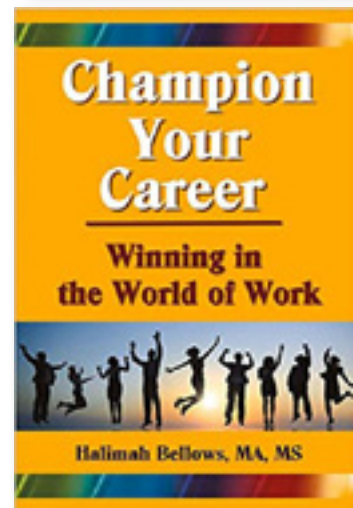


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Susan Violante  
Managing Editor

#### EDITORIAL

**I**ndie Books...Gifts that Keep Giving this Holiday Season! It doesn't matter what background we come from, we all are about sharing with loved ones. Holidays are the special occasions when we share ourselves through gifts. If you are like me, you take this opportunity to convey a message to the recipient, and picking the right gift becomes an epic process! Since I have been working with Indie Authors, I have found that each of their books, whether fiction or not, share a life lesson or a piece of firsthand information from their own lives. Their publishing is not done by a marketing selection process; instead their publications are the result of someone's urge to share their own story or just a story that has been nagging them to be let out! As an Indie Author, Indie Publisher and Online Publicist, I can relate. But as a book addict I can't think of a better gift to myself or my loved ones! *So as we celebrate this year's Holiday season I hope you find the right gift that keeps giving for your loved ones!*

— Susan Violante,  
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## UPCOMING 2017 NEW TITLES



**R***ead*ing Resolutions and How to Read More Books. It's almost time everyone – for new beginnings, a fresh start, a clean slate – whatever you want to call it, the weeks leading up to the new year represents for many a time of renewal and reflection of personal and professional goals. As an avid reader and book reviewer I like to set reading goals for myself each year, with the intention of reading more titles than the last. Here are a few ways I use to read more books:

*Reading Challenges* – Reading challenges help considerably with reading goals due to the accountability factor. I've participated in the Goodreads challenge for the last few years to publicly declare my intentions and put myself "out there." While this challenge is a good motivator, it's not a perfect system as not every book is listed on Goodreads, (and somehow I feel cheated when I don't get "credit" for reading a book). There are several challenges available to join, so it's easy to find the one that best suits your purpose.

*Libraries* – Libraries are awesome! I just renewed my membership recently and wondered how I survived so long without one. What a great resource to use to add to your reading list. Today's libraries have everything you could possibly want to read, plus it's more fun to chill at the library when you need a break or change of scenery from your local coffee shop.

*Redirect Some Internet Time to Reading* – What? Am I the only one who spends too much time on social media? It's so easy to overspend your time this way – part of it I can justify for work, but often I find myself yearning for the hours lost. This is a work in progress. I just started to set limits for myself by scheduling a time when the laptop gets turned off and I spend more time reading. We'll see how it works.

*Read Multiple Titles* – Some might disagree with this practice, but I'll often have a few books going at the same time. The trick here is to read in different genres. For me, it's easy to read a self-help book and a fiction novel together, dividing up my time between the two.

*Go to Bed Earlier* – This may seem like a no-brainer, but if I wait until exhaustion sets in I'll usually only get a few minutes of reading in before I find myself nodding off, re-reading the same paragraph multiple times, and/or not remembering what I just read. By going to bed at least 30 minutes earlier, I'm guaranteed some additional reading time.

*How do you sneak in some extra reading time? What are your reading goals for the New Year?*



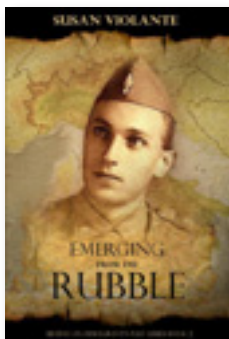
Sheri Hoyte  
Reader Views  
General Director  
Editor/Reviewer

synopsis

1946 Modica, Sicily. The war is over and Italy is trying to rebuild from rubble, but this is no easy task. How do you pick up the pieces of losing your loved ones, your homes, and your dignity, from a war you don't even understand? This is what Italy's children of war faced after learning to survive with no notion of a future...*In "Emerging From the Rubble", readers will witness the birth of an immigrant, as 16 year old Nino's mischievous personality and sense of humor takes them on an adventure in search for the meaning of life, family, and above the meaning of having a future.*

UPCOMING 2017

FICTION - NOVEL/POSTWAR



title

**EMERGING FROM THE RUBBLE**

Behind An Immigrant's Past Book 2

author

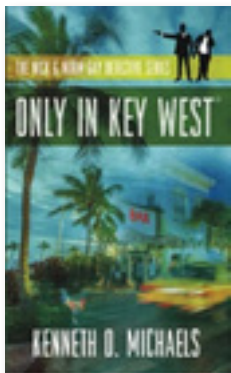
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## NEW RELEASES

### **I**nterview with *Roe De Pinto, Author of "Too Much Junk in My Trunk!"* - By Sheri Hoyte



**R**oe De Pinto has received fourteen awards for her The Adventures of Zealy and Whubba series and hopes to continue the accolades with the new release of this adorable little episode, "Too Much Junk in My Trunk!"

*Through her sweet characters Zealy, a baby seal and Whubba, a baby orca, Roe continues to embark on her journey and dreams of bringing back the morals that she was taught many years ago - respecting yourself, one another, and the entire world around you.*

*Hi Roe, and welcome! Tell us about your new book, "Too Much Junk in My Trunk!"* In this book our two little characters

explore a food adventure, which develops into an eating extravaganza, with some newly made friends as they wind up with tummy aches that only their Mommy can make better by giving her best advice. The book ends with a wonderful lesson learned as they dance happily to the chant which you will see when they feel all better.

*What is Monsterland about?* Wyatt Baldwin's senior year is not going well. His parents divorce, then his dad mysteriously dies. He's not exactly comfortable with his new stepfather, Carter White, either. An ongoing debate with his best friends Melvin and Howard Drucker over which monster is superior has gotten stale. He'd much rather spend his days with beautiful and popular Jade. However, she's dating the brash high-school quarterback Nolan, and Wyatt thinks he doesn't stand a chance.

*What do you love about writing children's books and what is the hardest part about writing children's books?* The hardest part I feel is getting inside a child's mind and knowing how they will react to the words and the lessons you are trying to convey. Children are so easily impressed and one needs to be very careful how the wording is done and keeping it simple for them to understand.

*What is one thing you wish you knew when you started writing your first book?* How tedious the marketing really is when one is self-published. I prefer to expend the energy on writing!

*Read the full interview with Roe De Pinto here:*  
<http://readerviewskids.com/interviewdepintotoomuchjunkinmytrunk>



FICTION - HISTORICAL

**A** gripping story that grasps the reader in the first few pages. Robin has a special gift for guiding his readers through a historically accurate maze.

— Kurt Koontz

Author of "A Million Steps"

**R**obin intricately weaves an intellectual cast of characters against a backdrop of page-turning plots. Historians have often asked how could these atrocities have happened? *Robin's book accurately explores the events, politics, and emotions that would ultimately draw a worldwide response to the unthinkable. Great book.*

— Natalie Hurst

News Anchor, KBOI-2 TV



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**ALL THAT REMAINS**

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Robin Melhuish

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synopsis  
*A trail of love, deceit and corruption, uncovering one of the biggest undetected robberies in history. Deep in the Soviet Occupation Zone of defeated Germany, 1945, a baby girl is born and abandoned. From the shards of the war, she discovers an uncomfortable truth.*

FICTION - THRILLER/SUSPENSE

**A**tmospheric and chilling with a feisty and relatable Every-Mom heroine, *Pink Slips will keep you in suspense until the gripping climax.*

— Eve Adamson

nine-time New York Times bestselling collaborator

**N**ot since *Rosemary's Baby* has a book revealed how vulnerable women are when pregnant... Aldrich has Raymond Chandler's (The Lady in the Lake), gift for portraying violent scenes, but has a woman's insight into the especially serious consequences it could have for pregnant women.

— 5-Star, Indie Reader Review



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**PINK SLIPS**

author  
Beth Aldrich

publisher  
Restoring Essence Press

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Ingram

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synopsis  
*Pregnant Betsy Ryan is confronted with threatening pink notes from an anonymous person, forcing her to face fears from another attack that happened ten years ago. Together with her extraordinary dog, Barney, parents, and good friend, Misty, she will unearth clues and dig deep to fight for her unborn child and her life.*

FICTION - MYSTERY/ROMANCE/LGBT

title

**ONLY IN KEY WEST**

author

Kenneth D. Michaels 

publisher

La Mancha Press 

distributor

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synopsis

When vacationing Chicago detectives Nick and Norm witness a tragic accident involving a famous entertainer, the local police chief asks for their help. The duo's investigation uncovers crime and corruption in paradise as *they come face-to-face with a ruthless killer...* And the homegrown eccentrics, drag queens, and dwarves rush to their aid in this heart-pounding thriller.



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**A**' topical, tropical mystery replete with scenes of entertaining buddy comedy.

— Kirkus Reviews

**W**ell done, and a quick and exciting read; *this is definitely one book that is easy to enjoy and leaves you hoping for more in the series.* Great story - I felt as though I was part of the action with the clear descriptions and lively pace.

— Melinda Hills  
Readers' Favorite

**P**rose that's as clever as it is beautiful... intellectually vigorous... Gregory examines happiness and the notion that individuals must envision their own. *Both the style and substance of this work should pull fans in for a second read.*

— Kirkus Reviews

**I**ntimately written... a unique and stimulating page-turner... His style is similar to Carl Hiaasen and Christopher Moore, yet this novel distinctly stands on its own. I enjoyed reading every page, and at times found myself laughing out loud.

— Reader Views



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title

**THE WEBSTER NEXUS**

author

Jay D. Gregory 

publisher

Delta G Press 

distributor

Ingram

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9781942545903

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2017

binding

Tradeback

number of pages

228

price

\$14.95

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synopsis

Mick Eldritch is the only person to dance the universe to the brink of destruction. Having discovered he's the linchpin in a strange experiment, *Mick faces a decision-cling to the life he's always known, or take a shot at fulfilling his destiny.* When climate scientist Kevin Gerrick exposes a mysterious connection between Mick and music hidden deep within weather patterns, it looks like the stakes may be even higher than anyone could have imagined.



FICTION - MYSTERY/MEDICAL

Willis flirts with the medical thriller formula in his debut, but *instead of car/helicopter chases and sinister foreign assassins in darkened hospital high-ris parking garages, he puts a human-interest emphasis on all the plot threads more commercial potboilers leave out* - the daily upheavals in the personal lives of researchers and families caught up in scandal after an unorthodox, unauthorized experiment.

— Kirkus Reviews

As I read, *I truly found myself hoping that nothing like this would ever happen*  
— Paige Lovitt  
Readers Views



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title

## GESTATON SEVEN

One Was Black and One Was White

author

J. Stewart Willis 

publisher

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9781543410150

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2017

binding

Hard cover

number of pages

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synopsis

*Two dead babies are found in a dumpster off U. S. 1 south of Alexandria, Virginia. A young reporter doggedly follows clues leading to three government scientists who have gone rogue and conducted an experiment to reduce the human gestation period of the human race, an experiment that has gone terribly wrong and produces numerous ramifications.*

synopsis

Marlowe Black, a WWII combat veteran, walks the streets of New York with a PI license to serve justice, a .45 automatic and his fists to enforce it, and a steely determination to solve a case...regardless of the consequences. *When a stranger's body mysteriously lands in his office after a long Fourth of July weekend, Black is determined to learn why, regardless of what New York City cops say or do.*

synopsis

In the 1700s, the stage was set for a massive immigration to "The Promised Land." Among those coming to America was Johannes Peter Dietrich, the founder of a prolific Deatrick/Dedrick line in the new world. Peter's journey would take him to Philadelphia, to the Shenandoah Valley, and to the southern Indiana frontier. *He would join the fight for freedom in the Revolutionary War; farm the land of Virginia, and clear the forests of Indiana.*



title

## BEHOLDEN

A Marlowe Black Mystery

author

Gabriel FW Koch 

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NONFICTION - REFERENCE



title

## MEIN NAME IST PETER DIETRICH

author

Ronald J. Deatrick & Claudia Barnard Coffey 


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distributor Ingram, Baker & Taylor

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synopsis

*Only a love worth dying for is a love worth living for.*

In a society which outlaws love and makes following one's own heart a crime, causes a fateful collision between the two lovers and society, forcing them to sign in their own blood a suicide-love pact. The forces of society then comes after them to make them fulfill the terms of their pact, writing a heroic/tragic epic.

synopsis

*There are hackers, and there is THE hacker ... the one who can end warfare as we know it, or start a war only she can win.* When SunHee Nham decides to escape her conscription, she takes a few secrets with her. After meeting John Darque, the two form a partnership to destroy a weapon system she developed for use against Western nations.

synopsis

December in 1975. The Vietnam War is finally over and Christmas is just around the corner. Sam's a lonely taxi cab driver who dreams of being a writer. Nora is a night bartender with marital problems who dreams of what might have been. Cleo's a go-go dancing hooker with a self-loathing problem who dreams of being a boutique owner. And Bobby's a crippled and emotionally scarred Vietnam Veteran who wishes he didn't have dreams. *These four people have a couple of things in common. A dive bar in the city's Tenderloin district called The Nest. And a love for a late night radio program hosted by a mysterious DJ who calls herself Mother Deal.*

synopsis

Love and lust become intertwined with intrigue, mayhem, and unimaginable brutality as these characters confront the ultimate tests of trust and loyalty. Years of carefully guarded secrets, in one devastating instant, become privy for all the world to see. From across many oceans an international chain reaction develops as those involved plot and scheme to achieve the desired outcome. *After a horrific storm in the exotic South Pacific, the story unfolds.*



title

THE SONG OF THE ROSE

author

Darin Penzera 

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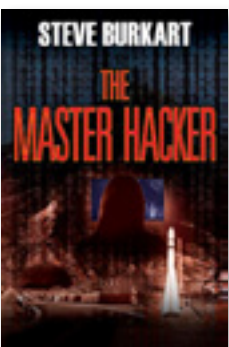
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Steve Burkart 

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author

Christian Fickle 


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author

David D. Bernstein 

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synopsis

*Only a love worth dying for is a love worth living for.*

This is the second collection of short stories by this author. With a mix of genres and writing styles, it's sure to appeal to different audiences as well.

synopsis

Everyone deserves to know the answer! Is the future reserved for a select group of people? Will the government finally disclose the secret space program? Will off world colonies for the select few continue to be kept secret? Are the off world colonies the destination for a few as the environment collapses? *Will global warming reek havoc on the Earth and end civilization on the planet?*

FICTION - FANTASY



title

THE DORK SIDE OF THE MOON

author

Jose Rodriguez

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NONFICTION - BODY, MIND & SPIRIT



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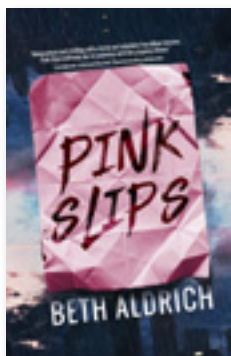
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## PAST RELEASES



**A** *acceptance, the Holiday Season and Books* - December – the coldest month with the warmest of themes. It is the time when it's socially acceptable for a bearded man to enter other people's chimney and to blast Mariah Carey's all I want for Christmas on repeat. This month has many different types of importance's, unique to every person: religion, traditions, midterms, holiday break, etc. With so much happening this month, I wanted to discuss high school, and acceptance during the holiday season in relation to books.

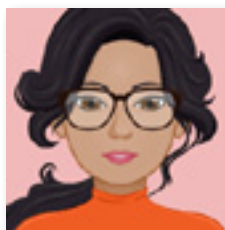
Currently I'm a sophomore in high school and midterms are approaching. Stress has polluted the air, throwing everyone into a frenzy. While I realize high school is a sheltered place and just the beginning, it can sometimes feel like my whole world. I often see other students whose confidence fluctuates with every grade. It is too easy to enable stress and worry take over when school feels like a competition to emerge at the top. However high school isn't just academic, it's a period of time where teenagers have to attempt to figure out who they are, find a friend group, and think about the future outside of classroom walls. Recently I had become so worried that I wasn't smart enough to be successful that I ended up spending so much time being frustrated that I didn't even make an attempt to try. Later I realized that everyone has different capabilities and that I had to understand that not everyone can be Einstein, no matter how hard they try. Though it most definitely sounds cheesy, I took my parents advice and set my goal to trying my best. I know this phrase is used as an excuse, but the maximum anyone can give is their best. Most people in America who have gone through high school can relate to each other's high school experiences. There are so many components and layers to high school. If a young adult novel takes place at school or is comprised of teenagers, it has to feel real and relatable to make an impact. An author has to truly capture the emotions, scenarios, and mindset of this time to be successful when writing to young adults.

As social media and the internet continue to grow, more and more information is uncovered and discovered, forcing people to observe their surroundings. This month people will be celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, or simply snow days. I think it is very important during this season to respect everyone's choice in how they do, or do not celebrate. I realize that there is always controversy involving the way Christmas is handled at schools. However the conversation is important to prevent any child from feeling alienated. Similarly I support novels that have strong opinions in them, but an insightful story has to look at the plot and ideas from more than one perspective (I learnt that at school).

Before I end this post I just wanted to remind you to remember to experience the little things in life that bring you joy during this crazy season.

Happy Holidays!

Faryal Jabbar



Faryal Jabbar  
Reviewer for  
Reader Views Kids



## what people say about the book

I thought the pictures were adorable and went very well with the words. The arrows on the sides that pointed to the next page to go based on the reader's choice were genius. I thought it was a great idea to take out words so kids could focus on the message. *The writing was fun, and I can see many kids enjoying it. The best part of this book was definitely the message.*

— Amy De Groot (Age 13)  
LitPick

I love this book very much, and I am sure my buddies from Pre-K and Kinder who I read to at school will love it too. The size of the book and letters are perfect for reading, and the pictures are great. *I just love it and can't wait to share.*

— Paola Belloso (Age 9)  
Reader Views Kids



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## title

## THE GREATEST WISH

## author

Amanda Yoshida

## synopsis

The Greatest Wish (An Everchanging Story): *This one-of-a-kind children's book taps into the young reader's imagination in an entirely new way by asking the question, "If you could be anything in the world, what would you be? Would you fly like a bird or a rocket ship? Would you swim beneath the ocean, like a shark or an octopus?"* With rhyming phrases moving the adventure forward, the reader is given opportunities to make simple decisions, which affects how the story unfolds. This results in creating a unique experience each time the book is read. Simple words are visually emphasized to help promote early reading development, comprehension and word recognition. Ultimately, the story ends with a positive moral lesson that plants the seeds for confidence and self-acceptance in young readers.

## author

Amanda Yoshida

After graduating from the elite Gnomon School of Visual Effects in Los Angeles in 2009, Amanda fell in love with the digital canvas and began working solely in this media. She returned to her beloved hometown of Portland in 2013 and began working as a freelance graphic designer and digital painter. While in the midst of growing her successful business and putting down roots with her husband, the dream of becoming a mother and published author was realized. Two months before the birth of her first child, she received word that her first children's book would be published. Amanda now enjoys reading her debut book, "The Greatest Wish", to her son, Morgan. She is currently working on the next installment of the Everchanging Story Book series.



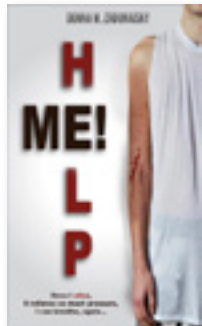
For more information visit Amanda's website  
[www.amandayoshida.com](http://www.amandayoshida.com)

## what people say about the book

I recommend "Help Me!" by Donna M. Zadunajsky to all teenagers because I think it is good book to raise awareness about current teen-age social issues. I give it five stars. The author also includes valuable information in the front of the book about where to get help and it's clear she did a lot of research.

— Emily Sutton (age 16)

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## FICTION - TEEN-12/SELF-HELP

**title**

HELP ME!

**author**

Donna M. Zadunajsky 

**synopsis**

A novella about a boy named Mick and his struggles with life. His parent's divorce and a friend's suicide make his world unbearable. Each "cut" has a deeper meaning. A cry for help.

"I spin my dad's Ruger SP101 revolver on the wood floor of my bedroom. Sometimes, just to see what it feels like, I place the tip of the gun against my temple, but I never once pull the trigger. NO!"

"I'm more into the slice of the blade against my skin and the blood running down my arm."

"It relieves so much pressure."

"And I can breathe again..."

**author**

Donna M. Zadunajsky

Donna M. Zadunajsky started out writing children's books before she accomplished and published her first novel, Broken Promises, in June 2012. She then has written several more novels and her first novella, HELP ME!, which is a subject about suicide and bullying. She is currently working on an adult novel series and a Young Adult series about self-harm and suicide topics.



For more information visit Donna's website  
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## what people say about the book

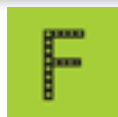
**W**ow. Reading this book was such an intense experience. The writing is brilliant. Schooled on Fat by Nicole Taylor should be required reading for every high school teacher AND student. It contains a wealth of quality information crucial to the understanding and development of our children.

— Sheri Hoyte  
Reader Views

**S**chooled on Fat is an innovative and critically important ethnography that will change the conversation about teens and body image. Taylor's careful study reveals that teenagers are far more than simply passive recipients of cultural messages about 'thin' and 'fat,' but are active participants in their creation. As such, they are also potential allies for change.

*This book could have far-reaching implications for the mental and physical well-being of young people; a rare and commendable accomplishment.*

— Rebecca Lester  
Washington University in St. Louis



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## NONFICTION - SOCIAL ISSUES/SCIENCE/HEALTH

**title**

## SCHOOLED ON FAT

What Teens Tell Us About Gender, Body Image, and Obesity

**author**

Nicole Taylor

## synopsis

Schooled on Fat explores how teens navigated body image within a high school culture that reinforced widespread beliefs about body size as a matter of personal responsibility while offering limited opportunity to exercise and an abundance of fattening junk foods. Drawing on daily observations, interviews, and focus groups with teens, this book takes the reader into their lives to show how they managed their body size, social status, and identities as body-conscious individuals.

**author**

Nicole Taylor

Nicole Taylor is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at Texas State University. She explores contemporary social issues related to education and health through the analytic lens of language practices. Her research includes teasing and bullying in schools, childhood obesity, and body image concerns among youth.



For more information visit Nicole's website  
[www.innovativeethnographies.net/schooledonfat](http://www.innovativeethnographies.net/schooledonfat)

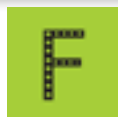
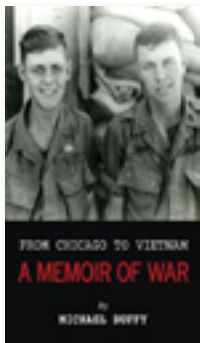
## what people say about the book

**F**rom Chicago to Vietnam is a heartfelt re-telling of a battlefield education. The author doesn't feel the need to embellish his actions during his tour. There is heart and humor in the story but also the aching of lost youth. Duffy questions the anger that lay inside when he saw those protesting the war and excoriating him and his fellow soldiers. But overall *Michael Duffy tells a story of a soldier and a war; he performed his duty admirably and tells his life story just as well. A moving autobiography.*

— Philip Zozzaro  
Manhattan Book Review

**F**rom Chicago to Vietnam...is not a political treatise nor is it another piece on the horrors of war. It is *a very readable and thought-provoking story* of a young kid from Chicago forced to mature during perhaps the worst year of the worst war in American history.

— Paul Vicary  
Portland Book Review



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## title

# FROM CHICAGO TO VIETNAM

A Memoir of War

## author

Michael Duffy

## synopsis

*Both gritty and intimate, From Chicago to Vietnam tells the powerful story of the epic battle, the Tet Offensive, from the perspective of one brave soldier, Michael Duffy, whose life would forever be changed.*

After his brutal year tour in Vietnam, Duffy returns to Chicago, where he enjoys Christmas with his family before enrolling at Colorado College. Like many vets, his return from the war would be met with curiosity, indifference, and, at times, scorn.

## author

Michael Duffy

Michael Duffy was raised on Chicago's north side in an Irish and Jewish enclave. After high school Duffy was drafted into the U.S. Army, he became part of the military force headed to Vietnam. In 1968 he served with Battery C, 7th Battalion 9th Artillery in III Corps South Vietnam. After his tour of duty he enrolled into Colorado College and began painting and writing about his Vietnam experiences. Duffy lives and works in Chicago.

For more information visit Michael's website  
[www.fromchicagotovietnam.com](http://www.fromchicagotovietnam.com)



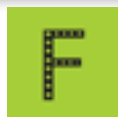
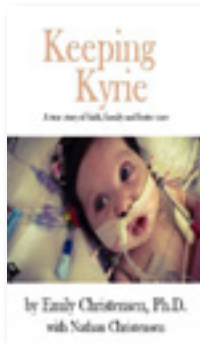
## what people say about the book

**T**he first thing to know about Keeping Kyrie is that it's a love story. Actually, it's several love stories combined—about 80 of them. From the first chapter though, when the author, Emily Christensen, calls out to her newborn foster child, Kyrie, 'Breathe, baby! Breathe,' this struggling child becomes the thread of the narrative and the glue holding all the other stories together... *KEEPING KYRIE is an entertaining and enlightening read, despite some serious subject matter. Perhaps that's what makes it feel so real and so important.*

— Steven Kapp Perry

**H**onest, strong, and bold, Emily Christensen writes from the heart to point out how the system can fail to protect those in its care.

— Kristine Morris  
Forward Clarion Reviews



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## NONFICTION - MEMOIR/ AUTOBIOGRAPHY

### title

## KEEPING KYRIE

a true story of faith, family, and foster care

### author

Emily Christensen, PhD

### synopsis

How much can a life change in just five years? For Emily Christensen, that time included cochlear implant surgeries, marrying the man of her dreams, grieving the death of both parents, and fostering more than seventy children before adopting six of them. *At the core of it all is Emily's heroic effort to save her youngest daughter, born with a life-threatening birth defect. Her story is joyful and heartbreaking, and full of surprising spiritual insight.*

### author

Emily Christensen, PhD

Dr. Christensen earned her Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy, and has two Masters degrees: an M.S. in Professional Counseling and an M.Div. in Pastoral Counseling. She married Nathan Christensen in 2012, and has since fostered more than seventy children. In 2015, they adopted the six children who stayed, and are totally and completely and helplessly in love as a family—now sealed together for time and all eternity.



For more information visit Emily's website  
[www.housewife4class.com](http://www.housewife4class.com)

FICTION - HISTORICAL/WW II

**O**rchids of War” by Denise Frisino is an intriguing mystery set during the months prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor...*an entertaining work of historical fiction, set at a troublesome time of which we often forget.* America was still at peace, and perhaps naïve, but on the verge of joining a catastrophic world war. Those times provided an excellent backdrop for a spy mystery, and Frisino tells it well

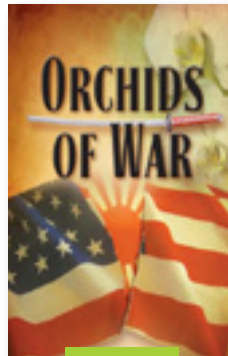
— David K. McDonnell

Reader Views

**O**rchids of War by Denise Frisino is an intriguing historical novel that instantly takes readers back to World War II...Denise Frisino has beautifully captured the love and respect of some Japanese and the hostility towards others. Families split and others are united...Trial, betrayal, and love are all a huge part of this historical novel...I love anything that depicts a realistic viewing of the World War II time period and Orchids of War does just that. Denise Frisino is a talented writer. Her story will keep readers on the edge of their seats as they wait for what happens next. Overall, I highly enjoyed reading this new title and look forward to reading the next book by Denise Frisino in the future. *I highly recommend this novel to readers everywhere.e.*

— Danielle Urban

Manhattan Book Review



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title

**ORCHIDS OF WAR**

The Untold Story of Japanese Spies in the US before World War II

author

Denise Frisino 

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Tradeback

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418

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synopsis

Summer 1941. FBI agent, Jack Huntington, learns Billi O'Shaughnessy is fluent in Japanese. Jack coerces Billi to set aside her best friend, Eileen Nakamura, to assist uncovering the Nippon spy ring operating along the West Coast. Danger arises when Akio, head of the espionage web, discovers Billi's identity. To save Billi, Jack is forced to confront Akio. The two men fight savagely, yet Akio escapes. *This book will alter your perception of World War II.*

NONFICTION - NOVEL

title

**BEYOND RAGNAROK**

author

Tore Olav Arnesen 

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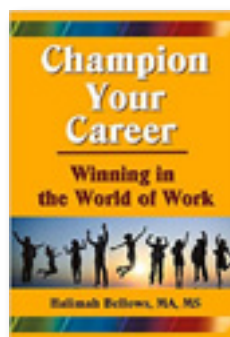


synopsis

**D**uring the cold war the U.S. and Norway had a strong military alliance during which the Norwegian military was partially funded by the U.S. *After the Cold War ends is when this story begins.*

synopsis

**C**hampion Your Career - Winning in the World of Work, addresses the needs of a new generation of career seekers in a rapidly changing economy and job marketplace. Designed as a self-paced career development workshop in book format, it provides self-assessment tools to enable individuals to explore their personal passions, values, strengths and skills along with sound strategies and resources for decision making, goal setting and networking to begin a fulfilling new career.



title

**CHAMPION YOUR CAREER**

author

Halimah Bellows 

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synopsis

**D**etours to the Good Stuff is an epic and gripping true story of a young woman and her family's unforgettable journey to find peace and happiness. The road ahead was littered with obstacles that oftentimes appeared impossible to avert, but despite the many unavoidable detours that changed the course of their lives, Katie never lost sight of the potential rewards at the end of their relentless expedition.



title

DETOURS TO THE GOOD STUFF

author

Vickie McGillis 

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**distributor** Ingram, Baker & Taylor

**binding** Tradeback **pages** 309 **price** \$16.95

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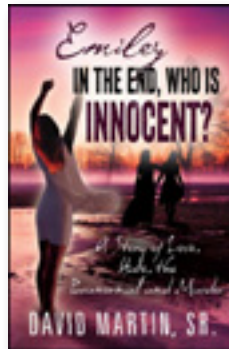


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synopsis

**E**miley Township is a unique rural town in southwest Louisiana, not far from the Texas border. Despite their differences, everyone gets along—or at least tolerates one another. When the Sheriff returns from a vacation, he learns that a horrific murder has just taken place. *His investigation leads to an unbelievable series of events, and an eclectic cast of characters contributes to the saga, including its disturbing end.*



title

EMILEY IN THE END

author

David Martin, Sr. 

ISBN 9781478773269

**publisher** Outskirts Press © 2016

**distributor** Ingram, Baker & Taylor

**binding** Tradeback **pages** 498 **price** \$23.95

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synopsis

**M**ubassa's Dream is for those who ponder the challenges and opportunities that arise in man's pursuit of winning the dignity and distinction of the excellent human life. The author explains that each story in this book is written as narrative an allegory and either a musical composition and /or a poetic work Each story is tri-partisan and bestows different but consistent meanings depending on the reader's life experience and interpretation of the symbols used.



title

MUBASSA'S DREAM

author

Dr. John "Satchmo" Mannan 

ISBN 9780578183084


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**binding** Tradeback **pages** 397 **price** \$29.95

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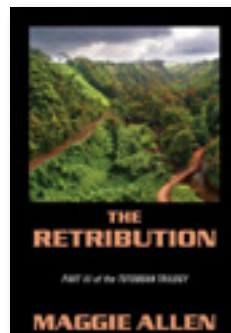
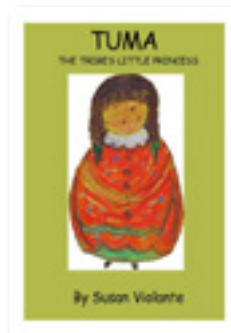
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FICTION - YA-TEENS/MILITARY

what people say about the book

**I**nnocent 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

**N**ino'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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Outskirts Press, Inc. 

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FICTION / Juvenile/Military/  
War

**genre**

Young Adult / Teen

**binding**

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233

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\$19.95

**distributor**

Ingram, Baker & Taylor

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USA, UK, Canada, and Amazon foreign sites

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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**

Susan Violante

Born and raised in Venezuela from Italian immigrants, author Susan Violante completed a BA degree in Political and Administrative Cs. before moving to the US. Although she built a career as a Business Analyst/Accountant since 1987, she also kept herself active as a Freelance writer. In 2010 Violante finally retired from Accounting and leaped to the publishing industry. She currently works as the Editorial Assistant for Reader Views and First Chapter Plus, while dedicating the remainder of her time to her own writing. She is also the host of Internet I Have Something To Say LIVE and Italian Austinite online radio shows.



For more information visit Susan's website

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what people say about the book

**A** Home for Abigail is a tender tale devoted to a sweet dog who is one of the fortunate ones to have found a home filled with love and care.

— Diane Lunsford  
Feather Quill

**I** love “A Home for Abigail” by S. Marriott Cook. The book, the pictures, the size of the letters, everything I just love it. Great story!

— Paola Belloso  
Reader Views Kids



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FICTION - JUVENILE/EARLY READER

**title**

**A HOME FOR ABIGAIL**

Everyone Needs a Forever Home

**author**

S. Marriott Cook

**synopsis**

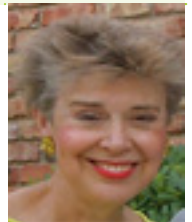
A Home for Abigail, by award winning author S. Marriott Cook, is based on a true story about an unwanted dog and her journey as she becomes a beloved family member in a forever home.

Beautifully illustrated, A Home for Abigail is the winner of multiple awards, including 2016 Best Children's Book of the Year for Reader Views, Feathered Quill's Kindness Award, I Have Something to Say Press Award, and two Purple Dragonfly awards.

**author**

S. Marriott Cook

S. Marriott Cook lives in Texas with her husband, Richard, and their furry and feathered “children.” She has been an animal lover ever since her pet turtle was her best friend and confidant.



As an artist, Sandy hopes to convey the special places pets hold in our hearts.

For more information visit Sandy's website  
[www.ahomeforabigail.com](http://www.ahomeforabigail.com)

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

**E**ntertains 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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Fiction

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Juvenile/early Reader

**binding**  
Tradeback

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FICTION - JUVENILE/EARLY READER

**title**

**TUMA**

The Tribe's Little Princess

**author**

Susan Violante



**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**

Susan Violante

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FICTION - HISTORICAL



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title

## VAGRANT PRINCE

author

Jacob Kilgore

publisher

The Grand Philosophy

distributor

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9781495166426

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binding

Tradeback

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### synopsis

As a boy, Thomas was nearly burned alive in a church as Admiral Constantyne's troops assaulted his Scottish pastoral town. As he grows, lunacy arrives as a consequence of the trauma. He and his criminal friends kidnap Constantyne's daughter, torch his home, and take to the sea in an explosive series of adventures.

*In this passionate tale, these men valiantly sacrifice all in pursuit of what they need most.*

FICTION - YA-TEEN/SCIFI/FANTASY

title

## PRIMEVAL ORIGINS Paths Of Anguish

author

Brett Vonsik

publisher

Celestial Fury Publishing

distributor

Ingram / Baker & Taylor

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copyright date

2014

binding

Tradeback

number of pages

302

price

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### synopsis

The multi-award winning Primeval Origins Epic Saga is a new fantasy / science fiction telling filled with characters villainous and heroic, deadly dinosaurs, brutal beasts of old and legend, ancient gods of mankind's mythologies and much more...answering the question, "What if all our myths, legends and religions are true?" Join Nikki and Rogaan as they experience our future "end of days" and survive our undiscovered ancient past, our origins in the first human civilization.

**P**rimeval Origins: Paths of Anguish" by Brett Vonsik is an epic journey to the origin of mankind in our struggle against evil. *It is a page turner sure to thrill young and older readers for sure!*

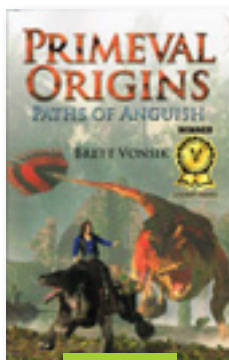
— Arianna Violante

Reader Views

**I** could not stop reading this book until I reached the last page! Between the artful handling of suspense and the skill in descriptive narrative, *Primeval Origins: Paths of Anguish* is loaded with action and is very hard to put down. *This is the first in the series, and I can't wait for the next volume! Recommended.*

— Maria C. Cuadro

Amazon Top Reviewer



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synopsis

**O**n his 40th birthday, community college teacher Eldred Duker feels he's getting older faster and faster. Childless, he and his wife end up adopting six-year-old Hope. After his wife is killed in an accident, Duke begins to spiral. *Follow the gripping story of a man fighting his physical and mental decline.*



title

THE OLD GUY GOES

author

Keith Elkins

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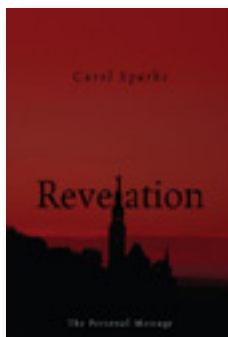


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NONFICTION - RELIGION



title

REVELATION

author

Carol Sparks

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distributor Ingram, Baker & Taylor

binding Tradeback pages 162 price \$13.95



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synopsis

**R**evelation, *The Personal Message* is a Bible Study presented from a fresh new perspective for discerning Christians. It explains the sequence of events that will take place before the return of Christ and how those events will impact the church, while emphasizing the need for a personal relationship with Christ Jesus through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

synopsis

**I**n Butterflies and Becoming REAL, butterflies are used to represent new life or resurrection, with their stages of growth compared to the Christian maturing process. *When we are "born again," we start to become who we're designed to be.*



title

BUTTERFLIES AND BECOMING REAL

author

Ruth Eastman

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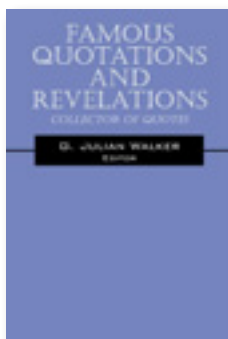


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FICTION - HUMOR/ANECDOTES



title

FAMOUS QUOTATIONS AND REVELATIONS

author

G. Julian Walker

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synopsis

**M**r. Walker quotes unique wisdom from movies, that should be attributed to the screen writer, but is spoken by the actor. The actor is quoted.



synopsis

Virginia, as usual, is unaware of the trouble she is causing in Totoba. Virginia encounters old and new faces in this final installment of the Totoboan trilogy. There are adventurous wannabe knights in shining armor, vengeful locals, and greedy 150-year-old imperialists. Determined to save those that they love, *Virginia and her friends must team up to restore balance to the supernatural world and hope that they can make it out alive.*

synopsis

Haunted by dark, frightening dreams of things she didn't remember from that summer in Totoba, *Virginia Wilson returns to Africa hoping to end her nightmares once and for all. Were the horrible visions true?* During this adventure, Virginia finds the truth, as hard as it is to believe. Her trip brings her to the height of romance and happiness, to the depth of terror and pain, concluding with the hardest decision of her life.

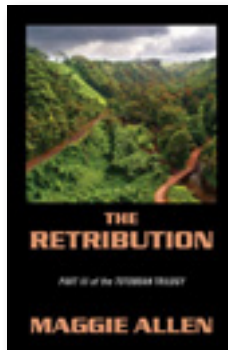
synopsis

Shy yet passionate Virginia Wilson travels with her parents to the new eastern African country of Totoba. *Virginia's faith and morals will be risked as she comes face-to-face with the supernatural and humans at their absolute worst.* Filled with adventure, romance, and mystery, The Return is where all truth comes out--where the unknown becomes known, where the hidden becomes visible, and where the true colors of every individual dares to show.

synopsis

Surviving 5th Grade is about the humorous and challenging escapades of seven youngsters! Tank and his buddies look for ways to sabotage any plans made by Ellie, Mia, and Becca! Their competitiveness is interrupted when one of the seven nearly loses his life; an experience that redefines their friendship. *The "super seven" survive school activities, a talent show, and Outdoor Camp to make their last year at Lemon Grove School one to remember!*

FICTION - FANTASY



title

THE RETRIBUTION

author

Maggie Allen 

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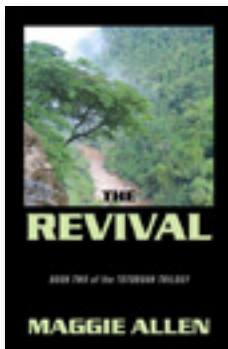
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FICTION - FANTASY



title

THE REVIVAL

author

Maggie Allen 


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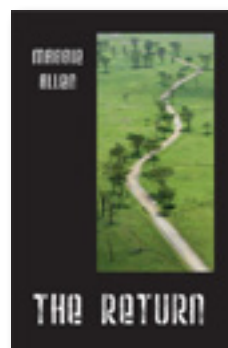
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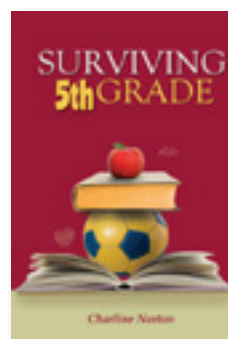
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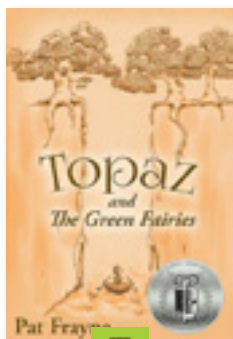
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