the Villainess in an Otome Game but the Boys Love Me Anyway! as a light novel on Shousetsu ni Narou.

Ataka has also done artwork for Wakeari Seitokai!, Sensei wa Watashi no Karada wo Aishiteru, and Oyama no, Otoko na Sugao ~ Chanto Ore wo Miteitte.

Alice in Bishounen-Land, Volume 2
Yushi Kawata, Yukito

Summary
Alice Kagami inadvertently gets herself trapped in the world of the otome game "Koiiro School Stars" alongside her best friend, Tatsumi, who's a huge fan of the game. The only way to escape is to train the idols of the school to become top stars. However, the five candidates that appear are a half-dog, a ghost, fairy-sized (8 inches tall), a giant (59 feet tall), and a 41 year old teacher who looks like a child.

Useless game, only generating shallow, handsome guys with weird quirks! How on earth is she supposed to win with this motley crew of pretty boys? And all the while her best friend doesn't want her to win and end her dream of living surrounded by gorgeous boys. What's Alice to do?!

Contributor Bio
Yushi Kawata and Yukito are Japanese manga creators who have worked together on numerous titles, including Neko ga Arawaretara!, Tamiko to Visual-kei to, and Super no Onii-san.
### I'm Looking for Serious Love!
Shoko Rakuta

**Summary**

Born and raised in the countryside, Kyouhei immediately clashes with his next door neighbor, an outgoing playboy called Takara, when he moves to Tokyo. As someone who's always been teased for being a country bumpkin, he doesn't exactly have much in common with an extroverted city boy.

But when Takara makes a move on him one day, Kyouhei can't get it out of his mind. Even though he can barely stand Takara, he can't help finding himself strangely drawn to him. But Kyouhei's not looking for a one night stand; he's looking for serious love!

**Contributor Bio**

Shoko Rakuta is a prolific BL manga creator from Japan, known for numerous titles including *I'm Looking for Serious Love*, *Ameagari no Bokura ni Tsuite*, *Kaiinu wa Te wo Kamanai*, and *Kinou wo Mou Ichido*.

### Sirius
Ana C. Sánchez

**Summary**

Dani's bright future as an elite tennis player comes to a sudden stop when, during a match, she has a heart attack. Her newly discovered condition affects not only her health, but also her relationship with her mother, and her career.

Wanting to get away from everything, she leaves the big city — and all her problems — behind, and goes with her cousin to a little coastal village. There she meets Blanca, a girl full of life and in love with astronomy. Bianca reminds Dani that life can be beautiful, and that she can shine again, like stars do.

**Contributor Bio**

Born in 1990, Ana is a comic artist from Spain. She got interested in drawing her own stories at a young age, inspired by videogames like the *Kingdom Hearts* and *Final Fantasy* series, and manga with deep characters and emotional baggage like *Fruits Basket*.

Soon she started to prove herself drawing webcomics and attending anime/manga conventions carrying her self-published books. Now she's one of the authors participating in the Spanish publication *Planeta Manga*. 
Bibi & Miyu, Volume 3
Hirara Natsume, Olivia Vieweg

Summary
When a new student from Japan shows up at Bibi Blocksberg’s school, she fits in immediately. But Bibi’s suspicious; she knows Miyu’s hiding something, and she’s determined to find out what! Bibi’s journey takes her all the way to Japan, and while learning about all the new rules and magic in this foreign land, she realizes that maybe she and Miyu can be friends after all!

Contributor Bio
Olivia Vieweg is a German cartoonist and author, also a cartoonist and editor of comic anthologies. She lives in Weimar, and worked as an illustrator of the children’s book series Vampirinternat Schloss Schauerfels and colorist of the comic series Zilverpijl. An early creator in the German manga scene, she cites Sailor Moon as one of her strongest creative influences.

Hirara Natsume grew up in Chiba, Japan and used to draw shoujo manga for Japanese magazines. She now lives in Germany, exploring her own cross-cultural experiences and telling a story for young manga fans around the world through Bibi & Miyu.

The Solitary Gourmet
Jiro Taniguchi, Masayuki Kusumi

Summary
THOUGHT FOR FOOD This is the book in which nothing happens but everything is consumed! Like ‘The Walking Man’ at lunch!! What do we learn about Mister Inogashira? He’s a sole, independent trader importing household and fashion goods from France. He is always busy but never rushed as he travels around Japan selling his wares. He’s a private person who, whilst he enjoys the company of women, prefers to remain a bachelor. He smokes cigarettes but never touches alcohol. But above all, he enjoys his food! He is The Solitary Gourmet!

Each of the thirty-two chapters explores another dish in another restaurant in another part of town – from Tokyo to Tottori, from Osaka to hospital (yes!) and even ventures to an Algerian restaurant in Paris, eating and observing. This volume collects all 32 chapters serialized over two decades (originally in Fusosha’s monthly ‘Panja’ magazine) and includes the special hospital chapter. Like an exquisite meal, this book should be savored over and over again.

Contributor Bio

**Dragon Cemetery**
Joann Sfar, [none] Kerascoet, Lewis Trondheim

**Summary**
The planet Terra Amata, on which Dungeon resides, has stopped turning. On one side, total darkness and absolute coldness; on the other, a searing desert and eternal day. The survivors live on a thin slice of earth where day and night meet. A territory known as TWILIGHT. Welcome to the third facet of the Dungeon world, its dark downfall. Marvin, now old and blind, sensing his end, goes on a long trek to the legendary cemetery of dragons. And then, saved at the last minute from certain death in a duel by his young warrior admirer Marvin the Red, he simply cannot be let to die like he wishes! Whatever he loses, he regains in different powers. He’s even become invincible. It’s to the point where he’d rather exchange body parts to get back his mortality! But then he is led to a discovery that may make continuing to live actually worth it...

**Contributor Bio**
Joann Sfar is an artist, writer, and film director. He is best known for his adaptation of The Little Prince and his original bestselling title The Rabbi’s Cat. Lewis Trondheim is one of the leaders of a new generation of comic artists bringing in novel ways of creating comics. One of the founders of the disruptive 'L'Association' publishing cooperative in France, he helped usher in much longer and sophisticated narratives in the graphic novel form. He is an amazing font of original and out of the box ideas that have propelled him to a leading author standing in Europe.

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**Rosa Parks**
Matteo Mancini, Mariapaola Pesce

**Summary**
Montgomery, Alabama, December 1, 1955: at the end of the working day, 42-year-old Rosa Parks, a black leather dressmaker, takes bus 2857, heading home. She sits in a center row, but when a white passenger gets on after a few stops, the driver asks her to get up to give him her seat, as required by the rules. Rosa knows them well: the blacks sit in the back, the whites in front, while the center seats are mixed and can only be used if all the others are occupied, but the whites retain priority. "No," Rosa replies without thinking too much, she doesn't intend to get up. That simple refusal turns her into a heroine of black rights, engaged in the fight against segregation that oppresses Alabama and other southern states, becoming the propellant of the historic bus boycott in Montgomery led by Martin Luther King. This is her story shown in a context of why it is still so resonant today.

**Contributor Bio**
Matteo Mancini is an Italian illustrator, cartoonist, and graphic designer. Mariapaola Pesce was born in Genova in a family of booksellers. She has written a number of children’s books and is currently part of the artistic and organizational management of a festival for young readers. She’s also the author of the biography of Angela Davis (BeccoGiallo 2020).
Alfred HITCHCOCK
Master of Suspense
Noel Simsolo, Dominique Hé

Summary
In 1960, the film Psycho traumatized viewers around the world. Never before had the angst or the suspense been so well presented in cinema. But where does the talent of this Alfred Hitchcock come from, the one now nicknamed the "Master of Suspense"? To find out, we must first go back to his youth, in England, during the first half of the 20th century. Having grown up in a Catholic family—a religious originality that will be felt in a large part of his cinema—"Hitch" is an atypical Englishman who, very early on, has a taste for telling stories. The temptation to work for the cinema will not be long in coming, first as a graphic designer at Islington Studios in London, where his visual talent will lead him to make his debut behind the camera as an assistant and then as a full director. It is also here that he will meet Alma Reville, his assistant and wife who will accompany him throughout his storied career, including the jump to the big time in Hollywood. Discover the life of undoubtedly one of the greatest filmmakers of all time. The in-depth story of a colorful, demanding, and quite...

Contributor Bio
Noel Simsolo is a French comedian, movie director, novelist, historian of movies, and well-established writer of comics. Amongst others, he’s also written a bio of Sergio Leone. Dominique Hé is a widely published French comic artist and illustrator.

Modish
The Book of Great Design
Beth Benton Buckley

Summary
Modish features gorgeous spaces designed by the most sought-after interior designers from North America. This book capture’s each designer’s unique sensibility through breathtaking photography. With a picture being worth a thousand words, this photo-driven book speaks volumes and will inspire you.

Contributor Bio
Beth Benton Buckley has dreamed up, authored, and published lifestyle books on everything from celebrity event design, food, and wine to architecture, interior design, and travel. As much as Beth loves creating books, she loves the people in them even more. Telling stories through the perfect combination of thoughtful prose and sensational photography is what she does best. The founder of Benton Buckley Books, Beth is obsessed with great quotes, adores fine design, and welcomes every opportunity for off-the-beaten-path travel. Chad Oppenheim, a graduate of Cornell University, is the founding principal of OPPENHEIM Architecture + Design, an architecture, interior design, and planning firm based in Miami with an office in Basel, Switzerland. He has garnered more than 65 career distinctions, including being named the 2013 AIA Miami Firm of the Year. With projects spanning 25 countries, his firm designs with a sensitivity towards man and nature, harmonizing with the surroundings of each context.
Zoomigurumi Favorites
The 30 Best-Loved Amigurumi Patterns
Joke Vermeiren

Summary
This best-of book collects the 30 most popular designs from the Zoomigurumi series into one! Make all of your most beloved characters with a few simple stitches. Inside you’ll find Otto the Turtle, Henry the Hippo, Scraps the Seagull, Hamish the Hamster, Kai the Koala, and many more fan favorites! Projects cover a variety of skill levels, from beginner-friendly to suitable for advanced crocheters, and are accompanied by easy-to-follow instructions. The clear illustrations and handy video tutorials will help you master the stitches and techniques in no time. Surprise your family and friends with handmade gifts, or simply make them for yourself!

Contributor Bio
Joke Vermeiren started collecting patterns on Amigurumi.com (a website that contains amigurumi patterns created by designers from all over the world) and compiled this book with care. She enjoys picking up a crochet hook on a quiet winter evening. She lives in Belgium.

Goldwork Embroidery Chinese Style
An Illustrated Stitch Guide
Daiyu Chen

Summary
Goldwork embroidery is a traditional Chinese embroidery technique that was originally used in the court or palaces and was exclusive to nobility in ancient times. Similar embroidery techniques were used in Central Asia and Europe in ancient times as well. Today, this sort of technique, characterized by its diversity of thread textures, variety of techniques, unique three-dimensional shape, and ability to blend other embroidery styles, is familiar to and admired by embroidery enthusiasts all over the world. Through her practice in embroidery over the past two decades, Chen Daiyu has simultaneously studied both Chinese and European embroidery. Her work is unique in that it combines the beauty of both forms, making it uniquely original. In this book, she draws inspiration from elements of traditional Chinese painting, combining traditional Chinese silk embroidery with European goldwork embroidery to create stunning, elegant works with a unique Chinese aesthetic appeal. This volume combines images and text, taking the reader systematically through the world of goldwork embroidery with a …

Contributor Bio
Chen Daiyu graduated from the Design Art Department of the Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts and holds a master’s degree from the University of the Arts in London. The focus of her current research is the contemporary application of embroidery. After attending the Royal College of Embroidery to study embroidery techniques, she founded the Daiyu Embroidery Studio and became an independent embroidery artist. She excels at goldwork embroidery, wool embroidery, blackwork embroidery, whitework embroidery, canvas embroidery, and the application of embroidery to the field of jewelry design.
Li Po
26 Postcards
Rita Blitt

Summary
This selection of 26 postcards features pastels from Rita Blitt’s 1984 Li Po Series. Li Po was a Chinese poet of the Tang Dynasty whose poems document his journeys sailing the Yangzi River. Each drawing includes the line of poetry that inspired Blitt’s work.

Contributor Bio
Rita Blitt’s dynamic body of work is distinguished by the sense of joy expressed through her pieces—sculpture, paintings, drawings, video, and more. Her work has been showcased in more than seventy one-person exhibitions and is in many museum and private collections; her sculptures, some of them as tall as sixty feet, can be found throughout the U.S. and in Japan, Singapore, and Australia. Blitt’s work celebrates her love of nature, dance, and music, and is noteworthy for its ability to visually communicate the energy of movement and sound. She is also known for her inspirational phrase “Kindness is contagious. Catch it!”—powerful words that catalyzed the establishment of the Kindness Program and associated annual awards as well as the making of a film.

An Illustrated Brief History of Chinese Decorative Arts
History·Aesthetics·Invention
Gang Shang

Summary
The Chinese decorating art, in myriad media—bronze, ceramics, silk, embroidery, lacquer, jade, enamel, gold, and silver—and of carving and sculpture, is an ageless tradition of exquisite craftsmanship. Its evolution since ancient times was driven not only by the expanding use of materials available, but advances in technology. The understated elegance of Chinese aesthetics in arts and crafts, both functional and decorative, has in many ways influenced the development of the Chinese cultural identity, becoming emblematic of Chinese civilization in its worldwide dispersion. This concise history, complete and lucidly accessible, captures this millennia-old tradition, from the Neolithic Age to the late Qing when the last imperial reign unraveled, and the rise and evolution of its various forms, tracing the chronology of Chinese dynasties. Well researched and richly illustrated with more than 200 artefacts, it offers a fascinating journey through the evolution of Chinese aesthetics in the context of changing societies, reflecting the underlying qualities of the Chinese mind and a cultural...

Contributor Bio
Shang Gang is a professor at the Academy of Arts and Design, Tsinghua University. He specializes in research and teaching on the history of Chinese decorative arts, with a focus on the thousand-year period from the Northern and Southern dynasties (AD 420-589) to the Yuan dynasty (AD 1271-1368), and is the author of several published books on the subject.
Our Lady of the Rivers
Mira Z. Amiras, Josh Baum

Summary
Malkah’s Journals are a series of beautiful notebooks waiting for you to fill them with your dreams, discoveries, and more.

Our Lady of the Rivers features young Malkah setting off on her journey with her quill and her backpack. The art wraps around to the back of the notebook revealing a mother goddess pouring tea that becomes a river.

This notebook is fully lined, lies flat for easy writing, and features a leather-like flexible cover.

With gorgeous hand-drawn illustrations from renowned artist, Josh Baum, and concepts from author Mira Amiras, these notebooks are truly unique items that are sure to become treasured personal keepsakes. Inspired by Middle Eastern art and the Jewish tradition of Kabbalah, these journals are perfect for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah gift, a Hanukkah gift, or any other special occasion. Use them to hold your thoughts, reflections, favorite quotes, spells and intentions, recipes, fragments of poetry, prayers, memories, or inspirations.

Contributor Bio
Josh Baum was born in London and grew up in Bristol. He studied painting at the Masana School in Barcelona then moved to Sfat to study in a Hasidic yeshivah where he trained as a Hebrew scribe. After writing a Torah scroll in Jerusalem, Josh attained an MA in Fine Art from Central St Martins in London, for which he was awarded the Future Map prize. In his work as both artist and scribe, he explores the Hebrew letters as sacred signs as well as objects of profound beauty. Josh is a published author and illustrator and lives in Mitzpe Ramon, Israel, where he is director of the art school.

Mira Z. Amiras was raised on her mother’s accounts of the Inquisition and Holocaust, and her father’s tales of the Hebrew aleph bet letters and their role in the creation of the universe. She is Professor Emerita of Comparative Religion and Middle East Studies at San Jose State University. Mira received her PhD in anthropology from UC, Berkeley. She is author of Development and Disenchantment in Rural Tunisia, and writer and producer of the animated movie, The Day Before Creation. She lives in San Franc...

The Day Before Creation
Mira Z. Amiras, Josh Baum

Summary
Malkah’s Journals are a series of beautiful notebooks waiting for you to fill them with your dreams, discoveries, and more.

The Day Before Creation features Malkah seated with her cat in her lap, deep in contemplation. Around her fly fragments of Hebrew words, which she will try to assemble in order to understand the origins of the universe, and herself. Inspired by the animated film, The Day Before Creation, this notebook is a perfect space for your own musings about the universe.

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The Dolphins of Knossos
Mira Z. Amiras, Josh Baum

Summary
Malkah’s Journals are a series of beautiful notebooks waiting for you to fill them with your dreams, discoveries, and more.

The Dolphins of Knossos features Malkah surrounded by dolphins on her visit to the ancient city of Knossos on the island of Crete. The dolphins swim through a rich tapestry of water and sand, using colors and patterns inspired by the ruins of the ancient Minoan civilization.

This notebook is unlined, lies flat for easy writing and sketching, and features a leather-like flexible cover.

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The Women of Jenji Kohan: Weeds, Orange is the New Black, and GLOW
A Collection of Essays
Scarlett Harris

Summary
The Women of Jenji Kohan, creator of such landmark shows as Weeds, Orange Is the New Black, and GLOW, is the latest in Fayetteville Mafia Press's pioneering series examining the female characters of legendary creators of television and film. Here, writers from all walks of life analyze the significance of such iconic characters as Nancy Botwin (Mary-Louise Parker), Piper Chapman (Taylor Schilling) and the host of women residing in Litchfield Correctional Institution, Ruth Wilder (Alison Brie), and Debbie Eagan (Betty Gilpin), to both themselves and to pop culture at large. Edited by Scarlett Harris (A Diva Was a Female Version of a Wrestler: An Abbreviated Herstory of World Wrestling Entertainment), The Women of Jenji Kohan: Weeds, Orange Is the New Black, and GLOW is the third book in the unique “The Women Of” series, following The Women of David Lynch (June 2019) and The Women of Amy Sherman-Palladino (November 2019).

Contributor Bio
Scarlett Harris is an Australian culture critic. She has been published in such outlets as Playboy, VICE, The Huffington Post, Vox, Shondaland, and many others. You can find her at her website The Scarlett Woman and on Twitter @ScarlettEHarris. A Diva Was a Female Version of a Wrestler was her first book.
The Hoarder’s Wife
A Novel
Deborah Greenhut

Summary
It wasn’t quite Marie Kondo meets Grey Gardens in The Women’s Room, but it was close. Professor Ludwig Berg hoarded; Grace Berg gave away as much as she could. During their thirty-five years of marriage, Luddy was all about the concrete, while abstract Grace sidelined her career in music because marriage and the family required it. At sixty, Grace divorced him to claim her space in the arts, but, by taking his own life, it seemed that Luddy had written the last movement of their relationship. Or did he? A symphony can have a coda. Following Luddy’s tragic suicide, Grace reunites with her sons in the house where her husband hoarded, reclaiming the literal journal of her adult life to make sense of how she came to be The Hoarder’s Wife so she can complete her abandoned concerto. Without this painful reckoning, she knows the music will never come. Every caregiver must reckon with the question of how much to give, if only Grace can learn to keep time.

Contributor Bio
Deborah Greenhut earned her B.A. in English from Middlebury College then a PhD from Rutgers University. Her poems and cultural reviews have appeared in print and online at www.oobr.com, medium.com, and Red Booth Review. Her way-off Broadway production of "Difficult Subjects," was selected for the Best Plays of the Strawberry Festival, Volume 2. A multi-genre work, How I Live. With Terror, developed as an artist-in-residence at 92 Street Y/Makor, appeared in www.Zeek.net. In 2017, she received the Princemere Poetry Prize. The Hoarder’s Wife is her debut novel. Deborah lives in New Jersey.

Caught on Film
Tom Seigel

Summary
Brandon Newman, the only child to survive the Oklahoma City bombing and now the latest box office heartthrob, has his pick of the best scripts in Hollywood, but the part he wants most is the one he can’t have—the troubled teenage misfit famously banned from the big screen by the late J.D. Salinger. Determined to outwit and outhustle a legal trust charged with enforcing the author’s copyright, Brandon plots an illicit, underground production with the help of an unlikely band of coconspirators, including a bar owner he met in rehab, a precocious prep-school teenager, and a doomsday-prepping mobster. Driven by a profound sense of brotherhood and a conviction that Salinger’s book belongs to the world, he dismisses red-alert risks to his fame, his fortune, and even his life as he chases his dream from the backstreets of Brooklyn to the shores of Sag Harbor to the steps of federal court. Although Brandon ultimately finds himself in a seemingly no-win position between the FBI and the mafia, the greatest threat to his well-being turns out to be a missed connection so unexpected it causes him...

Contributor Bio
Before earning an MFA in fiction writing, Tom Seigel was Chief of the Justice Department’s Organized Crime Strike Force in Brooklyn. He’s prosecuted mob bosses, corrupt cops, murderers, and even an NBA referee. His first novel, The Astronaut’s Son, was a medalist in the 2018 Foreword Reviews Book of the Year Awards and a finalist for the 2019 Connecticut Book of the Year. About his debut, Publishers Weekly praised: “Equally strong on plotting and characterization, Seigel does better than many other thriller writers in making his lead’s pain and uncertainty about the past palpable.” Mensa Bulletin raved the book would “keep you on the edge of your seat all the way through.” Tom lives with his family in Connecticut.
**Bystander**

Mike Steeves

**Summary**

"I have never been faced with a moral crisis, let alone a matter of life or death."

Peter Simons doesn't spend much time at home in his bachelor apartment. Thanks to his job at a multinational company, he is often flying around the world, enjoying a life of luxurious solitude in five star hotels. So when he returns after being away for nine months and notices a strange smell coming from his neighbour's apartment, he initially tries not to get involved, but when a body is discovered Peter's carefully cultivated detachment begins to crumble. And when new neighbours move into the vacant apartment he gets caught up in a petty dispute that will bring him to the brink of moral ruin.

*Bystander* is a pitiless, bold work of intense psychological realism narrated by a professionally successful but socially bankrupt anti-hero who expects global connection and local anonymity. It excoriates the contingency of contemporary morality, and, at a time of growing isolation, forces the reader to examine what it means to be a good neighbour.

**Contributor Bio**

Mike Steeves was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia and lives in Montreal, Quebec. His first novel, *Giving Up*, was published by Book*hug in 2015 and was a finalist for the Concordia University First Book Award. His work has appeared in *The Globe & Mail*, *Matrix Magazine*, *The Shore* and others.

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**Christine's Turn**

*Christine's Turn*  
A Novel  
Merle Good

**Summary**

A gripping search for roots, meaning, and love, set in the farmlands of eastern Pennsylvania.

- Now a university senior, Christine is torn with decisions:  
  - Ride the hit song, she's impulsively just written, as far as it can go?  
  - Or listen to her mom who cautions her endlessly to avoid failure?  
  - Let Gordon romance her again—and lock in a privileged life?  
  - Or stay close to the refined and magnetic Thomas—and risk rejection?

- With an unknown dad and a depressing shadow of a mom, Christine searches for direction.

- When the historic neighboring farm is slated for development, Christine is suddenly thrust into the center of the battle. . .

**Contributor Bio**

The Other Ones
Dave Housley

Summary
What would you do if a group of your fellow office workers won the lottery? The Other Ones tracks the actions and reactions of multiple characters in the wake of this cataclysmic event, tracing the effect it has on them, for good and bad, over the following year. Some dig in, some quit, some go more than a little crazy. One commits suicide by jumping off the roof of the office, then returns as a ghost to haunt the winners. Funny, tragic, and real, The Other Ones shines a light on our contemporary relationships to money, work, and one another.

Contributor Bio
Dave Housley is a writer, editor, and web strategist living in State College, PA. He has published two previous novels and four books of short fiction. He is one of the founding editors of the literary organization Barrelhouse. He is the Director of Web Strategy at Penn State Outreach and Online Education. He lives in State College, Pennsylvania.

Save the Village
Michele Herman

Summary
Life hasn’t turned out quite the way Becca Cammeyer of Greenwich Village—once voted most likely to land on Broadway or in jail for a good cause—had planned. Her only child has moved to another continent, she’s still living in a fifth-floor walkup with her aging dog, still single, still nearly broke, still not on speaking terms with her best friend or her mother, and still hearing the ghost of her long-dead father whispering in her ear. But she’s a semi-famous tour guide, and on a perfect October evening, Becca almost believes all is well with her world as she helps a group of South Carolina tourists fall in love with her beloved Village. The tour concludes, and Becca sends the women on their way, unaware that her world is about to be upended. In the aftermath of a devastating tragedy, Becca must come to terms with her own paralysis, her survivor’s guilt, and the messiness of her life. She embarks on wildly improbable reconciliations and new relationships. At once a love story to Greenwich Village and a reflection on a changing world, Save the Village reveals how when a community come...

Contributor Bio
Michele Herman’s stories, poems and essays have been published widely in magazines, journals and newspapers. She’s the author of the poetry chapbook Victory Boulevard (Finishing Line Press, 2018), recipient of several writing awards, a columnist, writing teacher, developmental editor, and occasional spoken-word performer. She and her husband are lucky enough to live in Greenwich Village, where they raised their two kids.
**The Tenderest of Strings**

Steven Schwartz

**Summary**

In search of a new life, Reuben and Ardith Rosenfeld and their two children move from Chicago to the small town of Welton, Colorado, looking for all the hope that the burgeoning West has to offer—its abundance of jobs, space, sunshine, prosperity, and the promise of reinvention. Reuben, a former copyeditor at the Chicago Tribune, purchases the local town paper, the Welton Sentinel. Ardith stays home and copes with the task of fixing up an older house, which suffers such disrepair that on Halloween it’s mistaken for part of a haunted house tour. Teenaged Harry continues his life as a troubled loner, skipping school and losing his tooth in a mysterious encounter. Meanwhile, Reuben, unaware that Ardith is having an affair, worries about his wife’s growing unhappiness and distance from the family. One night, after a cookout at some friends’ dairy farm, a fatal hit-and-run occurs that shocks the community, exposes a secret, and begins to rip apart the Rosenfeld family. The Tenderest of Strings is a riveting, full-hearted story of what it takes to survive as a family in a small Western tow...

**Contributor Bio**

Steven Schwartz is the author of the novels Therapy and A Good Doctor’s Son and four collections of stories. His fiction has received the Colorado Book Award, the Nelson Algren Award, the Cohen Award from Ploughshares, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, the Sherwood Anderson Prize, and two O. Henry Prize Story Awards. He lives in Fort Collins, Colorado.

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**Under a Poacher's Moon**

A Novel

W. Aaron Vandiver

**Summary**

In this explosive debut novel, W. Aaron Vandiver takes readers into the South African Bush, with its stunning landscapes, its dazzling and deadly wildlife, and its dark underbelly of violence. Against this dramatic backdrop, Under a Poacher's Moon tells an unflinching story of two people who fight desperately to save Africa's wildlife, sometimes with tragic unintended consequences, as they search for passion and meaning in a dangerous and unpredictable world.

Anna Whitney travels to Mzansi, a remote safari lodge located deep in the wilds of South Africa, hoping to get as far away from home and her troubled life as possible. The perilous beauty of the land captures her imagination, but when she hears the haunting late-night cries of an injured rhino, her escapist fantasies collide with brutal reality. She and Chris, a safari guide wrestling with his own secret demons, find themselves embroiled in a war on Africa's wildlife.

They are pulled into a struggle that brings them face-to-face with shocking acts of violence, rogue officials, armed gangs, vicious wild predators, and their own dee...

**Contributor Bio**

W. Aaron Vandiver is an attorney and conservationist turned writer. Over the last decade he has worked to protect endangered species and threatened landscapes in Africa and elsewhere around the world. He lives in the Roaring Fork Valley of Colorado with his wife and two children (and their two beloved dogs.) Under a Poacher's Moon is his debut novel. For more information visit www.AaronVandiver.com
**Little Eagle**

*Awaken and Sleep*

John Maddux

**Summary**

This is a mystical novel about one man’s journey to find himself as he travels with the famous Canadian-Ojibwe artist, Norval Morrisseau. As Morrisseau’s secretary and traveling companion, the main character, Gilbert Petén (a.k.a., Little Eagle) takes a spiritual journey of awakening throughout parts of western Canada where he experiences bouts of alcoholism and drug addiction, art forgery, harassment from the Canadian mob, and ancient Ojibwe spiritualism. At the end of the novel the reader is left wondering whether Petén will ever accept the spirituality he discovered on his travels with Morrisseau and his spiritual guide, the Native American mystic and shaman, Many Tongues. As the novel nears its conclusion, Petén ultimately rejects his newly discovered spirituality and link with Many Tongues in favor of a typically traditional life with a good job, a decent income, a nice home, and a loving husband. However, the lingering spirit of Many Tongues continues to haunt Petén when all is quiet and he is alone to remember.

**Contributor Bio**

**John Arthur Maddux** is an Associate Professor Emeritus at the University of Cincinnati. Professor Maddux is a life-long social activist and has been a leader in the GLBTQ civil rights movement since the early 1980s. He was also involved with the anti-Viet Nam war protests, the African-American civil rights movement, and the women's liberation crusade. Professor Maddux has been arrested multiple times for civil disobedience—all in the name of social justice and human equality. Other of Professor Maddux’s publications include one volume of poetry (*A Thousand Tomorrow and Yesterday Leaves*), a coll...
**Bad to Be Noble**
Andrew Grey

**Summary**
For glass artist Ashton Weller, Longboat Key seems like the perfect place to start over. It’s warm, sunny, and far from the dangerous ex he left behind in Chicago, even if his glass studio does get even more uncomfortable in the Florida heat. It’s also home to Terrance Manetti, a man who turns into Ashton’s inadvertent hero when he saves him from some unsavory types at a local restaurant...and may turn into more than that. Former mobster Terrance has been in Witness Protection with his “brothers” ever since they turned state’s evidence against their former employer. His brothers have a different life here, filled with family and small-time, honest jobs, and Terrance doesn’t know whether to be jealous or derisive. Not until he meets Ashton, anyway. With Ashton, Terrance could build the kind of life he’s never dared to want—the kind of life where he won’t need the skills he learned in organized crime. Or so he thinks—until Ashton’s past comes looking for him....

**Contributor Bio**
Andrew Grey grew up in western Michigan with a father who loved to tell stories and a mother who loved to read them. He has since lived all over the country and traveled throughout the world. Andrew received the RWA Centennial Award in 2017. His hobbies include collecting antiques, gardening, and leaving his dirty dishes anywhere but the sink.

**The Eleventh Commandment**
John Terry Moore

**Summary**
Apart from his drug addiction, his homophobic father, and his denial of his sexuality, Ben O’Connor lives a charmed life. He has a wonderful son, a lucrative job as a Realtor, and a supportive mother and siblings. Then his boss promotes someone else over him and his life disintegrates. In his anger, he breaks the eleventh commandment—thou shalt not get caught. Kicking his ice habit while incarcerated, Ben realizes he has lost his ability to enjoy life. But he gets another chance at Thailand’s Resort Jomtien, where he takes part in an experimental program aimed at preventing relapses among recovering addicts. There he meets Matt Wilson, a gay man from Sydney who’s facing the same struggle. Ben and Matt form a strong bond as they rediscover joy and learn strategies to cope with the lure of their addictions. Ben invites the adrift Matt home with him after treatment and finds he fits perfectly into Ben’s family. But will Ben recognize that his feelings for Matt go beyond the platonic before Matt’s doubts—and a worldwide pandemic—separate them forever?

**Contributor Bio**
John Terry Moore lives in Geelong, Victoria with his husband, Russell Baum. Now in semiretirement, they have been world travelers, particularly in Asia. John seeks to normalize same-sex relationships and inclusiveness through his writing. His passions include the Australian/Asian/South Asian relationship, dogs, collecting clocks, and he fervently espouses the health benefits of red wine.
Come As You Are
A Novel
Jennifer Haupt

Jennifer Haupt's sophomore novel combines the pop-culture savvy of High Fidelity and the family drama/psychological intrigue of The Nest and Little Fires Everywhere. This compelling story of discovering love and identity, set in part against the backdrop of Seattle in the early '90s, explores it mean...

Summary
Set against a backdrop of Seattle in the early '90s, Haupt's compelling second novel explores what it means to confront the truth about the past in order to create a better future for our children.

Come as You Are is a compelling love story and family drama that addresses the question: Can we alter our dreams and stories from the past to create a better future for our children?

Zane and Skye are two misfit teens drawn together by their love of music and their loneliness, both part of Seattle's grunge scene in the early '90s. They dream of moving to L.A. together: Zane's music career following the trajectory of Kurt Cobain and Eddie Vedder, and Skye drawing Picasso-esque portraits on the Venice Beach boardwalk. When a tragedy violently catapults them from best friends to lovers, their bond is forever strengthened and their relationship destroyed. Ten years later, they must come together as parents, putting aside abandoned dreams and broken promises. The question is: can they face the truth of who they are, and become the parents their daughter needs them to be?

Contributor Bio
Jennifer Haupt's essays and articles have been published in O, The Oprah Magazine, Parenting, The Rumpus, Spirituality & Health, The Sun, and many other publications. She curates the popular Psychology Today blog, "One True Thing," a collection of essays and interviews for authors and readers. Her debut novel, In the Shadow of 10,000 Hills was awarded the Foreword Reviews Indie Award for Historical Fiction. She is also the editor of Alone Together: Stories of Love, Grief, and Comfort During the Time of Covid-19. Come as You Are is Haupt's second novel, and she is currently working on her third novel, set in Haiti.

The Memory of Her
Bianca M. Schwarz

Summary
Perfect for lovers of Regency romantic mysteries, this third-in-series follows a woman who has overcome trauma and loss to become a confident woman and spy who will finally find her true love.

The third book in the darkly romantic Gentleman Spy Mysteries.

Eliza Broad has overcome trauma and loss to become the confident woman and spy she is today, much in thanks to the care and attention of Sir Henry March, spy to the Crown. Fellow spy and good friend to Sir Henry, Allen Strathem has loved Eliza from the moment he first set eyes on her. But out of respect, he never told her and left England for a mission on the Crimea with his secret buried deeply. But the memory of Eliza kept him sane during the relentless horrors of his captivity.

When he returns, Eliza is tasked with helping Allen recover, and she dedicates herself to restoring the sparkle in his eyes and banishing the specters of his Russian captivity.

As Allen recuperates, and they realize danger has followed him back to England, Eliza is elated that Allen not only accepts her help, but respects her skill. Together they set a trap an...
**Life Seed**  
Albert Nothlit

**Summary**  
A man must do what's right to save his colony while being pursued by armed soldiers and his former best friend. They came to New Skye in search of a better future. The colonists, descendants of the brave people who set out to reach a new planet, found a beautiful world, rich beyond their wildest expectations. Except for one thing. Crops will not grow in the soil of New Skye—not the way they should—and humans cannot eat the native animals. Desperate feats of botanical engineering have kept the colony alive, but time is running out as food becomes more scarce. Elias Trost will not sit idly by while his colony starves. The one hope for a solution is the Life Seed, a dormant plant organism kept under lock and key at the heart of the colony. In desperation, Elias steals the Life Seed to return it to its rightful place, making him an outcast in the unforgiving winter world. Pursued by colony soldiers armed to the teeth, including his former best friend, Tristan MacLeod, Elias soon runs afoul of a far greater threat. The wurl, the deadly reptiles that besiege the colony, are tracking him to...

**Contributor Bio**  
Albert Nothlit is an engineer who loves thinking about the science behind science fiction. His books often explore how people (or aliens) grow as a result of facing hardship, which itself has taught him valuable lessons through the tough portions of his life. As a gay man, he tries to convey the joy and pride of being different through his characters, celebrating the fact that each unique voice brings something special to the beautiful chorus that is human artistic creation.

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**Mage of Fools**  
Eugen Bacon

**Summary**  
In the dystopian world of Mafinga, Jasmin must contend with a dictator’s sorcerer to cleanse the socialist state of its deadly pollution. Mafinga's malevolent king dislikes books and, together with his sorcerer Atari, has collapsed the environment to almost uninhabitable. The sun has killed all the able men, including Jasmin's husband Godi. But Jasmin has Godi’s secret story machine that tells of a better world, far different from the wastelands of Mafinga. Jasmin's crime for possessing the machine and its forbidden literature filled with subversive text is punishable by death. Fate grants a cruel reprieve in the service of a childless queen who claims Jasmin’s children as her own. Jasmin is powerless—until she discovers secrets behind the king and his sorcerer.

**Contributor Bio**  
Eugen Bacon is African Australian, a computer scientist mentally re-engineered into creative writing. She’s the author of Claiming T-Mo (Meerkat Press), Road to Woop Woop & Other Stories (Meerkat Press), Ivory’s Story (NewCon Press) and Writing Speculative Fiction (Macmillan). Her work has won, been shortlisted, longlisted or commended in national and international awards, including the BSFA Awards, Foreword Book of the Year Awards, Bridport Prize, Copyright Agency Prize, Australian Shadows Awards, Ditmar Awards and Nommo Awards for Speculative Fiction by Africans. Danged Black Thing is her 2021 collection by Transit Lounge Publishing. Website: eugenbacon.com | Twitter:@EugenBacon
Asha Of The Air
John Huddles

Summary
In a mythological future, the last daughter of an ancient house breaks from the abusive prince that she married (thinking he would save her from her troubles), then makes an epic trek of body and mind to gain self-knowledge and realize her destiny.

In a mythological future, Asha, the last daughter of an ancient house, breaks from the abusive prince that she married five years earlier at the age of seventeen (thinking he would save her from her troubles), then makes an epic trek of body and mind to gain self-knowledge and realize her destiny as a woman beyond the constraints of gender or wedlock. A fantasy novel for the Time’s Up era, Asha’s ambitions and the contours of her story differ sharply from those of the male archetype in a novel that draws from both the love-tragedies of European chivalric legend and India’s sacred texts.

Contributor Bio
John Huddles is a screenwriter, film director, and novelist. His writing career began as editor-in-chief of Brown University’s student magazine, and as one of Brown’s first-ever Undergraduate Writing Fellows. He is also a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Nitze School Of Advanced International Studies and the American Film Institute Conservatory. His debut novel, the kids’ sci-fi/adventure story, Boon On The Moon, extended his love of sci-fi/fantasy from storytelling for the screen to the page. With Asha Of The Air, John shifts into sci-fi/fantasy for an adult readership, in a novel that weaves together European chivalric legend and India’s sacred texts.

MindBorg
Tory Quinn

When an epileptic kid gets the wrong mind implant, he discovers he’s been given superpowers.

Summary
Every superhero has a weakness.

Josh’s parents split up when he was 9...right about the time he became epileptic. His father had been a superstar brain surgeon, but even he couldn’t help him. Then he just seemed to fade out of Josh’ life, retreatting into his lab, his fancy company, his...who knows what. Now that Josh is 16, his father has suddenly returned with a cure: a tiny device to be surgically implanted in the brain to stop seizures. Whether to please his father or to be free of his condition, Josh begs his mother to let him go under the knife.

But when he awakes, something is clearly different about Josh. Unfortunately, his seizures haven’t gone away, but he has strange new feelings. And powers. And amazing abilities. And lots of dangerous men are suddenly trying to kill him. His greatest weakness has unlocked his limitless potential.

Sent on the run with his father, Josh will discover that trying to balance epilepsy, a strained relationship with his father, teenage love, and constantly evolving powers is more complicated than it sounds...especially when he’s got just 48 hours...

Contributor Bio
Working for a government think tank specializing in future technologies by day, Tory Quinn enjoys spending the evenings in front of the fire sipping wine (a good but cheap Merlot from a box) while spinning yarns about technology gone astray and the lessons we can learn from the people faced with those situations.

The Gospel According to Grey
Aicy Leyva

Summary
New York City has always been a big fat sack of stress for Amanda Grey. Luckily, the tiny apartment in Queens she shares with her parents has always served as a refuge from a world that’s too loud and too bright. Unfortunately, that’s all about to change. When she inadvertently rents a room to a demon, Amanda Grey goes from a woman concentrated on her own personal demons to the woman responsible for unleashing Biblical Armageddon in New York City. With only a demon, an antisocial seraphim, her irritating younger sister, Petty, and her new neighbor, Donaldson, at her side, Amanda must conquer the outside world—and her own demons—to put an end to the End of Days before it’s too late. But New York is only the beginning, and stopping the all-encompassing Apocalypse fated to plunge the world into never-ending darkness isn’t exactly the happy ending Amanda was hoping for. With the Calamity spreading through the afterlife, Amanda will have to fight her way through the Nine Circles of Hell and storm the gates of Heaven for an audience with the Creator in order to stop the soft reboot of the ...

Contributor Bio
Aicy Leyva is a Bronx-born multi-genre writer who greatly enjoys being an English teacher and working as a part-time pancake engineer. His short stories and poetry explore human connection, language, and finding meaning in life. His satire explores how none of the previously mentioned items actually matter. His heart and soul live in New York which inspires him to write about pain and suffering.

A New Haunt for Mr. Bierce
A Novel
Drew Bridges

Summary
The ghost of Ambrose Bierce, American writer and civil war Union soldier, has been displaced from the home he had been haunting. Enlisting the aid of a "haunting agent," he finds a new residence that has the requisite dark history and terrible secret that makes it appropriate for haunting. Here he meets new spirits who reside in this version of the afterlife, a middle place between life and the ultimate destination. Against his intentions, Bierce becomes caught up in the unsolved mystery of his new haunt. In partnership with an old friend, a Buddhist priest named "Sid" who has inhabited the spirit world for 25 centuries, he reluctantly involves himself in the matters of still living people. Bierce and his friend also become aware of the presence of mysterious "others" who are spirits who never held human form. Bierce, Sid, and other new spirit friends ultimately find themselves as part of a quest to save a human life, rescue another spirit from oblivious, and discover the identity of the "others."

Contributor Bio
Drew Bridges is a retired psychiatrist who has restored himself to his default identity of English major. His restoration included operating a book store for seven years in the town of Wake Forest, NC, where he lives with his wife, Lauren, a psychotherapist.

He has published five previous books that cover a broad range of topics including memoir, sports, and some featuring psychological themes.
**Death of a Fallen**
Kelly Hollingshead

**Summary**
Mysterious forces are driving a deadly wedge between Riley and his best friend, a fallen angel named Jonathan.

A year ago, Riley had come to put his trust and his very life in Jonathan’s hands, but something is happening to Jonathan, something very dark, and it's putting Riley at risk. He was once Riley’s most trusted friend, but now Riley is beginning to fear him and for good reason.

*They will both face impossible decisions, which mean only one of them will survive as the forces of evil once again come after them.*

**Contributor Bio**
Kelly Hollingshead is an avid reader who prefers books over music. He found entertainment in books as a child, due to growing up in a large family where money was always tight. However, the library was always free and entertainment was endless, simply waiting between book covers.

Kelly has always approached writing as an enjoyable pastime until his wife convinced him to try to publish at least one story. *Death of a Fallen* is the second book in the Riley Series.

When not working on the Riley Series, Kelly enjoys extreme workouts, cookouts on the grill with his friends and family, and late nights of watching UFC fight pass.

Kelly has been married for ten years to his wife Melissa and they have a one-year-old daughter whose nickname is Ms. Brynn.

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**Allegiance to Alsace**
Marta Anne Tice

**Summary**
The year is 1804. Napoleon Bonaparte is rampaging Europe for domination and control of the eastern regions of Germany and Prussia. Annaelise Theiss is the daughter of a German winemaker, Count Karl Theiss, and of a former Parisian aristocrat, Louisa Guerlain. The young heroine, Annaelise is torn between her mother's allegiance to the new French Regime and her father's influential thinking towards the New Enlightenment from German philosophers and the American Founding Fathers. Espionage and spying against the emperor are everywhere.

As a young ingénue, Annaelise witnesses conflicting messages. She experiences the height of the former glory of the French aristocracy while visiting a distant cousin in Bavaria with her family. Coming of age, her heart becomes clouded in deception and mystery. Her journey further takes her to the simplicity of the winery and brewery lifestyle of Alsace-Lorraine and to The Pfalz in Germany. It is there that she connects with her German heritage and lifestyle.

The plot thickens when she falls in love with a courageous French officer, Captain Hans Roster. My...

**Contributor Bio**
Marta Anne Tice, a resident of Nelson County, Virginia, is a licensed interior designer and a member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID). She operates a notable lodging business at Leap of Faith Lodging.

Marta has been an avid equestrian and a foxhunter with three established foxhunts in Virginia.

As a member of the Daughters of The American Revolution (DAR), this author is passionate about history and ancestry. Locating her family ancestral village in Germany inspired her to write this story.

*Allegiance to Alsace* is her debut novel.
**The Last Professional**

**Ed Davis, Colin Elgie**

**Summary**

Returning to the rails fifteen years after the childhood trauma that haunts him, young Lynden Hoover gets help from The Duke, an old hobo who calls America’s landscape his home, adheres to an honor code, but is fleeing Short Arm, his merciless enemy. The Duke mentors Lynden, enlisting old Knights of the Road to keep himself and his apprentice safe. When Short Arm murders two of them, the stakes suddenly escalate to life or death.

**Contributor Bio**

**Ed Davis**’s *Road Stories* has recently been an Amazon top ten best seller. *Kirkus Review* called his novella *In All Things*, "...powerful; beautifully written, well-observed and effective." His short story "Not For the Last Time" was just published in *New English Review*, and his fiction appears in *Rougarou Journal of Arts & Literature* and *Gris-Gris Journal Literature, Culture, and the Arts*. He produced and directed the documentary *Faces of Chidamoyo*, was the bass player for Cynthia Carr & The Carrtunes for thirty years, is a runner, backpacker, and world ranked, masters level discus thrower. **Colin Elgie** is an English illustrator and former member of Hipgnosis. He has worked with progressive rock bands and musicians such as Pink Floyd, The Hollies, Black Sabbath, Led Zeppelin, Renaissance, Genesis, Fumble, Peter Gabriel, Roger Cook, Al Stewart, and Roger Taylor.

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**Beyond Revanche**

**The Death of La Belle Epoque**

**Gerry Docherty**

**Summary**

Nations go to war in a blare of trumpets and glory for high designs like Defence of the smaller nation, Democracy and Justice. Behind this rhetoric is the pain and anguish of slaughter, misery, starvation and death so that rich men grow richer. Beyond Revanche exposes the grotesque injustice of a world war within which small group of French policemen in the Deuxieme Bureau have to come to terms with the reality of destruction. Stretched to the limit they seek answers to the conundrum of who is actually controlling the war in France and beyond. The conspiracy they unearth threatens their very survival and that of France itself. Politics and injustice, sacrifice and conspiracy, violence and murder stalk the grand boulevards of Paris while the apparent ravings of a madman sheds a completely different light on events in the city and the politics of division. 13. This fast-paced story will enthral both readers who have no knowledge of the exposure of the French capital to capitulation in the first weeks of the war and those who have some awareness of these shocking times. The sheer compli...

**Contributor Bio**

**Gerry Docherty** is the author of several historic plays and co-author of *Hidden History: The Secret Origins of the First World War*. 
The Lost Son
Stephanie Vanderslice

Summary
How does a mother survive the unsurvivable? After her husband and the baby's nurse kidnap her infant son, Nicholas, and take him back to their native Germany, Julia Kruse must completely rebuild her life in America. The Lost Son chronicles Julia's journey from Depression-Era Queens, NY through World War II as she struggles to provide for herself and her remaining son, Johannes. Over the years, her search for Nicholas is thwarted at every turn, until she falls in love with chauffeur Paul Burns, whose boss might have the political connections to find her son and bring him home from the German front during the last days of the Third Reich, where Johannes is also fighting for the Allies.

Contributor Bio
Stephanie Vanderslice is the author of several books, including The Lost Son and The Geek's Guide to the Writing Life: An Instructional Memoir for the Rest of Us, named a top writing book by The Writer and Poet's and Writer's magazines. Professor and Director of the Arkansas Writers MFA Workshop at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas. She was born in Queens, New York, which is the terrain of much of her fiction.

Jim Lord
Kerry McDonald

Summary
NOTHING BRINGS A MAN BACK FROM THE DEAD...LIKE ALL-OUT WAR.

Jim Lord was a cop who knew what it was like to be in a firefight. He'd been to Iraq, he'd served his country, he'd lost his share of friends. But when it mattered most—when the high school he had been hired to protect faced an active shooter—he choked under pressure.

Drinking his life away in a tiny Mexican village sounds just fine with Jim. But then a local gang who had been terrorizing the island decides to attack his favorite bar and challenges him to do something about it. They'll soon realize that they picked the wrong guy to mess with. Pushed to the breaking point, something snaps in Jim.

And now, it's payback time. With one last chance at redemption, he'll burn it all down to set things right.

Fans of Rambo and Gran Torino will love this action book.

Contributor Bio
Kerry McDonald writes entertaining, provocative action-adventure stories. An expert marksman and overall adrenaline junkie, Kerry's stories are born of a life filled with rock climbing, BASE jumping, paragliding, yoga, meditation, lucid dreaming, and survival-focused getaways.

Taking inspiration from writers such as TC Boyle, Clive Cussler, Jeremy Robinson, and H. Rider Haggard, Kerry launches readers into "heart stopping thrill a minute" adventures.
It's Murder Don'tcha Know
A Quirky Murder Mystery with Recipes
Jeanne Cooney

Summary
After a hard life on a farm in northwestern Minnesota's Red River Valley, Doris Connor buries her philanderer husband and moves her century-old Sears and Roebuck farmhouse into the small Scandinavian community of Hallock, located on the edge of nowhere. She longs for a retirement heavy on solitude and serenity, but her plans are put on hold when her flamboyant sister and a ninety-year-old friend of the family move in. To further complicate matters, the local pharmacy is robbed, the suspect is murdered, and the sheriff believes Doris's two adult children of being complicit in the crimes. Doris realizes that a placid existence is possible only if she first proves her children's innocence. But can she find the killer among the folks in Hallock? And if she does, will the sheriff, an old flame but a new headache, believe her?

Contributor Bio
Jeanne Cooney is the author of the Hot Dish Heaven Mystery Series--Hot Dish Heaven, A Second Helping of Murder and Recipes, and A Potluck of Murder and Recipes. She lives and writes in Northern Minnesota. Visit JeanneCooney.com

The Dark Petals of Provence
Karen Hugg

Summary
Fresh off a divorce, April Pearce arrives in Provence to photograph its hidden places for a travel magazine. But on her first night in a lavender field, she accidentally snaps a teenager running in the distance covered in blood. When she enquires about him in the local village, no one wants to talk. They don't like April and she can't figure out why. As she witnesses other disturbing events, her concern for the teen grows, but the more she investigates, the more she's threatened and her work vandalized. Then she meets some wealthy celebrities who may or may not help her. As April struggles to stand up for what's right, she in turn reveals the shameful secret the village has kept hidden for years. The Dark Petals of Provence is a thrilling mainstream novel rich with atmosphere and dark questions. It brings the beauty and culture of rural France to life while enticing readers with the magic and allure of plants. In the tradition of Joanne Harris's Chocolat, The Dark Petals will not only entertain readers with its compelling plot but move people with its memorable characters and emotion...

Contributor Bio
Karen Hugg is the author of Harvesting the Sky, The Forgetting Flower, and Song of the Tree Hollow. Most of her stories are set in worlds where plants, real or imagined, affect people in strange new ways. Born and raised in Chicago, she later moved to Seattle and worked as an editor in tech, which took her to live and work in Paris. Later, she became an ornamental horticulturalist and master pruner. She earned her MFA from Goddard College and has been published in Crime Reads, Thrive Global, The Big Thrill, the Rooted anthology, and Garden Rant. She has appeared on the New Books, Urban Farm U, and The Cave You Fear podcasts, along with the TV show New Day Northwest. For more information, visit www.karenhugg.com. She lives in Seattle, Washington.
The Bucharest Dossier
William Maz

Summary
Bill Hefflin is a man apart—apart from life, apart from his homeland, apart from love

At the start of the 1989 uprising in Romania, CIA analyst Bill Hefflin—a disillusioned Romanian expat—arrives in Bucharest at the insistence of his KGB asset, code-named Boris. As Hefflin becomes embroiled in an uprising that turns into a brutal revolution, nothing is as it seems, including the search for his childhood love, which has taken on mythical proportions.

With the bloody events unfolding at blinding speed, Hefflin realizes the revolution is manipulated by outside forces, including his own CIA and Boris—the puppeteer who seems to be pulling all the strings of Hefflin’s life.

The Bourne Identity meets John le Carre’s The Spy Who Came In from the Cold

Contributor Bio
Born in Bucharest, Romania, William Maz emigrated to the U.S. as a child. He is a graduate of Harvard University and Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Following a residency in anesthesiology at Yale, he practiced medicine, and during that time, he developed a passion for writing fiction. He studied writing at Harvard, the New School, and The Writer’s Studio in New York City, and is now writing full time. William is married to a surgeon and he divides his time between Pennsylvania and New York City. The Bucharest Dossier is his debut novel.

Perilous Passage
Arthur Mayse

Summary
Drug-runners threaten the West Coast!

A semi-conscious man looks about a boat's cabin as a woman presses a wet cloth to his forehead. She's young, her nails are short, and her small hands are calloused. When another man tries to enter, she grabs a gun: "If you come down here, Joe, I'll shoot you."

For a moment, the intruder doesn't move. "I don't want your damn' old hulk," he tells her. When the woman threatens a second time, he leaves. "You'd better too," he says. "She's near sunk."

So begins the story of Clint, a reform school runaway, and Devvy, an orphaned farm girl saddled with a deceitful drunk of a stepmother. Clint and Devvy are pushed together as they struggle against the corrupt, criminal, violent adults trying to exert control over their lives.

Perilous Passage first appeared in 1949 as a serial in the Saturday Evening Post. It has since been published in hardcover, paperback, and in Swedish translation. This Ricochet Books edition marks the first new edition since 1952.

Contributor Bio
Arthur Mayse was born in 1912 on the Peguis Indian Reserve, Manitoba, Canada, the son of Baptist missionaries. He began his writing career at age twelve with a story sold to the Toronto Star Weekly. As an adult, Mayse joined the Vancouver Daily Province and, later, the Vancouver Sun. He served two years as Fiction Editor at Maclean's, before resigning to focus on his own short stories; more than three-dozen appeared in the Saturday Evening Post alone. Arthur Mayse died in 1992.

Susan Mayse has written for many national and international publications. She is the author of the novels Merlin’s Web and Awen, and the biography Ginger: The Life and Death of Albert Goodwin (winner of the 1991 Arthur Ellis Award for Crime Nonfiction). She is the daughter of Arthur Mayse.
The Ruthless
David Putnam

Summary
Bruno Johnson, shaken to his core, but still a formidable force—an unrelenting focus on doing the right thing—unwilling to let anyone or anything stand in his way

Pushed to his emotional limit, Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputy Bruno Johnson struggles to hold his family together while immersed in his unrelenting career. His daughter, Olivia, is a teen mom to twin toddlers; her common-law husband, Derek Sams, is a thug; and one of their little boys has disappeared under his care.

The overwhelming intensity demanded of Bruno on this personal level is compounded by the brutal shotgun murder of a superior court judge and his wife, both friends of his. Bruno cannot ignore these violent crimes even though he's supposedly off the law enforcement grid—undercover—working an illegal gun sting.

Tragedy strikes Bruno’s life on all fronts: family, friends, and professional—however, none of these colossal forces can match the unthinkable catastrophe that will forever dominate Bruno’s life.

Perfect for fans of Robert Crais and Michael Connelly
While all of the novels in the Bruno Johnson Crime Series st...

Contributor Bio
During his career in law enforcement, best-selling author David Putnam has done it all: worked in narcotics, violent crimes, criminal intelligence, hostage rescue, SWAT, and internal affairs, to name just a few. He is the recipient of many awards and commendations for heroism. The Ruthless is the eighth novel in the best-selling Bruno Johnson Crime Series, following The Disposables, The Replacements, The Squandered, The Vanquished, The Innocents, The Reckless, and The Heartless. Putnam lives in the Los Angeles area with his wife, Mary.

The Sinister
David Putnam

Summary
Bruno Johnson, shaken to his core, but still a formidable force—unrelenting when it comes to saving a child

Ex-cop, ex-con Bruno Johnson and his wife Marie hide in plain sight from the law in an upscale L.A. hotel as Bruno heals from a run-in with a brutal outlaw motorcycle gang—and the loss of his son—a son he didn't know he had until it was too late.

Marie, now pregnant with her first child, fears Bruno may never fully recover. She knows that soon they must return to Costa Rica to rejoin their large family of rescued children—kids who owe their lives to Bruno and Marie's intervention.

But when Bruno’s friend, FBI Deputy Director, Dan Chulack, pleads with Bruno to help rescue his kidnapped granddaughter, escape plans are put on hold. After exhausting all legitimate investigative avenues, Chulack seeks Bruno’s brand of justice. With Marie’s reluctant consent and her own special expertise, they plunge into the evil world of those who prey on children.

Meanwhile, Bruno's mother, a woman he has never known, appears asking for forgiveness—and Bruno's assistance—while bringing her own set of ...

Contributor Bio
During his career in law enforcement, best-selling author David Putnam has done it all: worked in narcotics, violent crimes, criminal intelligence, hostage rescue, SWAT, and internal affairs, to name just a few. He is the recipient of many awards and commendations for heroism. The Sinister is the ninth novel in the best-selling Bruno Johnson Crime Series, following The Disposables, The Replacements, The Squandered, The Vanquished, The Innocents, The Reckless, The Heartless, and The Ruthless. Putnam lives in the Los Angeles area with his wife, Mary.
Paradise Cove
Davin Goodwin

Summary
Every day is paradise on Bonaire—until something unexpected washes ashore

On the laid-back island of Bonaire, every day is paradise until a seaweed-entangled human leg washes ashore. Combing the beach, retired cop Roscoe Conklin examines the scene and quickly determines that the leg belongs to the nephew of a close friend.

The island police launch an investigation, but with little evidence and no suspects, their progress comes to a frustrating halt. Then, thanks to a unique barter with the lead detective, Conklin finds himself in possession of the case file. He can now aggressively probe for his own answers.

Sifting through the scant clues, eager to bring the killer to justice, Conklin struggles to maintain forward momentum. He has all the pieces. He can feel it. But he’d better get them snapped together soon.

Otherwise, the body count will continue to rise.

For fans of John Sandford’s Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers—Only substitute sun and sand for snow and ice

While the novels in the Roscoe Conklin Mystery Series stand on their own and can be read in any order, the publication sequenc...

Contributor Bio
Davin Goodwin is a man of many talents. He’s a graduate of Arkansas State University and works in the technology industry. He has been a small business owner, a real estate investor, an aerial photographer, a flight instructor, a semi-professional banjo player, and a scuba diver, often seen on the island of Bonaire. Paradise Cove is the second in the Roscoe Conklin Mystery Series, following Diver’s Paradise. Goodwin lives in Madison, Wisconsin, with his wife, Leslie.

Death of a Messenger
Robert McCaw

Summary
Journey deep into the exotic locales of Hawaii’s Big Island to discover its language, culture—and crime

On Hawaii Island, an anonymous 911 caller reports a body at Pohakuloa, the Army’s live-fire training area. Hilo Chief Detective Koa Kane, a cop with his own secret criminal past, finds a mutilated corpse—bearing all the hallmarks of ancient ritual sacrifice.

He encounters a host of obstacles as he pursues the murderer—an incompetent local medical examiner, hostility from both haoles (Westerners) and sovereignty advocates, and a myriad of lies. Koa races to discover whether the victim stumbled upon a gang of high-tech archaeological thieves, or learned a secret so shocking it cost him his life and put others in mortal danger.

Will Hilo’s most respected detective stop this sadistic fiend—or will the Pohakuloa killer strike again, with even deadlier consequences?

Perfect for fans of Michael Connelly and James Lee Burke

While all of the novels in the Koa Kane Hawaiian Mystery Series stand on their own and can be read in any order, the publication sequence is:

Off the Grid
Fire and Vengeance
Death of a Messenger

Treachery Times Two
Robert McCaw

Summary
Secret military weapons, saboteurs, a volcanic eruption—and a probe of Chief Detective Koa Kane’s criminal past

On Hawaii Island, a volcanic earthquake disrupts an abandoned cemetery—unearthing the body of a woman mutilated by her killer to conceal her identity.

The search for her identity leads Hilo Hawaii’s Chief Detective Koa Kane to a mysterious defense contractor with a politically connected board of directors. Defying his chief of police, Koa pursues the killer, only to become entangled in an FBI espionage investigation of Deimos, a powerful secret military weapon. Is the FBI telling all it knows—or does it, too, have a duplicitous agenda?

At the same time, Koa—a cop who thirty years earlier killed his father’s nemesis and covered up the murder—faces exposure by the dead man’s grandson. Koa is forced to investigate his own homicide, and step by step, his cover-up unravels until another man is falsely accused.

Can Koa stand by and let an innocent man pay for his crime?

A crime novel perfect for fans of Michael Connelly and James Lee Burke

While all the novels in the Koa Kane Hawaiian ...

Contributor Bio
Robert McCaw grew up in a military family, traveling the world. He is a graduate of Georgetown University, served as a U.S. Army lieutenant, and earned a law degree from the University of Virginia. He was a partner in a major international law firm in Washington, D.C. and New York City. Having lived on the Big Island of Hawaii, McCaw’s writing is imbued by his more than 20-year love affair with this Pacific paradise. He now lives in New York City with his wife, Calli. Treachery Times Two is the fourth in his Koa Kane Hawaiian Mystery Series.

The Crossover Paradox
Rob Edwards

Summary
Return to the Justice Academy, the galaxy’s premier college for superheroes!

Back for his second year, Grey wants nothing more than to spend time with his friends and maybe take a class or two. A normal student life. Instead, Grey’s friends are all distracted by their own problems and somebody is trying to break his nemesis out of jail.

When tragedy strikes the Academy, Grey finds himself stuck between the roles of investigator and prime suspect. Chased across the galaxy and back, Grey must face a dark secret from the Academy’s past. Grey cannot hope to defeat it alone, but cut off from his friends, can he trust an unexpected crossover?

That paradox alone could kill him.

Contributor Bio
Rob Edwards is a British born writer and content creator, living in Finland. His podcast, StorycastRob, features readings from his short stories and extracts from longer work. He writes about coffee, despite not drinking it, spaceships, despite being down-to-earth, and superheroes, despite everything. His debut novel, The Ascension Machine was published in 2020. His short stories can be found in anthologies from Inklings Press and Rivenstone Press. A life-long gamer and self-professed geek, he is proud of his entry on wookieepedia, the result of writing several Star Wars RPG scenarios.
**Out Front the Following Sea**  
Leah Angstman

**Summary**  
Out Front the Following Sea is a historical epic of one woman’s survival in a time when the wilderness is still wild, heresy is publicly punishable, and being independent is worse than scorned—it is a death sentence. At the onset of King William’s War between French and English settlers in 1689 New England, Ruth Miner is accused of witchcraft for the murder of her parents and must flee the brutality of her town. She stows away on the ship of the only other person who knows her innocence: an audacious sailor—Owen—bound to her by years of attraction, friendship, and shared secrets. But when Owen’s French ancestry finds him at odds with a violent English commander, the turmoil becomes life—or-death for the sailor, the headstrong Ruth, and the cast of Quakers, Pequot Indians, soldiers, highwaymen, and townsfolk dragged into the fray. Now Ruth must choose between sending Owen to the gallows or keeping her own neck from the noose.

**Contributor Bio**  
Leah Angstman is a historian and transplanted Michigander. Her writing has been a finalist for the Saluda River Prize, Cowles Book Prize, Able Muse Book Award, Bevel Summers Fiction Prize, and Chaucer Book Award, and has appeared in Publishers Weekly, L.A. Review of Books, Electric Literature, Nashville Review, Slice, and elsewhere. She serves as editor-in-chief for Alternating Current and vice chair for a Colorado historical commission.

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**Accusation**  
Paul Batista

**Summary**  
*USA Today* Best-Selling Author

An icon’s life implodes—at two in the morning

World renowned, revered actor Aaron Julian is awakened at two a.m. by his agent who informs him that he has been accused of sexual harassment. Young actresses will break the story on prime-time TV that morning—with their lawyer, the attorney who led the charge in the priests’ sexual abuse cases.

Aaron and his celebrity pop-singer wife, Veda, vehemently deny the charges, and hire powerful defense lawyer Raquel Rematti. But when the plaintiffs’ lawyer is murdered in Central Park, the stakes skyrocket and the conspiracies spiral out of control.

Despite revelation after revelation, Aaron continues to proclaim his innocence. And in his defense, Rematti uses every tool in the legal system to produce courtroom drama that is unparalleled.

The outcome—impossible to predict—is guaranteed to stun and to linger with you for a long time.

**Fans of John Grisham and Scott Turow will devour this cutting-edge thriller**

While *Accusation* can be read as a standalone novel, here is the publication order of Paul Batista’s legal thrillers:

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**Contributor Bio**  
Paul Batista, a *USA Today* best-selling author of legal thrillers, is also a criminal defense lawyer, a TV personality, and the author of *Civil RICO Practice Manual*, the leading book on the federal racketeering statute.
The Warriors
Paul Batista

Summary

High-stakes politics and the rivalry between two powerful women in the trial of the century

Legendary defense attorney Raquel Rematti represents a presidential candidate—and former First Lady of an ISIS-assassinated President—Senator Angelina Baldesteri in the most watched and explosive trial of the 21st Century. The Senator, a Democrat, sees it as a vendetta show trial orchestrated by the current Republican U.S. President, his Republican Attorney General, and an ambitious Republican United States Attorney in Manhattan.

At the trial, a year before the election, the Senator faces charges of election fraud, tax evasion, and money laundering; each of which could deem her unfit for office and all but remove her from the Presidential race.

As the dramatic trial unfolds, Raquel steadily realizes that the Senator has a hidden trail of lies which she has fought hard to keep from the light of day including a series of complicated and illicit connections. As Raquel’s complex, conflicted relationship with her client begins to gradually endanger herself, she must decide...

Contributor Bio

USA Today best-selling author Paul Batista is also a criminal defense lawyer, a TV personality, and the author of Civil RICO Practice Manual, the leading book on the federal racketeering statute. The Warriors is the fifth of his thriller novels, following Death’s Witness, Extraordinary Rendition, The Borzoi Killings, and Manhattan Lockdown. Batista is a veteran of the United States Army and lives in Sag Harbor and New York City, NY. The Warriors will be followed by Accusation.

Dry Heat
Len Joy

Summary

Dry Heat is a crime novel about a young man who loses everything but his heart.

The day All-American Joey Blade turns 18, he learns his ex-girlfriend is pregnant, is betrayed by his new girlfriend, and is arrested for the attempted murder of two police officers. Then things get bad.

Dry Heat will appeal to readers who enjoy suspense thrillers like Noah Hawley’s Before the Fall or heartfelt sagas like Nickolas Butler’s Hearts of Men.

Contributor Bio

Len Joy is the author of four books that have received shining reviews and several awards. "Everyone Dies Famous," published in 2020 won 1st Prize in the 2020 Top Shelf Book Awards and was described by Kirkus as ". . . a striking depiction of small-town America at the dawn of the 21st century." NY Times bestselling author Kevin Wilson described it as "A clear-eyed examination of how we live in an uncertain world. . . . In clear prose, Joy does real work here. I'm grateful for it." His first novel, American Past Time, published in 2014 took 1st Prize in the Top Shelf Book Awards in 2019 for Fiction and was described by Kirkus as ". . . expertly written and well-crafted." His second novel, Better Days was a finalist in the Indie Excellence Book Awards in 2019 and described by Foreword Reviews as "A bighearted, wry, and tender novel that focuses on love and loyalty.

Len is a nationally ranked triathlete and competed internationally representing the United States as part of TEAM USA. He lives in Evanston, Illinois with his wife, Suzanne.
**Fatal Intent**
Tammy Euliano

**Summary**

*End-of-life care—or assisted death*

When her elderly patients start dying at home days after minor surgery, anesthesiologist Dr. Kate Downey wants to know why. The surgeon, not so much. “Old people die, that’s what they do,” is his response. When Kate presses, surgeon Charles Ricken places the blame squarely on her shoulders. Kate is currently on probation, and the chief of staff sides with the surgeon, leaving Kate to prove her innocence and save her own career. With her husband in a prolonged coma, it’s all she has left.

Aided by her eccentric Great Aunt Irm, a precocious medical student, and the lawyer son of a victim, Kate launches her own unorthodox investigation of these unexpected deaths. As she comes closer to exposing the culprit’s identity, she faces professional intimidation, threats to her life, a home invasion, and, tragically, the suspicious death of someone close to her. The stakes escalate to the breaking point when Kate, under violent duress, is forced to choose which of her loved ones to save—and which must be sacrificed.

**Perfect for fans of Kathy Reichs and Tess Gerrit…**

**Contributor Bio**

*Tammy Euliano, MD,* is a practicing anesthesiologist and tenured professor at the University of Florida. In addition to a prolific list of academic publications, YouTube teaching videos, and numerous teaching awards, she has also written award-winning short fiction. *Fatal Intent* is her debut novel. Tammy lives in Gainesville, FL, with her husband.

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**Hold My Place**
Cassondra Windwalker

**Summary**

When librarian Sigrun falls head-over-heels for the sophisticated and very married Edgar Leyward, she never expects to find herself in his bed—or his heart. Nevertheless, when his enigmatic wife Octavia dies from a sudden illness, Sigrun finds herself caught up in a whirlwind romance worthy of the most lurid novels on her bookshelves. Sigrun soon discovers Octavia wasn’t Edgar’s first lost love, or even his second. Three women Edgar has loved met early deaths. As she delves into her beloved’s past through a trove of discovered letters, the edges of Sigrun identity begin to disappear, fading into the women of the past. Sigrun tells herself it’s impossible for any dark magic to be at play—that the dead can’t possibly inhabit the bodies of the living—but something shadowy stalks the halls of the Leyward house and the lines between the love of the present and the obsessions of the past become increasingly blurred—and bloody.

**Contributor Bio**

Cassondra Windwalker is the author of the novels *Idle Hands*, *Preacher Sam*, and *Bury the Lead*, in addition the full-length poetry collections *The Almost-Children* and *tide tables with god*. Her short-form work regularly appears in literary journals and wins the odd award, including the Helen Kay Chapbook Award for her poetry chapbook, *The Bench*. She has lived in the South, the Midwest, and the West, and presently writes full-time from the Frozen North. She keeps company mostly with ghosts, literary characters, unwary wild animals, and her tolerant husband.
Endings
Linda L Richards

Summary
How far can a profound personal loss drive someone toward darkness?

What would it take for you to kill someone for money? And if you did, who—or what—would you have become? These are the question one woman faces when she loses everyone she loves and everything she has. When the opportunity arrives to reinvent herself as a killer for hire, she takes it. She’s good at it—and if she doesn’t do it, someone else will.

Then everything changes when she learns about a serial killer so horrible she vows to find him and kill him until—overcome by self-doubt—she seeks redemption rather than vengeance.

Fans of The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo and Dexter will love Endings

Contributor Bio
Linda L. Richards is a journalist, photographer, and award-winning author. She is known for her strong female protagonists in the thriller genre. Her short story Terminal City won the Arthur Ellis Award for Best Short Story in 2019. She is the founding editor of January Magazine and one of the founders of the blog The Rap Sheet. She divides her time between Vancouver, BC, Phoenix, AZ, and Paso Robles, CA.

Restitution
A Sean Coleman Thriller
John A. Daly

Summary
Book 5 in the Sean Coleman Thriller series. John Daly has a magical writing style, and his books keep you up late at night turning pages." - Dana Perino, former White House Press Secretary.

Life's gotten better for hard-edged security guard, Sean Coleman. With personal affairs in order and relationships rekindled, he travels to Las Vegas to help celebrate his buddy's last days as a bachelor. Soon after he arrives, however, a twist of fate spawns a reunion with an old flame.

Curiosity and a desire to make amends unexpectedly lead Sean down a dark path into the Vegas underground, where another face from the past emerges---a federal fugitive who family, years earlier, altered the course of Sean's life.

A heralding escape drops Sean in the barren wasteland of a Nevada desert, miles away from the glitz and glamour of Sin City. There, he must fight to stay alive against a well-armed group of men whose bloodlust and greed won't detour them from getting what they're after.

Contributor Bio
A lifelong Coloradorean, John A. Daly graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a business degree in computer information systems. He spent the next sixteen years developing accounting software and internet-based solutions. With a thirst for creative expression that went beyond the logic and absolutes of computer programming, John developed an interest in writing. He currently writes political, cultural, and media-analysis columns for multiple news publications, when he's not working on the next Sean Coleman thriller.
**All I Want for Christmas**
Rebekah Pace

When the daughter of a materialistic man prays for God to heal her disintegrating family, a fire destroys everything they own, forcing them to rediscover each other and their faith. [Losing everything may save his soul.]

**Summary**

**LOSING EVERYTHING MAY JUST BE THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL.**

James sells toys. He’s a workaholic and he’s made a very good living, even if his wife and four children don’t appreciate it. Truth is, his marriage is falling apart and he barely recognizes his kids. So when James’s youngest daughter, 7-year-old, Reba, asks God for the best Christmas gift possible, something unexpected happens. Their Christmas tree catches fire and the house burns down, taking with it all of their possessions, including a stockpile of toys for a risky expansion of James sales operation—an expansion he made instead of paying their home’s insurance premiums.

James hits rock bottom and then continues to lose even more when his kids are taken away. He is finally left with absolutely nothing—nothing but a brand-new understanding of what’s actually important in life. Now all he needs to do is win his family back and rekindle his faith—the perfect answer to Reba’s prayers.

**Contributor Bio**

Rebekah Pace was a lost soul wandering the infamous Wells Street in Chicago when a traveling street mission from the small town of Clifton, IL saved her soul and she was reborn in Christ. Now writing from her Victorian bed and breakfast, she enjoys telling stories that celebrate the important lessons to be learned from Christ by believers and non-believers alike—unique and powerful stories that entertain, uplift, and inspire.

Some of Rebekah’s favorite movies are *War Room, God’s Not Dead*, and *Overcomer*. She also enjoys books about other belief systems that offer valuable insight and lessons for living a better life with greater understanding, including *The Hundred Secret Senses* (Amy Tan), *Among the Believers* (V.S. Naipaul), and many others.

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**Fear the Mirror**
Stories
Cora Siré

**Summary**

A fusion of biography and history, art and politics, told through the lives branching off one family tree.

In *Fear the Mirror*, Cora Siré brings together thirteen stories of moments that have marked the dark intersections within her own history. A feminist mother who fled Estonia. A father who arrived in Canada with nothing but a violin. A Catalan boy whose parent is dying. A love triangle among novelists. Bodies stolen in the night and never found. Blending essay, memoir, and fiction, the Montréal author draws on her encounters in Latin America and elsewhere to compose loving and conflicted portraits—of family members, writers, filmmakers, and gravediggers—culminating in the persistent legacies and strange alchemies that haunt the person she sees in the mirror. In this masterful fifth book, Siré has written her most urgent, beguiling, and personal work to date.

**Contributor Bio**

Cora Siré is the author of two works of fiction and two poetry collections. Her novel *Behold Things Beautiful* was a finalist for the QWF’s Paragraphe Hugh MacLennan Fiction Prize in 2017. Her stories, essays, and poems have been published in many anthologies and magazines in Canada, the U.S., and Mexico. Based in Montréal, she often writes of elsewhere, drawing on encounters in faraway places and her family history of displacement.
**Forgetting**
Karen Heuler

**Summary**
These literary short stories deal with the subject of dementia—what the world looks like from the outside and inside: how people cope, try to manage, try to imagine, try to adjust. We try to reason with the unreasonable, try to love the unloveable, try above all to find a way of reaching...and finally, we make stories about it.

**Contributor Bio**
Karen Heuler is an award-winning author of literary and speculative fiction. Her books, events, and other materials may be found at www.karenheuler.com.

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**Kiss and Tell**
John Sam Jones

**Summary**
These sensual stories by prize-winning author John Sam Jones reveal lucid prose and complex lives. Moving through city steam rooms, rugged North Wales mountains, and estuaries facing other places. Risky sex, new romance, and easy understanding, a mortgage on a semi or keeping a lid on it all for the sake family, status, and belief...

**Contributor Bio**
John Sam Jones’ life began on the coast of Wales, where he then became an undergraduate in Aberystwyth. After a scholarship at Berkley, San Francisco, he moved back to the UK to work in chaplaincy, education, and sexual health during the AIDS epidemic. In 2001 he became the first co-chair of the LGB Forum Cymru (now known as Stonewall Cymru), set up to advise the Welsh Government on LGB issues. He also ran a guesthouse with his husband in Barmouth for many years, where he eventually became mayor. After the European Union Referendum, John moved to Germany. He now lives in semi-retirement with his husband and two Welsh Collies in a small German village next to the Dutch border.
Shakespeare's Goddess
The Divine Feminine on the English Stage
J. Snodgrass, John Snodgrass

Summary
In our culture, Shakespeare's works are classics and his characters have achieved mythical status. But what did William Shakespeare consider to be the great myths and classics? And who were the empowering role models for his bold and unforgettable heroines? In plays and poems throughout his career, Shakespeare explored many facets of the divine feminine, including Greek and Roman goddesses—he nearly deified Queen Elizabeth. His characters frequently refer to classical goddesses, some plays feature literal appearances of goddesses onstage, and the goddess of love starred in his epic poem Venus and Adonis. Shakespeare's Goddess explores the poet’s many representations of the divine feminine, as a pantheon of individual deities, and also as diverse manifestations of a single, multifaceted goddess. This thoroughly researched sequel to Supernatural Shakespeare: Magic and Ritual in Merry Old England will appeal to scholars, but its playful and engaging tone also makes it accessible to anyone who appreciates Shakespeare.

Contributor Bio
J. Snodgrass studies, teaches, and writes about myth and ritual, and as a college professor, he explores the many connections between them. He has written book-length explorations of Greek drama, mythology and the Bible. He’s also a Unitarian circuit-preacher. He lives in Buffalo, New York, with his wife and their four children. The best advice he has ever received as a writer is, "Don't write what you know, write what you would like to read." To which he adds, "And learn it before you write it." This is what led to Supernatural Shakespeare and its sequel, Shakespeare's Goddess.

Fast Fierce Women
75 Essays of Flash Nonfiction
Gina Barreca

Summary
Women writers of all ages were invited by editor Gina Barreca to tell a story of their life's most ferocious moments. You know many of these brilliant women, but you've never heard them like this!

Contributor Bio
Hailed as "smart and funny" by People, Gina Barreca was deemed a "feminist humor maven" by Ms. She has written for most major publications, including The New York Times, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Cosmopolitan, and The Harvard Business Review. Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor at UCONN as well as winner of its highest award for excellence in teaching, Gina’s written ten books including the bestselling They Used to Call Me Snow White...but I Drifted.
Murders on the Skeena
True Crime in the Old Canadian West, 1884–1914
Geoff Mynett

Summary
Part history, part true crime, Murders on the Skeena: True Crime in the Old Canadian West, 1884–1914 contains the true accounts of murders, crimes, and scandals—some of which remain unsolved to this day—in small-town northern British Columbia. With a focus on the victims as much as the cases themselves, award-winning author Geoff Mynett relates untold stories of BC’s deadly history while providing both the natural and social history of the region. Hazelton, situated where the Bulkley River joins the Skeena River, was one of the most important sites in the interior of northern BC from 1870–1913. The gold rush, the arrival of the telegraph, and the ability for steam boats to journey upriver increased outside interest in the region. As new modes of transport were built, more non-Indigenous people arrived, and as colonial law and governance increased, so did tensions between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. One such case was that of the murder of Amos “Charley” Youmans in 1884—the escalation of a clash between the laws and customs of the Gitxsan and those of the encroaching traders ...

Contributor Bio
Geoff Mynett was born in England where he qualified as a Barrister. After emigrating to British Columbia in 1973, he became a Canadian citizen, requalified as a lawyer and practiced law until his retirement. His first book, Service on the Skeena: Horace Wrinch, Frontier Physician (Ronsdale Press, 2019), received a Jeanne Clarke Memorial Award. His second book, Pinkerton’s and the Hunt for Simon Gunanoot, was published by Caitlin Press in 2021. Geoff and his wife Alice live in Vancouver and have two sons.

Checkmate
A True Story
Randy Holcomb, AnnaLisa Grant, Lindy Ryan, Nick Fullen-Collins

Summary
THE RULES OF THE GAME JUST CHANGED. Despite growing up in the projects of Chicago’s West Side in the 1960s, Richard “Rico” Townsend believed he was destined for greatness. By the 1980s, his greatness would lie in becoming the most successful drug lord Chicago had ever seen. Every man wanted to be him. Every woman wanted to be with him. Sexy, brilliant, and shrewd, Rico was far more than a drug lord, he was a businessman. Every move he made was carefully orchestrated, mirroring his favorite game of strategy—chess. It wasn’t until Aja walked into his life that Rico realized he wanted something else. He wanted love and a family, and he was ready to leave the empire he built behind ... if it wasn’t too late. *** Checkmate chronicles the rise and fall of one of the most successful drug kingpins to ever run the streets of Chicago. A modern-day Robin Hood to some, whose best friend was a Chicago PD Detective, Rico built an illegal empire the Feds couldn’t infiltrate—or so he thought.

Contributor Bio
Randy Holcomb is the former Chicago PD Detective depicted in the novel who was friends with Rico. He worked with Grant as she wrote Checkmate. AnnaLisa Grant is the bestselling author of The Lake Series, which ranked #1 on Amazon for several consecutive months and has over 1 million copies in circulation. The Lake is currently in development for a TV series. Nick Fullen-Collins discovered the screenplay for Checkmate and bought the rights to develop, produce, and novelize. During his career, he has worked for the President and CEO of Queen Latifah’s Flavor Unit Entertainment as well as on the critically acclaimed, Emmy Award-winning HBO film, Bessie, starring Queen Latifah. Most recently, Nick was at HBO in various departments, including Drama, in which he worked for the vice president who oversaw, Game of Thrones. He also helped manage and coordinate the 2016 HBO Access writers and directors’ program in the Talent/Development department.
Paper Girl and the Knives that Made Her
Ari B. Cofer

From a publisher with a successful track record of bestselling poetry, this is a collection of experience, direction, and inspiration from a poet and mental health advocate.

Summary
“I have never been anything but a paper girl. Something to tear into pieces. Something to burn.”

Ideal for those struggling with their own mental health, this is a book of inspiration from a poet and mental health advocate who shares her experience with an active social media following.

We’ve all been paper before. We’ve all been fragile. Leaf-like and gently blowing. Enough to create stories or build fires. So, we go through life like that. We come across the things that tear us into pieces, and we keep going. We keep fighting because we must. We look for ways to be whole. To be the person we dream to be.

Fragile by nature, but tough by circumstance, paper girls are shaped by their love and loss. This collection of poetry and prose describes the journey of learning to live fully through the messiness of life and tenuousness of mental health.

Contributor Bio
Ari B. Cofer, a life-long writer, has always felt like a paper girl. She has dedicated her life to sharing her story, the stories of others, and breaking the stigma of mental health through her poetry. Her inspiration for this book came from her experience through the people she’s met along her mental health journey, through treatment, therapy, and more. Ari currently lives in Seattle, WA with her partner, Gerald, her dog, Emma, and her cat, Cloud.

Pangaea
Prose and Poetry
Hinnah Mian

From a publisher with a successful track record of bestselling poetry, this is a collection from an award-winning and critically acclaimed Pakistani-American poet about trauma, race, culture, feminism, and heritage.

Summary
“if you wish to read the story of my people look no further than my body.”

From an acclaimed and award-winning poet comes reflections on the immigrant experience and healing from trauma.

Pangaea is a collection of poetry working through the trauma inflicted on a body—whether the trauma come from a person, a country, or from within. It is the act of learning to be whole in a broken body, a broken world. It is a collection of tales told through generations of stories hidden beneath the skin.

Contributor Bio
Hinnah Mian is a Pakistani-American poet and author whose work has appeared in Harness Magazine, JUMP, Blue Minaret, and The Rising Phoenix Review. Her first book, To Build a Home, won silver in the Reader's Favorite International Award. She spends her time journaling, exploring, and living out her days with the love of her life—her dog, Felix.
The Surrender Theory
Poems
Caitlin Conlon

This collection places grief, love, healing, and mental illness under a microscope and puts into words emotions that we collectively experience. Through vibrant detail and striking images, these poems will connect you with your inner self and guide you into a place of acceptance, understanding, and ...

Summary
Fans of social media poetry are anticipating this book by Caitlin Conlon, who is widely shared and followed by many of modern poetry’s most read writers.

The Surrender Theory begins deep within the thick of heartbreak, gets lost in the vibrancy of new love, and then eventually redisCOVERS itself in a place of peace and closure. It’s about learning to grow alongside grief. About taking the hand of your younger self and forgiving them. Through pages of truisms and poems, this debut collection from Caitlin Conlon explores the boundaries of our most poignant and human emotions.

Both deeply personal and universal, The Surrender Theory will speak to anyone that’s put their heart out into the world and hoped with everything in them that it would come home unscathed.

Contributor Bio
Caitlin Conlon is a writer from upstate New York with a loyal audience across social media platforms, most notably on Instagram. Caitlin has previously been published in Thought Catalog, Up The Staircase Quarterly, and Rust + Moth, among others. When she isn’t writing, she spends most of her free time reading through her towering piles of unread books. She enjoys plants, astrology, the color yellow, crewneck sweaters, libraries, and the sound of violins. You can find her at @cgcpoems almost anywhere.

The Woman Who Lives Without Money
Rebecca Baggett

Summary
The poems in this first collection move through the arc of a life, with a tender focus on the landscape of childhood and the natural world. A young child’s delight in language—‘derelict and delectation...onyx and obsidian’—matures to contemplate what language, myth, and art can teach us about inevitable loss: of a home the child, her mother, and sisters were forced by a troubled father to flee; of aunts, uncles, and that mother who had once seemed eternal. Woven into this narrative, the title character—a nomadic woman who lives without money—appears with her porcelain begging bowl, a figure from myth, a touchstone for what is everlasting, a moment of transcendence into a more benevolent world, the one glimpsed again and again in these poems.

Contributor Bio
Rebecca Baggett is the author of four chapbooks, including God Puts on the Body of a Deer and Thalassa. Her first chapbook, Still Life with Children, won Pudding House Publication’s first chapbook competition, and God Puts on the Body of a Deer was the winner of Main Street Rag’s chapbook contest. Her work appears in numerous journals and anthologies. A native of North Carolina, she has lived most of her adult life in Athens, GA.
with/holding
Chantal Gibson

Summary
with/holding is a collection of genre-blurring poems that examines the representation and reproduction of Blackness across communication media and popular culture. Together, text and image call up a nightmarish and seemingly insatiable buzzing-clicking-scrolling-sharing appetite for a daily diet of Black suffering. In this follow-up to her award-winning debut collection How She Read (2019), Gibson gives sombre voice to Nostalgia, “the signifying ache in search of its signified.” A meditation on the rise of falling monuments, in the wake of Add to Cart consumer culture, this collection draws on the language of brand marketing, news and social media, DIY culture and graphic design—“the tyranny of copy and paste”—to confront the role of the new colonial machinery in the relentless consumption and commodification of Black bodies. Drawing on icons past and present, this collection imagines Black voices moving freely across time and space: the hold of a 19th century slave ship diagram printed on a white rubber yoga mat; a whispering set of 1950s grinning salt n pepper shakers on a Pinterest...

Contributor Bio
Chantal Gibson is an award-winning writer-artist-educator living on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Peoples. Working in the overlap between literary and visual art, her work confronts colonialism head on, imagining the BIPOC voices silenced in the spaces and omissions left by systemic cultural and institutional erasure. Her visual art has been exhibited in museums and galleries across Canada and the US, most recently in the Senate of Canada building in Ottawa. Gibson’s debut book of poetry, How She Read (Caitlin Press, 2019), was the winner of the Pat Lowther Memorial Award and the Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize, a finalist for both the 2020 Griffin Poetry Prize and the inaugural Jim Deva Prize for Writing That Provokes. How She Read received second place for the Fred Cogswell Award for Excellence in Poetry, and was longlisted for the Nelson Ball Poetry Prize, the Gerald Lampert Memorial Award, and the Raymond Souster Award. Gibson’s work has been published in Canadian Art, The Capilano Review, The Literary Review of Canada, Room magazine and Making Room: 40 years of Room Magaz...

Dance of the Forbidden Vegetables
Flowers of Unknown Origin
Lydia Cooley Freeman

Summary
Lydia was not only the wife and collaborator of Don Freeman (author of "Corduroy"), she was also an artist in her own right. Indeed, Don once wrote "Of the two of us, Lydia is the better artist!" But she tended to set her own artistic talent aside until after her husband passed away. In 1988 she moved to Zürich, Switzerland to be closer to her family and continued to develop her own artwork. Her fine watercolors and oils slowly transformed into abstract designs, often retaining an organic kernel. She worked on her "haikus" and poems that express deep themes as she looked back on her life: loss of love and friendships, facing aging and death alone. Sometimes searing in their honesty, they all express her innermost soul-searching: mercilessly honest, sometimes tortured, many exposing her innermost self, her wounds, her regrets, anguish, gratitude and hope. Always utterly genuine, they express her soul-searching and coming to grips with life as she faces death: exuberant, anguished, but always with utmost honesty and integrity. "Dance of the Forbidden Vegetables presents a selection of ...
**Under Her Skin**

Toni Miller, Lindy Ryan, Linda D. Addison, Marge Simon

**Summary**

Black Spot Books presents its inaugural Poetry Showcase, featuring the best in never-before-published dark verse and lyrical prose from the voices of Women in Horror. Edited by Lindy Ryan and Toni Miller, the inaugural collection features work from Bram-Stoker award-winning and nominated authors, as well as dozens of poems from women (cis and trans) and non-binary femmes in horror.

**Contributor Bio**

Toni Miller is one of the co-founders of the Ladies of Horror Fiction and the host of the Ladies of Horror Fiction Podcast. She also reviews horror and dark fiction at The Misadventures of a Reader and has published several non-fiction pieces in Aphotic Realm Magazine. Toni lives in the Sonoran Desert with her husband, son, and the spotted one. Lindy Ryan is the president and publisher of Black Spot Books, an imprint of Vesuvian Media Group. She is an award-winning and bestselling author and editor. Lindy currently serves on the board of directors for the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA) and was recognized as one of Publishers Weekly's Star Watch Honorees in 2020.

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**Antonyms for Daughter**

Jenny Boychuk

**Summary**

*Antonyms for Daughter*, Jenny Boychuk's poetry debut, addresses a harrowing subject: the loss of the poet's mother to addiction. Deploying a range of forms and techniques astonishing in a first collection, Boychuk creates unsparing scenes of their complicated life together. Poem after poem attempts to wring clarity from memories ripe with trauma and love, as Boychuk questions whether it is possible for a child to ever extricate herself from an abusive parent—to become, as it were, a living "antonym" of a painful family legacy. A booklength loss-lyric of vivid beauty, *Antonyms for Daughter* is a singular example of grief transformed into art.

**Contributor Bio**

**Jenny Boychuk** was born in New Westminster, British Columbia, and holds an MFA from the University of Michigan Helen Zell Writers’ Program. Her poems and essays have appeared in *The Walrus, CBC Books, Best New Poets 2016, The Malahat Review, The Fiddlehead, Grain, The New Quarterly, PRISM international*, among other publications. In 2018, she won the *Copper Nickel Editors’ Prize in Poetry*. She is also the winner of the 2019 CBC Nonfiction Prize. She lives in Victoria, British Columbia.
**The Answer to Everything**

Selected Poems of Ken Belford
Jordan Scott, Rob Budde, Ken Belford, Si Transken

**Summary**

Ken Belford’s career has spanned six decades and three lives. The Answer to Everything collects Belford’s poetry of the 1960s in Vancouver, his “lan(d)guage” poetry of the early 2000s influenced by his time on remote Blackwater Lake, and his more political-charged poetry of the last decade while he lived in Prince George. This collection allows readers to discover or reflect on Ken’s unique and challenging work, seeing patterns and themes in his poetics as they evolved out of his TISH-influenced poetry and into more contemporary dialogues where Belford seemingly establishes a poetic school of his own. The volume contains excerpts from: Fireweed The Post Electric Cave Man Pathways into the Mountains ecologue lan(d)guage Decompositions Internodes Slick Reckoning The collection has been organized chronologically, setting foundational texts from his earlier work next to his celebrated recent books that concretized his distinct poetic sensibilities. This remarkable collection is assembled based on Belford’s wishes by those close to him as a definitive record of his life’s work.

**Contributor Bio**

Jordan Scott is a poet and children’s author. Scott has written five books of poetry and was the recipient of the 2018 Latner Writers’ Trust Poetry Prize for his contributions to Canadian poetry. Scott’s debut children’s book (illustrated by Sydney Smith), I Talk Like a River, was a New York Times Best Children’s Book of 2020. Rob Budde teaches creative writing at the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George. He has published eight books (poetry, novels, interviews, and short fiction) and appeared in numerous literary magazines including Canadian Literature, The Capilano Review, West Coast Line, Dusie, ditch, filling Station, Prairie Fire, Matrix, and dandelion. His most recent books are declining america and Dreamland Theatre from Caitlin Press, which was shortlisted for the BC Book Prize Dorothy Livesay Award. Manuscripts in process include Testes (a poetic engagement with maleness), Panax (a cross-genre relationship with Devil’s Club), and The Salmon Wars (a speculative fiction trilogy about ‘ecoterrorism’ in a near-future Northern BC). He co-edits Thimbleberry Mag...

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**Lunar Tides**

Shannon Webb-Campbell

**Summary**

Expansive and enveloping, Webb-Campbell’s collection asks, “Who am I in relation to the moon?” These poems explore the primordial connections between love, grief, and water, structured within the lunar calendar. The poetics follow rhythms of the body, the tides, the moon, and long, deep familial relationships that are both personal and ancestral. Originating from Webb-Campbell’s deep grief of losing her mother, Lunar Tides charts the arc to finding her again in the waves. Written from a mixed Mi’kmaq/settler perspective, this work also explores the legacies of colonialism, kinship and Indigenous resurgence. Lunar Tides is the ocean floor and a moonlit night: full of possibility and fundamental connections.

**Contributor Bio**

Shannon Webb-Campbell is a mixed Indigenous (Mi’kmaq) settler poet, writer, and critic. Her books include: Still No Word (Breakwater 2015), the recipient of Eagle Canada's Out in Print Award, I Am A Body of Land (Book*hug 2019), and Lunar Tides (Book*hug 2022). Shannon holds a MFA in Creative Writing from University of British Columbia, and a MA in English Literature at Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador, and is pursuing her PhD at the University of New Brunswick in the Department of English. She is the editor of Visual Arts News Magazine. Shannon is a member of Qalipu Mi’kmaq First Nation, and lives in Kijpuktuk/Halifax in Mi’kma’ki.
Words are the Worst
Selected Poems
Francis R Jones, Erik Lindner

Summary
Born in 1968 in The Hague, Erik Lindner is one of the Netherland’s most acclaimed poets. Admired for a style that fuses simplicity with strangeness, Lindner builds his poems through a montage of descriptive images that, by fending off closure, generate extraordinary visionary power. Gathering together new work with a selection from his previous six collections, Words are the Worst offers a range of pleasures that have made him celebrated in his home country: an austere eloquence; a hard, unsparing precision; a restless and idiosyncratic eye. Best of all is how his intensely filmic observations transform haunted landscapes of windmills, birds, dogs, and houseboats on canals into, as one critic put it, “Lindner-like” moments. Brilliantly translated by Francis R. Jones, with an introduction by Canadian poet David O’Meara, Words are the Worst introduces a leading Dutch voice to English readers.

Contributor Bio
Francis R. Jones translates poetry from Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Hungarian, Russian, and Dutch. His translations have received many important UK and international awards, and is the only translator to have won the UK's biennial European Poetry Translation Prize twice. Professor of Translation Studies at Newcastle University, Jones lives in rural Northumberland.

Erik Lindner is a Dutch poet, writer, and literary critic. His first book of poetry, Tramontane, appeared in 1996. Five more collections have followed, including two novels. His work has been translated into French, German, and Italian. Words are the Worst: Selected Poems is his first volume of poetry in English.

David O’Meara lives in Ottawa, Ontario. He is the author of four collections of poetry and a play, Disaster. He’s been shortlisted for the Gerald Lampert Award, the ReLit Prize, the Trillium Book Award, a National Magazine Award, four Rideau Awards, and he won the Archibald Lampman Award twice. His most recent book is A Pretty Sight (Coach House, 2013).

Plenitude
Daniel Sarah Karasik

Summary
A non-binary faun wishes their body had a variety of sex organs, interchangeable daily. A prison abolitionist scrutinizes Rothko paintings on the carceral state’s boardroom walls. The insurrectionary tactics of mass social movements spread, like a secret handshake, from Chile to Hong Kong to Toronto. Shaped by Daniel Sarah Karasik’s experience of grassroots social and political advocacy, these poems are an offering to those engaged in struggles for a better world—and an acknowledgement of the sometimes contradictory meanings of those struggles. How do individual erotic desires relate to collective desires for deliverance from alienation and exploitation? How might we dream of a more humane future and work towards building it without minimizing the challenges that stand in our way? Plenitude cartwheels towards a world that might be: a world without cops or bosses, without prisons, without oppressive regulation of gender and desire. It is a song for the excluded and forgotten and those who struggle alongside them.

Contributor Bio
Daniel Sarah Karasik (they/them) is a writer and social movement worker in Toronto. They are the author of five previous books including Little Death, Hungry, and Faithful and Other Stories. A graduate of the Young Writers Programme at London’s Royal Court and a former Playwright-in-Residence at Toronto’s Tarragon Theatre, they’ve received the Toronto Arts Foundation’s Emerging Artist Award, the CBC Fiction Prize, the Canadian Jewish Playwriting Award, among others. They are a co-founder and coordinator of the network Artists for Climate & Migrant Justice and Indigenous sovereignty.
let the dead in
Saida Agostini

Summary
Saida Agostini’s first full-length poetry collection, let the dead, is an exploration of the mythologies that seek to subjugate Black bodies, and the counter-stories that reject such subjugation. Audacious, sensual, and grieving, this work explores how Black women harness the fantastic to craft their own road to freedom. A journey across Guyana, London, and the United States, it is a meditation on black womanhood, queerness, the legacy of colonization, and pleasure. These poems craft a creation story fat with love, queerness, mermaids, and blackness.

Contributor Bio
Saida Agostini is a queer Afro-Guyanese poet whose work explores the ways that Black folks harness mythology to enter the fantastic. Saida’s poetry can be found in Barrelhouse Magazine, the Black Ladies Brunch Collective anthology, Not Without Our Laughter, and other publications. let the dead in was a finalist for the Center of African American Poetry & Poetics’ 2020 Book Prize and the New Issues Poetry Prize. Her other publications include STUNT, a poetry chapbook reimagining the history of Nellie Jackson, a Black woman entrepreneur who operated a brothel for sixty years in Natchez, Mississippi. She is a Cave Canem Graduate Fellow.

Breath, Like Water
An Anti-Colonial Romance
Norah Bowman

Summary
“Look, I come from a line of angry women. / I am not in love with mountains, or rivers, or poetry. / I am in love with Mountain.” In Breath, Like Water: An Anti-Colonial Romance the narrator, a settler-colonial hiker, grapples with her attachment to the Okanagan Mountain alongside her desire to honour the Land Back movement of Indigenous peoples and the harmful history of white colonizers. She is critical of her own role in this system, yet cognizant of the lack of power she possesses to return the land to its rightful owners. Instead she walks—hiking the Okanagan Mountain regularly, learning the rhythms of snow, heat, bears, pine trees, mule deer, and ticks—sharing its joys with lovers. In styles both experimental and familiar, a tangential narrative takes off. Sparked by a mysterious plane crash in 1950, the narrator contemplates a fire-hungry tree-people inhabiting Okanagan Mountain. Blending poetic prose with free verse, Norah Bowman weaves a narrative of magical speculation and natural history to decolonize human-nature relationships and celebrate the spirit of the mountain.

Contributor Bio
Norah Bowman, a settler-colonial writer originally from Texada Island, BC, is a professor of English Literature and Gender Studies at Okanagan College, on Syilx territory (Kelowna, BC). Bowman has a PhD in English and film studies from the University of Alberta. Her co-authored book Amplify: Graphic Narratives of Feminist Resistance (2019) tells stories of feminist resistance and liberation movements worldwide, and her academic research focusses on unsettling colonial resource extraction. Bowman’s poetry often reflects on human and non-human connections, including connections to place, water, plants, and animals.
2022 Minor League Baseball Analyst (16th Edition)
Rob Gordon, Jeremy Deloney, Brent Hershey

Summary
The best resource for projecting future performance of minor league athletes—essential for fantasy league baseball players

The first book of its kind to fully integrate sabermetrics and scouting, the 2022 Minor League Baseball Analyst provides a distinctive brand of analysis for more than 1,000 minor league baseball players.

Features include scouting reports for all players, batter skills ratings, pitch repertoires, performance trends, major league equivalents, and expected major league debuts. A complete sabermetric glossary is also included.

This one-of-a-kind reference is ideally suited for baseball analysts and those who play in fantasy leagues with farm systems.

Contributor Bio
Jeremy Deloney is in his seventh year with Baseball HQ. He appears daily during the season with the minor league call-up reports. Rob Gordon has been a minor league analyst for Baseball HQ since 2003. He writes the weekly "Minor League News and Scouting" column and lives in Detroit. Brent Hershey is the managing editor of www.BaseballHQ.com. He was honored in 2009 by the Fantasy Sports Writer Association for the Best Fantasy Baseball Article in a Print Publication. He lives in Philadelphia.

In Scoring Position
40 Years of a Baseball Love Affair
Bob Ryan, Bill Chuck

Summary
A love letter to the game of baseball from one of America's foremost scribes

Bob Ryan has scored every baseball game he's attended, at every level, since the start of the 1977 season. It's a deeply personal tradition still going strong at more than 1,400 games and counting.

The tattered scorebooks he's filled are worn from age, travel, and countless summer days, but their grids and scrawled symbols tell the stories of milestones, rivalries, rare historic achievements, and more.

In Scoring Position captures the incomparable spirit of baseball, with its infinite possibilities and madcap anomalies. Ryan, alongside baseball historian and statistician Bill Chuck, has scoured his scorecard archives for the most singular events—a switch-hitter being hit by a pitch from both sides of the plate in the same game; a player batting for the cycle off four different pitchers; even back-to-back pinch-hit home runs with two outs in the 9th.

Featuring some of the game's biggest names and wildest scenarios, this is a fascinating romp through baseball history, exuding a pure zeal for this sport that fans o...

Contributor Bio
Bob Ryan was a sportswriter for The Boston Globe and a four-time winner of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association National Sportswriter of the Year Award. He retired in 2012 after 44 years on the job. In 2015, he received a PEN/ESPN Lifetime Achievement Award for Literary Sports Writing. He is the author of Scribe: My Life in Sports.

Bill Chuck is a baseball writer and researcher. With Jim Kaplan, he is the author of Walkoffs, Last Licks, and Final Outs (Baseball's Grand and Not-So-Grand Finales).
Jim Kaat: Good As Gold
My Eight Decades in Baseball
Jim Kaat, Douglas B. Lyons

Summary
An unforgettable look at a lifetime of baseball packed with humor and passion for the game

With a career that has now touched eight decades, Jim Kaat has had a prime front row seat for baseball's continuing evolution.

Not only was he a major-league pitcher for 25 seasons, but his time as a pitching coach and his many years as a broadcaster have given him a singular long view of the game.

In Good as Gold, Kaat weaves the tale of a lifetime, taking fans on the field, into the clubhouse, and behind the mic as only he can.

Full of priceless stories from New York, Minnesota, and across the major leagues, this honest and engaging autobiography gives fans a rare seat alongside Kaat on a tour of baseball history.

Contributor Bio
Jim Kaat pitched 25 seasons in the major leagues and later served as a coach and broadcaster. He has been awarded seven Emmys for his work broadcasting the Yankees from 1995 to 2006 and has been nominated for three national Emmys since joining the MLB Network in 2009. Jim and his wife, Margie, spend their summers in Manchester Center, Vermont, and their winters in Stuart, Florida.

Douglas B. Lyons is a leading authority on all things baseball. He is the author of Out of Left Field, Curveballs and Screwballs, and Short Hops and Foul Tips, all of which he co-wrote with his brother Jeffrey. He also wrote Broadcast Rites and Sites: I Saw It on the Radio with Red Sox broadcaster Joe Castiglione.

Ron Shandler's 2022 Baseball Forecaster
& Encyclopedia of Fanalytics
Brent Hershey, Brandon Kruse, Ray Murphy, Ron Shandler

Summary
For more than 35 years, the very best in baseball predictions and statistics

The industry's longest-running publication for baseball analysts and fantasy leaguers, Ron Shandler's Baseball Forecaster, published annually since 1986, is the first book to approach prognostication by breaking performance down into its component parts.

Rather than predicting batting average, for instance, this resource looks at the elements of skill that make up any given batter's ability to distinguish between balls and strikes, his propensity to make contact with the ball, and what happens when he makes contact—reverse engineering those skills back into batting average.

The result is an unparalleled forecast of baseball abilities and trends for the upcoming season and beyond.

Contributor Bio
Brent Hershey is the managing editor of www.BaseballHQ.com. He was honored in 2009 by the Fantasy Sports Writer Association for the Best Fantasy Baseball Article in a Print Publication. He lives in Philadelphia. Brandon Kruse has contributed to BaseballHQ.com since 2005, is a Twins fan pinning his hopes on the futures of Buxton and Sano, and lives in the Minneapolis area with his wife and two kids. Ray Murphy is the managing director of www.BaseballHQ.com. He lives in Boston. Ron Shandler was the first baseball analyst to develop sabermetric applications for fantasy league play.
Rebound
Soaring in the NBA, Battling Parkinson’s, and Finding What Really Matters
Brian Grant, Ric Bucher

Summary
“Basketball gave me a life; Parkinson’s taught me how to live it.” —Brian Grant

After 12 years of playing basketball at the highest professional level, Brian Grant could have been forgiven for thinking that the hardest part of his life was behind him, that he’d be able to kick back and enjoy the fruits of his considerable labors.

But soon after his retirement from the NBA, Grant was diagnosed with Young-Onset Parkinson’s disease, ushering in a challenge greater than any he’d faced before, as well as an opportunity to embrace what really matters.

With esteemed basketball writer Ric Bucher, Grant shares his story in raw and candid fashion, as he takes readers to Sacramento, Portland, Miami, and beyond; to the airplane 30,000 feet in the air where he first came to understand the source of the tremors in his hand; and to the summit of Mount St. Helens alongside five others with PD, where he once again put himself to the test and defied expectations.

In Rebound, Grant shares his remarkable life before, during, and after those NBA years with no shortage of compassion and wit.

Bracketology
March Madness, College Basketball, and the Creation of a National Obsession
Joe Lunardi, David Smale, Mark Few

Summary
Lunardi delves into the early days of Bracketology, details its growth, and dispels the myths of the process.

The NCAA Tournament has become one of the most popular sports events in the country, consuming fans for weeks with the run to the Final Four and ultimately the crowning of the champion of college hoops. Each March, millions of Americans fill out their bracket in the hopes of correctly predicting the future.

Yet, there is no true Madness without the oft-debated question about what teams should be seeded where—from the Power-5 Blue Blood with some early season stumbles on their resume to the mid-major that rampaged through their less competitive conference season—and the inventor of Bracketology himself, Joe Lunardi, now reveals the mystery and science behind the legend.

While going in depth on his ever-evolving predictive formula, Lunardi compares great teams from different eras with intriguing results, talks to the biggest names in college basketball about their perception of Bracketology (both good and bad), and looks ahead to the future of the sport and how Bracketology will...

Contributor Bio
Joe Lunardi is a college basketball analyst for ESPN. The foremost expert in predicting NCAA tournament results, he hosts The Bracketology Show weekly on ESPN+.

David Smale has been writing about college and professional sports for more than 40 years. He is the author of several books, including The Ahearn Tradition and Pauley Pavilion: College Basketball's Showplace.

Mark Few has been the head men's basketball coach at Gonzaga University since 1999.
Muggsy
Muggsy Bogues, Jake Uitti

Summary
A candid and insightful memoir from one of the NBA’s most unlikely stars

Growing up, Muggsy Bogues was always told he should do something else, anything besides basketball. He never acknowledged his many doubters except to prove them spectacularly wrong.

Twenty years after receiving his first basketball as a toddler, he stood proud—at five-foot-three—as the starting point guard for the Charlotte Hornets in the NBA.

From the East Baltimore playground courts where he earned his nickname by “muggin’” opponents for possession of the ball, to Dunbar High School where he excelled alongside future NBA players, Bogues set the tone in his early years for the great heights he’d reach professionally.

In this new autobiography, Bogues delves deep into his life and career, reflecting on legendary battles with Michael Jordan, John Stockton, and other generational stars of ’80s and ’90s hoops. He shares far-ranging anecdotes from playoff runs in Charlotte, filming Space Jam, and even watching a young Steph Curry grow up.

Conversational and clear-sighted, this is a story of uncompromising vision and fleet-f...

Contributor Bio


Gold
How Gretzky’s Men Ended Canada’s 50-Year Olympic Hockey Drought
Tim Wharnsby

Summary
"Now after 50 years, it’s time for Canada to stand up and cheer. Stand up and cheer everybody! The Olympics Salt Lake City, 2002, men’s ice hockey gold medal: Canada!” —Bob Cole, CBC play-by-play broadcaster

There was no iconic Paul Henderson moment, nor a Sidney Crosby golden goal, but Canada’s 5-2 victory against the rival United States in the men’s 2002 Olympic gold medal game wiped out 50 years of frustration for the nation that invented ice hockey.

Canadians from coast to coast were whipped into a frenzy, with impromptu celebrations on streets like Granville in Vancouver, Yonge in Toronto, Ste-Catherine in Montreal, and Portage and Main in Winnipeg.

Gold is the definitive chronicle of how the men of Team Canada made history. Marking 20 years since the momentous victory, Tim Wharnsby delivers the inside story of how Gretzky built the team and Pat Quinn got them to the gold medal, featuring exclusive interviews with players, coaches, and personnel.

Readers will hear directly from Gretzky, Jarome Iginla, Joe Sakic, Steve Yzerman, and more in this thrilling and immersive narrative of Ol...

Contributor Bio
Tim Wharnsby has spent more than 30 years as a sports reporter with the Toronto Sun as well as the Globe and Mail. He also appeared on Hockey Night in Canada several times in 2012 and composed the anchor features for Hockey Day in Canada in 2013 and 2014 on deaf junior player Gregg Sutch and the 10th anniversary of Dan Snyder’s fatal car accident, respectively. Wharnsby, a native of Waterloo, ON., lives in the downtown Toronto neighbourhood of Corktown with his wife, Kathy.
Iron War
Dave Scott, Mark Allen, and the Greatest Race Ever Run
Matt Fitzgerald

Summary
The classic account of an unforgettable endurance test, now updated with a new preface

The 1989 Ironman World Championship was the greatest race ever in endurance sports. In a spectacular duel that became known as the Iron War, the world's two strongest athletes raced side by side at world-record pace for a grueling 139 miles.

Driven by one of the fiercest rivalries in triathlon, Dave Scott and Mark Allen raced shoulder to shoulder through Ironman's 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike race, and 26.2-mile marathon. After 8 punishing hours, both men would demolish the previous record--and cross the finish line a mere 58 seconds apart.

In Iron War, sports journalist Matt Fitzgerald writes a riveting epic about how Allen and Scott drove themselves and each other through the most awe-inspiring race in sports history. Iron War goes beyond the pulse-pounding race story to offer a fascinating exploration of the lives of the world's two toughest men and their unquenchable desire to succeed.

Weaving an examination of mental resolve into a gripping tale of athletic adventure, Iron War is a soaring narrati...

Contributor Bio

Matt Fitzgerald is an award-winning endurance sports journalist and bestselling author of more than 20 books on running, triathlon, fitness, nutrition, and weight loss, including Brain Training for Runners and Racing Weight. His byline appears regularly in national publications including Men's Journal, Outside, and Women's Running. An experienced running and triathlon coach and certified sports nutritionist, Matt serves as a Training Intelligence Specialist for PEAR Sports and as a featured coach on active.com.

Driven to Ride
The True Story of an Elite Athlete Who Rebuilt His Leg, His Life, and His Career
Mike Schultz

Summary
A high-octane memoir of unflappable determination from an X-Games and Paralympics champion

When "Monster" Mike Schultz won snowboarding gold in Pyeongchang, South Korea, it was the culmination of a decade of reinvention, in every sense of the word.

Ten years earlier he'd lain bleeding on the side of a mountain after a devastating snowmobile accident. Now he stood tall on the Paralympic podium, supported by a prosthetic knee and foot of his own creation.

Driven to Ride chronicles Schultz's improbable journey following a lifesaving amputation. From a place of debilitating pain and depression, he tapped into the same sense of adventure that had once taken him to the top of competitive snowmobile racing and followed it to the pinnacle of an entirely new sport: adaptive snowboarding.

As he launched himself into the world of adaptive sports, Schultz's ambition was only tempered by his need for better equipment—prostheses that could withstand the vibrations of a motocross bike or the impact of rough terrain.

His obsessive tinkering, without any formal engineering background, has presented yet an...

Contributor Bio

Mike Schultz won gold and silver medals in snowboarding at the 2018 Winter Paralympics in Pyeongchang. He has won numerous X Games medals in snowboarding, motocross, snocross, and snowbike. Schultz is the founder of BioDapt, engineering durable and versatile prostheses for athletes and military veterans around the world.
Jumble® Coronation
A Crowning Achievement of Puzzles!
Tribune Content Agency LLC

Summary
Hours of challenging wordplay and fun!

For over sixty-five years, millions of newspaper readers have delighted in solving the daily Jumble®, which appears in hundreds of national papers and in these puzzle books.

Each page features a series of mixed-up words coupled with a cartoon clue, and certain letters from each word are used to form the answer to the puzzle.

Contributor Bio
Tribune Content Agency, based in Chicago, Illinois, distributes media products in a variety of languages and formats, including news, comic strips, television listings, and other information services, to international publications.

Colorful Boston - Explore & Color
Laura Lahm

Summary
The creative way to explore Boston!

More than a coloring book, follow the map from Fenway Park to Boston Public Library to the African Meeting House, with many colorful stops in between. The whimsical illustrations of this vibrant East Coast gem will delight the most adventurous artist. Creative & educational, at home or on the go. 34 black and white illustrations feature unique locations in Boston and surrounding areas. Printing on one side of high-quality paper reduces marker and gel pen bleed. Perforations at the top allow for seamless removal making the easy transition from book to art display. For each book sold, a portion of sale proceeds is donated to the Boston Parks Foundation.

Contributor Bio
Laura Lahm is the creator and publisher of the Colorful Cities - Explore & Color® travel guide and coloring book series which feature vibrant cities around the world. After years of intrepid travel for both work and pleasure, Lahm took the leap from the corporate life to share her passion of exploring unique cities. Combining this passion with a penchant for good design, she created the first book, Colorful Seattle - Explore & Color. Subsequent cities in the series include: Tokyo, Portland, Havana, and Chicago. Colorful Cities is a bronze winner of the 2016 Independent Publishers Book Award in the travel and guidebook category. Restu Takahashi is a freelance illustrator. When he's not illustrating colorful cities and being a stay-at-home parent, he loves browsing art supply and grocery stores, looking for the potential in each aisle!
**A Hen and a Half**
John Driscoll

**Summary**
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Morocco - Culture Smart! (3rd Edition)
The Essential Guide to Customs & Culture
Jillian C. York

Summary
Don’t just see the sights—get to know the people.

Morocco is a joy to the senses. Graced with spectacular scenery, the country’s rich history is carved into its architecture and baked into its cuisine. Its marketplaces are filled with tantalizing scents and colorful sights, and the call of the muezzin seems to draw people from every corner of the globe.

In 1956 Morocco gained independence from French colonial rule and was jolted into the 20th century. Today it is a country in transition—a unique blend of Arab, African, and European ways of life. The teeming cities have an air of sophistication and joie de vivre, but life in rural areas has stayed much the same. And while the cities are highly Westernized, tradition and religion still play a vital role in the everyday life of most people.

Culture Smart! Morocco describes the life of Moroccans today, as well as the key customs and traditions that punctuate daily life. It examines the impact of religious beliefs and history on their lives, and provides insight into the values that people hold dear, as well as recent social and political ...

Contributor Bio
Jillian C. York is an American writer and journalist who focuses on the intersection of technology and politics. Author of Silicon Values: The Future of Free Speech Under Surveillance Capitalism, Jillian has a BA in Sociology from Binghamton University, where she specialized in North African and Middle Eastern Studies. As part of her degree course, Jillian studied Arabic at Al Akhawayn University in Ifran, Morocco, and taught English at the American Language Center of Meknes.
Cyprus - Culture Smart!
The Essential Guide to Customs & Culture
Culture Smart!, Constantine Buhayer

Summary
*Don’t just see the sights—get to know the people.*

For much of its history Cyprus was regarded as the Cinderella of empires—beautiful, abused, isolated. Today, the island is divided between the Greek-Cypriot south and the Turkish occupied north. However, both sides take pride in a shared "Cypriotness," and are united in their common hopes, pain, memories, music, excellent cuisine, rich history, and majestic landscape.

*Culture Smart! Cyprus* equips you with essential information on the history, values, and attitudes of the people you will meet, their customs and traditions, and offers tips on etiquette and socializing.

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Contributor Bio
Constantine Buhayer supervises for the International Liaison and Communication M.A. program at the University of Westminster, London.

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Czech Republic - Culture Smart! (2nd Edition)
The Essential Guide to Customs & Culture
Culture Smart!, Kevan Vogler

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Summary
*Don’t just see the sights—get to know the people.*

Many tourists visit the Czech Republic knowing no more about it than that the beer is cheap and the women beautiful. That lack of knowledge has led to frustration among Czechs, most of whom are very well-informed about the world around them.

*Culture Smart! Czech Republic* informs you about the traditions, values, and attitudes of a remarkable people. It describes Czech life at home and in the workplace and offers practical advice on what to expect and how to navigate different social situations. The real rewards will come to the visitor who goes beyond the reserve to explore the complex corners of the Czech soul.

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Contributor Bio
Kevan Vogler is a Canadian who has been living in his adopted homeland of the Czech Republic for more than fifteen years. In addition to graphic designing and helping Czech professionals communicate with their English counterparts, Kevan maintains Beyond Prague, an online website dedicated to his discovery and appreciation of all things Czech.
**Ecuador - Culture Smart! (2nd Edition)**

The Essential Guide to Customs & Culture

Culture Smart!, Russell Maddicks

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The people who inhabit the diverse landscapes of this beautiful land are proud, friendly, hospitable, and hardworking, but to understand the culture in any depth, you need to know the complex historical divisions between the highlands and the coast, and the rigid class and racial discrimination that has dominated the country’s history.

This updated edition of the award-winning *Culture Smart! Ecuador* takes you beyond the usual descriptions of what to see and digs into the heart of this multi-layered nation to give you an insider’s view of the people and their traditions, history, food, and culture, and the practical tools to make the most of your time there.

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**Contributor Bio**

**Russell Maddicks** is a travel journalist who has spent the last 20 years exploring the countries of Latin America. Originally from the UK and fluent in Spanish, Russell has authored a number of acclaimed travel guides to a host of Latin American countries including Cuba, Mexico, Venezuela, and Nicaragua.

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**New York Offbeat Walks**

Stephen Millar

*New York Offbeat Walks* is a pocket-size guide containing 13 walks covering Manhattan. It is not a guide to the mainstream, but the quirkier side of Manhattan, for jaded residents who want to rediscover their city and explore areas they often overlook. Each walk will cover lesser-known architectural, historical, and cultural highlights and everything in between: from movie locations to hidden rivers; where Warhol and the Beats hung out to where Billie Holliday lived, and Mafia hits carried out. It explores the relics of Dutch and British rule, where Sid killed Nancy and Bowie made his home. You will be led to community gardens, learn why parks got their name, and the curious stories behind obscure statutes. Accompanied by full-color photographs and maps, the walks will take readers in the footsteps of celebrities, pioneering women, poets, rock stars, murderers, anarchists, and the people who helped shape this great city.

**Contributor Bio**

**Stephen Millar** was born in Glasgow and later lived in London for 20 years before moving back to Edinburgh, Scotland. He is the author of the best-selling series London’s Hidden Walks (volumes 1-3), *Edinburgh’s Hidden Walks, London’s City Churches,* and *Lust, Lies and Monarchy.* He is the main photographer for the book *London Architecture* and has written and provided photographs for a number of magazines and newspapers, including the UK publications *The Sunday Herald, The Scotsman,* and iNews.
The Weekender: Extraordinary Day Trips, Road Trips, and Getaways
Do, Dine, and Discover - Connecticut Edition
Beth Benton Buckley

Summary
The Weekender: Extraordinary Day Trips, Road Trips, and Getaways - Do, Dine, and Discover Connecticut Edition is a celebration of Connecticut's most beautiful, inspiring, and thrilling destinations, restaurants, resorts, and exotic and romantic stays — to do, dine, and discover. The Weekender is a pictorial journey, accompanied by informative, thoughtful editorial. The Weekender unearthed the authentic, the intimate, the sought-after; the hidden gems of Connecticut. Intended for distant trekkers and local residents alike, The Weekender captures the hearts of those seeking to explore Connecticut's neighboring towns and beaches; hidden hikes nestled between frequented spots, as well as the unfamiliar tourist. Each of its chapters harnesses the wanderlust spirit of the reader, while providing him or her with practical recommendations and advice.

Contributor Bio
Beth Benton Buckley has dreamed up, authored, and published lifestyle books on everything from celebrity event design, food, and wine to architecture, interior design, and travel. As much as Beth loves creating books, she loves the people in them even more. Telling stories through the perfect combination of thoughtful prose and sensational photography is what she does best. The founder of Benton Buckley Books, Beth is obsessed with great quotes, adores fine design, and welcomes every opportunity for off-the-beaten-path travel.

Under the Bright Sky
A Memoir of Travels through Asia
Andrew Scott

Summary
Under the Bright Sky: A Memoir of Travels through Asia brings together ten personal travelogues set in ten Asian countries over a period of several decades. Each story is a snapshot of a distinct time and place, covering a vast and complex landscape, both physical and emotional. A father revisits Sri Lanka, where he had been posted fifty years earlier during WWII; a spouse searches for long-lost relatives in the small villages of southern China. A widowed husband mourns; the stages of a new romance are celebrated in India and Indonesia. Cultural conflict is encountered in Turkey; cultural cooperation in Vietnam. Together, these intimate recollections are a meditation on the relationships between cultures. Interlaced with each new experience is a sense of familiarity and appreciation as Scott places his own travels into the context of those before him, exploring our interconnectedness—a Thai Buddhist abbot in search of the perfect piece of BC jade, and the first Japanese visitors to the Pacific Northwest, a group of seamen who arrive the hard way, drifting in their disabled vessel for...

Contributor Bio
Andrew Scott is an author, journalist, editor and photographer whose work has appeared in publications worldwide. His seven books include The Encyclopedia of Raincoast Place Names, which was awarded the Roderick Haig-Brown Prize and the Lieutenant-Governor’s Medal. A new edition of The Promise of Paradise: Utopian Communities in British Columbia was published in 2017. Scott lives in Sechelt, BC.
The Rhine Cycle Route (4th Edition)
From Source to Sea Through Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands
Mike Wells

Summary
This comprehensive guidebook to EuroVelo route 15 offers a detailed stage-by-stage description of the 1370km route along the Rhine, one of Europe's great rivers, passing through six countries on its way from Switzerland to the North Sea. The cycling is easy, downhill and along dedicated cycle lanes, the countries visited are very cycle-friendly and the waymarking is excellent. The whole trip can be completed in two weeks by a fit cyclist. The guide includes plenty of information to help you plan your trip, with advice on travel, accommodation and facilities. The full route is presented in 27 stages of 32-69km, with step-by-step route description, 1:100,000 mapping and notes on local points of interest. A facilities table, glossary and list of useful contacts can be found in the appendices. Starting in the Swiss Alps with high mountains, deep glacial valleys and gorges, it soon reaches Europe’s third largest lake, the Bodensee, and its greatest mainland waterfall. After Basel, the Rhine becomes a broad river, now the world’s busiest river trading artery. The middle Rhine, between Bing...

Contributor Bio
Mike Wells has been a keen long-distance walker and cyclist for over 20 years. He has cycled the C2C route across northern England as well as the Camino and Ruta de la Plata to Santiago de la Compostela. He has completed an end to end traverse of Cuba, a circumnavigation of Iceland and a trip across Lapland to the North Cape.

Forest Penjing
Enjoy the Miniature Landscape by Growing, Care and Appreciation of Chinese Bonsai Trees
Qingquan Zhao

Summary
The word penjing can be roughly translated from the Chinese as "potted scenery." It is the original, older form of the art of bonsai. Penjing aims to embody entire natural scenes within individual works. Penjing is sometimes described as Chinese landscape painting in three dimensions. It aims to make viewers feel as though they were really in nature, contemplating the ripples on the surface of a lake or sheltering from the sun in the shade of a tree. It is an art form that is still, yet full of dynamic energy, embodying the natural beauty of trees, stones, and water. The book gives detailed guidance and instruction to those who wish to create a vivid miniature landscape of their own. It also describes the creation process of several outstanding examples of forest penjing, with accompanying photographs from each stage of their "journey" towards completion. Meant for beginners and experts alike, the information and techniques outlined in this book can help sow the seed of a new love for penjing or to refine the craft of a seasoned penjing designer.

Contributor Bio
Zhao Qingquan (1949-) is a master of the Chinese art of penjing, an International Bonsai Instructor at Bonsai Clubs International, and an International Consultant for the World Bonsai Friendship Federation. He pioneered a new form of penjing—the water-and-land penjing. An internationally renowned master, Zhao has attended conferences and given lectures and demonstrations around the world. In 2001, his penjing Trident Maples was added to the collection of the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum of the US National Arboretum.

Peter Rowland, Chris Farrell

Summary
This fully updated second edition of the introductory identification guide to the 300 mammal species most commonly seen in Australia is perfect for resident and visitor alike. High quality photographs from Australia’s top nature photographers are accompanied by detailed species descriptions, which include nomenclature, size, distribution, habits, and habitat. The user-friendly introduction covers the geography and climate of Australia, types of habitat, and details of orders and families. Also included is an all-important checklist of all of the mammals of Australia encompassing, for each species, its common and scientific name, and its global IUCN status as at 2015.

Contributor Bio
Peter Rowland is a wildlife conservationist, educator, and nature photographer, and worked at the Australian Natural History Museum for a period spanning 20 years. Peter has travelled extensively throughout Australia as a biodiversity consultant, and has written several books and scientific articles on Australia’s wildlife. In 1999, Peter was the recipient of a Whitley Award from the Royal Zoological Society of New South Wales. Chris Farrell is a nature and landscape photographer who has spent the last 32 years behind a camera capturing the natural world and enjoying the ride. Chris is an accredited fundraiser for the World Wide Fund for Nature Australia, and is a strong campaigner for the conservation of Australia’s wildlife. Chris’s images have been used to study the movements and population trends of endangered animals, including the Southern Right Whale.

A Naturalist's Guide to the Snakes of Southeast Asia 3rd (3rd Edition)

Indraneil Das

Summary
This easy-to-use identification guide to the 245 snake species most commonly seen in Southeast Asia (covering Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Myanmar, Borneo, Sumatra, Java, and Bali) is perfect for resident and visitor alike. High quality photographs from the region’s top nature photographers, some of species that have never before been published, are accompanied by detailed species descriptions which include nomenclature, size, distribution, habits, and habitat. The user-friendly introduction covers snake topography, how to deal with snake bites, and a glossary. Also included is an all-important checklist of all of the snakes of Southeast Asia encompassing, for each species, its common and scientific name, IUCN status as at 2015, and its status in each country.

Contributor Bio
Indraneil Das is Professor of Herpetology at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak. He has a DPhil from Oxford University and was a Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellow at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University. He has authored many books on snakes.
**A Naturalist’s Guide to the Lizards of Australia**
Scott Eipper, Tyese Eipper

**Summary**
Featuring 280 of Australia's most beautiful, unusual, and commonly encountered lizard species, this lavishly illustrated guide provides a thorough introduction to the land of the lizard. Stunning photographs from Australia’s top nature photographers are accompanied by detailed species descriptions, which include nomenclature, size, distribution, habits, and habitat. The user-friendly introduction covers the geography and climate of Australia, types of habitat, and details of orders and families. Also included is an all-important checklist of all of the lizards of Australia encompassing, for each species, its common and scientific name, which state it is present in, and its IUCN Red List status.

**Contributor Bio**
**Scott Eipper** is a herpetological consultant, author, and wildlife photographer who works with his wife Tyese in their business Nature 4 You. As part of his role Scott conducts wildlife surveys, emergency removals, and educational displays. He has written books, papers, and numerous articles on Australian herpetofauna. **Tyese Eipper** is a wildlife photographer who works with her husband in their business Nature 4 You. With over 18 years experience working with snakes and other reptiles across Australia, Tyese is the collection manager of Nature 4 You. She has written various articles on Australian herpetofauna.

**A Naturalist's Guide to the Birds of Hong Kong 2nd (2nd Edition)**
Ray Tipper

**Summary**
A fully updated second edition of this introductory identification guide to the 279 bird species most likely to be seen in Hong Kong, including every species classified as Abundant, Common, or Uncommon in the Hong Kong Bird Report. High quality photographs from the region's top photographers are accompanied by detailed species descriptions, which include nomenclature, size, distribution, habits, and habitat. The user-friendly introduction covers geography and climate, vegetation, opportunities for naturalists, and the main sites for viewing the listed species. Also included is an all-important checklist of all of the birds of Hong Kong, encompassing, for each species, its common, Chinese, and scientific name, and its current IUCN status.

**Contributor Bio**
**Ray Tipper**, ARPS, is a life-long birdwatcher who left his native Britain in 1973 and spent most of the next 22 years engaged in Hong Kong. Here, he became a trustee of WWF and was intimately involved with its renowned Mai Po Marshes Nature Reserve. It was in Hong Kong that he turned to bird photography which quickly became his major interest. He is an associate of the Royal Photographic Society and his photographs are regularly published in journals and books all over the world. Bird photography remains his passion, yet he still retains his love of birdwatching and has led more than 100 tours.
Wildlife of the Australian Rainforests
A State-by-State Guide
John Harris, Peter Rowland, Angus McNab

Summary
Rainforests in Australia are found in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, the Northern Territory, and Western Australia. This beautifully illustrated guide explores 51 wildlife watching sites in 22 bioregions around Australia, with over 500 colour photographs and 28 maps. Sites are generally open to the public, (some may require permits). Detailed descriptions of the key vertebrate and invertebrate species that can be found in the rainforests are given, to enable easy identification and as a tool for the reader to gain a deeper understanding of their habits and biology. Concise information on each site includes location descriptions, GPS coordinates, travel options and distances, relevant fees and permits, and an overview of some of the main tracks and trails.

Contributor Bio
John Harris is the Principal Zoologist of Wildlife Experiences, an ecological consultancy and wildlife tourism business. He worked as a teacher for nearly 20 years before branching out into a career that encompassed his lifelong passion for nature and education. He works as an ecological consultant on projects across Australia as well as leading tours to see Australia's unique flora and fauna. Peter Rowland is a passionate wildlife conservationist, educator, nature photographer, and traveller. Peter is a Whitley Award-winning natural history writer who has authored and contributed to over a dozen books on Australian wildlife, published several scientific research papers on the birds of Australia and New Guinea, and is a regular columnist for the Australian Geographic Magazine. Angus McNab is a wildlife ecologist who attained an MSc in Zoology, studying endangered rainforest frogs in the wet tropics of North Queensland. Undertaking surveys, research, and monitoring programs, he has gained experience in each of Australia’s rainforest regions, working on the diverse range of wildlife th...

Trees, Fruits and Flowers of the Bible
Peter Goodfellow

Summary
An engaging and informative study of all the most important trees, fruits, and flowers mentioned in the Bible, identifying the specific species and explaining the message or symbolism behind the texts. The Prologue sets the scene by giving a simple description of the topography and climate of Israel, so that readers—wherever they are—may get a sense of what the place is like. The following sections of the book cover the flora in detail. A wide range of fruits, herbs, nuts, flowers, and trees is covered, from those of major symbolical significance such as the apple and the olive tree, as well as those less prominent like the saffron crocus, but which none the less give a fascinating picture of everyday life in the Holy Land.

Contributor Bio
Peter Goodfellow is a Methodist Local Preacher, has been a birdwatcher and wildlife enthusiast since he was a boy, and was a teacher till he retired—he's put all three parts of himself together in this book. He is also the author of the successful Birds of the Bible and a number of birdwatching guides, including Avian Architecture, which won the 2011 Prose Award from the Association of America Publishers.
Bats of British Columbia (2nd Edition)
Cori Lausen, Mark Brigham, David Nagorsen, Jared Hobbs

Summary
A full-colour, fully updated field guide to identifying British Columbia's bats, with new material on acoustic identification.

With more than 1,400 species worldwide, bats live on every continent except Antarctica and in virtually every type of habitat, from desert to forest. Around the globe, bats fill important ecological roles by controlling insect populations, pollinating plants, dispersing seeds, and even providing humans with medicines—the saliva of the famous vampire bat can be used to treat strokes! Yet despite their importance to the planet’s ecosystems, there remains more misinformation than fact and more fear than respect for these diminutive guardians of the night.

Since the first edition of Bats of British Columbia was published in 1993, an explosion in field studies of the province’s bat fauna, applying new tools such as genetic techniques and acoustic bat detectors, has added a wealth of new knowledge. This fully updated second edition includes new colour photographs throughout, with new material on acoustic identification. With in-depth information on biology, conservat...

Contributor Bio
David Nagorsen is a research associate at the Royal BC Museum and the Royal Ontario Museum. With more than 30 years’ experience as a biologist carrying out research, fieldwork, endangered species conservation and public education, he has worked as a mammalogist and wildlife consultant, and he has authored or co-authored four handbooks on British Columbia’s mammals. Jared Hobbs is a registered professional biologist and wildlife photographer who has worked for 25 years throughout British Columbia on many of the province’s rarest species. His images have been published in Canadian Geographic and British Columbia Magazine, and by government agencies and environmental groups. Cori Lausen is a research biologist with Wildlife Conservation Society Canada. She instructs biologists across North America on the fundamentals of bat acoustics and the use of bat detectors for bat identification. She represents western Canada on the North American Bat Monitoring Program and North American Bat Conservation Alliance steering committees. Mark Brigham is a professor of biology at the University of Rea...

American Birding Association Field Guide to Birds of Maine
Nick Lund

Summary
From deep evergreen woods and interior lakes, fields and farmlands, to world famous beaches and rocky shorelines, Maine is a paradise for birds. Over 450 species are recorded in the state and because it’s ideal for both migrating birds in the fall and spring as well as year-long residents, birders can see a multitude of species in every season. Maine has many sanctuaries, wildlife preserves, and local parks and both the spectacular Baxter State Park and the staggeringly beautiful Acadia State Park on Mt. Desert Island. All of these factors combine to make Maine a premiere state for both birds and birders. This new field guide is the most comprehensive and up-to-date photographic guide to bird of Maine: • 600 beautiful color photograph featuring 250 bird species. • Clear and concise introduction, identification, habitat, and birdsong text. • Tips and when and where to see each species. • Organized by type of bird from waterfowl to finches. • Complete state bird checklist, detailed state map, index, quick index. • Printed on FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) papers from responsible sour...

Contributor Bio
Nick Lund is a conservationist, birder, and writer. His work has appeared in Audubon, the Washington Post, Portland Phoenix, National Parks, the Maine Sportsman, and Down East. He lives in Cumberland, Maine.
**Reef Fishes of Seychelles**  
Chris Mason-Parker, Ryan Daly, Clare Keating, Guy Stevens

**Summary**  
A photographic identification guide to the reef fishes of Seychelles aimed at divers, snorkelers, scientists, students, and general fish enthusiasts. To date nearly 900 species of fish have been recorded from coral reefs and their associated habitats within Seychelles Exclusive Economic Zone. With over 550 species and almost 700 photographs all captured in situ, this book represents the most comprehensive field guide to the reef fishes of Seychelles currently available. The general introduction discusses Seychelles' geography and coral reefs, followed by the taxonomy, classification, and nomenclature of the species, fish diversity in Seychelles, endemic and endangered fishes, and fish anatomy. The species descriptions cover identifying features, size, biology, and distribution.

**Contributor Bio**  
**Christophe Mason-Parker** is a passionate conservationist and a photographer who has long had a fascination for the marine world. Having worked on numerous conservation programs from Southeast Asia to the Caribbean, he is now living in the Seychelles where co-founded Sea Turtle Friends Seychelles, an NGO promoting education of the species. He has contributed articles to various newspapers and magazines. **Dr. Ryan Daly** is a qualified Scuba diver. Following years of fieldwork, he became Research Director for the Save Our Seas Foundation – D'Arros Research Centre in Seychelles, where he initiated the study that lead to this book. **Clare Keating** is a qualified Scuba instructor, who became Program Director of the SOS Foundation. **Guy Stevens** is the Chief Executive and Co-Founder of the Manta Trust, a charity dedicated to the conservation of manta rays, with collaborative projects in over 25 countries.

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**Retro Baby (2nd Edition)**  
**Timeless Activities to Boost Development—Without All the Gear!**  
Anne H Zachry

**Summary**  
It can seem like babies need so much gear and so many toys. But when it comes to their health and development, less is more. In Retro Baby, pediatric occupational therapist and child development specialist Anne Zachry shows parents how bouncers, swings, and other baby holders, as well as electronic toys and screen-time, can hinder development and delay milestones. She suggests a return to back-to-basics parenting, featuring ideas for hands-on activities, homemade toys, and lots of caregiver engagement. Her approach will save parents money, reduce household clutter, and most importantly boost development and bonding.

**Contributor Bio**  
Anne H. Zachry, PhD, OTR/L, is a pediatric occupational therapist, child development specialist, and associate professor of occupational therapy at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.
Building Happier Kids
Stress-busting Tools for Parents
Hansa Bhargava

Summary
Between the frantic pace of pre-pandemic life and the isolation and screen-time overload of 2020, many kids are suffering from stress and other mental health issues. In Building Happier Kids, pediatrician Hansa Bhargava helps parents understand the impact of stress and shares concrete steps parents can take to reduce the pressure on their children and teens and increase their health and happiness. Dr. Bhargava prescribes taking a step back from today's non-stop pace and focusing on the basics of healthy eating, quality sleep, and unscheduled free time. Extracurricular commitments, homework, and ever-present electronic devices can make this seem easier said than done, but Dr. Bhargava offers realistic, balanced advice that will help prioritize health and restore the happiness of childhood.

Contributor Bio
Hansa Bhargava, MD, FAAP, is a board-certified pediatrician, senior medical director at WebMD, and a staff physician at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. She has appeared as an expert on national media including CNN, HLN, and NPR and has regular appearances on CBS, Local Now, and Fox. She is a mom of two teens and lives in Atlanta.

Let’s Make a Contract
A Positive Way to Change Your Child’s Behavior
Jill C. Dardig, William L. Heward, Regina Shklovsky

Summary
When a child is struggling with a persistent behavior problem, signing a contract can be a surprisingly simple solution with immediate results, including more peaceful family dynamics. To help families create contracts as a collaborative process, Let’s Make a Contract offers an innovative combination of how-to text for parents and illustrated stories for children.

- For parents, Let’s Make a Contract describes a straightforward, four-step solution called behavioral contracting, a research-based technique with proven real-world success. While contracts are a tool can benefit anyone, they’re particularly useful with children on the autism spectrum, or with learning or developmental disabilities, who benefit from understanding clear expectations and receiving positive feedback and rewards.

- For children, the book’s beautifully illustrated stories show a diverse group of families using contracts to address common problems, such completing chores or homework, getting along, becoming independent, and achieving personal goals. Questions after each story are designed to spark age-appropriate dis...
Take the High Road
Divorce with Compassion for Yourself and Your Family
Andy Heller

Summary
The road to divorce is often a bumpy one not only for the divorcé but also for their family. There’s no need to go on this journey alone. When Andy Heller was faced with this process he knew one thing—he wanted to divorce in a way that kept his children’s best interest the priority. With Andy’s guidance you’ll be able to consider the pros and cons of a variety of: legal processes for divorce from a quick “kitchen table” to a full litigation divorce, the different types of therapies available for the divorcé and their children, lifestyle assistance from life coaches to parenting coaches. Being mentally and emotionally prepared for the challenging moments that will eventually come can help you avoid the conflict and keep the peace. This guidance will light the path to divorce so that you’re prepared to Take the High Road.

Contributor Bio
Andy Heller teaches real estate investing to new and seasoned investors around the county and runs a successful international freight forwarding company. Born in Canada, Andy emigrated to the United States as a child. He graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science double majoring in Finance and Marketing. Andy co-authored two real estate investing books and had no intention of writing another book. After his own divorce, he saw a crucial hole in the self-help space for men and women navigating through divorce. This book is his “give back” effort to make the process easier for those who are considering or who are on the divorce path.

Kiss Fewer Frogs
James Sheridan

Summary
Contemporary women spend too much time trying to find their Prince Charmings. Kiss Fewer Frogs shows every woman how to know which Frog Prince is the best match for her even before going on a date with him. All it takes is awareness of the seven male genetic personality types (Genetypes) and the ability to identify them in under five minutes.

Men and women want the same thing—a loving and lasting relationship—but many men are too distracted by a playboy pop culture to consciously pursue it. Women who want a successful, long-term relationship need to accept two things: 1) “Prince Perfect” doesn’t exist and 2) the “I’ll change him” belief is nonsense. Kiss Fewer Frogs busts those two prevalent but damaging myths and shows you how to shortcut the search and ensure that your relationship stays strong and loving.

In this book, you’ll discover

- The seven male genotypes
- What a life with each would look like
- How to identify each type in under five minutes
- How to keep your best match once

Contributor Bio
A student of history, business, and science, James Sheridan flew 737s and then retired early to pursue his interests in psychology, finance, and real estate. Sheridan is also the author of The Pandora Prescription and The YOU Code. He is a protective father of an only daughter.
A Little Less of a Hot Mess
The Modern Mom's Guide to Growth & Evolution
Kaitlin Soule

Summary
In a world where women are overwhelmed with empty personal growth messages, it can be hard to navigate what's real, and what's just a sales pitch. *A Little Less of a Hot Mess: The Modern Mom's Guide to Growth and Evolution* helps quiet the noise with practical, simple, and powerful invitations for real healing and growth. The twelve invitations and practices shared in this book offer the modern mom a path toward imperfect evolution, so that she can live her life authentically.

Through vulnerable and often humorous storytelling, as well as clinical expertise, licensed therapist Kaitlin Soulé invites readers into a step-by-step healing process that takes the whole woman to heart. Moms aren't just parents, they are:

- World leaders
- Teachers
- Nurturers
- Creators
- Providers

Soulé recognizes the importance of mental and emotional wellness for mothers, guiding readers through nonlinear, intentional evolution. Moms, YOU are worth the time it takes to be whole—step into the driver's seat of life and say yes to the invitation for growth!

Contributor Bio
Kaitlin Soule is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, who specializes in using innovative and evidence-based practices to help women who are struggling with Mental and Emotional Health (including Anxiety Disorders and Trauma), navigating the seasons of motherhood, or moving through challenging life transitions. Kaitlin's mission is to inspire people to live well by learning the skills and practices that will help them get back in the driver seat of their own life—and lead with their values. instead of their fear, so they can

Champagne for One
A Celebration of Solitude
Rebekah Iliff, Holly Maher

Summary
Through poetry and charming witty essays, *Champagne for One* highlights the joys of solitude. Like many women, the author found herself hesitant to eat alone in a restaurant or intentionally spend time completely on her own, and she wanted to feel comfortable no matter where she went and without feeling obligated to add a plus one. So, she set off to intentionally do things alone. By the time she found herself alone sitting in the middle of a busy restaurant and joyfully drinking a glass of champagne, she realized she not only felt great, she wanted to let women everywhere know that they could feel the same way. In fact, spending time in solitude, whether it's for a few days or just a few hours is a necessary act to slow down and give yourself space to regroup. With a selection of conversation enders to chase away unwanted companions and great suggestions for where to explore on your own safely, this lovely book is the perfect gift to yourself (or a single friend) as you relish solitude and own being alone.

Contributor Bio

Holly Maher is a graphic designer, children's book author and illustrator, and singer-songwriter. She is the founder of Wink Wink Paper Co., a stationery, paper goods, and art brand based in the historic Germantown neighborhood of Nashville, TN. Wink Wink's biggest aim is to inspire you, make you giggle, and connect you with the people you love like crazy through their quirky, sweet, and cheeky products.
**20/20 Wisdom**  
A Collection of Expressions and Reflections from an Extraordinary Year  
Jim Secord  

**Summary**  
In keeping with his previous book, *Vintage Wisdom*, editor Jim Secord sent letters out to over 200 friends and family members, ranging in ages from 9-90, asking them to write down what they had learned and experienced during the pandemic lockdowns, uncertainties, and fears of 2020. The responses he received were as diverse as the people asked to respond, and taken together represent a small slice of the lives of everyday folks during a year that will not soon be forgotten.

**Contributor Bio**  
**Jim Secord** lives in the Twin Cities.

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**Milspouse Strength**  
Changing the Way You See and Respond to Military Life Stress  
Kendra Lowe  

**Summary**  
*Transform your military life stress into strength!*  
Do you feel like you are constantly adjusting your life over and over again? As if the underlying stress of your service member’s dangerous missions and the lengthy separations during deployments isn’t enough. Each new assignment brings another relocation, potential job search, school changes, and more.

It’s easy to feel overwhelmed and believe that a life of constant stress is the norm for military spouses. But cumulative stress hugely impacts your life!

In *Milspouse Strength*, author Kendra Lowe, a veteran, military spouse, and trained psychologist, helps you understand what stress—both positive and negative stress—really is and how to master the emotional balancing act of military life. The information, tools, and reflection questions will help you break down the individual stresses that weigh on your mind so you can feel in control of your life right now and develop the skills to change the way you see and respond to military life stress.

**Contributor Bio**  
Kendra Lowe knows first-hand what military life stress really means. Before earning three graduate degrees focused on researching the social and emotional well-being of military families, she served six years active duty in Security Forces and Personnel. Kendra has also been a military spouse in the Special Operations Community for twenty years. The founder and CEO of Thrive On, LLC, Kendra has made it her mission to help military spouses and families manage the unique stress that accompanies the traumas, setbacks, successes, and celebrations in military life.

**Made Clean**
*The True Story of a Man’s Spiritual Awakening from the Oppressive Grip of Destitution and Addiction*
Charles Lee Knuckles

**Summary**
Thirty-plus years of slavery to addiction, homelessness, and unspeakable abuse would be a soul-crushing defeat for most, but for Charles Knuckles, there was only one way out: through Jesus Christ. As a rescued, recovered addict, Charles tells his story of the unembellished and brutal truth behind some of the most evil parts of society. Orphaned at two years old and raised on the hard streets of the “Badlands” of Philadelphia, he grappled with physical and sexual abuse, racism, and the loss of his parents. Shuttled from foster home to foster home, navigating the racial and civil unrest of the sixties, he soon found solace in alcohol. As a young man, desperate to escape his constant loneliness, Charles joined the Navy and Heroin became his new medicine of choice. After years of homelessness, addiction, and no true human connection, Charles found himself in a hospital with a bullet wound in the back of his head and cocaine in his pocket. After refusing treatment, he went home to get high and end it all…but God intervened. Charles’ personal journey and tools for conquering addiction an...

**Contributor Bio**
Charles Lee Knuckles is a Licensed Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor and formerly the Director of the CityTeam San Jose Rescue Mission and Recovery Center. He has spent the last 22 years serving men from "Yale to Jail" who walk through his door seeking help, and he does not turn away a soul. He’s happily married and lives in Surfside, South Carolina.

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**Overdue**
*Reckoning with the Public Library*
Amanda Oliver

**Summary**
Who are libraries for, how have they evolved, and why do they fill so many roles in our society today?

A librarian for most of her adulthood, Amanda Oliver saw firsthand how libraries across a single city can differ. Librarians in one could be administering Narcan to an overdosing patron while across town a couple meets for a first date at a renovated library rooftop café.

*Overdue* explores the questions of how libraries are currently used and how they serve our communities. Based on firsthand experiences from six years of professional work as a public librarian in high-poverty neighborhoods of Washington, DC, as well as interviews and research, *Overdue* begins with Oliver’s first day at an “unusual” branch: Northwest One.

Using her experience at this branch allows Oliver to highlight the national problems that have existed in libraries since they were founded: racism, segregation, and class inequalities. These age-old problems have evolved into police violence, the opioid epidemic, rampant homelessness, and lack of mental health care.

**Can public librarians continue to play the many …**

**Contributor Bio**
*Amanda Oliver* is a writer and former librarian. Her writing has been featured in the *Los Angeles Times, Electric Literature, Vox, Medium, The Rumpus*, and more. She has been interviewed about libraries and being a librarian for NPR, CBC Radio, Associated Press, and *American Library Magazine*. Oliver is a graduate of the MLS program at SUNY Buffalo and the MFA program at UC Riverside. She lives, writes, and teaches in the Mojave Desert near Joshua Tree.
Cannabis
Lost Sacrament of the Ancient World
Chris Bennett

Summary
What inspired Humanity to talk to the Gods and record the texts of ancient times that led to many of the World’s major religions? Over the last few decades, something has been emerging from the sands of time, and ancient archaeological material is revealing something that was both hidden and lost..... In 2020 archeologists examining a 2,800 year old temple site in Arad, Jerusalem, revealed that cannabis resins had been burnt on an altar in a small enclosed chamber. Another find of cannabis used for medical purposes both topically and burnt were recovered at a 4th century CE site in Bet Shemesh Israel, testifying to the use of cannabis in the region over a 1,200 year period. In the 1900s the Russian archeologist Victor Sarianidi uncovered 3 large 4,000 year old temple sites in the Bactria Margiana Archeological Complex, and claimed evidence of cannabis, ephedra and poppy in the preparation of the sacred drinks of the Avesta and Vedas, haoma and soma. Sacred Zoroastrian texts refer specifically to the use of cannabis infused wines for revelation. Multiple Indo-European sites ranging from...

Contributor Bio
Chris Bennett has been researching the historical role of cannabis in the spiritual life of humanity for more than thirty years. He is co-author of Green Gold the Tree of Life: Marijuana in Magic and Religion (1995); Sex, Drugs, Violence and the Bible (2001); and author of Cannabis and the Soma Solution (2010); and Liber 420: Cannabis, Magickal herbs and the Occult (2018) . He has also contributed chapters on the historical role of cannabis in spiritual practices in books such as The Pot Book(2010), Entheogens and the Development of Culture (2013), Seeking the Sacred with Psychoactive Substances (2014), One Toke Closer to God (2017), Cannabis and Spirituality (2016) and Psychedelics Reimagined (1999). Bennett's research has received international attention from the BBC , Guardian, Sunday Times, Washington Post, Vice and other media sources. He currently resides in Princeton, British Columbia, Canada.
Ragadoon
Roy Freeman

Summary
Ragadoon is not so much a place as a process of self-discovery through life's sharp edges, exaltations, and bitter sweetness to illumination. A poem-story augmented with images telling their own parallel, poetic, mystical picture-story. A journey, an exchange, an interaction... "It took years to cross the Plain of Jars..." and the reader is swept up as the handwritten words and the pictures speak to each person individually as the story unfolds.

Contributor Bio
The son of author-artists Lydia and Don Freeman, Roy started painting after he left home when he was sixteen. He later worked as a commercial fisherman, lived with the Mazatec Indigenous People in Mexico, studied film and music at Antioch College, and then turned to science. After completing undergraduate and PhD degrees in physics and geophysics, he researched and taught at the ETH in Switzerland. He left academia and worked as a coach for young adults on the autistic spectrum. When not leading multiday hikes in the Swiss Alps, he creates books and lectures on geology and physics.

Face Reading
Self-Care and Natural Healing through Traditional Chinese Medicine
Jianshe Wu

Summary
Is it possible to take your health in your own hand without having to see a doctor? Common problems such as acne and pimples, color spots, swollen face, red veins in the eyes and on the face, and color changes in the face—what caused these things to happen? Facial diagnosis in traditional Chinese medicine can help you understand the various signals your body sends out regarding the state of your health. Facial diagnosis is an integral part of TCM's diagnostic methods. TCM believes that all that exists on the inside of the body will ultimately reveal themselves on the outside. By observing changes occurring in the face, one can gain insight into the health status of the internal organs of the human body, thereby preventing some diseases from developing and improving one's health as a result. Facial diagnostic method, as introduced in this book, is easy to learn and practice. Combined with pictures and texts, the book is accessible to the readers and suitable for daily home health care.

Contributor Bio
Born of a family that has practiced traditional Chinese medicine for generations, Wu Jianshe, MD, has close to 20 years of experience in Chinese medical research and clinical work and has published five books on traditional Chinese medicine.
Redemption
How God Intervenes for the Least of Us
Philip Remington Dunn

Summary
Does God intervene in our lives? If so, why does God so often seem to ignore our prayers? There have been countless scholars throughout the ages who have attempted various answers to this most significant question. Thus, the issue isn’t new, but as old as The Bible. It was certainly true for Job, and David perhaps said it best, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?” Psalm 22:1. Yet, as Christians we believe God does intervene in our lives. We have faith. Is that faith based merely upon what we believe or is it also based upon experience? Certainly, the Bible provides countless examples of God’s intervention on behalf of His people, those reported in Exodus being perhaps the most vivid. Then there is the ultimate intervention in human history, the redeeming sacrifice of God’s only son, Jesus Christ. But the question still lingers, does God intervene in our lives today? Redemption answers this question with a resounding, YES. It tells the stories of some of God’s most lost souls and how they made their way ba...

Contributor Bio
Philip Remington Dunn has been a celebrated criminal defense attorney in Southern California for over thirty years. As a Christian, he has been able to use his faith to recover and redeem countless souls, salvaging those who might otherwise have become victims of their own conduct and the criminal justice system. During the course of his career, he has been given the Ventura County Criminal Bar Association award for “Distinguish Contribution,” recognition as a “Local Hero” by The Santa Barbara Independent newspaper, and “Special Contribution” to the criminal justice system, by the California State Assembly and the United States Congress. www.philipremingtondunn.com Philip Remington Dunn has been a celebrated criminal defense attorney in Southern California for over thirty years. As a Christian, he has been able to use his faith to recover and redeem countless souls, salvaging those who might otherwise have become victims of their own conduct and the criminal justice system. During the course of his career, he has been given the Ventura County Criminal Bar Association award for “Disti...

Merely Christianity
A Systemic Critique of Theology
Robert M. Price

Summary
In this short volume, Robert M. Price engages in serious scrutiny of the beliefs and thinking of genuine Christian theologians and explains why he no longer finds that cardinal Christian claims make enough sense to believe. As he concludes, the gospel proclamation is not a timeless revelation from heaven, but merely Christianity.

Contributor Bio
Robert M. Price is the host of the podcasts The Bible Geek and The Human Bible, as well as the author of many books. He is the founder and editor of the Journal of Higher Criticism.
Build Your Inner Strength
through the Chinese Philosophy of Wang Yangming's School of Mind
Jueren Wang, Tony Blishen

Summary
Normality today is to be enslaved by the material world to the point where individual happiness has not kept pace with increasing material prosperity. Have we lost our original nature in the pursuit of the external material world? Wang Yangming's School of Mind of nearly 500 years ago teaches us how to overcome external circumstances and seek the source of the great strength that lies in our innermost being. Wang Yangming's School of Mind is a gathering together of the achievements of Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism. It is one of the most representative and influential strands of Chinese philosophical thought and proposes that “conscience” is a cosmic prime principle innate in man that transcends all living things. The lifelong realization and practice of conscience is the only path towards self-fulfillment and perfection of character. This book uses Wang Yangming’s principles of “Mind is Principle,” “the unity of knowledge and action,” and “the exercise of conscience” to describe the School of Mind in simple terms to enable you to understand your own original self and go on a jou...

Contributor Bio
Wang Jueren is a researcher of Chinese history and traditional culture. His publications include Three Hundred Years—The Rise and Fall of the Tang Dynasty and Lessons in the Wisdom of the Diamond Sutra. Tony Blishen is a retired British diplomat with service in China, Japan, and Mongolia. He studied Chinese and Japanese at London’s School of Oriental and African Studies and at the Deng Zhi’ang College of Chinese in Hong Kong. His nearly 20 translations for the Shanghai Press include everything from modern fiction and children’s fiction to Zen poetry and classic literature.

Rajneeshpuram
Inside the Cult of Bhagwan and Its Failed American Utopia
Russell King

Summary
A complex tale of breathtaking ambition, flamboyant personalities, palace intrigue, and many victims along the path to enlightenment.

In 1981, Ma Ananda Sheela convinced the world-famous Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to move to the United States so she could fulfill his dream of building a modern utopia. Four years later, the Rajneeshpuram commune in Oregon collapsed under the staggering weight of criminal conspiracies, attempted murders, and the guru's unrelenting taste for luxury goods.

Rajneeshpuram explores how this extraordinary community went so wrong, presenting the comprehensive story of how leaders developed their sophisticated commune in the Oregon high desert, and how the idealistic, progressive community transformed into a militarized police state.

Drawing from extensive interviews with former disciples and an unprecedented review of commune records, law enforcement files, recordings, and archival materials, author Russell King probes why so many people were drawn to this controversial Indian guru and the legal and political dynamics that led commune leaders to lie, ch...

Contributor Bio
Russell King is a writer, investigator, and attorney. In 2018 he created the podcast Building Utopia: Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, which explores the history of Bhagwan and his disciples. As a law partner at an international law firm, King spent a decade piecing together factual narratives based on complex and contradictory evidence, experience that makes him uniquely qualified to tackle this rich and complicated history. King lives in Chicago, IL.
Malkah’s Notebook
A Journey into the Mystical Aleph-Bet
Mira Z. Amiras, Josh Baum

Summary
Malkah is just a kid when she starts to learn her Aleph-Bet letters and her father begins teaching her to read the Torah. But they don’t get very far. As Malkah reads aloud, her questions multiply. These questions take her on a lifelong journey deeper and deeper into the Hebrew letters, Jewish mystical texts, far off places, archaeological digs, and ultimately, the nature of existence itself. When Malkah discovers an earlier, different story of Creation hidden right inside the one offered on the surface of Genesis, a door opens. So she walks through....

And so Malkah begins her journey to understand her own beginnings. Told in short verse and coupled with highly evocative illustrations, Malkah’s Notebook takes readers on a journey through mystical Judaism and beyond. Questions become shards of light that illuminate the path to a deeper understanding of our own origins and ourselves. Guided by the Hebrew Aleph-Bet, Malkah gradually begins to understand not only her own creation story, but that of the entire universe.

Contributor Bio
Mira Z. Amiras was raised on her mother’s accounts of the Inquisition and Holocaust, and her father’s tales of the Hebrew aleph bet letters and their role in the creation of the universe. She is Professor Emerita of Comparative Religion and Middle East Studies at San Jose State University. Mira received her PhD in anthropology from UC, Berkeley. She is author of Development and Disenchantment in Rural Tunisia, and writer and producer of the animated movie, The Day Before Creation. She lives in San Francisco with her family.

Josh Baum was born in London and grew up in Bristol. He studied painting at the Masana School in Barcelona then moved to Sfat to study in a Hasidic yeshivah where he trained as a Hebrew scribe. After writing a Torah scroll in Jerusalem, Josh attained an MA in Fine Art from Central St Martins in London, for which he was awarded the Future Map prize. In his work as both artist and scribe, he explores the Hebrew letters as sacred signs as well as objects of profound beauty. Josh is a published author and illustrator and lives in Mitzpe.

Heart of Atlanta
Five Black Pastors and the Supreme Court Victory for Integration
Ronnie Greene

Summary
The Heart of Atlanta Supreme Court decision stands among the court’s most significant civil rights rulings.

In Atlanta, Georgia, two arch segregationists vowed to flout the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the sweeping slate of civil rights reforms just signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The Pickrick restaurant was run by Lester Maddox, soon to be governor of Georgia. The other, the Heart of Atlanta motel, was operated by lawyer Moreton Rolleston Jr.

After the law was signed, a group of ministry students showed up for a plate of skillet-fried chicken at Maddox’s diner. At the Heart of Atlanta, the ministers reserved rooms and walked to the front desk.

Lester Maddox greeted them with a pistol, axe handles, and a mob of White supporters. Moreton Rolleston refused to accept the Black patrons. These confrontations became the centerpiece of the nation’s first two legal challenges to the Civil Rights Act.

In gripping detail built from exclusive interviews and original documents, Heart of Atlanta reveals the saga of the case’s rise to the U.S. Supreme Court, which unanimously rejected ...

Contributor Bio
Ronnie Greene is a veteran investigative reporter, who, over the years, has worked at the Center for Public Integrity, the Associated Press, and the Miami Herald. He is currently in the DC bureau of Reuters as Washington Enterprise editor. He is the author of Shots on the Bridge, a narrative of the police shootings of unarmed innocents on the Danziger Bridge in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina; and Night Fire, an exposé of Shell Oil’s toxic waste pollution of the African American district of Norco, LA, a company town. He lives near Washington, DC.
Tell the Truth ... Until They Don't Like What You Have To Say
Memoir of a Department of State Oath-Taking Survivor
Michelle Laurent Stefanick

Summary
On August 7, 1998, at approximately 10:30 a.m. local time, the first truck bomb exploded outside the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya. Minutes later, a second truck bomb exploded outside the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. I was assigned to the embassy in Nairobi as the Financial Management Center (FMC) Director. I was off-site that morning. Had I been present, there is a high probability I would not be writing this book.

Though I did not ask for any of this, I found myself to be a tiny hub on a “Deep State” wheel, with the spokes—the U.S. Department of State, Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Military—all connecting to me. For what reason—because of the money. Through years of just doing my job as a federal auditor and then as a Foreign Service Financial Management Specialist, I became aware of and took actions regarding money, unbeknownst to me at the time, having linkages to covert operations. My story has serious political overtones, but it is not a political story. It is my story. It is the story of what can happen...

Contributor Bio
With over twenty-five years of United States Government experience both domestic and abroad, I served in Washington, Cameroon, Kenya, Russia, Sudan, Germany, and traveled to many more. Assignments included as a Civil Service federal auditor with Defense Contract Audit Agency and U.S. Department of State's Office of Inspector General. Foreign Service assignments included as a Financial Management Officer, Management Officer, Legislative Management Officer, and in interagency assignment details with the Department of Defense as a Foreign Policy Advisor and Regional Director. From 2005-2006, I was an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow on the personal staff of Senator Olympia Snowe. As a U.S. Army War College graduate (resident class of 2008/2009), I earned a Master of Strategic Studies and completed the National Security Policy Program. My Bachelor of Science degree is from the University of South Carolina in Business Administration with a Major in Accounting. I am a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the state of Virginia. During my career I have earned nu...

Robert Morris
Inside the Revolution
Robert M Morris

Summary
America is a country full of entrepreneurs, but few know the historical basis for their existence. The country's history is presented as a narrative where slave holding farmers of the South, and the hard scrapple fishermen and sailors of New England somehow created a nation that utilizes banks, credit, manufacturing and commerce to become the richest nation on earth. This makes no sense, so to the answer to the question they add in Hamilton, who was a political appointee for five years. Oddly, Hamilton was not an entrepreneur. The winners write the history. Robert Morris's party, the Federalists, lost the election of 1800, after that there was little interest in explaining Morris's contributions, his struggles, or his victories. This is why so many people know only the caricature painted by his political opposites, i.e., Robert Morris went bankrupt, but few people know any more than that about him. There's no propaganda like old propaganda, I guess, so this is why modern historians don't like making room for him in the panoply of Founding Fathers. Too bad for them. Morris was no thir...

Contributor Bio
Robert M. Morris (b. 1954) is an entrepreneur, and inventor. He started his career at 19, when, during his college years at BU, he spent a summer in England, and produced a documentary film on Falconry. After graduating with a degree in Broadcasting and Film, he began producing videos at Harvard University, and then he worked at WGBH-TV Boston. He became interested in interactive media technology during a visit to the MIT Media Labs back in 1978. He studied computer technology and went on to be a project manager for a videodisc company in Philadelphia, PA. working on projects for Bell Atlantic, Smith Kline, and Children's Medical Services of Florida. After gaining his masters degree from Villanova U. in 1986, he founded V_Graph Inc. That year, before Apple's HyperCard, his two man company developed the first commercial multimedia system, VirtualVideo. An example can be found in the Smithsonian. Dubbing themselves as "The World's Smallest Software Giant", V_Graph worked with the Federal Aeronautics Administration, the US Naval Academy, Dupont, Adria Labs, Bell Atlantic, and other Fort...
**Saving the City**
The Challenge of Transforming a Modern Metropolis
Daniel Sanger

**Summary**
The rise to power of one of Canada’s most progressive municipal movements in recent memory.

When it was dreamed up in the early 2000s by a transportation bureaucrat with a quixotic dream of bringing tramways back to the streets of Montreal, few expected Projet Montréal to go anywhere. But a decade and a half later, the party was a grassroots powerhouse with an ambitious agenda that had taken power at city hall—after dumping its founder, barely surviving a divisive leadership campaign and earning the ire of motorists across Quebec.

Projet Montréal aspired to transform Montreal into a green, human-scale city with few, if any equal in North America. Equal parts reportage, oral history and memoir, Saving the City chronicles what the party did right, where it failed, and where it’s headed. Written from the perspective of someone who worked for Projet Montréal’s administration for almost a decade, Daniel Sanger’s book draws on dozens of interviews with other actors in the party and on the municipal scene, past and present.

A highly readable history of Montreal municipal politics over the past...

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**Peculiar Deaths of Famous Mathematicians**
Ioanna Georgiou

**Summary**
Some mathematicians will not only be remembered for their mathematical advancements, but also for their peculiar deaths; some of those gravely miscalculated! But one of the stories is distorted—can you guess which one? Peculiar Deaths combines short stories about key mathematicians from the past, with details of the mathematical advances that they made. To the puzzle of which death is made up, there is also a visual puzzle in each chapter. A great way to learn about mathematics of the past, and for Middle, Junior High, and High School students to enjoy learning and understand key concepts.

2. Death by Square Root - Hippasus
3. You should not be Disturbing my Circles! - Archimedes
5. A bit of Gambling Killed No-one, Ever - Gerolamo Cardano
6. A Very Rich Way to Die - Tycho Brahe
7. Death by Time Calculation - Abraham De Moivre
8. Just a Bit Too Young - Evariste Galois
9. At the Mental Asylum - Andre Bloch
10. Self-imposed Starvation and other Difficulties - Kurt Gödel

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**Contributor Bio**

An award-winning journalist and writer based in Montreal, Daniel Sanger took a two-year hiatus to work with Projet Montréal in 2010. It ended up lasting nine years. A founding editor of the Montreal Mirror in 1985, he moved onto the Montreal Gazette and The Canadian Press, including a stint as a correspondent at Quebec’s National Assembly. In the mid 1990s he quit newspaper journalism to work in magazines. He was the Quebec correspondent for The Economist for more than a decade while contributing articles to many other magazines and newspapers.

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**Contributor Bio**

After her first degree, Ioanna Georgiou (transliterated to Yo-Anna) went on to complete a Master’s in Mathematics Education. She subsequently conducted research in Teaching Mathematics through history and culture, and earned an MPhil in Education. She has been delivering masterclasses and workshops on stories from math for the Royal Institution of Great Britain and also independently. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematics and its applications, and a chartered mathematics teacher.
So You Think You Have Brains?

Danny Roth

Summary

Newspapers and similar media often feature crossword puzzles, word-searches, general knowledge quizzes, problems on word games like Scrabble and other puzzles, typically on ‘brain’ games like chess and bridge. As one who has always been fascinated by mathematics, the author offers testing examples from the world of numbers which will require a fair amount of brain-work if you are to find correct solutions. The world of numbers displays much variety and some strange traits. That world forms the first of our group of problems and then the book focuses attention on the three “p’s”: palindromes, primes, and powers. Later, geometry problems and examples where numbers can be substituted for letters conclude the book. We hope readers enjoy being challenged!

Contributor Bio

Danny Roth is the author of more than 30 books on bridge and various other topics. Many of his mathematical puzzles have been published in the Sunday Times in London, and this collection brings those together with solutions, hints, and tips.
Cool Excel Sh*t
Bob Umlas

Summary
Fifty Excel tricks that no one has ever seen before.

Cool Excel Sh*t is designed with the Excel guru in mind, introducing advanced, creative solutions and hacks for the software's most challenging problems. Through a series of more than 50 techniques, formulas, dynamic arrays, and VBA macros, this guide details processes that may be used in any application and across all disciplines. Includes a section on techniques using Dynamic Arrays in Excel.

Contributor Bio
Bob Umlas is the original Excel Trickster. He was an Excel MVP for 25 years – 1993-2018. He currently leads an online Master Class in Excel which is 12 3-hour sessions and a VBA class which is 2 3-hour sessions. He has presented at various global events (EIEFreshTalk and GlobalExcelSummit) with 9400 and 1750+ participants, respectively! Bob Umlas is the original Excel Trickster. He was an Excel MVP for 25 years – 1993-2018. He currently leads an online Master Class in Excel which is 12 3-hour sessions and a VBA class which is 2 3-hour sessions. He has presented at various global events (EIEFreshTalk and GlobalExcelSummit) with 9400 and 1750+ participants, respectively!

Guerrilla Data Analysis Using Microsoft Excel (3rd Edition)
Conquering Crap Data and Excel Skirmishes
Oz do Soleil, Bill Jelen

Summary
Two of the leading Excel channels on YouTube join forces to combat bad data.

This book includes step-by-step examples and case studies that teach users the many power tricks for analyzing data in Excel. These are tips honed by Bill Jelen, "MrExcel," and Oz do Soleil during their careers run as financial analysts charged with taking mainframe data and turning it into useful information quickly. Topics include data quality, validation, perfectly sorting with one click every time, matching lists of data, data consolidation, data subtotals, pivot tables, pivot charts, tables, and much more.

Contributor Bio
Oz du Soleil is an Excel MVP who has been working with Excel since 2001. Oz has several Excel courses on the LinkedIn Learning platform. He's possibly best known for the dramatic and colorful Excel tutorials he posts on his YouTube channel Excel on Fire. Most recently, Oz has presented Excel topics and master classes at conferences in Amsterdam; Bulgaria; Brazil; Toronto; and cities around the United States. When Oz isn’t elbows-deep in the guts of a spreadsheet, he does storytelling around Portland, Oregon. He has told stories on stage for Risk!, Pants on Fire, Seven Deadly Sins, Pickathon, The Moth, and other storytelling shows. Bill Jelen is the host of MrExcel.com and the author of 61 books about Microsoft Excel including Excel Gurus Gone Wild, Pivot Table Data Crunching, and Excel 2019 Inside Out. He has made over 80 guest appearances on TV’s Call for Help with Leo Laporte and was voted guest of the year on the Computer America radio show. He writes the Excel column for Strategic Finance magazine. He has produced over 2200 episodes of his daily video podcast Learn Excel from MrEx...