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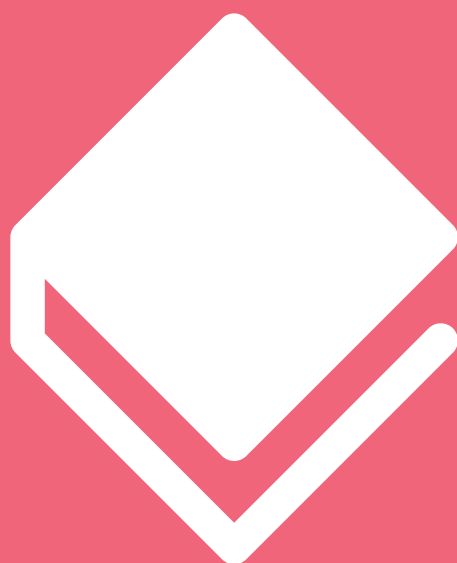
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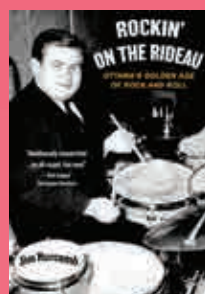
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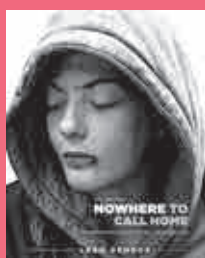
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EXCITED AND FULL OF THE CONFIDENCE OF YOUTH, TOTALLY BLIND RUTH arrived in London, England, to study Physiotherapy. She spoke the same language, was domestically independent, and had good mobility skills: how hard could this be?

As it turns out, far more difficult than she could have ever imagined, but Ruth was determined to succeed. People who are blind face many challenges, but perhaps the biggest obstacle is the low expectations of others. You can let those who don't understand you define who you are, or you can ignore them and follow your dreams—as Ruth did.

"*Love is Blind*" is the memoir of Ruth Vallis. Blind before the age of 3, Ruth was the youngest pioneer of integration in the public school system in Canada, blazing a trail for many to follow. At every stage of her extraordinary life, Ruth defied the low expectations of others, and took on such challenges as biking from Ottawa to Toronto, completing a Master's of Science degree online before technology accessibility was legislated, and more. Through it all there was her tender, tough-loving mother, Peach, offering encouragement, support and humour to overcome enormous challenges.

Discover the power of women working together for good. See how obstacles can become stepping stones. Laugh, cry and be inspired! ■

www.ruthvallis.com

Featured on Reader's Digest UK, Talk of Alabama on ABC, WREG News Channel 3, and Kelly and Company.

"[Ruth Vallis] astutely describes the hurdles posed by blindness and the inspiring manner in which she overcame them... A thoughtful, edifying, and moving remembrance."

—Kirkus Reviews

"Love Is Blind is an absolute delight... a remarkable picture of a remarkable life."

—Clive Thompson, author of *Coders: The Making of a New Tribe and the Remaking of the World* and contributing writer, *New York Times Magazine*

"A wonderful first book."

—Claire Jennings, film and television producer

RUTH VALLIS LIVES IN TORONTO WITH HER GUIDE DOG, DARWIN. THIS IS her first book. Written after a thirty-two year career in Physiotherapy, mainly at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute. Entertaining her patients with humorous or touching anecdotes to distract them from their pain or discomfort. Further to this end, she would not allow "organ recitals." That is what she called it when patients tried to one up each other with lists of their kidney, liver or heart ailments.

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF MY MOTHER, BLANCHE (Peach) Vallis, 1923-2011. Gone but never forgotten!!! ■

BY JOHN CHARLES CORRIGAN

LOVE ALWAYS**My Wife's Courageous Battle Against Triple-Negative Breast Cancer**

IT STARTED WITH A WORRISOME LUMP IN DONNA'S NECK. IT WAS MAY 2017. AT the time, John and Donna Corrigan were looking forward to the publication of John's debut non-fiction title about the Red Knight. John had spent twenty-four years doing meticulous research on the Royal Canadian Air Force's legendary solo-aerobatic jet performer. But, suddenly, that lump plunged the couple into a race for a diagnosis and prayers for an effective treatment.

"Love Always" chronicles the many efforts and lessons learned on a journey that consumed the Corrigan family for eighteen months. During that period, Donna endured two rounds of chemotherapy, a radical mastectomy, and twenty-five radiation treatments, followed by more radiation before she finally succumbed to Triple-Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC), a rare and aggressive form of the disease. Written with the hope of helping others on their breast cancer journey, "Love Always" lays out the challenges and hopes for couples and families facing a potentially terminal breast cancer diagnosis. It isn't pretty, but it shows there is a community of loving support, from family, friends, health care professionals and even strangers, making it possible to move through the bleakest of times with love, hope, and the knowledge that we are never alone. ■

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"A plainspoken and extensively detailed account of cancer treatment and the pain of loss... [John Charles Corrigan] adopts a journal format, meticulously recording the dates and times of doctor visits as well as correspondence between friends and family... At the end of most chapters, Corrigan includes a summary of 'Takeaways/Lessons Learned,' reflecting on his experience and offering resources for caregivers and cancer patients."

—Kirkus Reviews

JOHN AND DONNA CORRIGAN WERE MARRIED FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. HE wishes it had been longer. John wrote "Love Always" for many reasons, chief among them, to honour Donna's brave breast cancer journey. He has documented the many twists and turns of breast cancer diagnosis and treatments in the hope that Donna's story will help others facing this insidious disease. John is retired and lives on the Frankford, Ontario rural property that he and Donna loved and shared for nearly two decades. In his spare time, John works as a freelance journalist, writing articles for *Airforce Magazine* and the *Journal of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society*, among others. ■

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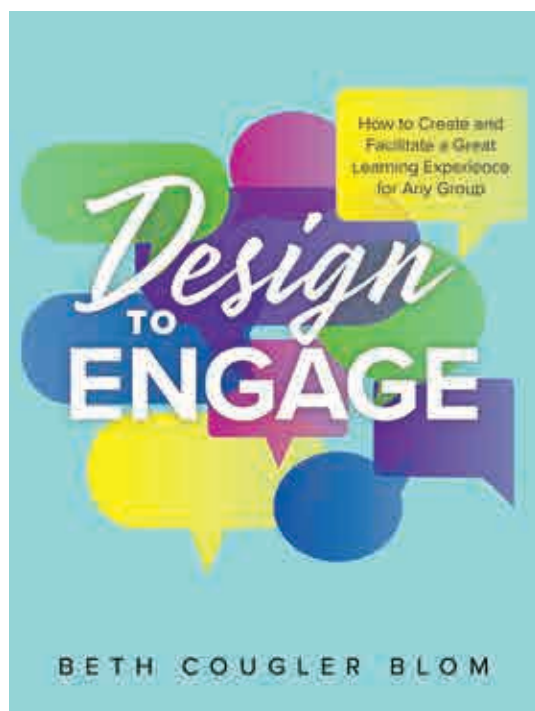
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FACILITATORS EXIST WHEREVER LEARNING HAPPENS. ANYONE WHO WORKS IN A community organization, a corporation, a government, or a healthcare environment can end up leading a workshop, running a course, or otherwise facilitating others' learning. Facilitators can also be consultants or post-secondary instructors who have been hired to lead one course or more. However, many people haven't been trained in how to facilitate learning effectively.

Design to Engage is a "how to" book that will help you become an effective designer and facilitator of learning events. You will

- learn about facilitation roles and responsibilities;
- discover what good learning experiences look like;
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- raise your awareness about how to create inclusive, comfortable environments.

Along with specific recommendations on developing the skills and strategies necessary to be an effective facilitator, you'll find priceless advice on creating participatory activities to keep learners involved, assessing participants' learning, gathering feedback about learning experiences, and how to grow your facilitation practice. The more engaging and interactive you make your learning events, the more people will actually learn from them.

Practical, accessible, and jam-packed with tools to support facilitators to create impactful learning experiences, *Design to Engage* is a revelation and an inspiration. ■

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"The orientation of the guidebook is highly practical...with illustrations of her principal points drawn from real life, and she concludes each chapter with concise summaries. A clear, practical and well-organized education handbook."

—Kirkus Reviews

"A refreshingly candid look at the challenges and important considerations involved in effective facilitation, especially useful for beginners and educators, all wrapped in a physically beautifully-designed book."

—Dave Pollard, co-author, *Group Works: A Pattern Language for Bringing Life to Meetings and Other Gatherings*

BETH COUGLER BLOM BEGAN HER CAREER AS A TRAINING COORDINATOR AND soon became a trainer and then facilitator herself, both as an employee with other organizations and through her own learning design and facilitation business, which she began in 2011. Beth has helped clients, large and small, in all sectors design and facilitate great learning experiences, face-to-face and online.

Beth has been an instructional designer for the teaching and learning centre at Royal Roads University and in the non-profit sector. She teaches learning design and facilitation in publicly-accessible courses through her own business and for select post-secondary and community environments as well as for private clients. In her work for community organizations and higher education institutions as well as for corporations, government, and healthcare, she has discovered how facilitation of learning could be and should be enhanced. Beth lives outside of Victoria, British Columbia with her husband and daughter. ■

bethcouglerblom.com

MAGICAL FORCES WITHIN

Extraordinary Discoveries in an Ordinary Life

BY RHONDA GRANT

WHAT IF YOU STARTED TO NOTICE THE MESSAGES THAT LIFE SENDS YOU? WHAT IF by paying attention to the symbols, warnings, and insights, you could solve the mysteries in your life and reveal your own destiny?

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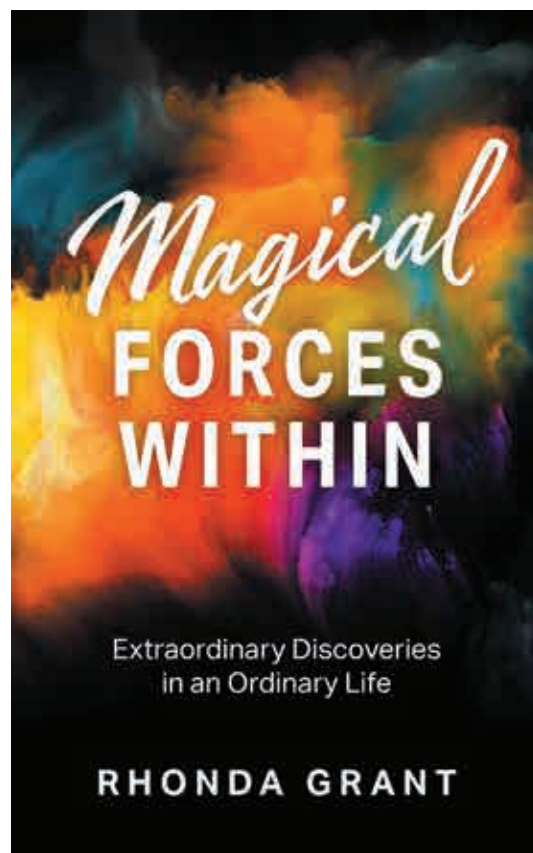
—Kirkus Reviews

*"It speaks to Rhonda Grant's nature that even when describing her near-fatal accident, the overarching tone of this book is serenity. Regardless of how unsettling many of her life-experiences have been, there is a gentleness to all of it. This speaks to a harmony within Rhonda's soul, to her highly evolved spirituality. There are a lot of chapters in here about a wide variety of her experiences, that step beyond science as we currently understand it. Rather than there being any sort of pressure to buy into any of these premises, there is instead a sense of invitation: *Come in. Look around. Does this resonate with you?* And in fact a great deal of this book resonated strongly with me. For example, once one has discarded the concept of coincidence, one is far more attuned to synchronicity. This doesn't feel terribly mystical; it's simply being more open, more aware, more present. Being present is a thread that runs through this book as well, in one form or another, and there are some very useful thoughts on effective meditation. The subtitle of this book is "Extraordinary Experiences in an Ordinary Life". On the surface, this would be Rhonda being open to what is there, but not seen, but really is the suggestion to all of us that within our ordinary lives, there is a great deal that is truly extraordinary ... if we choose to see it."*

— Jon Park-Wheeler

A JOLTING, NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE AWOKED AUTHOR RHONDA GRANT TO THE higher levels that life offers. From that moment on, she embarked on a quest to discover a more meaningful life. As she began to uncover her pathway, she realized she could help others do the same.

Rhonda Grant is a business owner, speaker, and author with a passion for teaching others how to connect with their own destinies. ■



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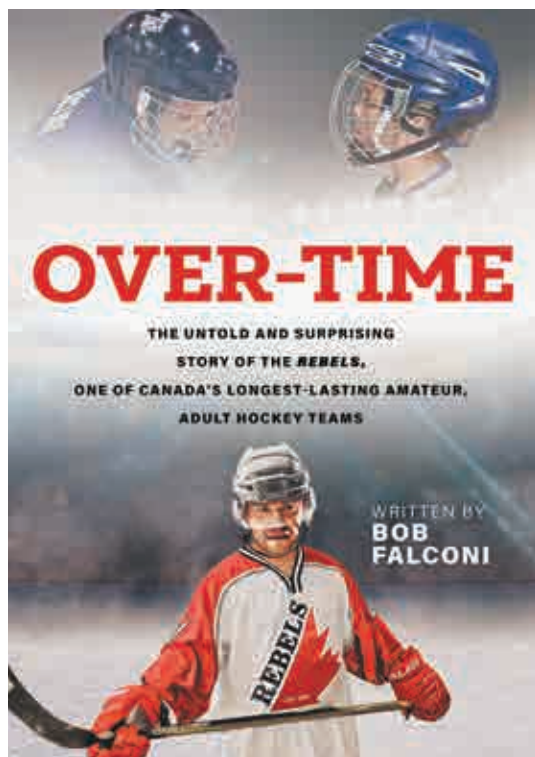
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OVER-TIME

The untold and surprising story of the Rebels, One of Canada's longest-lasting amateur, adult hockey teams

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IN TODAY'S SPORT'S WORLD, THE MODERN DAY ATHLETE HAS ATTAINED ROCK-STAR status. To those who are legends and well deserving of their status, we give accolades. All too often however, we hear about those who cheat, use illegal drugs or disrespect their fans, their teammates and the game itself. What is happening in the sports world? Does no one still play for the love of the game anymore?

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There is a group of men in Canada, who in 2019 played hockey together for 50 years. They are one of Canada's oldest non-professional, affiliate or school team in Canadian history. While they do not get paid, there is no fanfare and they do not enjoy celebrity status, they have achieved a level of distinction in hockey that, in all likelihood, will never be attained again.

Ironically, they named themselves the Rebels, and they have blazed a path where no hockey team has gone before. Just for the love of the game.

The book follows their path and delves into the elements of their success. Most adult teams of this nature last an average of three years, so what drove these guys? What motivated them? What did they have that made them so special in Canada's game? How did they compete and continue to win year after year?

It's a magical story. If you are tired of the antics of some of the modern day athletes, this is a story that needs to be heard. ■

"This book is more than hockey, but a great hockey book"

—Elliot Kerr, President of the Mississauga Steelheads JR A Hockey team

"A must read for all team players, motivating, inspirational...well done"

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"The Rebels bring out all the good in sports and played for the love of the game. They were a family. A great read"

—Harry Mellon

"This team was one of a kind and the story is incredible. The book is an analysis about what it takes to win."

—RF

BOB FALCONI, THE AUTHOR IS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL REBEL TEAM MEMBERS AND has been part of the team since 1969. He graduated from York University with a degree in English. Hockey was always a big part of his life, sharing the Canadian dream of making it to the NHL. Like most others, he never made it to the Pros but that never stopped him from playing the game he loved for over 50 years. "I was fortunate to be asked to play for the Rebels. Never in our wildest dreams, when we were eighteen years old, did we think we would still be playing together well into our sixties. This has been a great ride and a great journey. The dream of making it to the Pros was exciting but the camaraderie, friendships and life skills we developed perhaps were a bigger prize for all of us." ■

BY DAN ROCHELEAU

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IN THIS GRIPPING MEMOIR, RETIRED ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICER DAN Rocheleau shares highlights from his early life and his many years working for various departments in Ontario and Quebec. After his training at police college in Brampton and Aylmer, Ontario, Rocheleau became an undercover officer, helping to investigate and arrest criminals in outlaw motorcycle clubs and within organized-crime groups.

He uses action-packed storytelling to illustrate his dangerous and sometimes amusing experiences, from negotiating with bikers in a motel room to chasing drug smugglers by boat on the St. Lawrence River. He also takes on the darker side of law enforcement in Canada by sharing his encounters with both police corruption and political corruption.

Police work is a challenging job, with many ups and downs, and this book is an intimate look at the impact it had on Rocheleau and his family during his rewarding thirty-year career. ■

DAN ROCHELEAU SPENT THIRTY YEARS AS A POLICE OFFICER WITH THE ONTARIO Provincial Police working undercover in diverse roles for many different services in Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal. Now retired, he says he wouldn't change a thing. He lives in Sudbury, Ontario, with his wife, Cathy. ■


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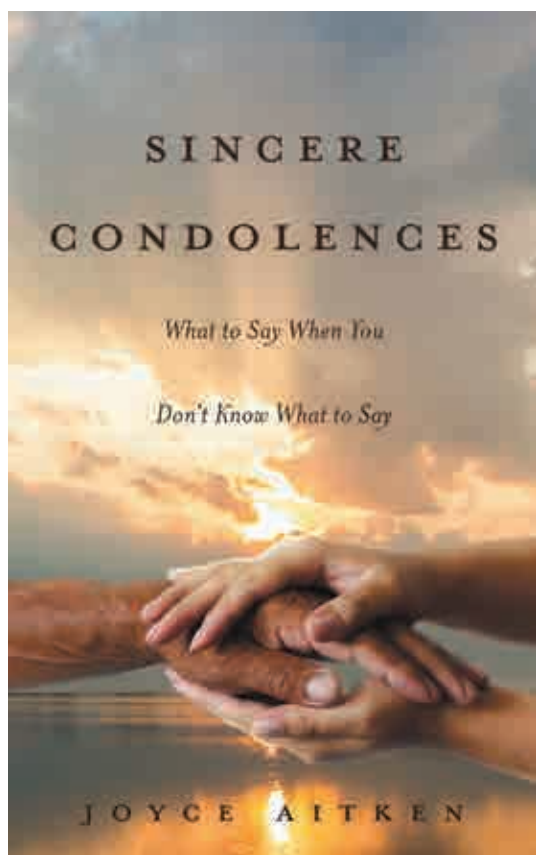
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—Sarah Donnelly, Grief Retreat Facilitator and Spiritual Director, Saskatoon, Sask. Canada

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—Rev. Richard McCorrister

JOYCE AITKEN BRINGS COMPASSION, WISDOM AND WIT TO HER WORK AS AN author, speaker and advocate for grief and mental health awareness. Since her retirement as an urban municipal CAO she volunteers at a Palliative Care unit and with a variety of grief organizations. A lifelong resident of Saskatchewan "Land of the Living Skies", she has lived in northern and southern Saskatchewan and now makes her home in Saskatoon. ■

BY JOHN B. WILLIAMS

LIFE ON THE INSIDE

One Correctional Officer's Story

THIS BOOK IS ABOUT JOHN WILLIAMS'S LIFE, AND HOW HE FACED THE MANY challenges and obstacles throughout his life. Sometimes the choices he made thought out his life, were not always in his best interest, as he would usually find himself in a place where he really didn't want to be. We are all the sum total of our life experiences. John Williams shares his unique life beginning with his tumultuous and often risky youth, military service, and a union leader culminating in his lengthy career as a Corrections Officer.

His story is mesmerizing as it is timely.

We all reflect on what makes one good or bad as we reach our senior years. John Williams knows that only quirks of fate, good luck and for the grace of God that he didn't wind up on the wrong side of the bars.

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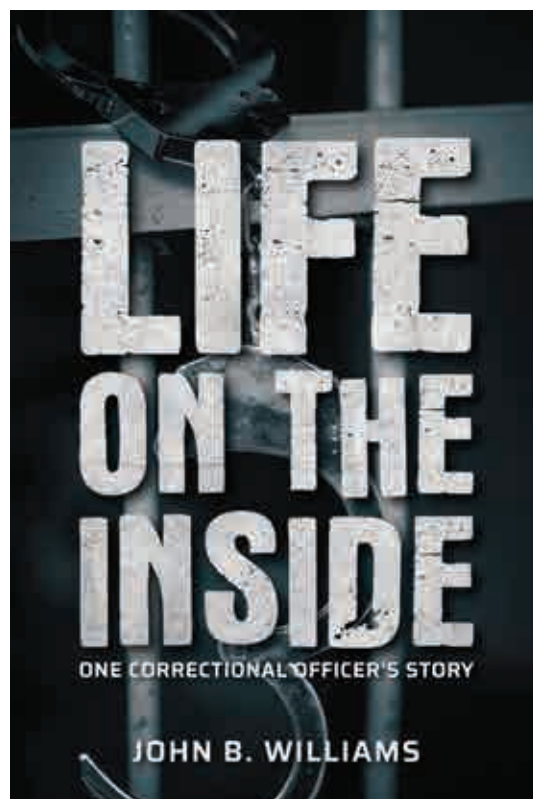
"Incredible book"

—S Kilby

BORN IN NORTH VANCOUVER BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA, TO VERN AND Sandra Williams and the eldest of two children, John Williams grew up primarily in North Vancouver and Coquitlam, British Columbia Canada.

He left school at the age of seventeen and at nineteen he joined the Canadian Armed Forces. Honorably Discharged from the Navy, he found himself employment in private security industry that eventually led him to a career in law enforcement. At the early age of twenty-one, he found himself working as a guard at the once highly publicized British Columbia Penitentiary in New West Minster British Columbia.

For thirty-six years he worked for the Correctional Service of Canada, this book is about his experience as a front line Federal Correctional officer, and the challenges that they face day to day. ■



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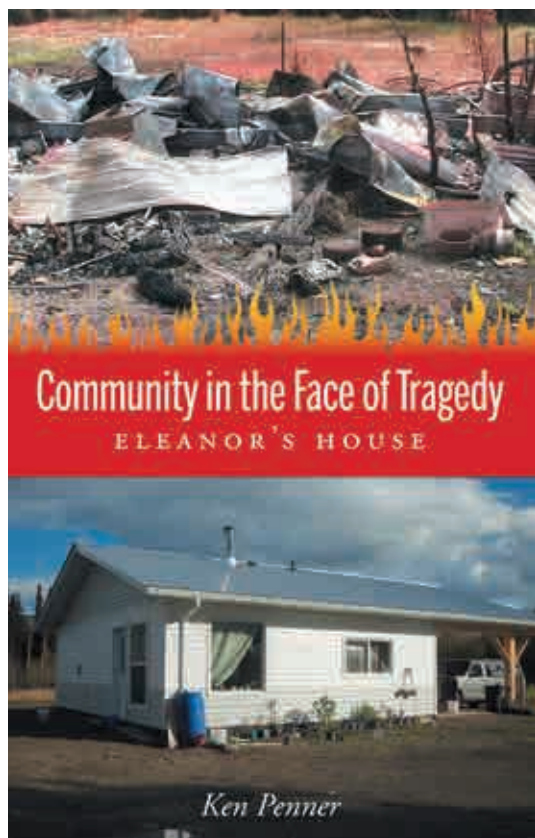
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A SHORT, CONCISE, YET POWERFULLY INSPIRATIONAL BOOK, *COMMUNITY IN THE Face of Tragedy: Eleanor's House* takes readers on a journey of humanitarian care and practical living out of the gospel. In a world that can seem overwhelmingly unkind at times, this true story will rekindle hope and remind readers that we all have to take care of each other.

Ken Penner relates the true story of Eleanor, an older lady who lives alone in the Bulkley Valley in northwestern British Columbia. Tragically, a fire destroys her home, and the lack of insurance coverage and government aid threaten to leave her destitute. But when her compassionate neighbours decide to rise to Jesus Christ's challenge to "do unto others," miracles start to occur, and God's provision proves to be astounding.

Those associated with Eleanor's house will cherish this record of memories, and those who only meet her in its pages will be encouraged to step out in faith and bless their neighbours too. A wonderful testimony to the power and love of God working through His people! ■

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KEN PENNER RESIDES IN THE BEAUTIFUL BULKLEY VALLEY OF NORTHWESTERN BRITISH Columbia, Canada. He is happily married; he and his wife Eunice have three children and six grandchildren.

Ken had the honour of being a small part of the amazing work of God expressed through the response of a compassionate community, as recorded in the pages of this book. Though he recorded the events with pen and ink, God is the true Authour. May all the glory go to God and Him alone!

Ken enjoys writing, is a regular contributor to local newspapers and has written numerous articles for other publications over the years. This is his first book to be published. ■

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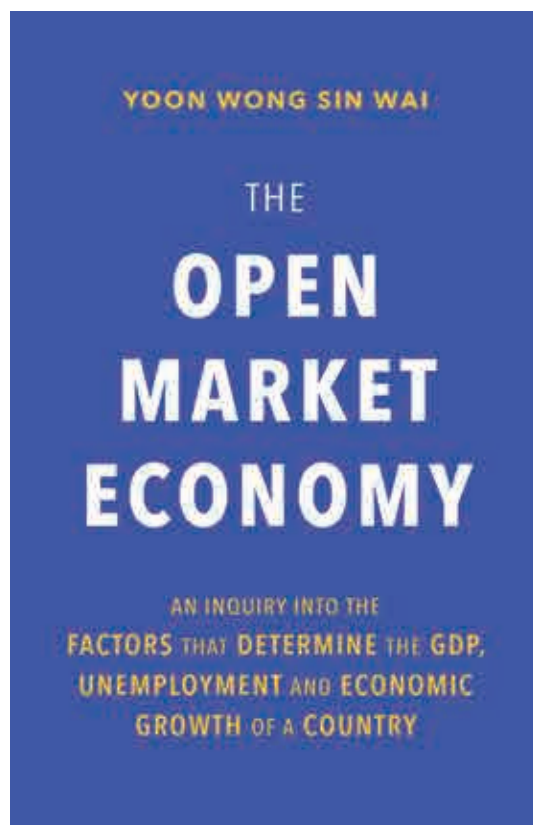
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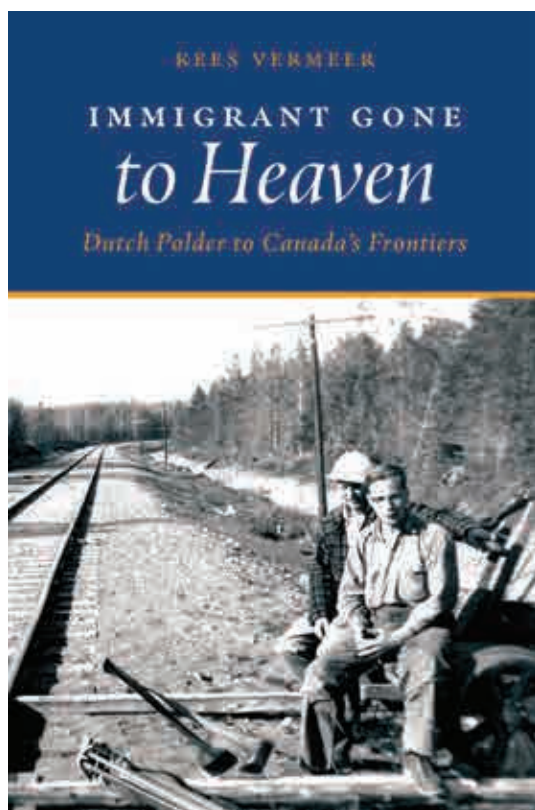
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IN 1930, KEES VERMEER WAS BORN IN NOORDELOOS, A SMALL VILLAGE IN THE Dutch polder, where he acquired his first interest in birds and nature. Kees was almost ten when the Nazis invaded Holland, where at one time his family was forced to share their home with a German tank crew. He also witnessed the historic surrender of the German army in his hometown Gorinchem.

In 1954, Kees immigrated to Canada, where after a few months of farming, he accepted any jobs available to him until he realized he needed more education. He enrolled at the University of British Columbia (BC) in 1956, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology and Zoology in 1959, and a Master of Science degree in Zoology in 1963.

For his Master thesis, he studied the nesting biology of Glaucous-winged Gulls on Mandarte Island, a small rocky islet near Sidney along the BC coast. Even though his thesis was published in an obscure provincial museum series, it became a Citation Classic. Kees completed his doctorate in Zoology at the University of Alberta in 1967. As a research scientist for the Government of Canada, Kees studied the ecology of fresh water and marine bird populations. He also investigated the effects of changes in seawater temperatures; that of pesticides, mercury and oil pollution; and habitat destruction and predation on aquatic birds.

Kees presently lives with his wife Rebecca in North Saanich on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. In his retirement, he enjoys bird watching, gardening, history and travel. In his eighties, he began writing short stories for his family in the Netherlands, which eventually culminated in his autobiography, *Immigrant Gone to Heaven*. ■

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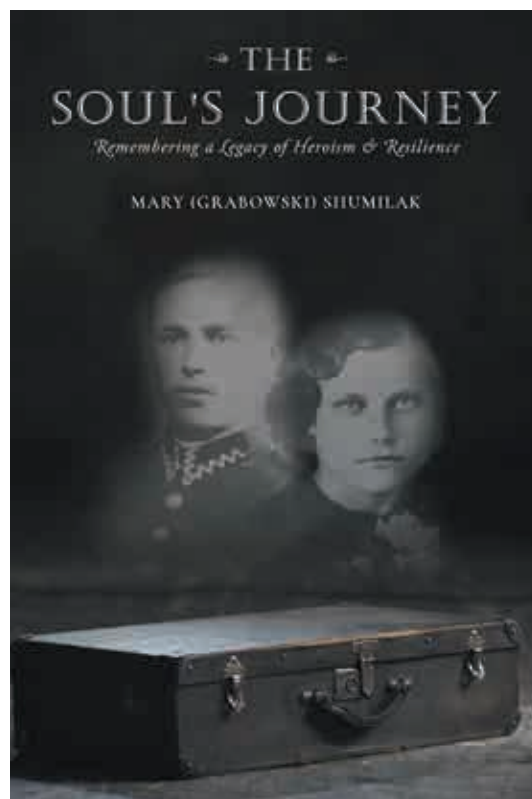
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AFTER GROWING UP IN HER HOMETOWN OF SELKIRK, MANITOBA, MARY (Grabowski) Shumilak earned her Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Winnipeg, majoring in English, History, and Psychology, and later, a certificate in Adult Education from St. Francis Xavier University. Mary and her husband, Tony, have lived in Saskatoon for the last eight years of their thirty-nine-year marriage. They have previously lived in various communities throughout Saskatchewan, where they raised their two sons, Reagan and Geoff, and where Mary spent twenty-nine years as an elementary school teacher.

After retiring from teaching, Mary worked in professional development and instructional coaching for several years before retiring for good in 2018. Since then, she has enjoyed reading nonfiction, keeping up with politics, taking university continuing studies courses, joining writing groups, staying active and spending time with her husband and their sons' growing families, which include daughters-in-law, Marla and Vivien and grandchildren Ryker and Elly. ■



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Sherri lives in Innisfil, Ontario, with William, the love of her life. ■

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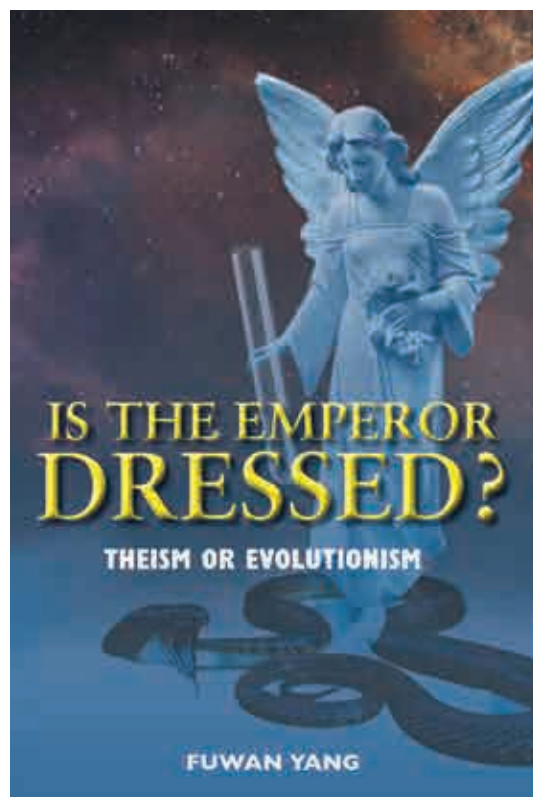
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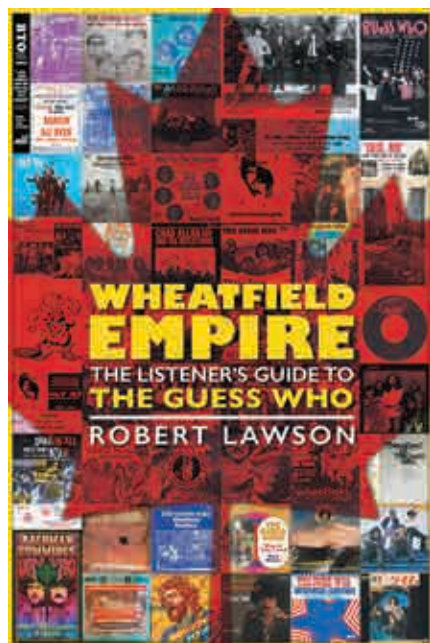
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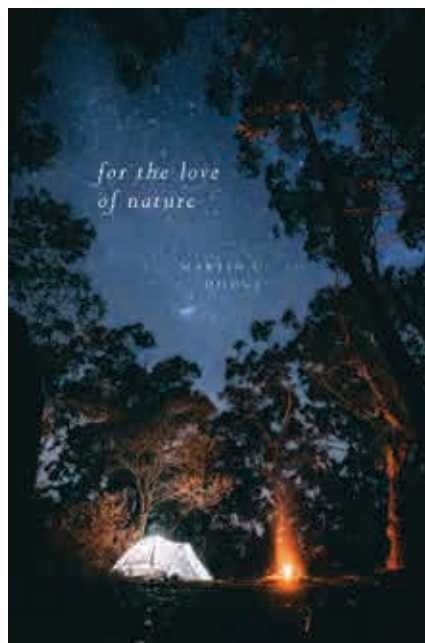
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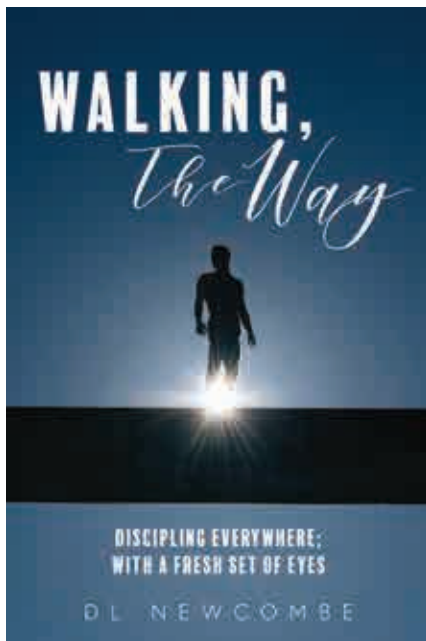
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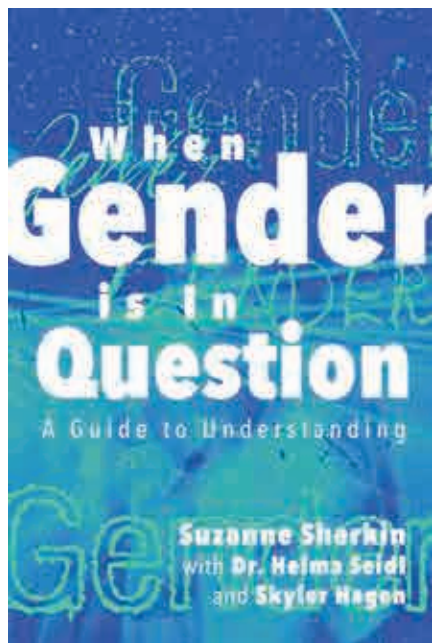
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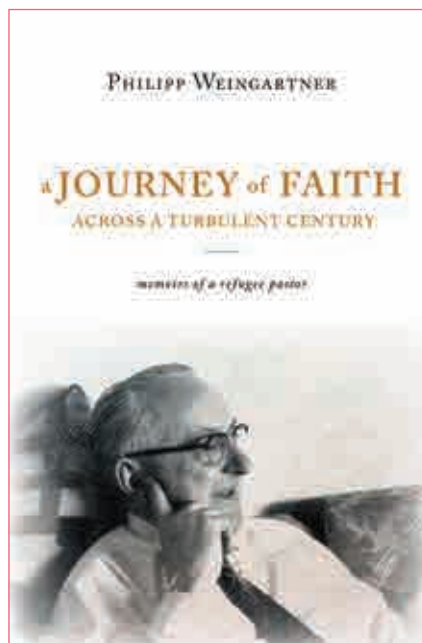
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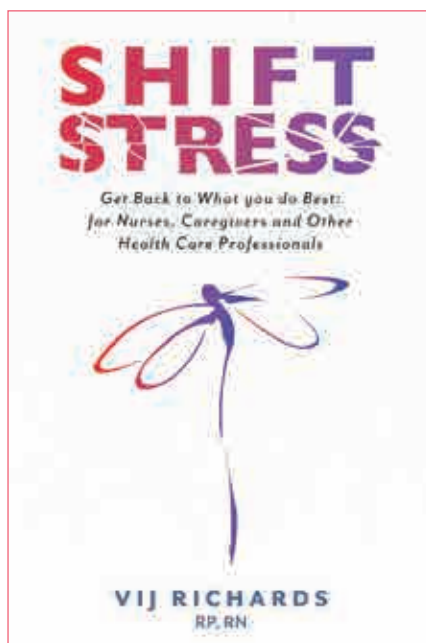
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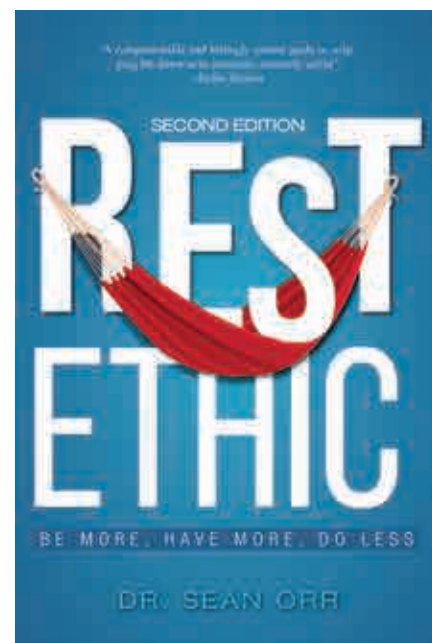
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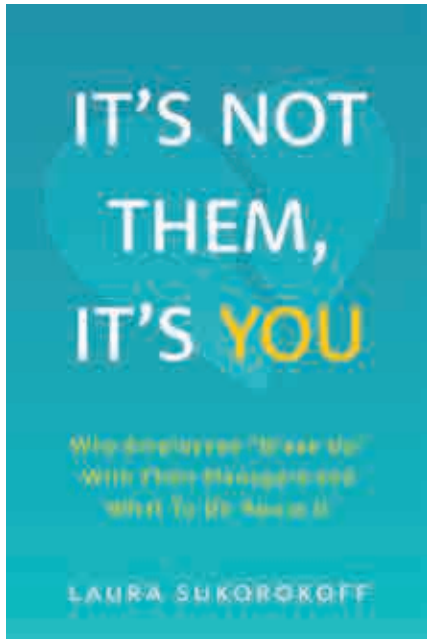
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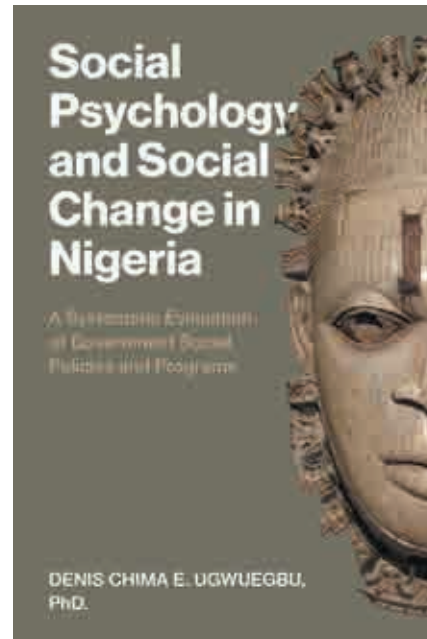
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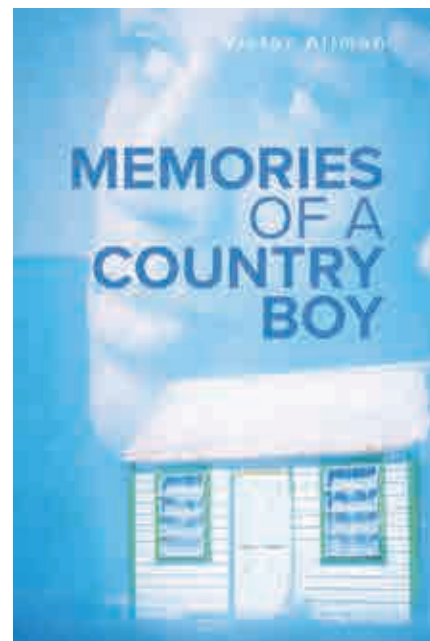
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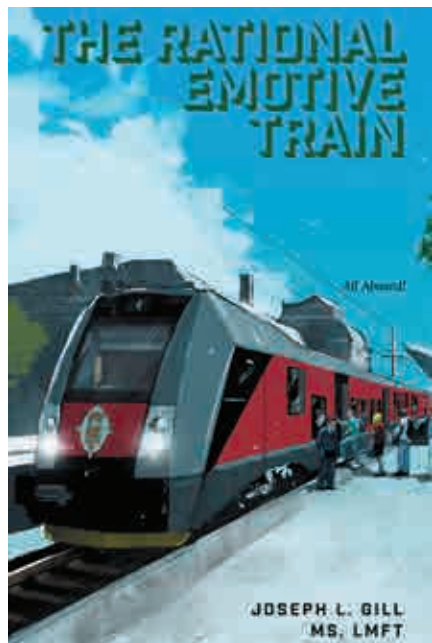
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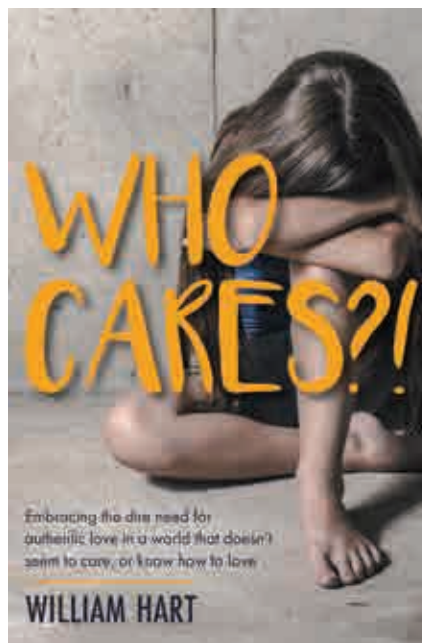
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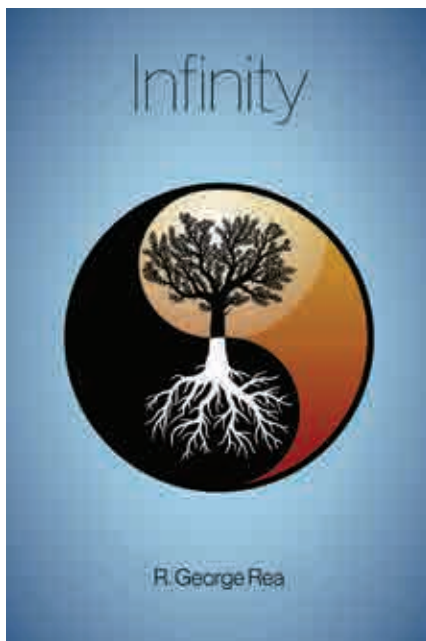
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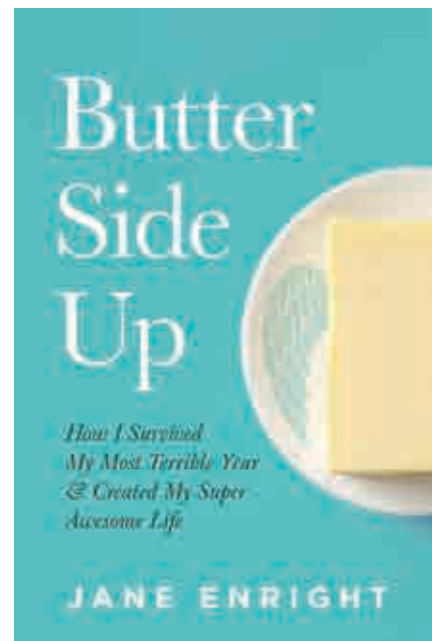
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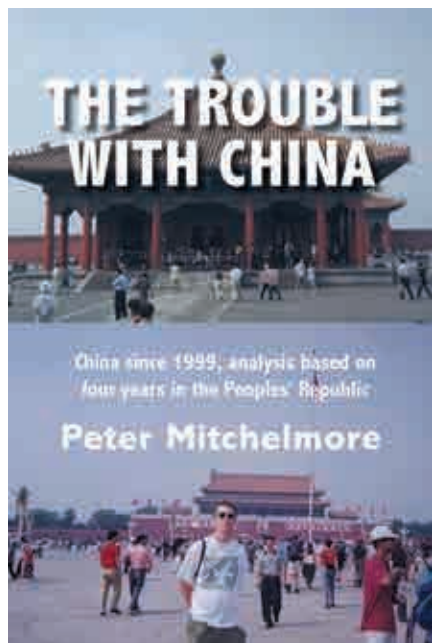
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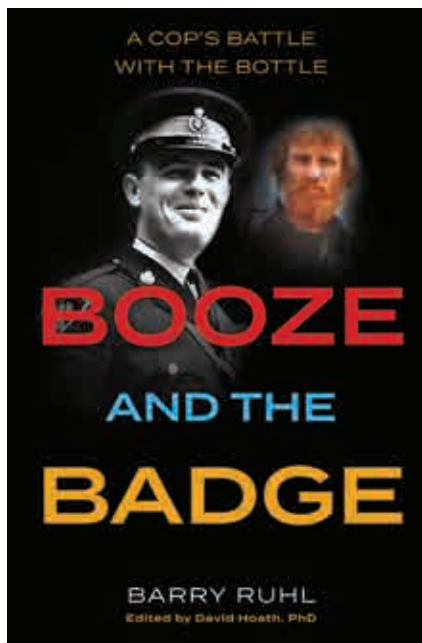
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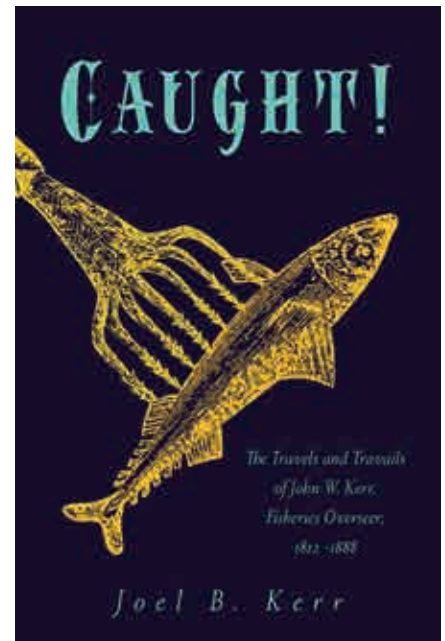
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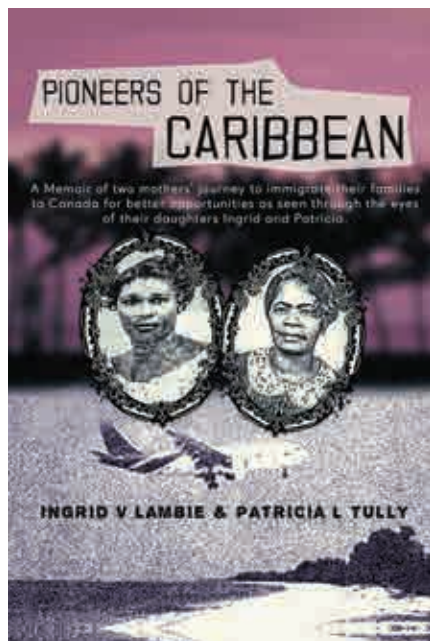
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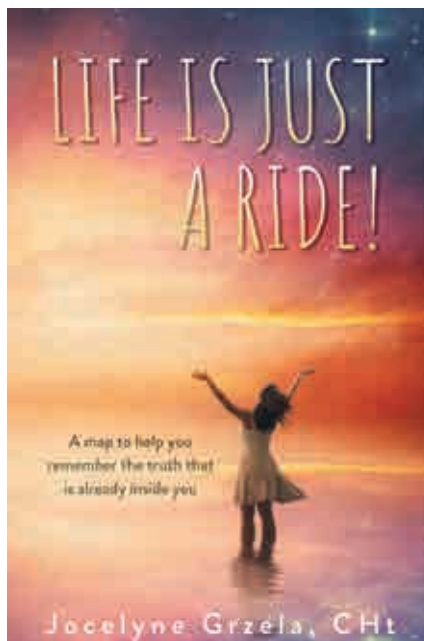
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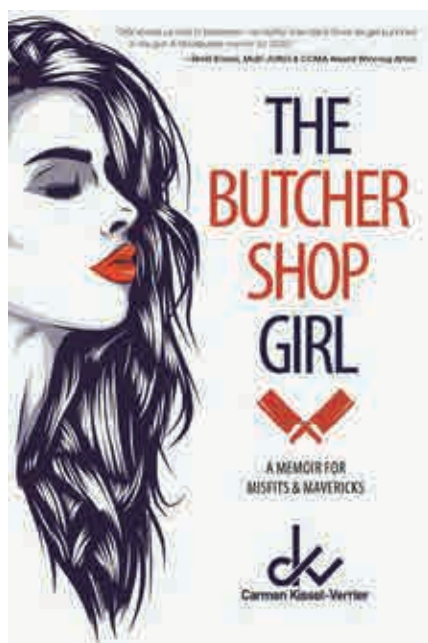
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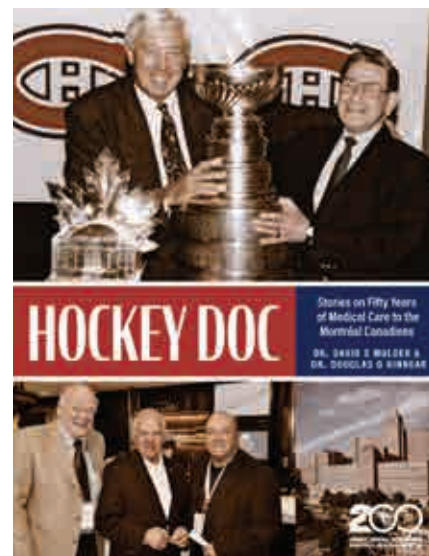
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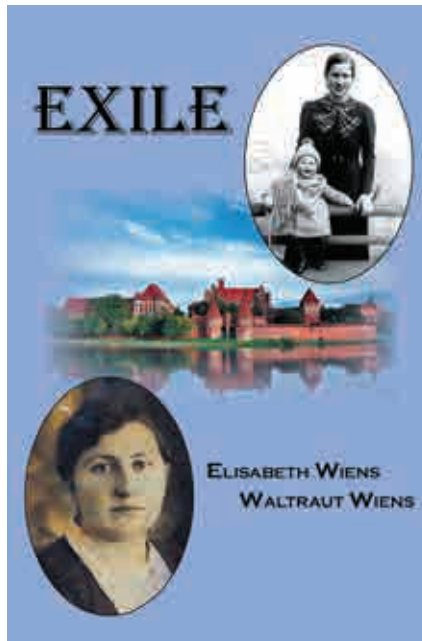
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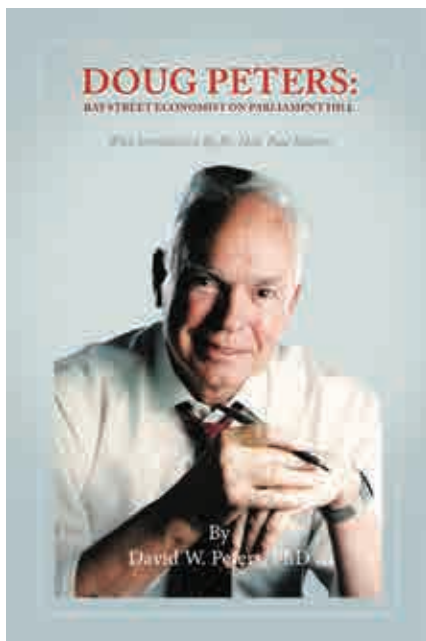
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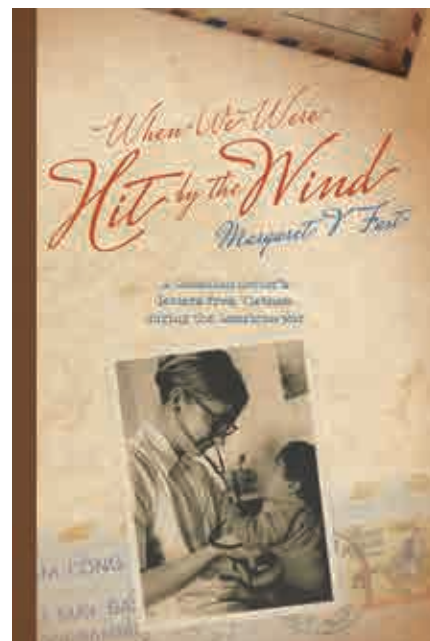
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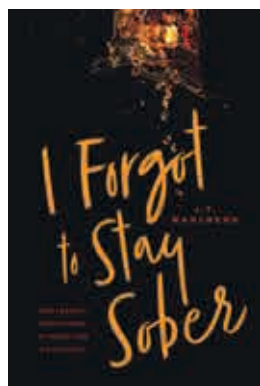
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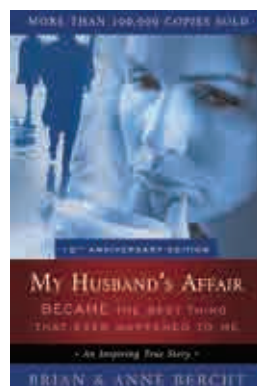
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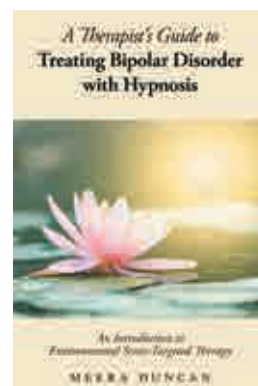
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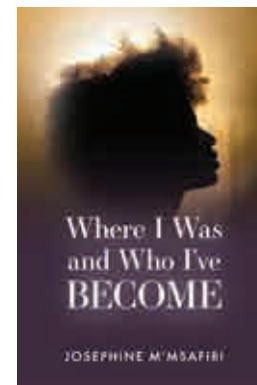
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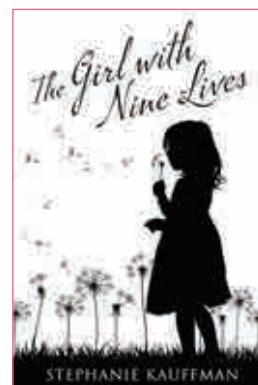
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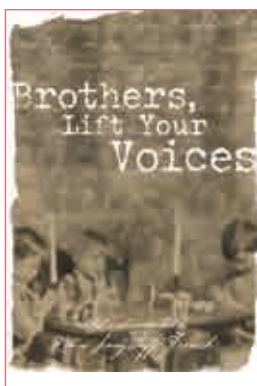
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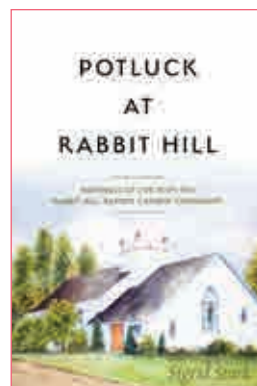
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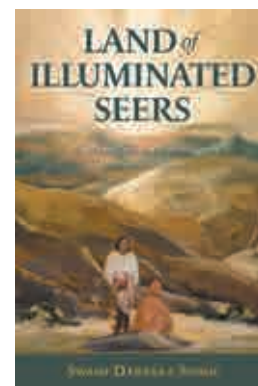
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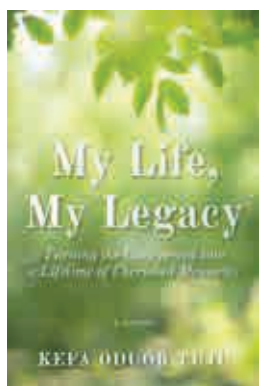
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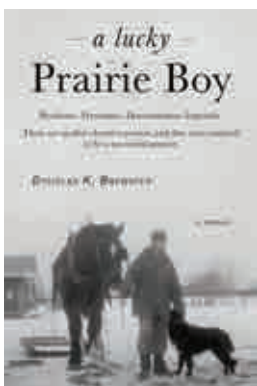
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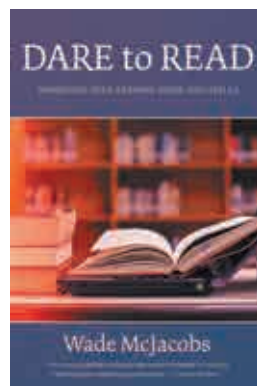
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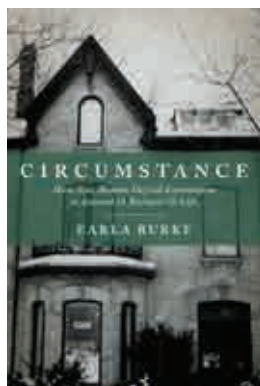
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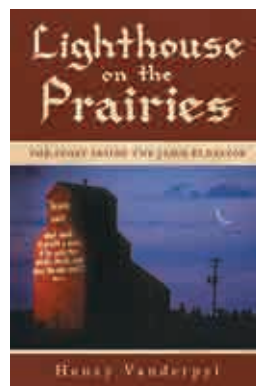
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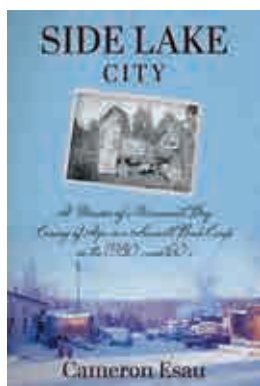
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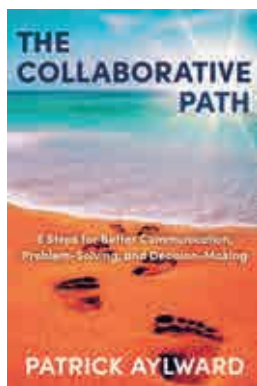
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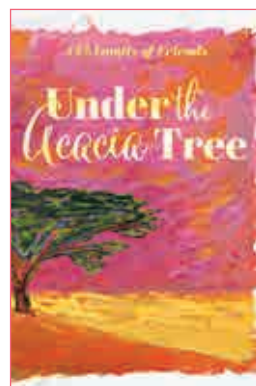
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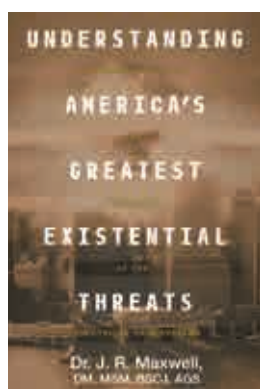
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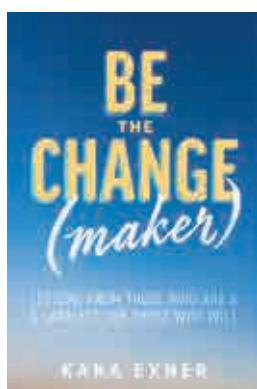
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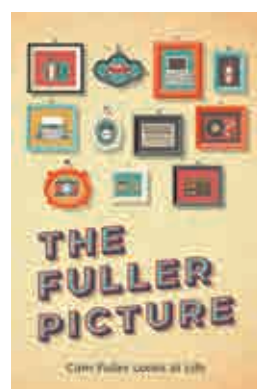
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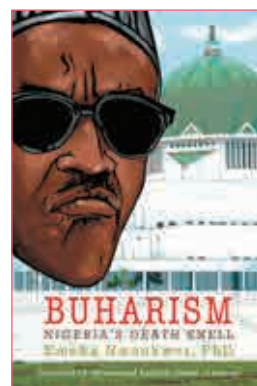
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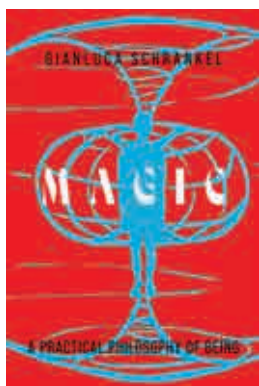
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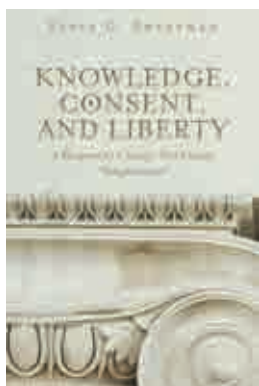
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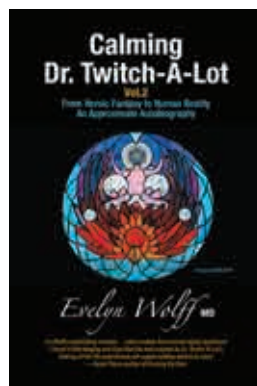
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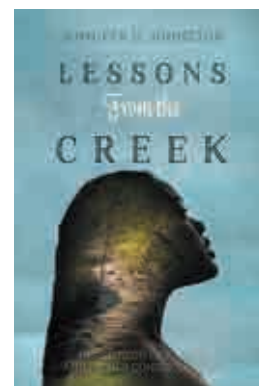
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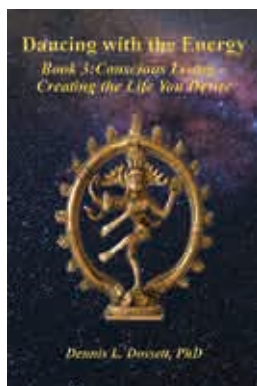
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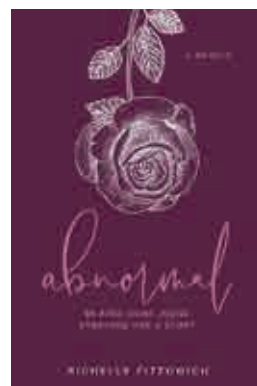
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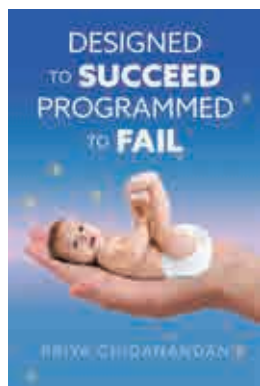
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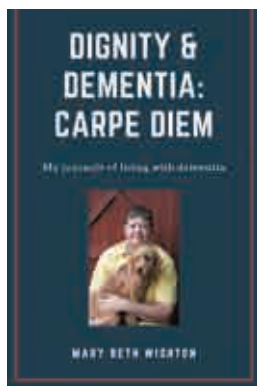
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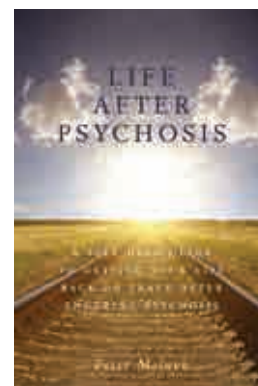
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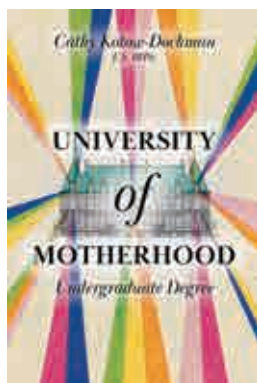
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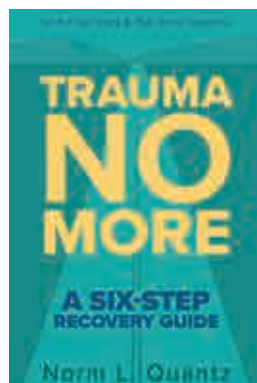
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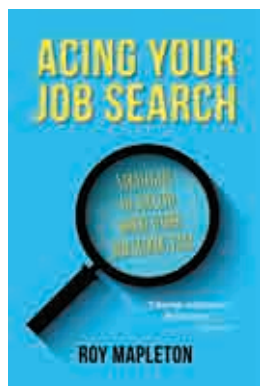
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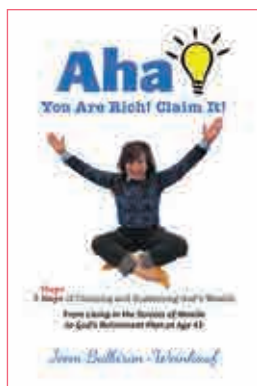
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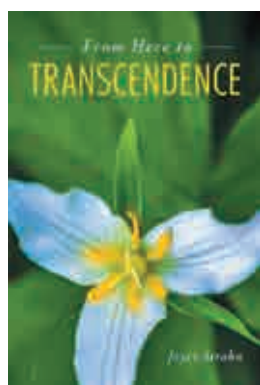
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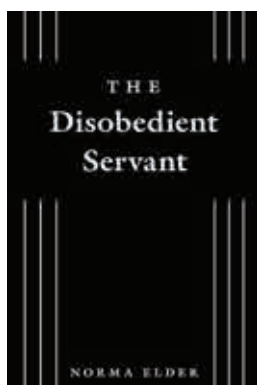
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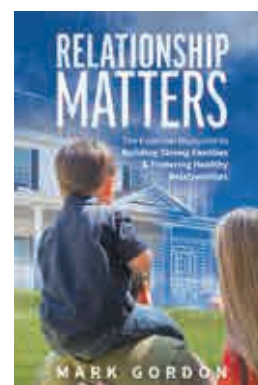
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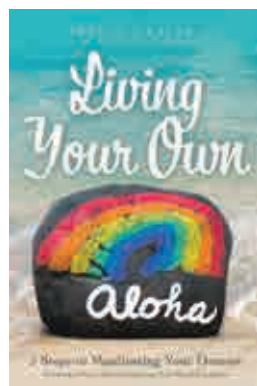
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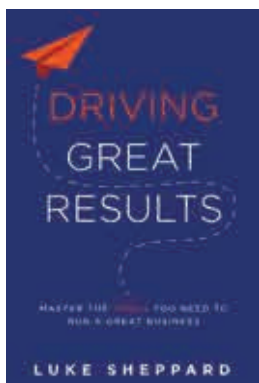
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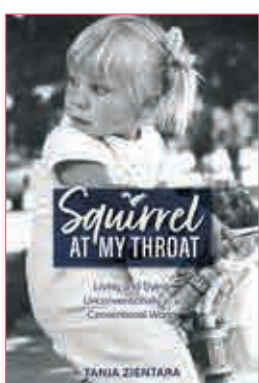
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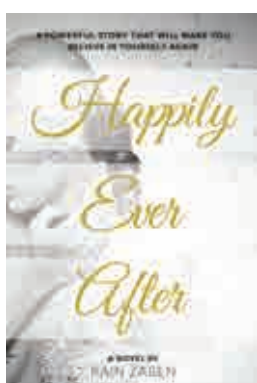
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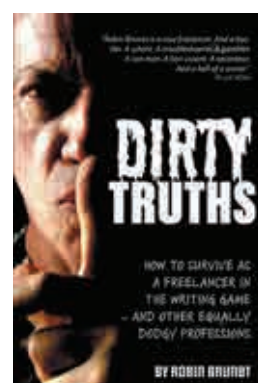
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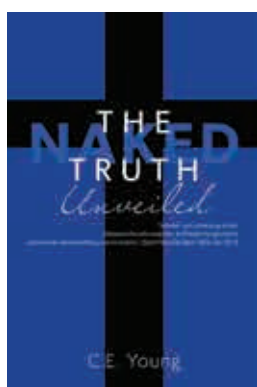
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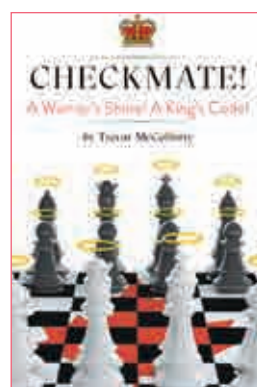
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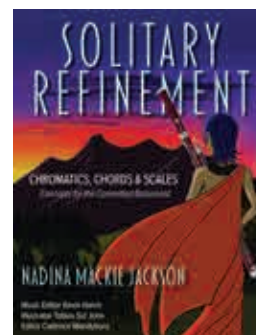
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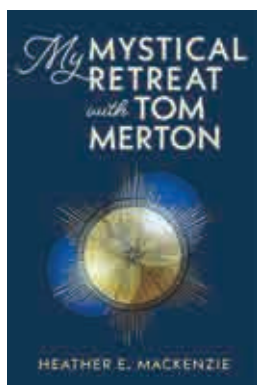
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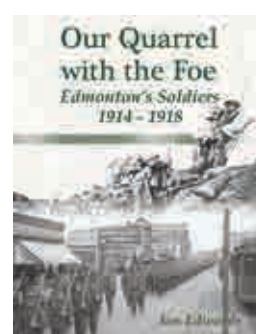
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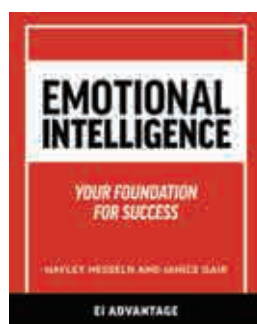
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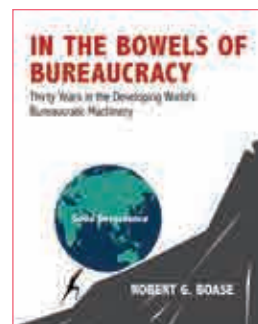
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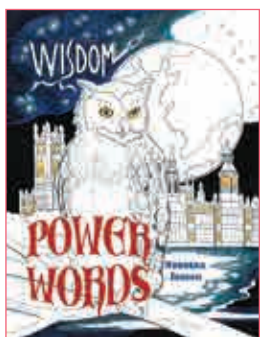
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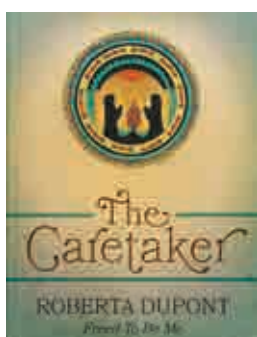
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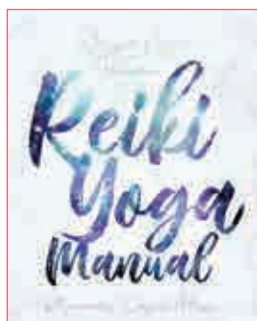
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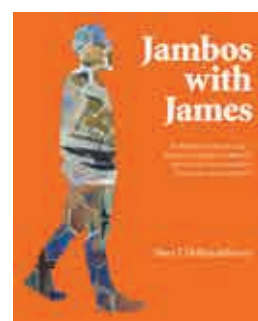
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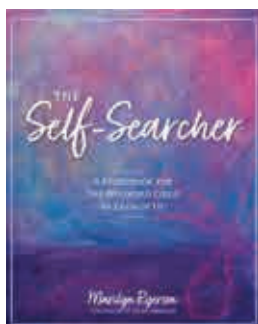
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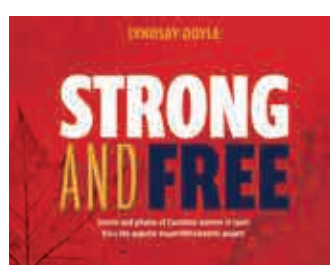
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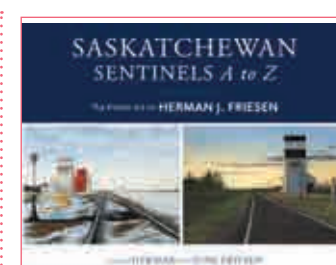
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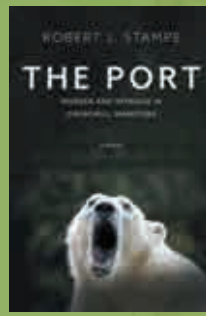
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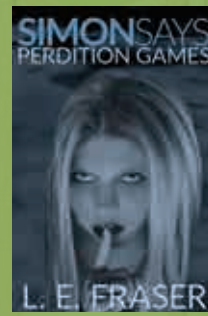
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Lily discovers she has magic in her being when she hears whispers coming from an old book. Maybe now she'll be able to fix her broken life. Blaming Henry for her family's misery, Lily plans to use her newfound power to uncover Henry's dark past and banish him forever. When she visits her aunt's cabin in Nakusp, her abilities intensify, and Lily begins to lose control.

With magic in Lily's bones, and ancestral trauma in the long line of women before her, Lily teeters on the edge of chaos while running out of time. She must learn—with the forest as her loving but neutral guide—the cost of hatred, the nature of healing, and the delicate balance between saving her loved ones and saving herself. ■

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VALERIE DUNSMORE IS A CANADIAN WRITER WHO STUDIED CREATIVE WRITING AT Kwantlen College, and graduated from the journalism program at Grant MacEwan College. Deeply inspired by nature, as well as her children, *Rabbit, Rabbit, Rabbit* is Valerie's first publication. She is working on her second novel and resides in Calgary, Alberta. ■

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K., AN ANTI-WAR ADVOCATE, STUDIED ENGLISH, RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY AT University of Toronto and has written fiction for years, publishing several stories in literary magazines. *Resistance, Revolution and Other Short Stories* is K.'s first book. K. lives in Malton, Ontario, Canada, with their spouse, five children, an American Wirehair cat and a Quaker parrot.■



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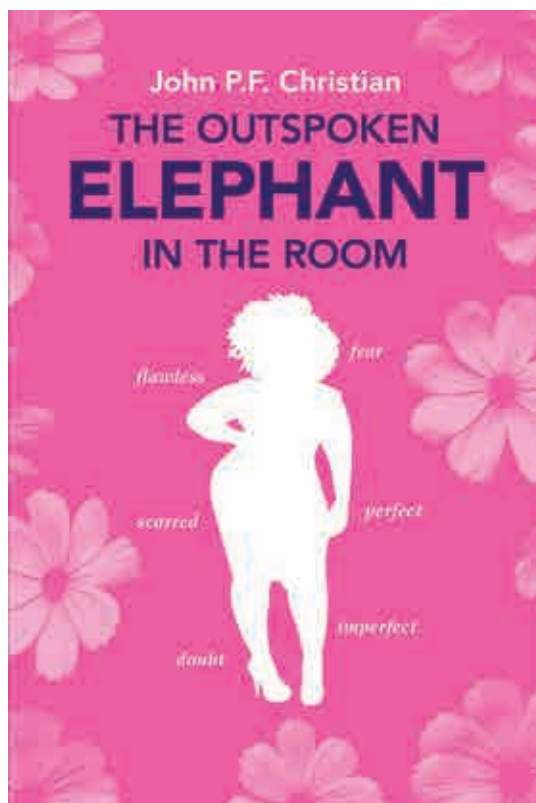
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JOHN CHRISTIAN MUCH LIKE PATRICIA HAS GONE THROUGH MUCH TURMOIL IN life! Although I am not overweight nor have I ever been! I am no stranger to emotional and physical trauma suffered by the hands of my parents and fellow peers. One thing I never did was hang my head or complain too tough about my many ordeals! I always just kept fighting the good fight! Somehow knowing that my perseverance would one day pay off! I am not a college graduate nor did I attend Harvard; but I always had drive and ambition. That being said I hope you enjoy reading this book as much as I enjoyed writing it! ■

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T.J. CORMAN IS PASSIONATE ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF GIRLS AND WOMEN. SHE fervently believes that contrary to our culture's obsession with youth, women should not be defined by or held back by their age. She felt the need to tell a story of strong, vibrant, beautiful women who are exceptional because of their age, not in spite of it, and yes they also have fulfilling love lives! She is a living example that life begins at fifty. T.J. is active in her community. If she is not hiking along a forested trail, she is cycling down a country lane. Friends who are lucky enough to catch up with her can enjoy a homemade gourmet meal at her table. Her zeal for life is contagious. When not hiking or cooking, she splits her time pursuing her other greatest passions: writing and travelling. T.J. currently lives in British Columbia, Canada, with the two loves of her life, her husband and her dog. ■



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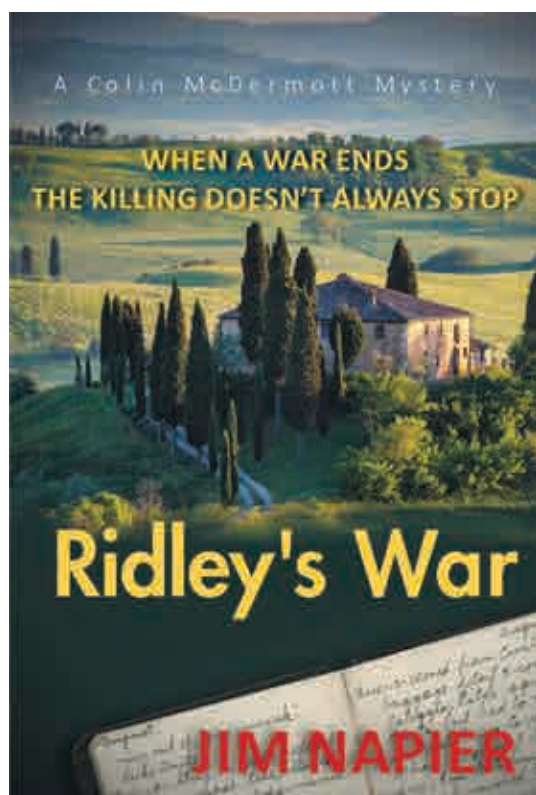
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AN UNAPOLOGETIC ANGLOPHILE, JIM NAPIER HAS SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN the UK dating from 1987. After a successful academic career that included teaching crime fiction and creative writing, he turned to writing full time. Since then he has published over six hundred reviews, interviews and articles about crime writers, both in print and on multiple review websites. Along with such notable authors as Louise Penny, Peter James, Sophie Hannah, Simon Brett, Marcia Talley and Rhys Bowen, he contributed to an anthology on the craft of crime writing titled *Now Write! Mysteries* published by Tarcher/Penguin. *Legacy*, the first novel in the Colin McDermott Mystery Series, was published in 2017; *Ridley's War* is the second novel in the series. The third, *Family Matters*, is slated for release in 2020. ■

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JOSIE MOUNSEY STUDIED RUSSIAN POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC HISTORY and the United Nations Human Rights Treaties in Graduate School. She has also conducted extensive research into human trafficking networks and the lives of ordinary Russians in the late twentieth century. In her first novel, she brings her knowledge to life in a suspenseful, moving narrative that will leave her audience anxious to read the sequel.

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JAMES WAS BORN IN TORONTO AND GRADUATED FROM YORK UNIVERSITY IN 1978. Over the next thirty years he was a successful Chartered Life Underwriter and financial advisor. Shortly after his beloved wife Regina passed away, after almost fifty years together, James retired to begin his career as a novelist. *From Promise to Peril* is the first of three books in a Trilogy in which he brings his amazing fictional characters to life by creatively weaving them throughout actual historical events. He now resides in Milton, Ontario close to his daughter, her husband and their three young children. ■

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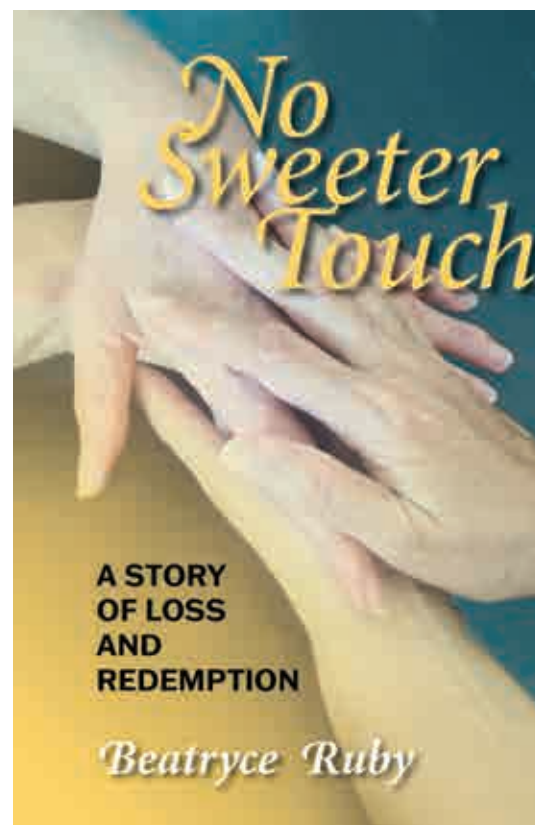
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BEATRYCE RUBY HAS BEEN AN INTERNATIONAL BED AND BREAKFAST OPERATOR IN Alaska and an English teacher in California. She has survived a hot air balloon crash in the Mojave Desert, an over the cliff and down the mountain auto crash in the Tehachapi Mountains, and a ski crash in Devil's Head, Wisconsin. When enjoying a more tranquil life on terra firma, she writes engrossing adult stories, fanciful children's stories, ruminative poetry, inspirational vignettes, and arresting short stories.

Receiving her BA from California State University, Los Angeles, studying Romance languages and linguistics at UCLA, she completed her teacher training through the University of San Diego. Now living in the Southeast, she observes the sprawling natural surroundings and the madding crowd. With these as her inspiration, she derives fresh ideas for new stories. ■



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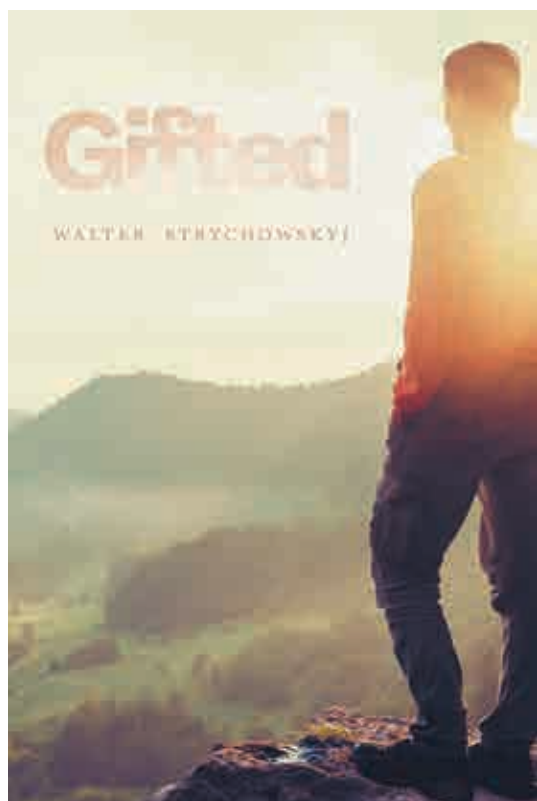
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WALTER STRYCHOWSKYJ IS A RETIRED CAB DRIVER. FOR OVER 30 YEARS HE HAS been trying to write a novel. He started to write many novels but was never able to complete any of them. When Walter retired he started to write a novel. This time he had enough time and perseverance to complete writing his first novel. Walter lives with his wife in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.■

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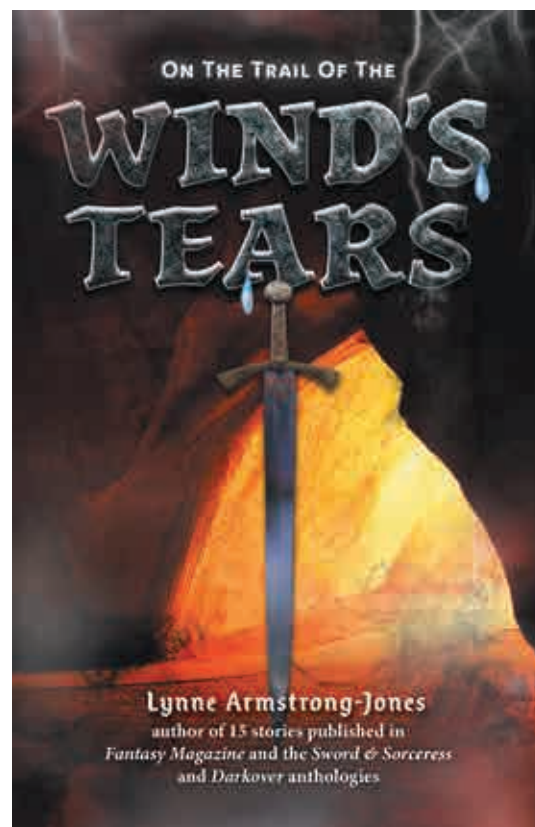
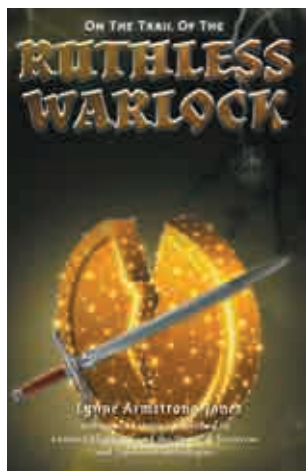
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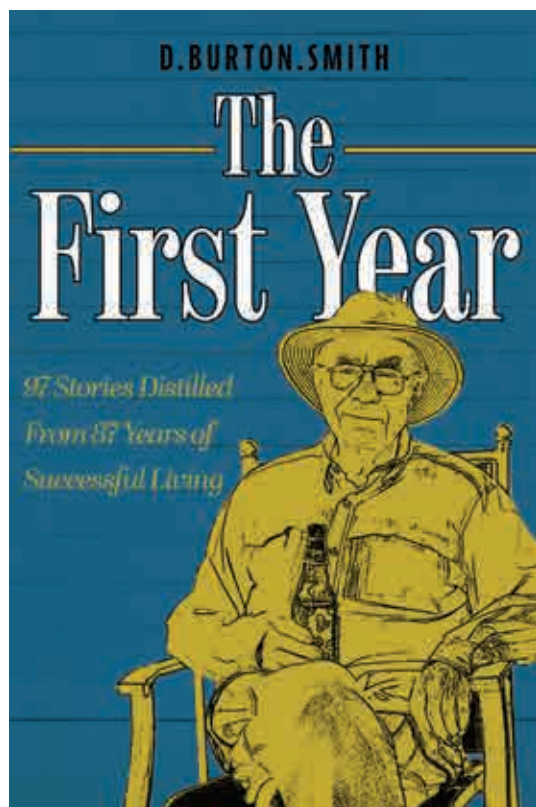
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Don has six children, fourteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren (and counting). He lives in Elora, Ontario, with a longtime friend and new life-partner, Carol Eliza.■

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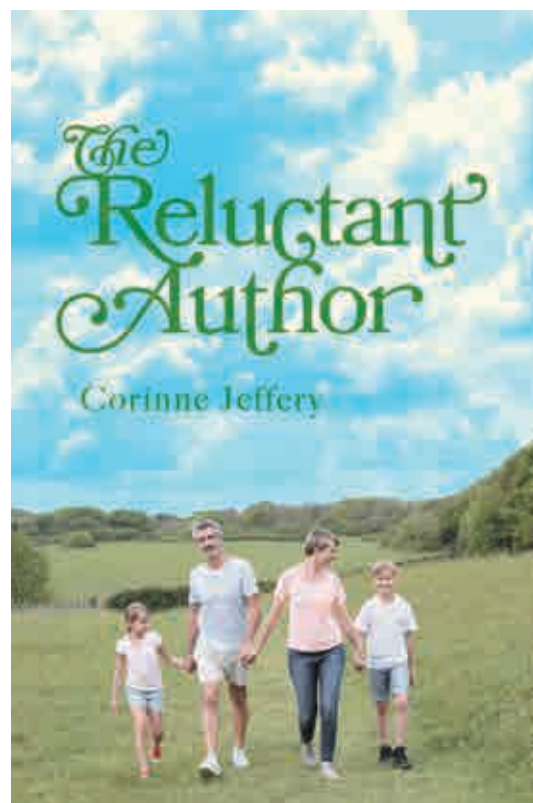
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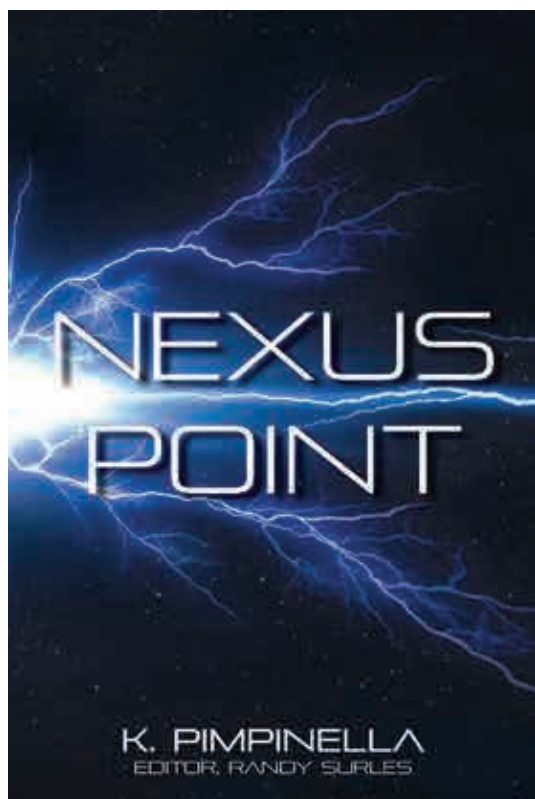
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K. PIMPINELLA HAS BEEN A PARAMEDIC FOR TWENTY YEARS, AND SHE WAS A trooper in the Canadian Queen's York Rangers. A lifelong fan of science fiction, she has been writing since she was old enough to read.

She lives in a log cabin surrounded by forest and a farm in Tiny, Ontario, where she can see the night stars, along with her husband, Robert, and their three dogs, Jackson, Dallas and Thor. *Nexus Point* is the first novel in the Time Ranger series. ■

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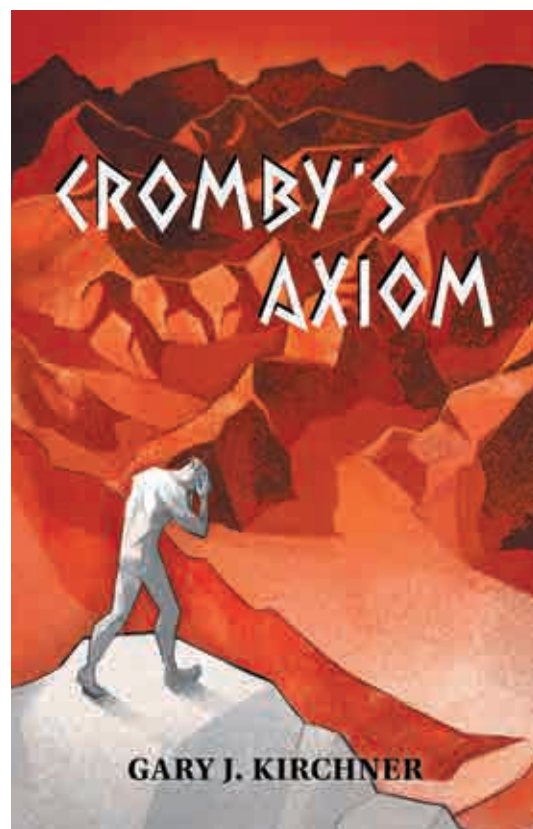
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GARY KIRCHNER STUDIED PHYSICS AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE ALSO played football and subsequently coached. His academic interests are sports biomechanics and astrophysics. As a professor at John Abbott College, he was awarded La Mention d'honneur de l'Association québécoise de pédagogie collégiale for teaching excellence. He is also a recipient of Football Canada's Gino Fracas Award. He lives in Montreal, Quebec. *Cromby's Axiom* is his first published novel. ■



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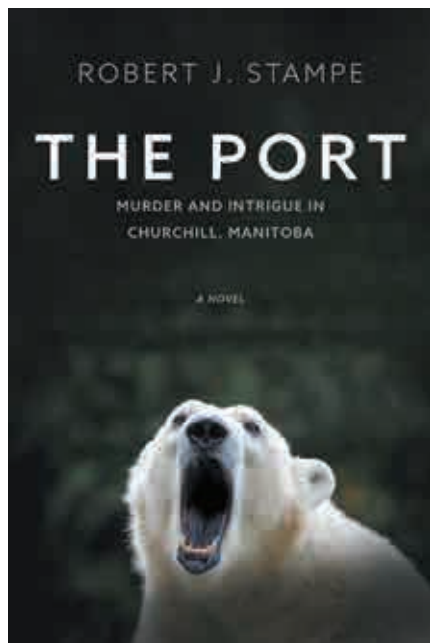
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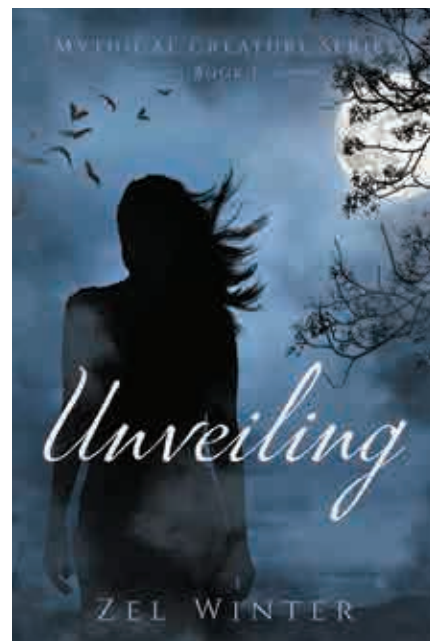
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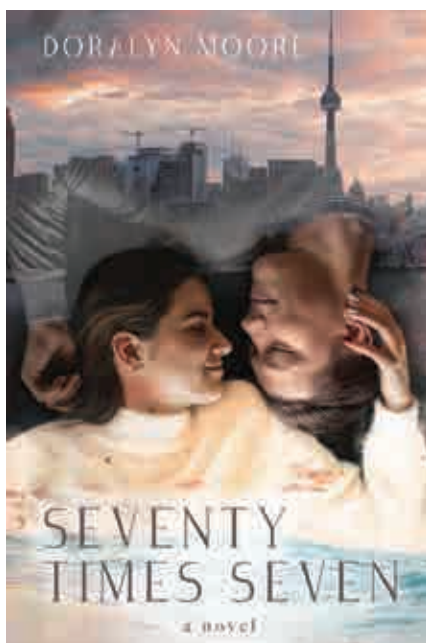
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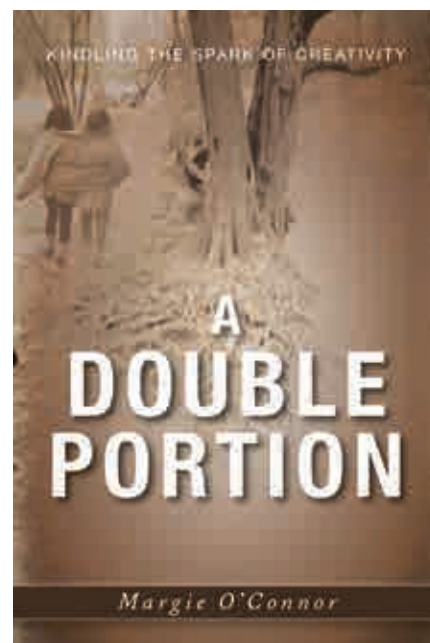
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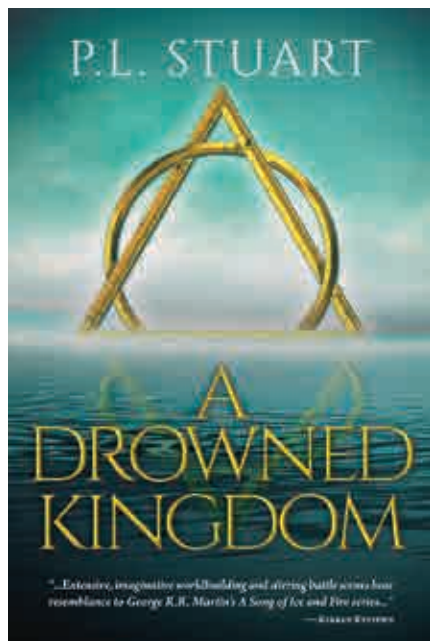
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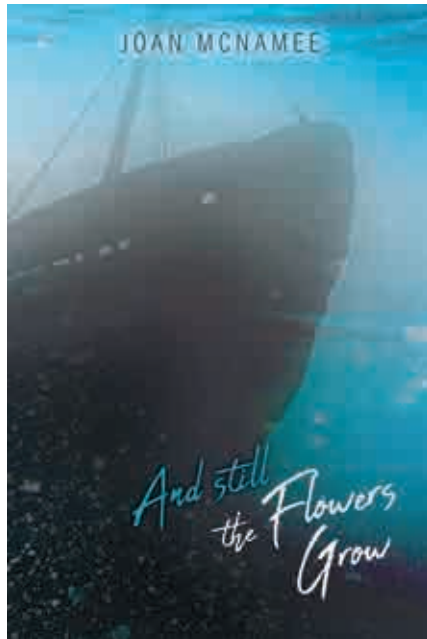
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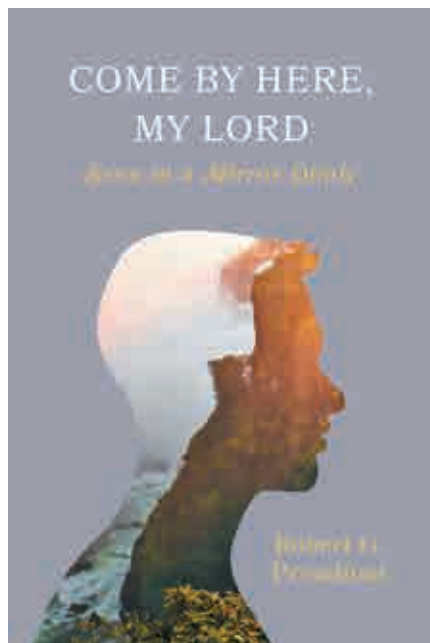
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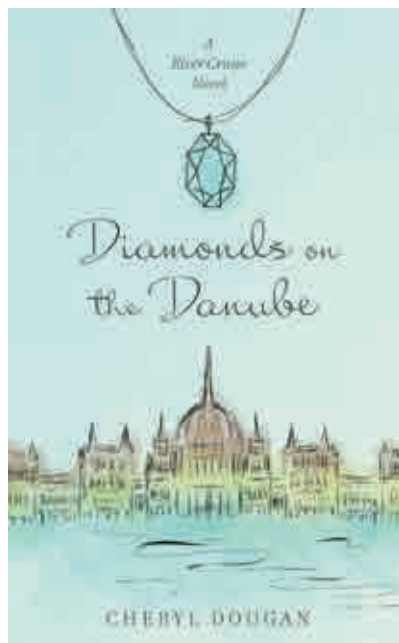
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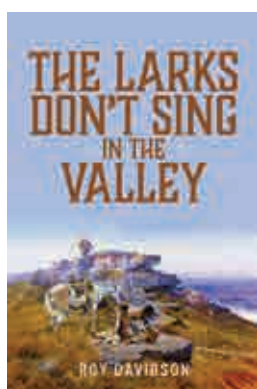
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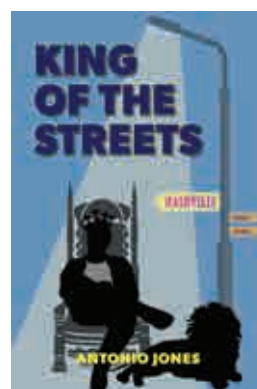
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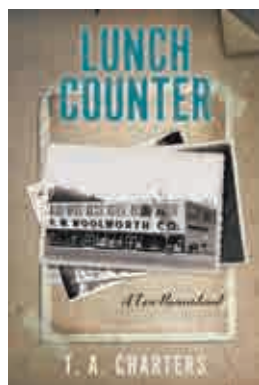
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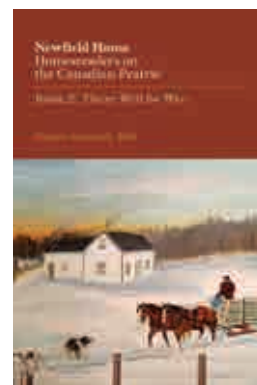
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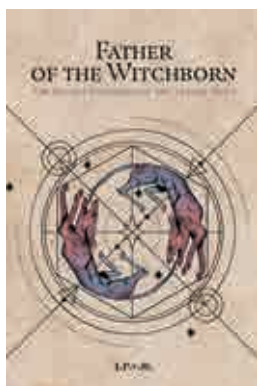
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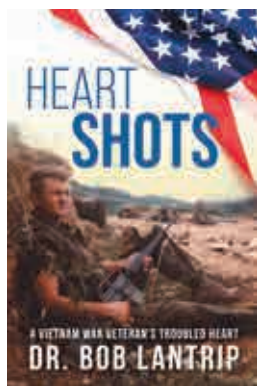
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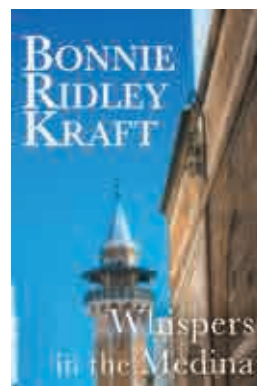
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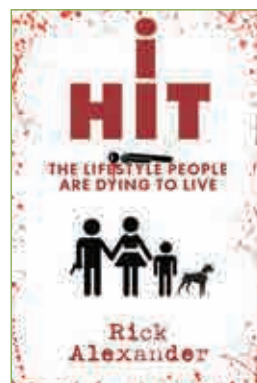
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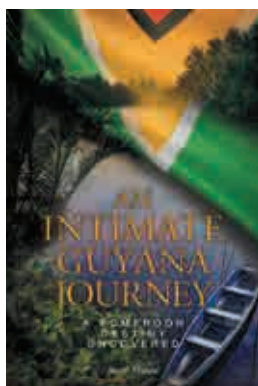
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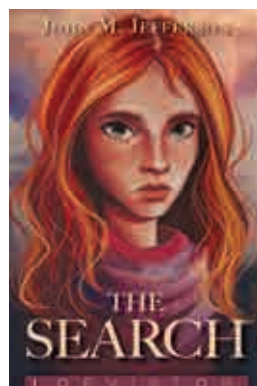
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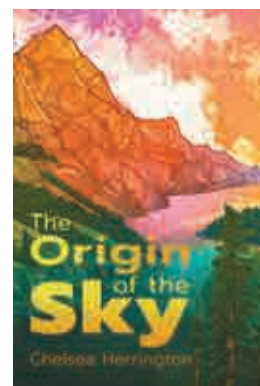
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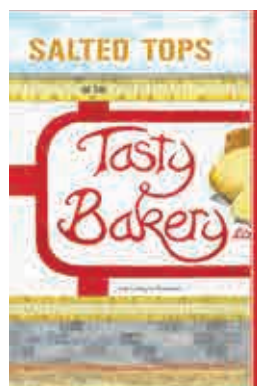
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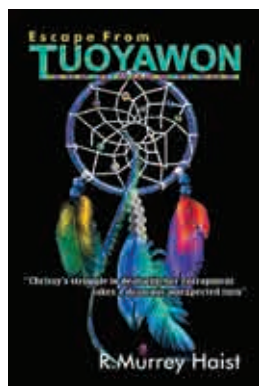
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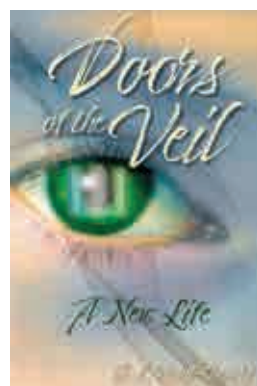
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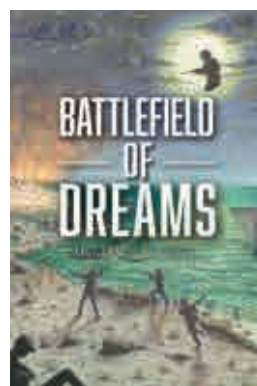
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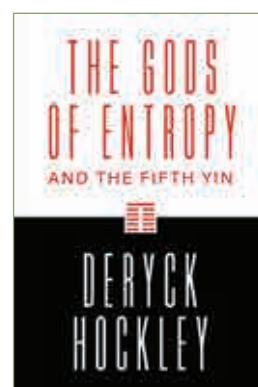
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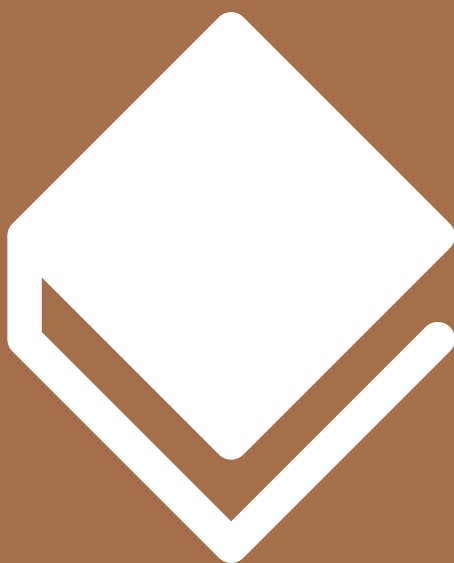


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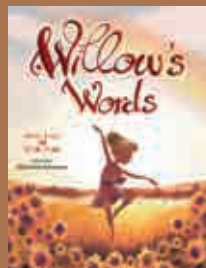
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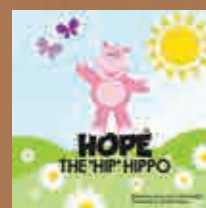
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A poignant, nostalgic book about the power of memory and the unbreakable bond of family, *The Egg Keeper* will inspire you to record your own precious family memories that helped you become the person you are today.■

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"An enjoyable, moving, and sentimental reflection on inheritance and family history."

—Kirkus Reviews

F. LOUISE SMITH IS A RETIRED ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL TEACHER WHO TAUGHT IN both private schools and public schools. She was a reading specialist for thirty years, helping children read and write creative stories, and has a collection of several thousand children's books. She lives in Catonsville, Maryland, with her husband, Wayne. They have one adult son, Ryan, and two grandchildren, Nolan and Bayla.■

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The Japan trip is the first in a Stella's Stories series that follow this energetic and curious globetrotter around the world—and invites other children along for the ride. ■

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"Stella's Stories from Around the Globe: Japan" is an excellent read for kids and adults alike! For any little (or big!) adventurer this is a fun guide to travelling. It offers practical information about what to expect and how to prepare for a trip. It also highlights some fun cultural activities and insight about a new country.

I like that it is told from a kid's perspective. I feel that sometimes travel is something that parents think kids need to do when they are older. This is simply not true and this book can inspire anyone of any age to get that travel bug! And even if you're not a traveller, this book offers a peek inside of a different culture. I can't wait to see where Stella goes next!"

—Sara Dickhout, Expressive Arts Therapist, Registered Psychotherapist

"Stella's Stories from Around the Globe - Japan" is a fun, educational way to engage young children about new cultures. The information woven into Stella's adventure is practical. Though designed for a younger audience, I learnt a lot about Japan. As a father of two daughters, I would strongly recommend this to parents with young children who are interested in the world, enjoy learning about other cultures or plan to travel to Japan. I look forward to the next book in the series. "

—Chris Dudley, Director Entrepreneurship, Seneca College

SHERI HAS TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY. SHE'S BEEN TO TASMANIA, SOUTHERN AFRICA, Europe, and Asia. She's studied in Perth, Western Australia, and completed a study-abroad session in Jaipur, India. She also taught briefly in London and extensively in Montreal, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. There are still many places she'd love to go, and, since her daughter Stella's birth, she's accompanied her parents on many adventures. Stella has already lived several years in a remote village in the Canadian Arctic and spent time in Europe and Japan. Her mother's goal is to have her continue to travel with her and continue to co-write books about the places they visit so other children can experience them, too.

Sheri has a BEd., BSc and an MSc, the latter in physical geography. She's always had an interest in landscapes, countries, and other cultures. Some of her best experiences have come through travel and she wants to open that world to young readers and encourage them to explore. Along with globetrotting, Sheri enjoys photography, skiing, hiking, and art.

Sheri and Stella live in Niagara where they both continue to take Japanese lessons. Stella has a hamster and a cat named "Daisy" and is looking forward to getting a dog. ■

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Along her journey, Genny learns that she will have to tap into her own resilience as well as accept help from those around her in order to face her most daring challenge. From the tips of her toes to the hairs on her head, Genny begins to "feel" her confidence grow. Children will rejoice in and be inspired by Genny's bravery, personal growth, and appreciation for the world around her in the first book of this must-read series. ■

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"In his book, Gregory tells a charming story that vividly captures the wild magic of imagination. An adventure celebrates imagination and courage with entertaining verve."

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"In Darrel Gregory's middle grade fantasy, Genny Faces the Green Knight, a girl with a great imagination has an exciting, make-believe adventure in medieval times. Fast, tidy, and pleasing, Genny's narration is direct and repeats challenging words to help with retention. Also more than once, she shares her fun and inspiring method for handling new and unnerving situations: she tells herself, 'Feet, get moving!' Inspiring themes, including of adventure, imagination, friendship, and courage, make her tale deeper and more memorable."

—Foreword Clarion Reviews ★★★★★

"Curiosity and mystery build until the suspense kicks in, and then a mighty battle takes place, ending with a just-right finale that will have readers inspired to go on their own bedroom adventures."

—The Children's Book Review

DARREL GREGORY IS THE AUTHOR OF *I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT IT*, HIS FIRST children's book. Darrel was inspired to write the first book in the Genny and Bug series by the great mythology scholar Joseph Campbell and his work on the hero's journey. As a child, he wished that he had someone who inspired him to be awestruck by nature and his surroundings. Through Genny and Bug, he hopes to encourage children to explore their own sense of purpose and the world around them.

Darrel lives in Edmonton, Alberta, with his two granddaughters nearby, and is currently working on the next book in the *Genny and Bug* series. ■

I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT IT

BY DARREL GREGORY

A STORY OF MINDFULNESS, SELF-CONFIDENCE, AND POSITIVITY, *I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT IT* features a young girl who believes she's not good at the things that her mother asks her to do. Although she is eager to help, the girl claims that her brain is telling her she's not good at certain things, so therefore, it must be right.

Through the loving guidance of her mother, the girl opens her mind to the possibility that she doesn't always have to listen to her brain. By exploring other modes of wisdom, the young girl discovers that she can be good at many things, as long as she tries. ■

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"Gregory's picture book demonstrates ways kids can counteract negative thoughts. Gregory offers actionable, kid-friendly tools to help readers enhance their self-esteem in a plausible and positive way."

A relatable, constructive story emphasizing elements of positivity and mindfulness."

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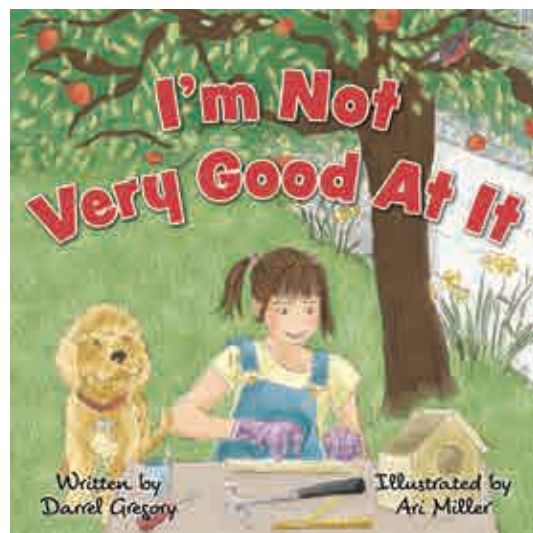
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*Sincere in its depiction of growing past self-doubt, the picture book *I'm Not Very Good At It* encourages positive outlooks."*

—Foreword Clarion Reviews

DARREL GREGORY WAS INSPIRED TO WRITE THIS STORY AFTER HEARING HIS granddaughter say "Okay, but I'm not very good at it." He hopes the book will help children to recognize at an early age that they don't always have to listen to the noise their brains make, and he hopes children will be invited to explore the possibility of trying regardless of the result.

Darrel lives in Edmonton, Alberta, with his two granddaughters nearby. *I'm Not Very Good at It* is his first children's book. ■



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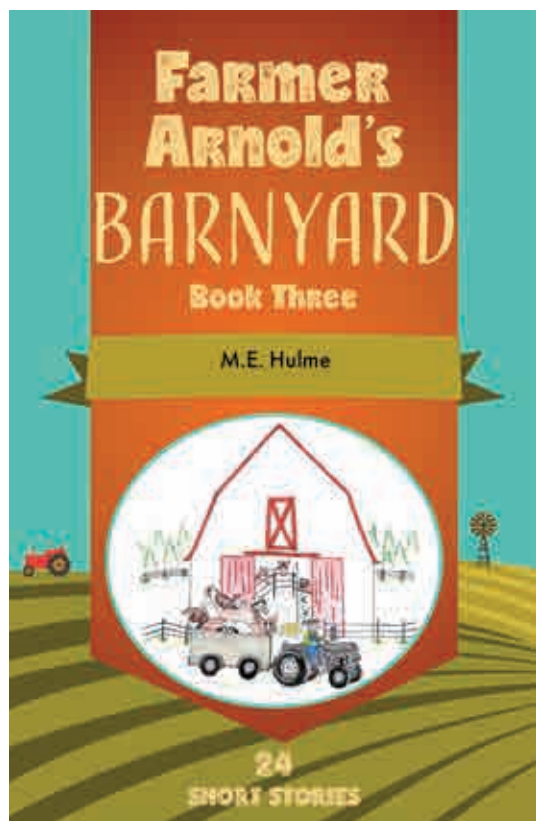
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M.E. HULME LIVES WITH HER HUSBAND ON A FARM IN RURAL MANITOBA. MANY of her story ideas and characters are based on real animals and events from their everyday life. Hulme has nine grandchildren and invented many of her stories for them.

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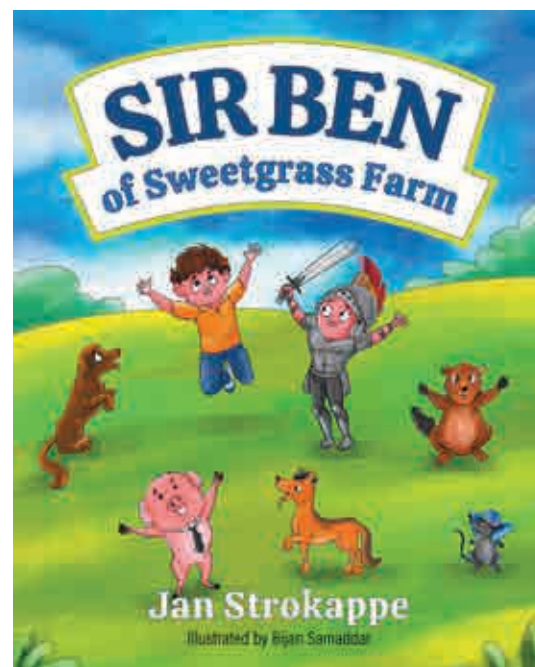
BY JAN STROKAPPE

BEN IS A YOUNG, FARM BOY WHO MEETS SOME VERY STRANGE FRIENDS IN THE family's barn which is supposed to be empty. Ben is fascinated by armor and knights. These very unusual animals help Ben get his father's farm back. Some bullies learn you do not mess around with Ben and his friends.

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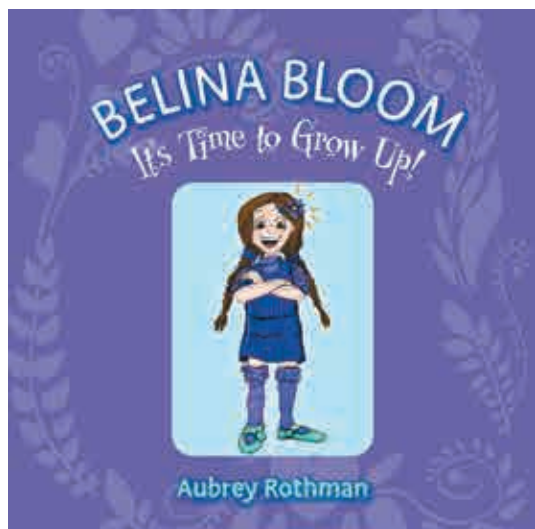
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"Better Buy Belina Bloom now!! We are in love with this new book by Aubrey Rothman, we can't stop talking with "Bs". Once you get your hands on this creative, original, magical story, you won't be able to either! Aubrey brings joy and excitement to the story of Belina and her friends, pulling you into her magical adventures with his incredible illustrations and story ... a must-have for your child's shelf. Kids have so many worries over this past year, this book allows them to let the world fall away and get taken into Belina's magical and captivating universe."

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AUBREY ROTHMAN IS A CANADIAN AUTHOR, ILLUSTRATOR, PLAYWRIGHT AND artist. Always writing and doing art since he was little, it's no surprise he continues to create, draw, doodle and paint! A theatre school graduate, Aubrey writes plays, songs and tells many stories- *Belina Bloom* being the first to be published. You can follow him on his art Instagram account- *aubzandcraftz* as well as his website, www.aubreyrothman.com for more updates.■

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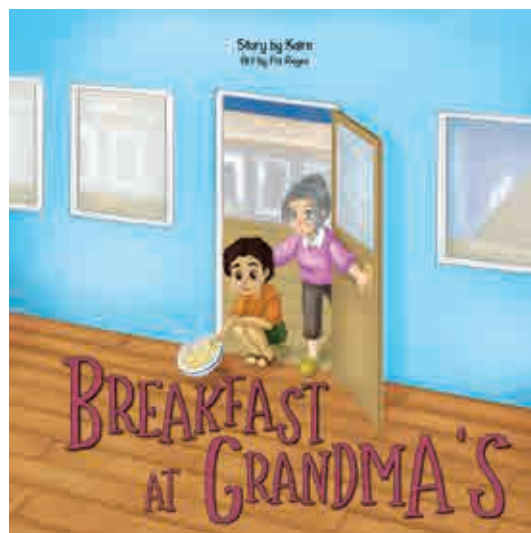
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KAIRN BELIEVES THAT CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE COMPETENT AND CAPABLE. She advocates that reading is one of the greatest ways to share time with, be present with, and to show love to... children of all ages! Her adoring husband, their four stunning children and loving spouses, and seven incredible grandchildren are constant sources of inspiration. ■



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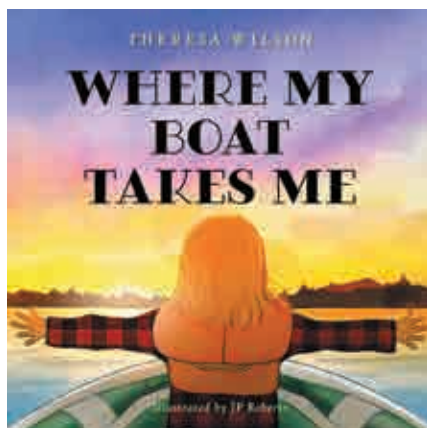
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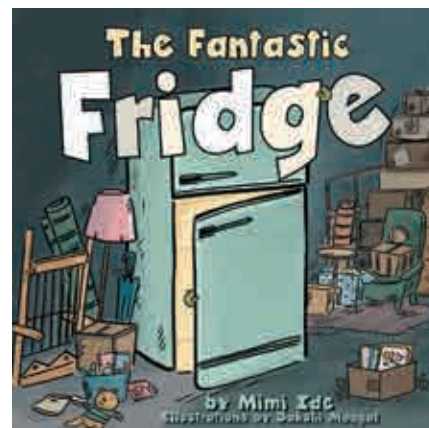
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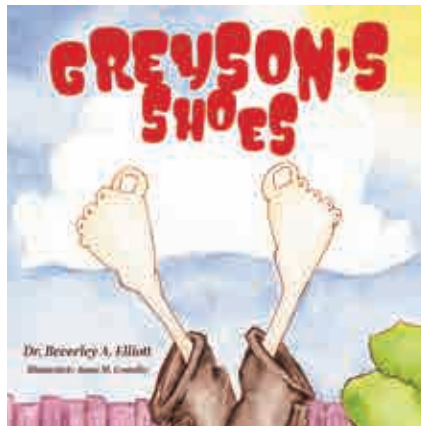
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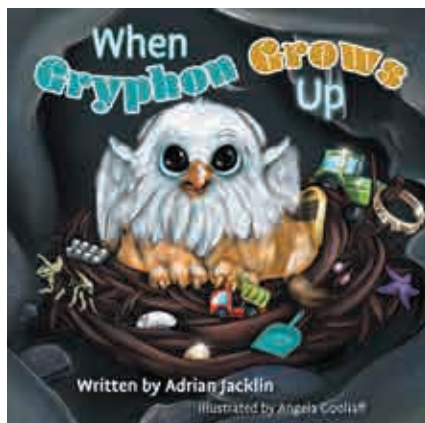
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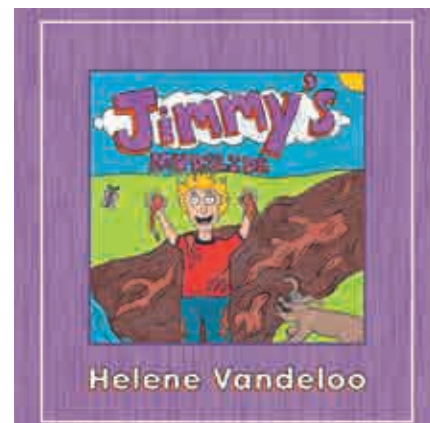
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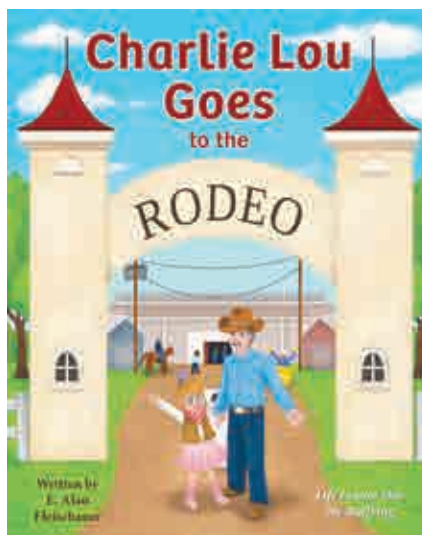
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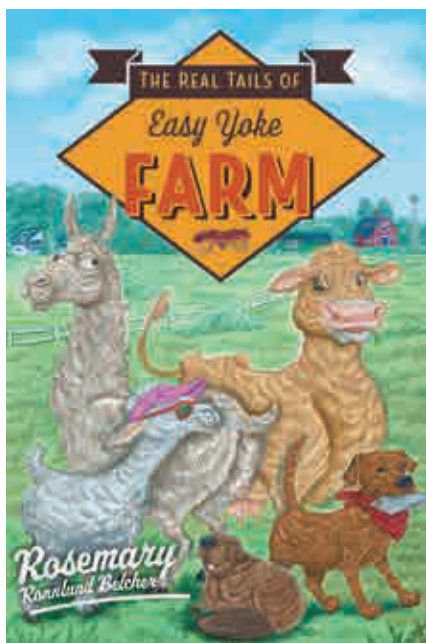
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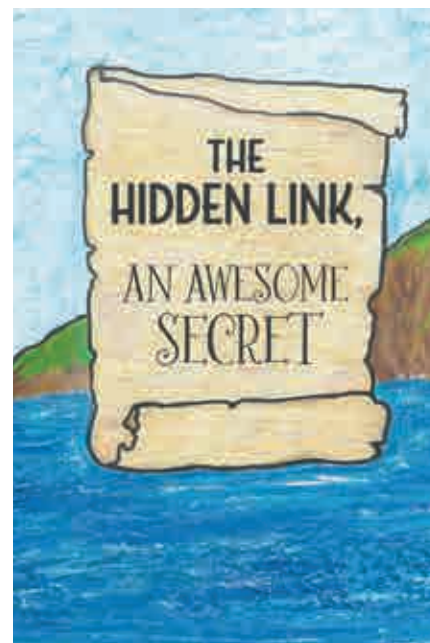
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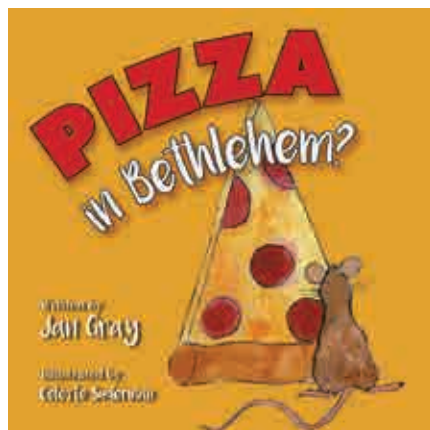
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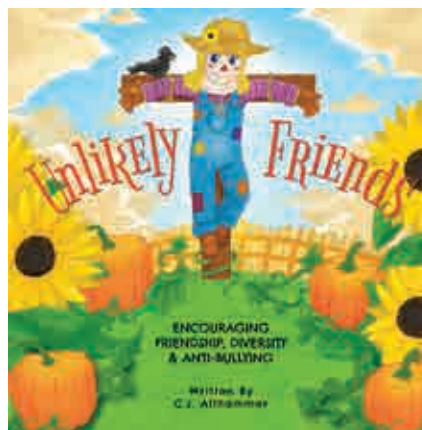
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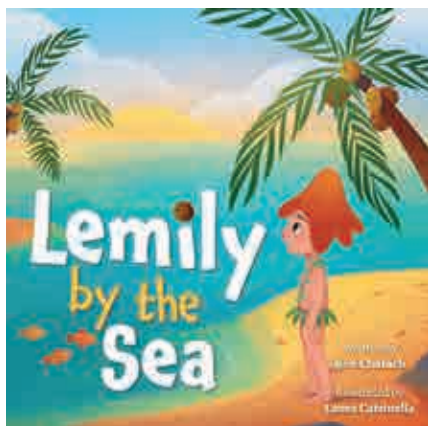
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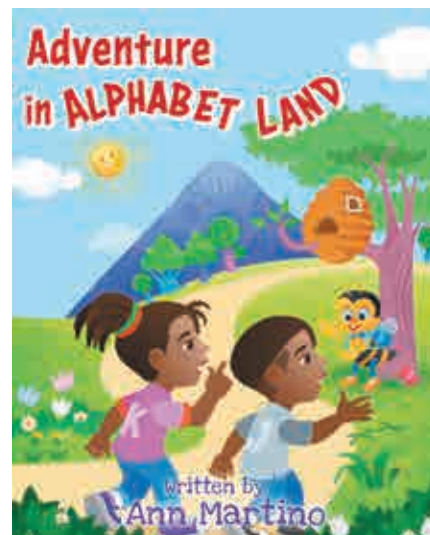
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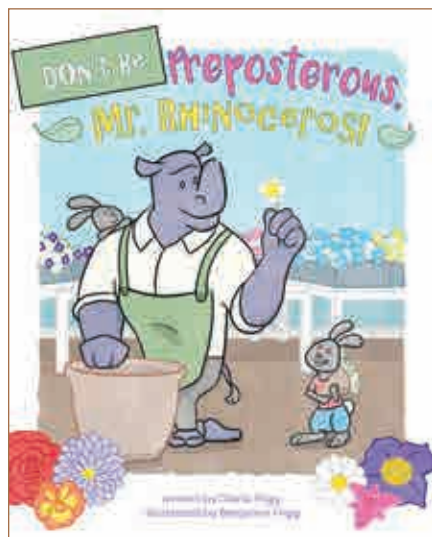
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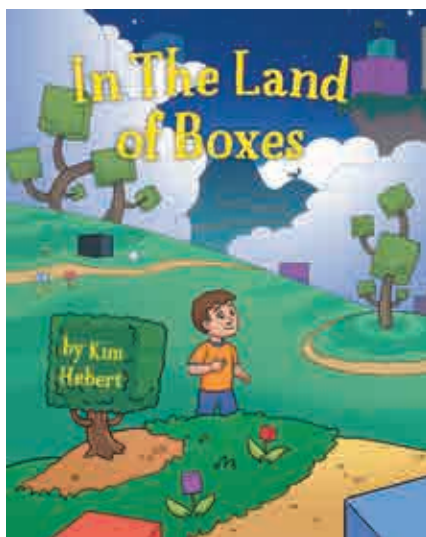
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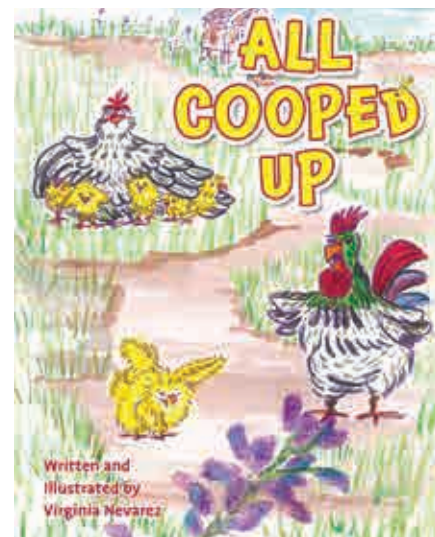
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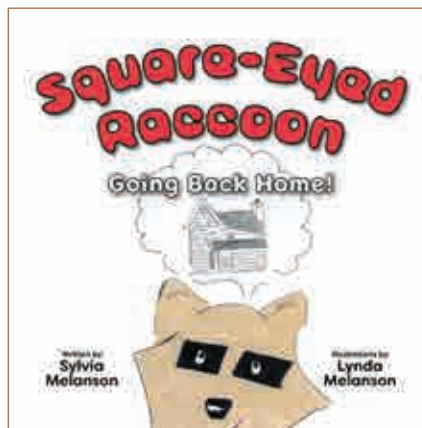
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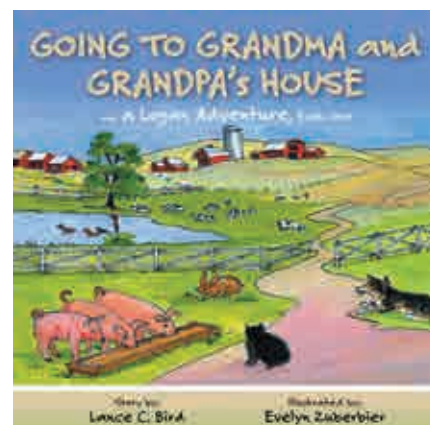
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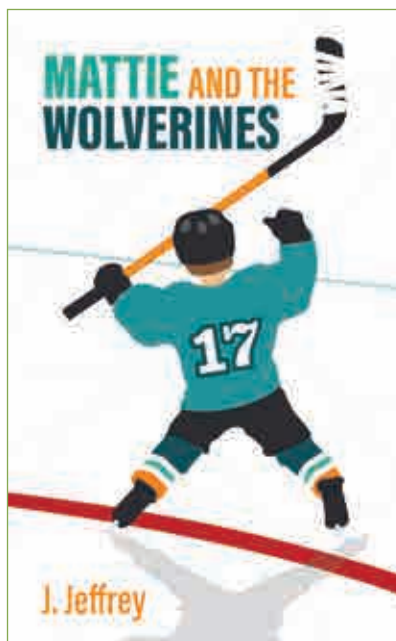
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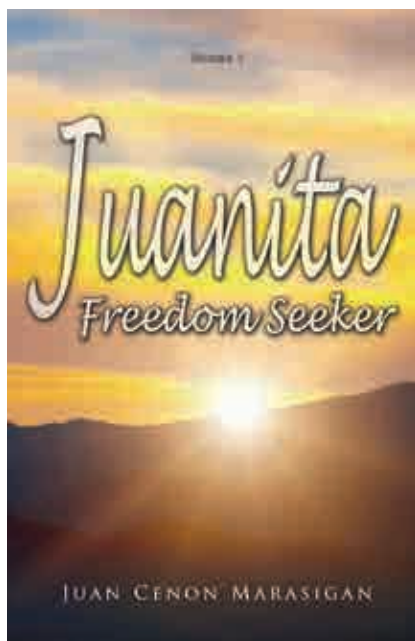
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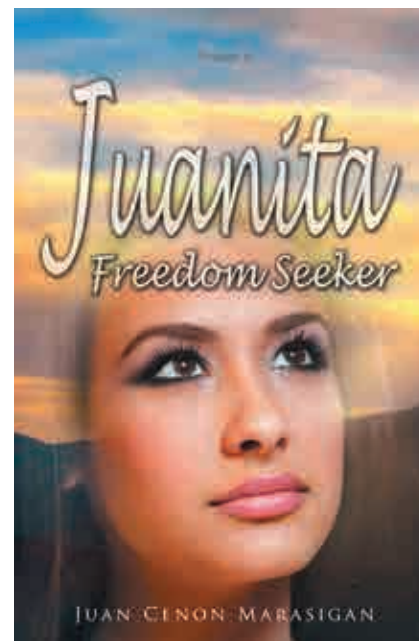
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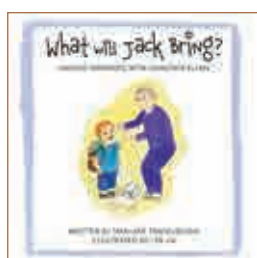


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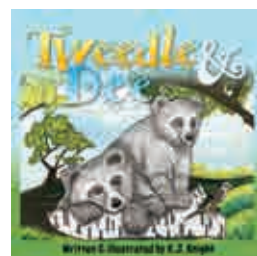


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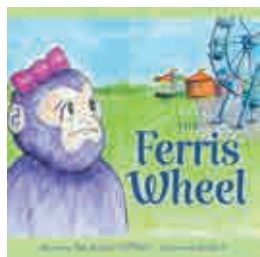


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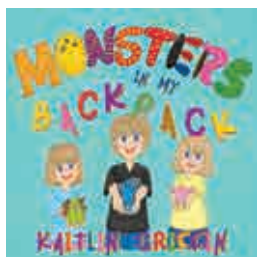
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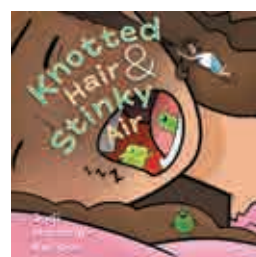
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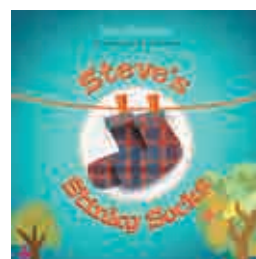
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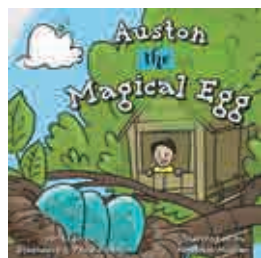
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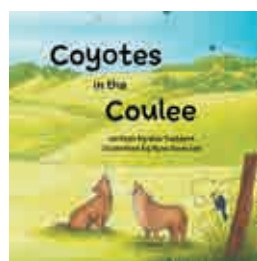
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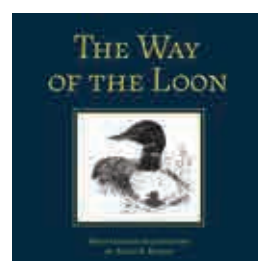
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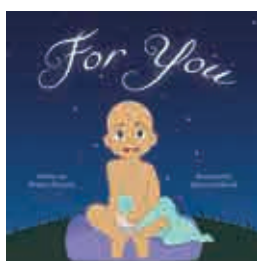
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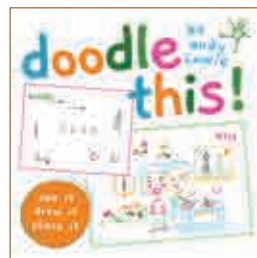
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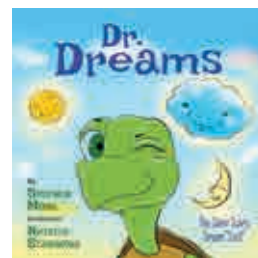
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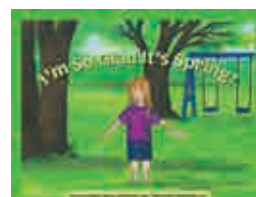
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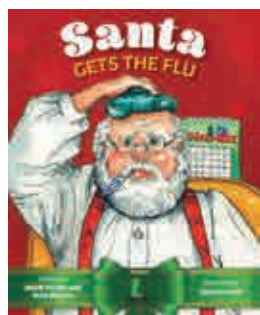
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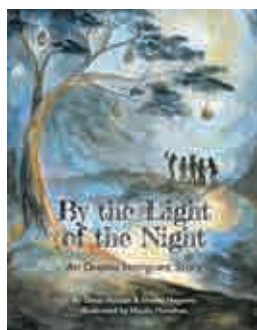
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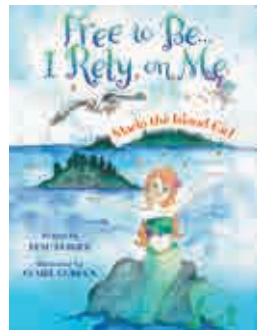
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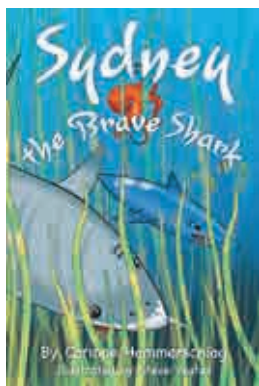
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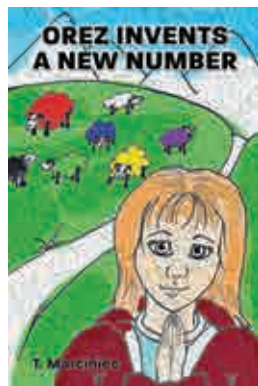
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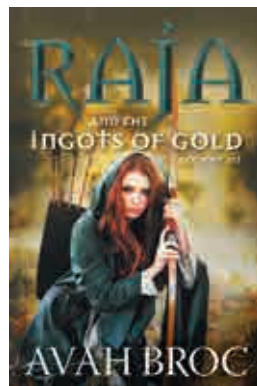
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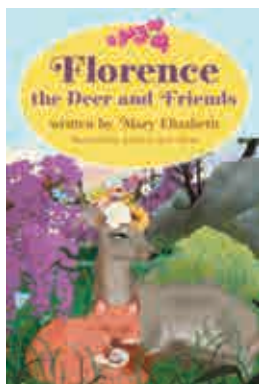
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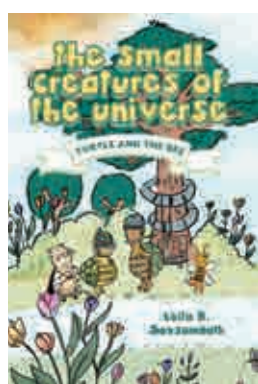
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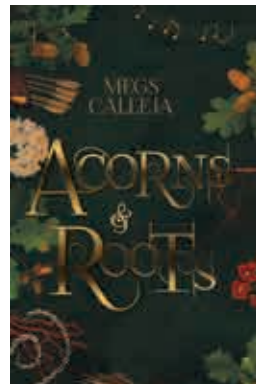
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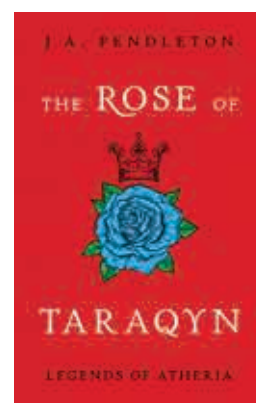
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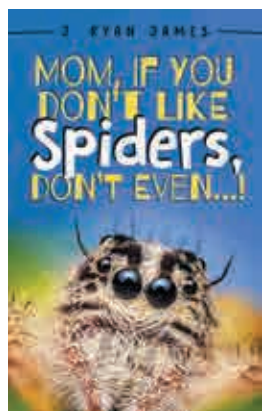
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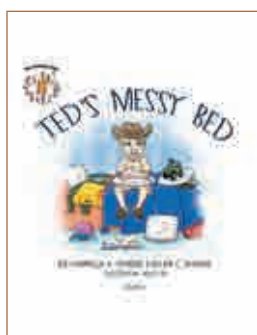
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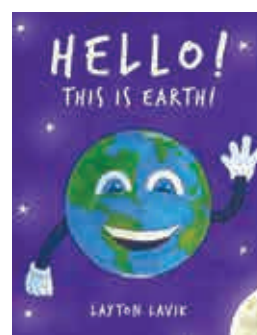
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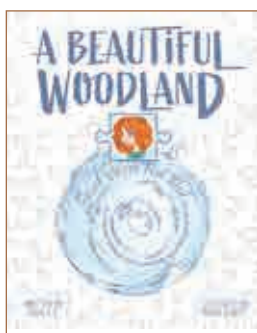
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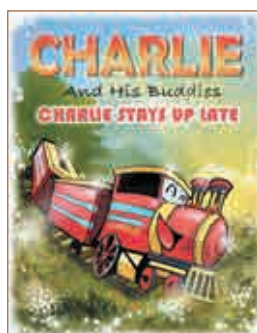
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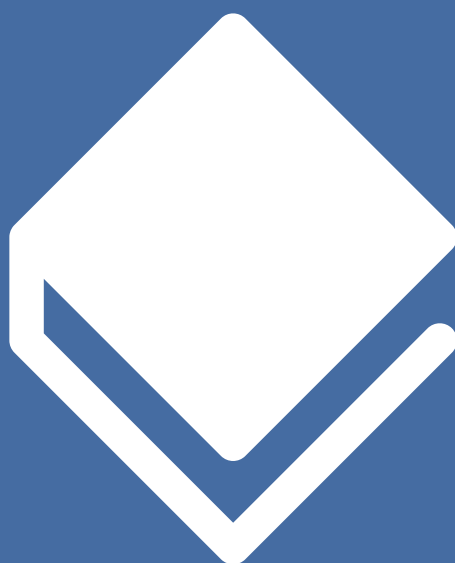


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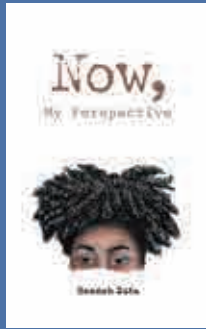
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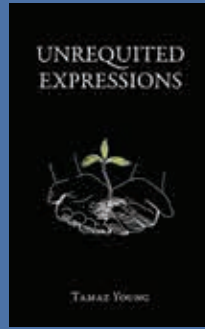
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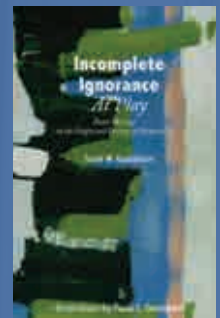
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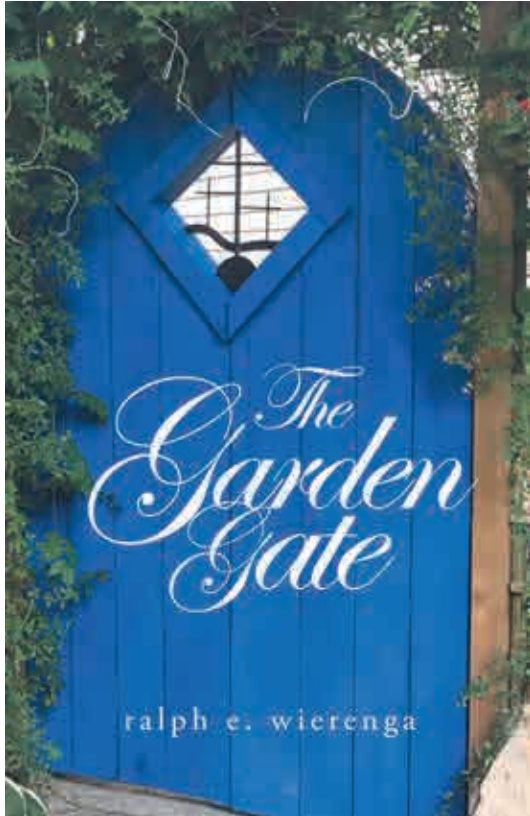
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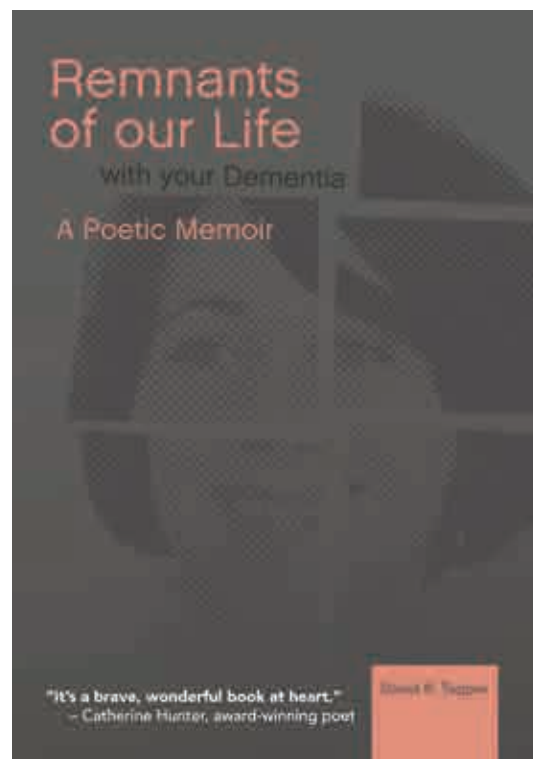
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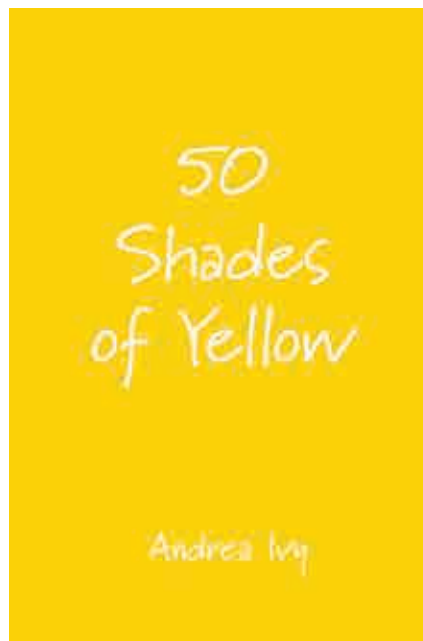
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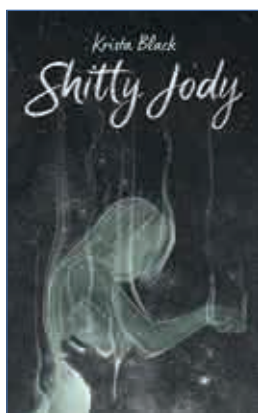
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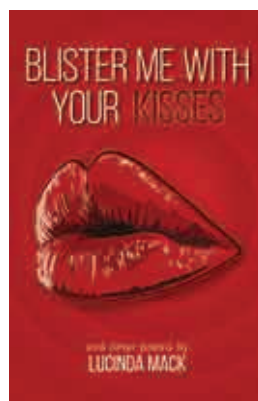
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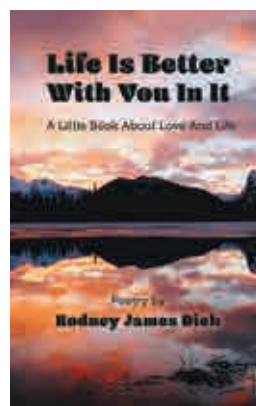
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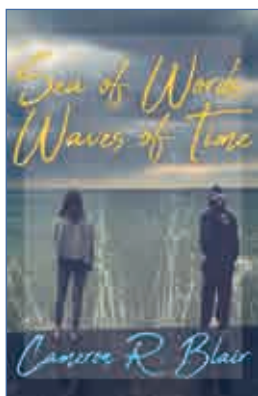
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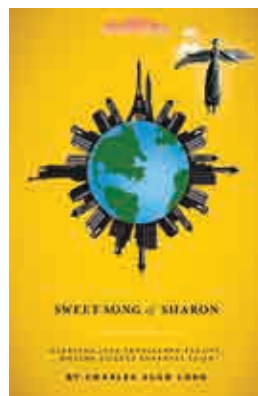
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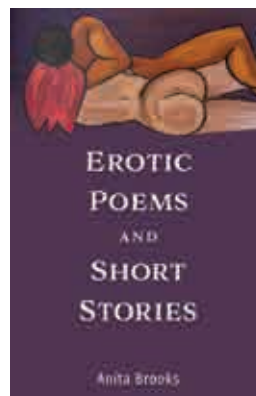
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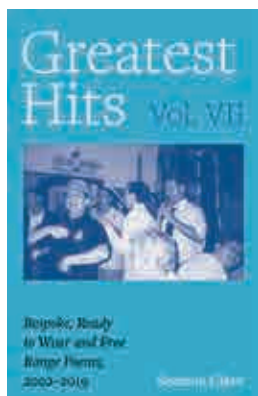
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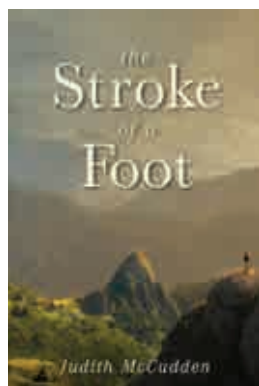
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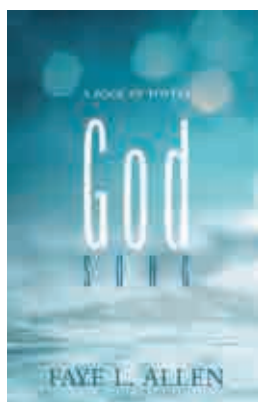
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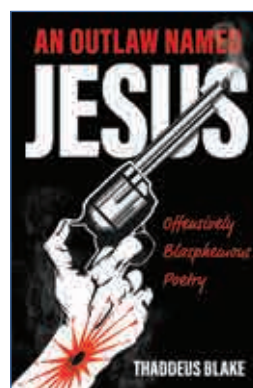
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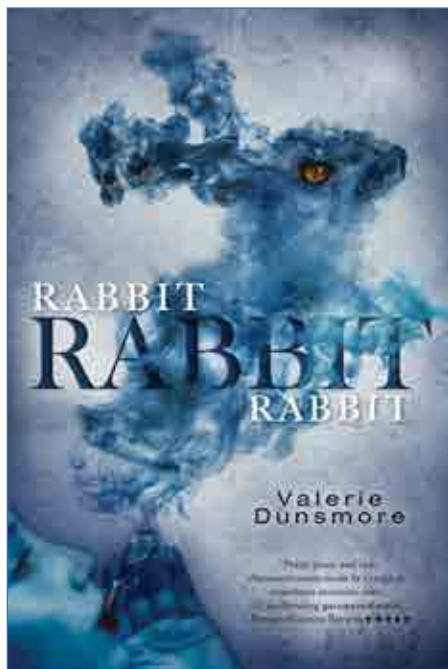
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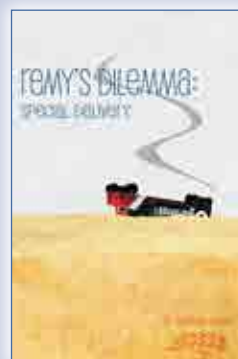
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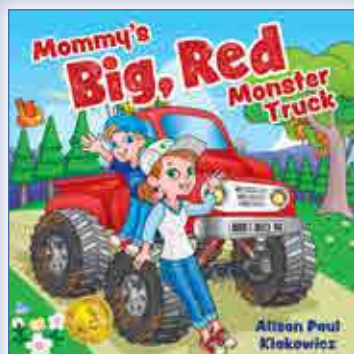
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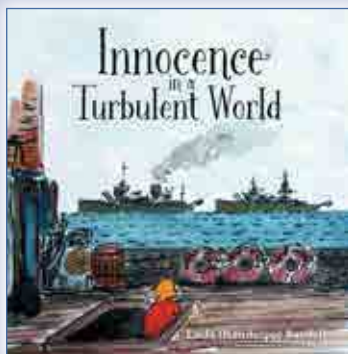
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