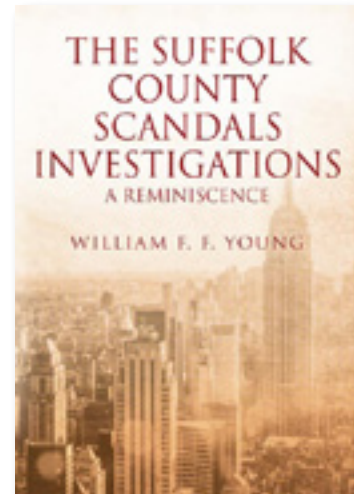
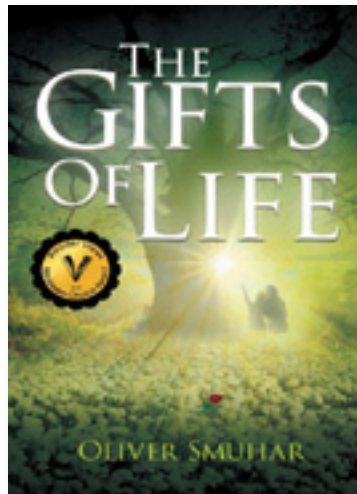


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Susan Violante
Managing Editor

New Website is Up and Running! As we celebrate our 10th Anniversary this year, we are excited to announce our new look! The improved website was re-designed to provide a better experience to our readers. It was also upgraded on its system and design to be more user friendly for our audience as well as our authors. These changes were based on feedback we have been receiving through the years, and we could not be happier with the results! Our goal was to minimize the text and make it easier to navigate. We made the options more visual and simpler. We upgraded the system for speed and efficiency and made it attractive and current. We tested it more than once and believe it to be ready to get your books out there along with the magazine. By the way, we have done all this without increasing our prices! We truly appreciate all your patience during this process and welcome your feedback and ideas!

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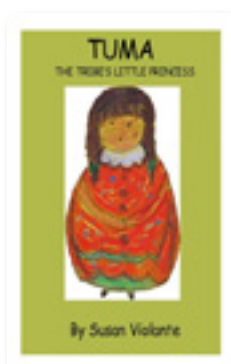
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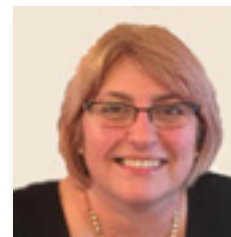


Read *Reading Block? Yes, You Read it Right....* Authors are big talkers about writing block...but what about reading block? I had always assumed that all authors read as much as they write. But my biggest surprise during the 10 years I have been working with authors is how little reading many of them get done! Meeting authors that don't read has always baffled me, but even I (book worm by birth) have gone through reading blocks at different times throughout my life. Contrary to the belief of many new Indie authors, reading is necessary in order to master writing. I expanded my genre repertoire in order to get better by improving on vocabulary, style and techniques, before I even considered writing for publication. In fact, reading is not only necessary to improve writing skills, it is necessary for research on the topic whether for fiction or non-fiction, for marketing, to establish fan following, and much more. Below are some examples on how to get reading while writing:

- 1) Schedule reading time as work time. You need to consider reading as part as your job as a writer. Even if it is thirty minutes a day, you will be able to notice a big difference in your writing skills.
- 2) Consider choosing reads within the genre you are currently writing. This will not only benefit your current work, but if you write reviews on the books you are reading, it can also help you to make contacts as well as gain fans for your upcoming book.
- 3) Join a critique group. This is my favorite, as I not only read other authors' work, I also get feedback on mine while I am working on it!
- 4) Join a book club. The great thing about book clubs is that they more than likely will be interested in reading your book, too. However, what I really like about book clubs is that you are dealing with avid readers and can make note of what they want to see in a book.

It is no secret that the writer's lifestyle is more isolating than glamorous. But the funny thing is that the more we isolate ourselves within our work, the more prone we are to blocking ourselves. Reading is the medicine for that. By using reading groups to get you out of your isolation at least once a month you will also harvest benefits for your platform. Happy reading! For more information on how we can help Authors visit www.bookbybookpublicity.com. To find a great read, check out our reviews at www.readerviews.com.

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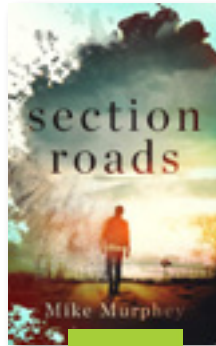


what people say about the book

An ambitious and evocative small-town tale located somewhere between Peyton Place and The Last Picture Show.
— Kirkus Reviews

Section Roads from author Mike Murphey is a funny, heartbreaking, and poignant coming of age tale. A nerd destined to practice law, a loner athlete accused of killing a classmate, a prospective CIA operative, and an intelligent beauty with uncommon spirit bond in high school, experience episodes of estrangement as their lives unfold, and finally unite for their 40th high school reunion. Once again, accusations of murder abound. These accusations serve to strengthen their already unbreakable bond as they seek the identity of the killer in a viscerally satisfying, roller coaster of a novel. *A five-star achievement by the author. Highly recommend!.*

— Laura Taylor
Six-time Romantic Times Award Winnere



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FICTION - MYSTERY/COMING OF AGE

title
SECTION ROADS

author
Mike Murphey

synopsis

The lives of three friends are shattered by the murder of a classmate during their sophomore year of high school in a small town on the high plains of Eastern New Mexico where life is defined by straight roads and straight laces. *Their childhood bond weathers both distance and chapters of estrangement until, at their 40th high school reunion, another killing draws them together again.*

author

MikeMurphey

Mike Murphey is a native of New Mexico and spent almost thirty years as an award-winning newspaper journalist in the Southwest and Pacific Northwest. Following his retirement, he enjoyed a seventeen-year partnership with the late Dave Henderson, all-star Major League outfielder. Their company produced the Oakland A's and Seattle Mariners adult baseball Fantasy Camps. Mike loves fiction, cats, baseball and sailing. He splits his time between Spokane, Washington, and Phoenix, Arizona.



For more information visit Mike's website
www.mikemurpheybooks.com

Shadowshine is a delightful story about Zak, a possum who has a bit of trouble maintaining his train of thought. It's what I would describe as a story akin to The Hobbit, or Homer's Odyssey-lite. This book would make a great animated feature movie and I hope some astute script writer stumbles across it and sees its potential. *Three words: delightful, entertaining, and enlightening.*

— Tom Aswell

author of Louisiana Rocks: The True Genesis of Rock & Roll, and Louisiana's Rogue Sheriffs: A Culture of Corruption.

Up there on your bookshelf between Tolkien and Watership Down is where this book belongs. As an anthropomorphic adventure that winds through the realm of animals possessing courage, savagery, perseverance, and ultimately wisdom in the face of mounting evil threats – *humans disconnected from the natural world – the tale is relevant, if not necessary.*

— Kelby Ouchley

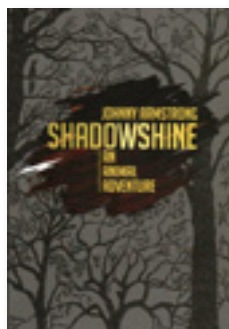
author of Bayou Diversity: Nature & People in the Louisiana Bayou Country.

synopsis

The Suffolk County Scandals Investigations – a Reminiscence *is the story of a notable use of the criminal process as a weapon in political warfare, based upon the accounts of the New York Times and the Huntington, N.Y. weekly, The Long Islander, and the recollection of the author.*

synopsis

Thirteen-year-old Laila, still grieving over her father's death, goes on their planned pilgrimage with her aunt and uncle. When she is transported back *in time to 7th century Arabia, she faces the dangers of the desert, takes on a disguise and saves a baby's life. But will she ever return to her own time?*



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FICTION - NOVEL/ANIMALS

title

SHADOWSHINE

An Animal Adventure

author

Johnny Armstrong

publisher

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Editions Inc.

distributor

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synopsis

On a quest to rescue his community from a fiery demise, possum and poet Zak, seeks assistance from rodents in the North and sets out on a journey into an ancient forest. Separated from his own surroundings and his bob-cat companion, Sena, he quickly loses his sense of direction and becomes hopelessly lost in the wilderness. Here, *Zak enters a world of self-discovery as he struggles to survive starvation, wolf predation, drowning, illness and ice.*

NONFICTION - BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

title

THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SCANDALS INVESTIGATIONS

author

William F. F. Young

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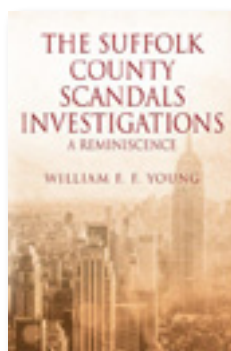
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FICTION - JUVENILE/TEEN-12

title

LAILA AND THE SANDS OF TIME

author

Shirin Shamsi

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synopsis

This is a story of a young U.S. Attorney's murder in Michigan. The man murdered was the son of the U.S. President's best friend. The President turns to another old friend, Jack Murphy, head of Boston Laboratory for Electronics, for advice. Jack's son Colin, just home from six years as a Navy SEAL, comes up with an idea that takes him and his old SEAL team on a great adventure.



title

AT THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST

A Dash Murphy/Jack Bishop Story

author

Neil Mahoney 

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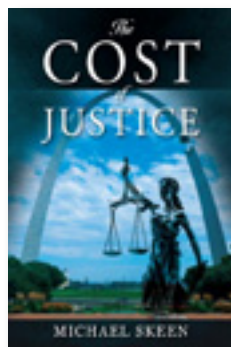


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synopsis

The Cost of Justice is the third book in a series following the election of President TJ Samuels. Even though he was popular with most he was disliked by the political majority and elite. Since elected he has fought Congress, terrorists, and assassins. *In the second book The Cost of Liberty the United States was invaded and occupied until TJ led the military to take our country back. Now can he end World War III?*



title

COST OF JUSTICE

author

Michael Skeen 

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synopsis

The lives of three friends are shattered by the murder of a classmate during their sophomore year of high school in a small town on the high plains of Eastern New Mexico where life is defined by straight roads and straight laces. *Their childhood bond weathers both distance and chapters of estrangement until, at their 40th high school reunion, another killing draws them together again.*



title

SECTION ROADS

author

Mike Murphey 

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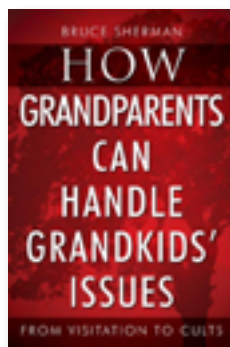


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synopsis

As grandparents play an increasingly important role in the lives of their grandchildren, they are confronted with a variety of challenging issues. Among these are visitation, bullying, drugs and opiates, interfaith grandkids, in-laws vs in laws, suicide and much much more. *The purpose of the book is to provide effective ways to deal with these problems and be a positive force in the lives of their grandkids.*



title

HOW GRANDPARENTS CAN HANDLE TOUGH ISSUES

author

Bruce Sherman 

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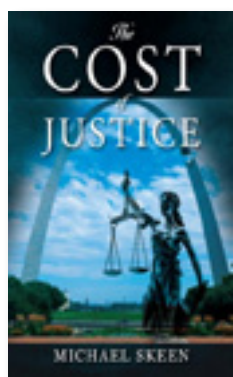
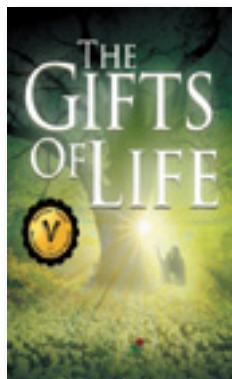


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Interview with Chriselda Barretto – Author of “Aviation Stories – 1: Dying Fly” - By Sheri Hoyte



Chriselda Barretto is a multi-genre author and speaker, with a background in Business Administration lives in Belgium and has mixed roots, namely Anglo-Indian and Goan-Portuguese. Having travelled the world extensively, as an Inflight Safety Training Instructor, she has worked in the Aviation industry for nearly two decades. Always with a touch of artistic creativity along with being a professional modern jazz dancer, she also loves music and is passionate about writing! She is fluent in 5 languages & loves writing poetry, stories, and quotes.

Her writing covers fiction and non-fiction, with the likes of poetry, horror, thriller, romance, supernatural, children's illustration, but she enjoys telling a story in narrative poetry the most! She currently has four WIPs and is also working on her Self-help/image-building book, that she first started on her blog: 'chriselda.blog'

Hi Chriselda! Thank you for joining us today on Reader Views! Tell us about your latest book, Aviation Stories -1: Dying to Fly. 'Aviation Stories-1: Dying to Fly' is my first book in a non-fiction genre, based on a true story. The story follows the life of Ellen, a Senior Flight Attendant, who loves her job but whose health is deteriorating rapidly, and she can't seem to explain why. Through the story, we discover together with her, what is causing her deterioration in health and as a consequence the actions she decides to take to better her health and improve her life as a whole!

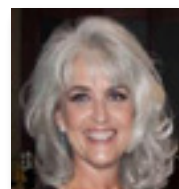
What inspired you to write this book? I have worked in aviation for nearly twenty years and the most part as a Safety Training Instructor. While I trained crew daily, I had never heard of the term: "Aerotoxic Syndrome – AS," during my tenure as an instructor. I worked there until 2014 and strangely "AS" was never mentioned or trained to the crew either, which I now find alarming, because this terminology has existed since 1999!

A couple of years after I left the profession, I was approached by an ex-colleague to be part of an online group on Facebook dealing with the ill health effects of cabin air on cabin crew and passengers, after so-called "fume events." I decided to at least take a look into it because I still had so many friends working in aviation. I had been suggested by my ex-students, because of the respect and authority they thought I had on the topic of aviation safety. I was honored and decided to take up the challenge and started researching into it. What I discovered shocked me! Hence the inspiration to write this book.

The protagonist in the story suffers from Aerotoxic Syndrome. What is Aerotoxic Syndrome? Aerotoxic means toxic air! Simply explained Aerotoxic Syndrome is the term given to the illness caused by exposure to contaminated air in jet aircraft. Crew and passengers have shown to suffer short and long-term ill-health effects caused by breathing airliner cabin air which contains contaminated to toxic levels of engine oils or other chemicals; mainly ToCPs, which is an organophosphate compound known to cause neuropathy!

Read the full review with Chriselda Barretto at <https://www.readerviews.com/interviewbarrettoaviation-stories1>

Sheri Hoyte
Reader Views
General Director
Editor/Reviewer



what people say about the book

Jeannine Kellogg's writing is captivating and it has a strong appeal for young as well as older readers. The reader can't resist the characters, because they are well-developed, deeply human, and richly imagined. The prose exudes a finesse that is rare...*The Tukor's Journey* is delightful, an exciting adventure.

— Romuald Dzemo
Readers' Favorite



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title

THE TUKOR'S JOURNEY

author

Jeannine Kellogg



synopsis

Siblings Mitch, Tony, and Jovi discover a centuries-long battle to stop mysterious creatures called Grezniks from blowing up Earth and shattering Life to bits, but *will they have the courage to join the battle?*

**Reader Views 1st Place Young Reader and Kids Award for Best Children's Book of the Year*

**IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards™ The Bill Fisher Award for Best First Book: Children's/Young Adult FINALIST*

**Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards in Juvenile Fiction FINALIST*

author

Jeannine Kellogg

Jeannine Kellogg loves a grand adventure and a great story. She has traveled to fifteen countries, yet she has grown certain that the great inspirations are found not in distant adventures, but in the often-overlooked details of everyday life. She enjoys nothing more than encouraging kids to seize life's wonderful adventure and take the lead in their own powerful journey.



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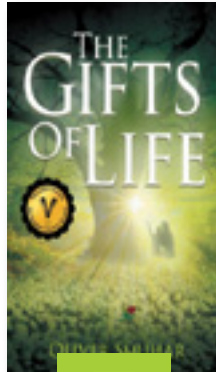
what people say about the book

Oliver Smuhar's "The Gifts of Life" takes readers on an otherworldly adventure. Perry Caduca is the hero of the story. After a devastating and fiery attack on their city during the year's most important festival, Perry, his little sister, Teala, and their two friends Faith and Bailey, must leave their home and travel hundreds of miles to a strange land in order to find safety again.

— Megan Weiss
Reader Views

The Gifts of Life, everyone has some form of magical ability, whether it be the power of teleportation, the ability to manipulate glass, or even the creation of fog and other weather phenomenon. There is, however, a catch. These powers are only permitted for use one day a year in an annual celebration called the 'Ascension Ceremony.' Using them outside of that time is 'breaking Taboo.' This detail is both *an intriguing and uncommon limit placed upon magic users in fantasy novels.*

— Skyler Boudreau
Reader Views



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title

THE GIFTS OF LIFE

author

Oliver Smuhar

synopsis

You will journey into a world where everyone has an extraordinary power. Swept on a journey, Perry is forced to fight for survival. His powers begin to mutate! But is it too late? Is Perry still that same curious boy? *The only resolution comes in finding the Gifts of Life.*

author

Oliver Smuhar

Oliver Smuhar is a young Australian award winning author living in the Blue Mountains. He is currently studying journalism and international studies at the University of Technology in Sydney. In 2018 he published his first book 'The Gifts of Life' and aims to create a series as well as many other novels within the upcoming years. In 2019 he was awarded the 'Reviewers Choice Award for Best Book Written by an Author Age 18 or Under' and the '2018-2019 Global Award' for Australia.



For more information visit Oliver's website
www.oliversmuhar.com

author



Steve Bassett

Steve Bassett was born and raised in Newark's crime-ridden Third Ward. He has been legally blind for more than a decade, but hasn't let this slow him down. Readers will share insights that earned him three Emmys for investigative documentaries, and the California Bar Association's first Medallion Award for Distinguished Reporting on the Administration of Justice. His iconoclasm was a great asset during his thirty-five years as a journalist (newspapers, AP, TV news and documentaries).

Veteran television journalist Steve Bassett puts his considerable storytelling skills to work in "Father Divine's Bikes." He weaves a story of triumph, regret and tragedy. The faith of two Catholic altar boys fail them in their time of need. Instead they are unwittingly seduced by the aura spread throughout Newark by Father Divine, the spellbinding black evangelist. *It's a book you won't want to put down.*

— Pete Noyes

Peabody Award recipient, and author *The Real L.A.*

Confidential and *Who Killed the Big News*.

In rhythm and tone Bassett achieves a counterpoint that moves the reader between contrasting themes of class and privilege, poverty and wealth, despair and hope. Caught up by the hustle of Father Divine's "heaven on earth," two altar boys become ensnared in a hustle of their own making that transport them to a reality just north of hell, on bikes that cost more than they could ever imagine.

— Paul Pattwell,

retired Assistant Director, Newark Public Library and
Director of the Archives for Local and State History of
New Jersey.

Readers will be enthralled by how early Communist-driven distrust and paranoia never stood a chance against handshakes and smiles.

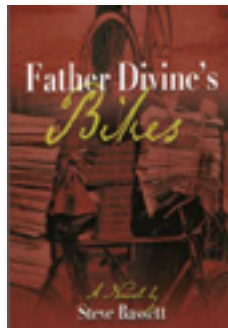
— Mme. Lydie Gerbaud

former press secretary for French President
Jacques Chirac

Golden Ghetto's complex prism provides a rare snapshot of Cold War realities faced by more than 20 million men and women who served overseas. *It more than deserves a place in the current celebrity driven publishing world.*

— Pete Noyes

Author of *The Real L.A.* *Confidential*



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FICTION - MYSTERY

title

FATHER DIVINE'S BIKES

author

Steve Bassett

publisher

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distributor

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2018

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342

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synopsis

Father Divine's Bikes paints a gangster war, three murders, a gun-toting paperboy, and the numbers racket into a dark mosaic that exposes the underbelly of a decaying city that in 1945 seduces two altar boys into a corrupt world from which there is little hope of escape.

•Finalist 2018 International Book Awards (American Book Fest)

•Finalist 2018 Best Book Awards (American Book Fest)

NONFICTION - HISTORY

title

GOLDEN GHETTO

How the Americans and French Fell In and Out of Love During the Cold War

author

Steve Bassett

publisher

Red Hen Press Xeno Imprint

distributor

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synopsis

Considering the suspicions, jealousies, bigotry, and crass opportunism inherent whenever one power occupies another, Golden Ghetto: How the Americans and French Fell In and Out of Love During the Cold War *pieces together an improbable tale of how fear and skepticism were crushed by trust and friendship.*

The story about BLUFF combines vivid imagery, read aloud rhythms, and a magic-driven plot to convey its heartfelt theme: public humiliation is the inevitable price to be paid by arrogant, prideful braggarts. This gentle parable features brightly animated illustrations that build to a climatic shootout, with marbles! *Recommended to any parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle who wants to teach the value of humility to a child (ages 3-7) suffering from overly aggressive behavior.*

— David Casey

Teacher-8th Grade English - Jefferson Middle School Floridas

Bluff is super creative, super weird (in a good way) and highly entertaining. *My 9-year-old kid loves it--the story and the illustrations. Keep it coming, Mr. Kind!*

— Douglas Kurtz

Father/Life Coach/Author - Boulder, CO



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FICTION - JUVENILE

title

BLUFF

author

Mr. Kind 

publisher

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distributor

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2018

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synopsis

Mr. Kind uses an entirely unique lyrical rhyme coupled with the marvelous graphic imagery of Zacc Pollitt to weave stories that last for generations: With “four marbles, and a shooter quite fat,” a stranger teaches Bluff about the dangers of arrogant boasting. “Bluff” is spectacularly illustrated, with read-aloud rhythm and a virtues message of humility.

FICTION - NOVEL

title

A WILD RIDE

author

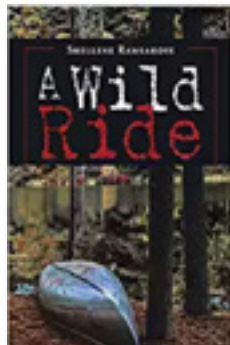
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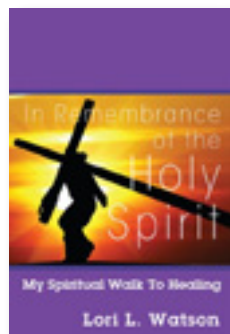
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synopsis

Shellene Ramsahoye, a prairie girl at heart, has lived most of her life in rural western Canada. Days on her family's acreage outside of Wainwright, Alberta, are enjoyed with her amazing husband, two extraordinary teens and multiple pets. Professionally, she has been a speech-language pathologist for over 20 years, working with preschool and school-aged children. In her spare time she is an avid amateur photographer, and loves travelling with her family, gardening, hiking and all things nature.

synopsis

This book is about not giving up. It's about moving even though you want to give up. It's about having the courage to keep going. Look toward God for your help, for support, and for your anchor. It's about people coming together on one accord to aide in the help of the one who needs it. *It's about family, friends, and strangers, who know the Lord and can administer to the one who needs. It's about Hope, Love, Caring and Giving.*



title

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

My Spiritual Walk to Healing

author

Lori L. Watson 

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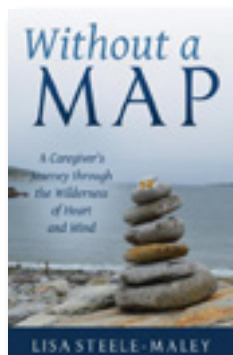
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synopsis

Without a Map weaves together Lisa's experience of caregiving with lessons gleaned from decades of wilderness travel, rural living, and parenting. Revealing the uncertainty, wisdom, love and reciprocity of a caregiving relationship, this memoir contributes a deeply personal perspective to the subjects of dementia and aging.



title

WITHOUT A MAP

A Caregiver's Journey through the Wilderness of Heart and Mind

author

Lisa Steele-Maley 

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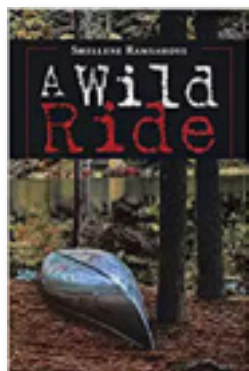
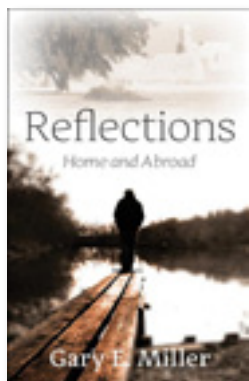
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PAST RELEASES



The Reader's Survival Bag. While I disagree with most generalizations, I would like to open this blog post with one of the rare few I agree with: most avid readers don't like going anywhere without a book. I am certainly not an exception.

There is a certain hole a reader can fall into when deciding which book to bring with them on a trip. Should it be that new one they just bought from their favorite bookstore, despite knowing they have a bookcase worth of unread books at home? Or should they bring the one they're in the middle of reading? These questions open the door for even further questions and your answers could prove to provide some potential problems for you down the line.

For example, let's say that you choose to bring along the book you are currently reading. You only have about a hundred pages left. You're a relatively fast reader. What happens if you finish it and have nothing left to read? That would be disastrous. There are three main solutions to this issue. One option is to bring along a different, lengthier book instead of your current read. The second option, and probably the most commonly chosen solution, is to bring a second book, "just in case." The third and final option is my favorite: assemble a Reader's Survival Bag. This is an easy-to-grab bag that a reader can bring with them on trip of any kind, whether it be anything from a doctor's appointment to a long train ride. A reader will find the Reader's Survival Bag an asset in any situation that requires a period of waiting. What you include in your Reader's Survival Bag is up to you, but most versions of it include at least one of the following items.

1. An unnecessary number of books - The average book is three hundred to four hundred pages long. There's no way you'll finish three of them during that fifteen minute subway ride to work, but you want to have them just in case. Who knows? Maybe the subway will break down and you'll have an hour or two to kill. That's still not really enough time to finish three books, but at least you have them if you need them.
2. At least two books that you already finished and keep forgetting to remove from your Reader's Survival Bag - It happens to all of us. Why don't we just remove the finished books as we add new ones to the bag? It's not like it takes any more effort than the latter. Oh well. You never did it before, and you're probably not going to start now.
3. So much random stuff - You definitely don't need seven bookmarks, the twenty-nine old receipts from bookstores, or even that one box of crayons you don't remember putting in there. You have it all anyway though and you'll probably add more to your collection as time passes. I guess you can say it adds character to your Reader's Survival Bag.

This is by no means a completed list. There are any number of things you can include in your own version. The Reader's Survival Bag is a nifty way to keep your bookworm comfortable for any and all periods of time. What does yours look like?

Skyler Boudreau
BookReviewer for
Reader Views and Blogger
at Sky View Book Reviews



FICTION - YA-TEENS/MILITARY

what people say about the book

Innocent War is a resonating novel that transports readers to a place and time uniquely tied to Italy. It is a great book for Italian Americans to read as it stands as a tribute, not just to Violante's father, but to all children of wars.

— Primo Magazine

Nino's daughter Susan Violante has written a heartwarming story of his taped memoirs that will give the reader a unique perspective on the horrors of World War II in Italy and which gave her a deeper understanding of herself and her family.

— The Italian Tribune



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genre

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binding

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price

\$19.95

distributor

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countries book sold

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title

INNOCENT WAR - REVISED EDITION

Behind An Immigrant's Past Book 1

author

Susan Violante

synopsis

Based on the taped memoirs Susan Violante received from her Italian Immigrant father, Nino; Innocent War's story (Hollywood Book Festival 2009 Honorable Mention) is a boy's adventure showing a child's point of view through the war's hardships, dangers, and tragedies of WWII, combined with his own humor, innocence, and awakening as he grows up. *WWII through and Italian 10 year old boy's eyes!*

* Five Stars Reader's Favorite



author

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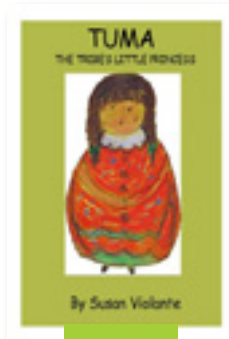
what people say about the book

A powerful lesson from Mother Nature...
As a school owner and educator, I would
recommend this book to teachers and
parents alike...

— Christine Watson
Owner, Director, and Teacher of Be The Change
Academy, Round Rock Texas

Entertains you while teaching positive
messages about nature and showing some of
the culture, and geography from Venezuela.
Great Book!

— Maria Juliana Leal-Belloso
Retired Pre-school Teacher from Venezuela



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title

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The Tribe's Little Princess

author

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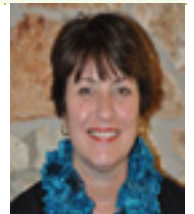
synopsis

Published by Creative with Words in 1996, the learning of Nature and Geography of faraway lands through the story of Tuma comes alive in its picture book format. Tuma is a little princess from a Tribe on the tropical Caribbean coast of Venezuela. Her father is the tribe's King and guardian of their magical stone. Tuma always listened to her friend's Loro (the parrot) stories about the Magical stone that bared her name. Both of them were intrigued about the purpose of such beautiful gem, so one day Tuma and Loro ventured to faraway lands in search of the meaning of the magical stone...

author

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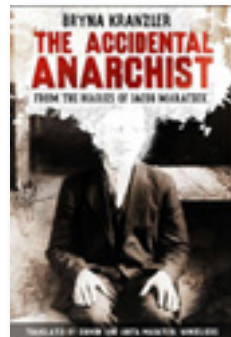
what people say about the book

These conversations, events that should have been muddled by the ravages of time and history, are rewritten with incredible detail and exquisite narrative that pushes the reader ever-onward, hanging upon baited breath with each sentence. *Yet between Marateck's notes and Ms. Krantzler's consistent ability to wrap it into moving prose, this memoir reads much more like a thrilling novel. In some cases, truth is indeed stranger than fiction.*

— Charles Weinblatt
New York Journal of Books

The Accidental Anarchist is a profound testament to the power of faith, and to the continued survival of the Jewish people."

— Elie Wiesel



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NONFICTION - BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY

title THE ACCIDENTAL ANARCHIST

humorous (and true) account of a man who was sentenced to death 3 times - and survived

author
Bryna Krantzler 

publisher
Crosswalk Press 

distributor
Baker & Taylor; Ingram

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2010

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Tradeback
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351

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synopsis

The Accidental Anarchist is the remarkable true story of Jacob Marateck, an Orthodox Jew who was sentenced to death three times in the early 1900s in Russia -- and lived to tell about it. The story is told in Marateck's voice and is characterized by his remarkable humor and irony that contrasted with the circumstances and were key to his survival. The book is based on the diaries that Marateck began keeping in 1905. That was when he decided to overthrow the Czar . . .

An orphaned 1980s teenager travels through time to the Jazz Age to discover the mystery of her identity in this *sweetly confected historical fantasia*....

— Kirkus Reviews

Reading *The Candy Store* was like savoring a bittersweet chocolate bar that has a surprise twist in flavor at the last bite. *The novel was a delicious combination of sci-fi, time travel, historical fiction, and romance.*

— Star 360, Lit Pik Reviewer



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title THE CANDY STORE

author
Michele Poague 

publisher
Bent Briar Publishing LLLP 

distributor
Ingram Spark

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synopsis

Watson's Candy Store offers Jett a home but when tragedy strikes, the hard-as-nails orphan wakes up in a psychiatric ward in a strangely altered world. The candy store is the only thing that hasn't changed and she is sure it holds the key to finding her way home. *Jett is no stranger to uncomfortable situations, but in this new world she must be careful of her every move or risk being locked away forever.*

what people say about the book

synopsis

Having rebuilt his life after a painful divorce, Peter was on top of the world. Recently remarried, a thriving career, living in a beautiful mountain resort - life was looking up again. Suddenly an aggressive case of leukemia seized his body and turned his world upside down. *Peter Gordon takes you through the initial shock and upheaval, the agonizing wait for a matching donor, the brutal transplant process itself, and the surprisingly difficult road afterward.*

synopsis

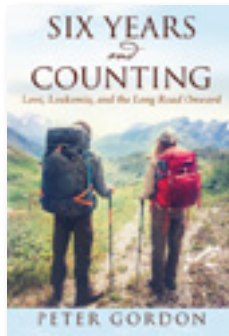
A story of hope and healing from Wakonda Prayer House, a small place in the woods that hosted life-changing counseling to all who visited. It's the story of Rev. LaVern Wingert's fulfillment of his dream for a place of healing in a world filled with emotional pain. It's also the story of healing and forgiveness for the Author's broken marriage, with the help of the 12-Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

synopsis

When Robert's father decides to purchase an expensive boar hog to improve the bloodline on his farm, his son is assigned to care for this impressive, aristocratic hog named Richard. But *will "Sir Richard" prove to be too much of a responsibility for an eight-year-old boy?*

synopsis

Slave to the Dream is a memoir of one man's intense rebellion, roadblocks, and-ultimately-his inspiring growth, powered by the healing powers of family support and divine intervention. *This book will appeal to readers who are interested in stories of overcoming chaos and desperation, achieving personal transformation, and the wisdom one gains from a life of trials and triumphs.*



NONFICTION - AUTOBIOGRAPHY/MEDICAL

title

SIX YEARS AND COUNTING

Love, Leukemia, and the Long Road Onward

author

Peter Gordon

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title

RAINBOWS OF JOY

From a Diary of Despair

author

Lynn M.

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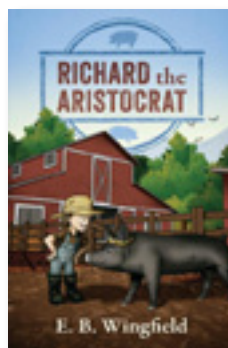
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title

RICHARD THE ARISTOCRAT

author

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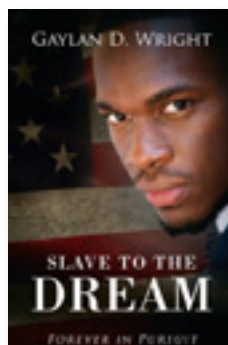


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NONFICTION - RELATIONSHIPS/FAMILY



title

SLAVE TO THE DREAM

Forever in Pursuit

author

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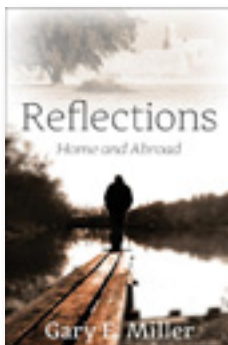
Piece of music
Played and heard
A word
An inscribed picture

Draw each
from your life
A poem runs to
Those aims
And degrees of focus

synopsis

Ty Grenshaw has lived on the Cal Grayson cattle ranch all of his 18 years. He works there as a ranch cowboy. His girlfriend, Patti Dileo, works for the Gully Real Estate Co. The story takes them to a restaurant when Sonny Calhoun is murdered there. *Ty suspects cattle rustlers, finds a late calf, chases the trailer that might contain the bull that sired the calf, out of curiosity gets on the "wrong train" and from there becomes a kidnapped hostage.* The story continues with escape, anger from his boss, the cattle auction where the antagonist buys cattle, a young girl living in the forest who is discovered by Ty and Patti, a court case where Ty is a witness and a tragedy.

FICTION - NOVEL



title

REFLECTIONS

Home and Abroad

author

Gary E. Miller

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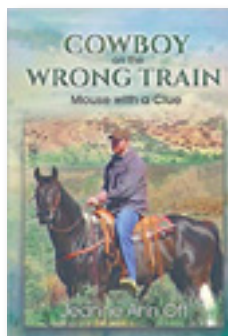


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COWBOY ON THE WRONG TRAIN

Mouse with a Clue

author

Jeanne Ann Off

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synopsis

Basato sulle registrazioni che l'autrice Susan Violante ha ricevuto dal padre Nino, "L'innocenza di una Guerra" racconta le difficoltà, i pericoli e le tragedie del secondo conflitto mondiale dal punto di vista di un bambino che, nonostante tutto, riesce a non perdere il senso dell'umorismo e l'innocenza tipica della sua età.

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title

L'INNOCENZA DI UNA GUERRA

author

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