Small Kingdoms and Other Stories

Charlaine Harris

Collected together for the first time in Small Kingdoms and Other Stories, “Small Kingdoms,” “Sarah Smiles,” “Small Chances,” and “Small Signs” are sure to delight fans of Charlaine Harris. Principal Anne DeWitt knew her past could catch up with her, but she didn’t expect it would make her late for school. Killing a man does take time though; so does disposing the body . . . if you do it right. After three relatively quiet years at Travis High School, it seems Anne is in danger of being exposed—even the baseball coach knows more about her former life than she ever imagined. Now, she must find out who else holds her secrets and who wants her to pay for them . . . without letting it make her tardy again. Anne still has a school to run, parents to manage, and a few students who might benefit from her unique—and deadly—experience.

Charlaine Harris is a #1 New York Times bestselling author. Her novels have been the basis for several television shows and shows, including HBO’s True Blood, NBC’s Midnight, Texas, and Hallmark Movies & Mysteries’s Aurora Teagarden movies.

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Shades of Hell Series
And Then There Were Dragons

Alcy Leyva

For Amanda Grey, stopping the all-encompassing Apocalypse fated to plunge our entire existence into never-ending darkness . . . just kind of sucked. Sure, she had managed to capture every demon set loose on New York City. And yes, she ended up thwarting an evil angel’s plans to destroy humanity. But she also lost her sister, her apartment, and—oh yeah—Amanda Grey totally died and got her soul banished to hell as a result. Luckily, she’s not the type to take that kind of thing lying down. This book thrusts Amanda Grey into a whole new world of weird as she ventures out into the fiery wastelands, decrepit cities, and Olive Gardens of the afterlife in search of her sister and her own redemption. As the penultimate entry in the Shades of Hell Series, Amanda will be coming face-to-face with the truth behind the demon Shades, as well as a destiny she sure as hell didn’t ask for.

“Watching [Amanda Grey] face an increasingly wild and wacky battle—one with real-life political resonances—to avert the looming apocalypse is satisfying…a comedic urban fantasy that is both rich and delightful.” —Foreword Reviews

Alcy Leyva is a writer, teacher, and pizza enthusiast. His work has been published in Entropy Mag, Popmatters, Quiet Lunch Magazine, and The Rumpus. He is the author of And Then There Were Crows. He lives in Bronx, New York.
The Hungry Ghost

Dalena Storm

A hungry ghost escapes from a dark realm into the human world, where it enters the unconscious body of a woman named Sam. When Sam appears to miraculously awaken from her accident-induced coma, her lesbian lover, alcoholic ex-husband, and well-meaning family must come together to try and stop the ghost from devouring everything Sam once loved. Meanwhile, elsewhere in Boston, a mysterious new kitten has just been born who holds the key to understanding what has happened to Sam. Will Sam’s loved ones be able to put things back in their proper place, or will the ghost destroy them first?

Dalena Storm is a writer and educator. Her experiences in the study and practice of various religious and spiritual traditions, as well as her travels throughout Asia and Europe, influence much of her writing. She lives in Williamstown, Massachusetts.
It’s Dark in the Old Country. Where do goblins come from? Why do they only turn up in the Old Country, and why do they like swearing so much? Sloot Peril—a “hero” who’s staunchly averse to heroics—goes searching for answers. Much to his chagrin, he finds them. Everything changed after the Fall of Salzstadt but try telling that to the people of the city, whose capacity for denial is unmatched. They have yet to acknowledge that Vlad the Invader cut a bloody swath through their city, that the dead are walking the streets, or that the Domnitor—long may he reign—has fled to wherever despots go on very long vacations while goblin infestations take care of themselves. The worst of villains holds all the power, unspeakable dark forces are on the rise, and everyone wants to kidnap the Domnitor—long may he reign—for their own nefarious ends. If all of that weren’t bad enough, Sloot’s got the fate of his own soul to worry about. Can his girlfriend help him save the Old Country from annihilation? Is Myrtle really his girlfriend? If all goes well for Sloot—which it never does—he might just sort it all out before the Dark swallows them all up.

Sam Hooker is a writer of darkly humorous fantasy novels about things like tyrannical despots and the masked scoundrels who tickle them without mercy. He knows all the best swear words, though he refuses to repeat them because he doesn’t want to attract goblins. He is the author of The Winter Riddle and The Terribly Serious Darkness series. He lives in Mission Viejo, California.
Just For Today

Shane Morrissey
Illustrations by Cam La Fave

At times they are violent, raw, and sexual. At others, they are introspective narratives focused on the dark grandeur of the near future. Provocative and inciting, the stories are anecdotes to explore our contemporary understanding of sexuality and identity, race and culture, and mental health & addiction in North America. The plots are as disturbing or inviting as much as ideologies differ, leaving ample space for debate and discussion. All of the stories are accompanied by pen and ink artwork which add a complexity and depth to the brevity of the writing. The imaginative Cameron La Fave captures the humor and emotion, drawn out of the author’s satire and dystopia. With room for other artists to interact with, color on, or leave blank, they are no doubt alluringly creative.

Shane Morrissey works as a transcriber for sociological studies in Canada. He has a degree in sociology and environmental studies. He lives in Powell River, British Columbia.
In his day Ernst Toller (1893-1939) was as renowned as the young Bertolt Brecht. High profile persona non-grata in 1933 when the Nazis came to power, Toller fled to London, went on a lecture tour to the U.S. in 1936, and tried to make a go of it as a screenwriter in Los Angeles. Dispirited, despondent upon learning that his brother and sister had been sent to a concentration camp and convinced that the world as he knew it had succumbed to the forces of darkness, Toller was found dead by hanging, a presumed suicide, in his room at the Hotel Mayflower on May 22, 1939. Conceived in the German theatrical tradition of Jakob Michael Reinhold Lenz’s *The Soldiers* and Georg Büchner’s *Woyzeck*, Toller’s devastating tragedy *Hinkemann* is a pain-fully poetic plaidoyer for the overlooked vision and voice of the victim.

Ernst Toller was a revolutionary poet and playwright engage and president for six days of the short-lived Bavarian Soviet Republic. He was best known for his expressionist plays *Hoppla! We’re Alive*, *Man of the Masses* and *Machine Breakers*. Peter Wortsman is an author and translator. He is the recipient of the IPPY award and is the former fellow of the Fulbright Foundation, the Thomas J. Watson Foundation, and a Holtzbrinck Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin. He is the author of two stage plays, two books of short fiction, and the books *Cold Earth Wanderers* and *Ghost Dance in Berlin*. He lives in New York City.
American in Paris
Lessons from the Paris School of Flower Design

Michael Gaffney

In this collection, the author shares a charming selection of design ideas inspired by his travels to Paris, France, in the grand tradition of French art and culture. Part vignette, part instruction, and part travelogue, the book is a treasure trove of design tips and methods — all delivered with typical Michael Gaffney artistry and style. Readers will delight in the many beautiful designs and will be inspired to try their hand at creating each arrangement. Your hand at creating them yourself.

Michael Gaffney is an author, inventor, entrepreneur, teacher, and designer with 15 schools across the country where he teaches design methods. He has been studying flower design for more than 25 years. He lectures and demonstrates floral design at museums worldwide and on television programs such as Hallmark Channel and the Today Show. He is the author of Design Star and Flower Power. He lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Famous Dishes from Around the World / Platos famosos del todo el mundo
Healthy, Tasty and Affordable / Saludables, sabrosos y economicos

With well-known ethnic recipes that are both tasty and healthy, this bilingual cookbook seeks to pay homage to immigrants through their culinary contributions to the United States. Compiled by lovers of good ethnic food who have lived all around the world, it features 30 well-known dishes that are identified with specific countries worldwide, such as Colombian Sancocho, French Ratatouille, Indian Vegetable Korma, Mexican Fajitas, Moroccan Tagine with Chicken, Greek Moussaka (with Turkey), Polish Lentil Stew, Indonesian Satay with Peanut Sauce, and Spanish Paella. There is also background information included about each dish, calorie and nutrition breakdowns of each recipe, and sections called “Cooking Tips and Tricks” and “Healthy Hints for the Home Cook.” This book is timely and provides an engaging blend of both good food, ethnicity and health.

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3 Vital Questions
Transforming Workplace Drama

David Emerald

This teaching story uses the groundbreaking 3 Vital Questions® approach for empowering leaders and teams to become collaborative, engaged, and resilient in the face of the rapid changes that mark today’s increasingly complex, competitive environment. Working late at night, Lucas, a middle manager in a large organization, meets a custodian named Ted. The two strike up a friendship as Ted teaches Lucas three vital questions with the power to transform the disillusionment he is experiencing at work. Readers follow Lucas as he learns how to shift from feeling like a Victim to acting as a Creator in his career. With the wise guidance of Ted and Kasey, a senior manager, Lucas applies the three vital questions and begins transforming his workplace relationships, with exciting results. At home, Lucas and his wife Sarah discover how the questions can spark creative collaboration with each other and their two young children. From the author of the bestselling self-leadership title, The Power of TED® (*The Empowerment Dynamic) ushers in a new era of possibility for the world of work.

“An engaging story that will help you escape from the traps of victimhood and enablement . . . Enjoy it and make the shift that creates true effectiveness!” —Stephen M.R. Covey, author, The Speed of Trust

“David Emerald is one of the great champions of positive behaviour change as the best remedy for the heavy cost of workplace drama . . . His book, 3 Vital Questions, provides accessible new insights and tools that will be valuable for anyone.” —Michael Bungay Stanier, author, The Coaching Habit

“Really smart and helpful information about . . . stronger, saner, and healthier ways of behaving.” —Elizabeth Gilbert, author, Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear

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Wheels of Wisdom
Life Lessons for the Restless Spirit

Tim Bishop and Debbie Bishop

In each lesson of this book, readers will find practical insights, inspiration, and encouragement—along with personal reflection questions that will help adopt the right mindset, conquer fear, overcome obstacles, and relish life’s journey. Together the authors share what they have learned after three tours totaling over 10,000 miles. Certain principles are universal whether one is bicycling across America or chasing a lifelong dream. Not only will readers encounter meaningful truth as they travel vicariously to new places and meet new people, they will also experience some genuine “God moments” and have some fun on the way.

“Those looking for a road map for life can get directions from the Bishops . . . The coauthors, who are volunteer coaches for TheHopeLine, share stories and insights cleverly separated into six thematic sections . . . The book incorporates faith without unnecessary preaching.” —Publishers Weekly

Tim Bishop is a three-time Maine chess champion, a CPA, and a consultant for small businesses. Debbie Bishop is a teacher who has taught for over thirty years. They are both the authors of Two Are Better. They live in Thompson’s Station, Tennessee.
Two Are Better
Midlife Newlyweds Bicycle Coast to Coast

Tim Bishop and Debbie Bishop
Foreword by Dan Miller

Waiting upon the Lord takes on new meaning when you’ve been searching for companionship for over thirty years. Such was the case for Tim and Debbie Bishop. At age 52, the couple finally found in each other that special someone they’d been searching for years to marry. They moved from marriage proposal and wedding, to Tim’s “retirement” and relocation, to embarking on their cycling adventure in only ten weeks. Over 100 color photos supplement vivid descriptions of their magnificent surroundings. Readers will embrace life like never before.

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Using Curse Words
Finding Unusual Solutions to Life’s “Worst” Troubles

Myra Fiacco

Overwhelm can become an identity and exhaustion can become a status symbol. It can be difficult to see past the struggle. In this book, the author provides advice on how to use the negativity to their advantage. By turning around words like “Stress,” “Overwhelm,” “Loneliness,” and (the worst) “Always and Never,” truth can be found within the lies and readers can ride those words all the way to the top.

Myra Fiacco is an editor and author who runs publishing support groups, workshops, and a YouTube channel. She speaks on the topic of writing and living your best life and loves every minute of actively driving others to fulfill their potential. She lives in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.
Kiss My Curvy Assets

Lori Mork

This book takes a blunt approach towards crushing body image stigmas and helps women embrace their badassery. This is not your average health, fitness, or wellness self-help book. It is witty, sassy, full on laugh-your-ass-off humor meets raw, empowering, tangible, results-driven coaching — all in one. Readers will learn that the calories consumed do not equal your self-worth, happiness and self-esteem play a huge role in achieving goals, and that they should be embracing their unique assets instead of battling with, changing, or transforming them. This book will help women feel strong and healthy from the inside-out.

Lori Mork is an expert in the field of health and wellness, mindset, body positivity, and helping women create sustainable fitness. She is a fierce and dynamic author, speaker, former fitness champion, reformed dieting-junkie, and kick-ass coach to thousands of women worldwide. When she isn’t helping women crush their wellness goals or rock the shit out of their bodies. She lives in Maple Ridge, British Columbia.
Dear Women Guide Book Series

Dear Time, Are You On My Side?

Ky-Lee Hanson

This book is a hybrid between social reality and spiritual reality. Women are conditioned to set expectations about age and time, which blurs our self-worth. Readers will utilize the Timeless Practice workbook inside to break social constraints, decide an outcome, and take back their lives. Time is a feeling, an expression, an experience that equates to our existence. The book features women from all walks of life, each with their own successes, trials, and shared experiences: entrepreneurs, ex-corporate hustlers, mothers, professionals, authors. What they share is a collective consciousness of time, and the meaning it holds for each of them. The majority of the population spends their time in the hustle, bustle, and demands of society. For the authors, though, various life experiences made them look at their time here on earth more critically and provoked the start of their purposeful journey. Contributors include Stephanie Butler, Julie Chessell, Sherri Marie Gaudet, Sara Gustafson, Charmaine Hamp, Tina Kalogrias, Falon Joy Malec, Yomi Marcus, Janelle Mason, Karem Mieses, Effie Mitskopulos, Natasha Newhouse, Charleyne Oulton, Maryann Perri, Deidre Slattery, Jessica Stewart, Habiba Jessica Zaman, Diana Zurbuchen.

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The Awakening
A Guide To Spiritually Awaken Your Highest Self, Intuitive Connection And Deepest Purpose

Jennifer Jayde

This book will leave readers captivated and curious to learn more about harnessing intuition, the law of attraction, energy work, and inner healing so that readers can live out their sole purpose in business, love, and life. The author’s seer-like wisdom will help awaken and activate passion and purpose through tangible and reflective journal prompts, affirmations, and exercises. It will provide a newfound understanding of oneself by helping the discovery of a unique intuitive style.

Jennifer Jayde is an international speaker, author, and mentor who connects women from around the globe with their purpose and supports them in creating soul aligned businesses, knowing from experience that when your work ignites your soul - you will light up the world. Within a few short months of starting her coaching business, she sold out her 1:1 coaching program, waitlisted her group program, and generated over a quarter million in sales in her first year of business, helping women around the world discover their purpose and truly create their dream lives. She lives in San Diego, California.
You’ve Got This, Mama, Too

A Mother’s Guide To Embracing Imperfection And Living An Authentic Life

Sabrina Greer

This beautiful collection of heartwarming and inspiring stories are told by the real mamas who experienced them. Much like the original, You’ve Got This, Mama, this extension in the series shares raw and real experiences sure to remind you that you are not alone. Let’s face it, motherhood is the hardest job you’ll ever love, and it is not meant to be braved alone. It takes a village, right? We can be your village, and lucky for you, we fit in your diaper bag. This book, much like motherhood, is full of emotion, joy, sadness, excitement, hardships, love, and beautiful chaos. Our authors share their most intimate journeys and reflections with you in hopes to inspire you and provide the judgment-free support we all deserve. We dive into embracing imperfection and touch on the dangers of comparison. The amazing mamas in this book fill the pages with grace, authenticity, and unconditional love. Contributors include Lisa Aamot, Samantha Amaraegbu, Bex Anderson, Carrie Bruno, Justine Dowd, Sherri Marie Gaudet, Taelar Howe, Cassie Jeans, Meghan Krmpotnic, Jessica Lance, Lisa Mechor, Charlyne Outlon, Nia Pycior, Sarah Secor-MacElroy, Jessica Sharpe, Tia Slightman, Aimee Swift, Jillian West, Shayla Wey, Danielle Williams, and Habiba Zaman.

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The ABCs of ATX

Kelly Sharp

The ABCs of ATX is the perfect gift for all tiny Austinites learning their letters — and to Austinite parents, reading aloud. With recurring characters, clever rhymes, and local, insider humor, this ABCs goes beyond the traditional Austin icons to present an affectionate take on life in the capitol of Texas.

Kelly Sharp is a writer of short films, short stories, and other fun projects. If there’s a more perfect food than breakfast tacos, she hasn’t found it yet. She lives in Boulder, Colorado.
Bilingual Learning Series
Numbers (English-Korean)

C.J. Rooney

This book teaches children numbers in both English and Korean. The bilingual format has easy-to-read pronunciation guides so that the adults can read them too even if the reader does not have prior knowledge of the language.

C.J. Rooney is a graphic designer and illustrator with a love for children’s books. Having grown up in a multicultural home with a Korean mother and a German father, she feels it is important for multicultural children to see themselves reflected in more of the books they read. She is the author of Colors and Dream Come True. She lives in Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

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Jared and the Sacred Emerald

Tamara Trotman

What would happen if every little boy and girl were to embark on their own magical journey to discover the most precious gem they could find? What if, by discovering this precious gem, polishing it daily and cherishing it, they each come to know a deep love of self and worthiness? This picture book is a fun and mystical adventure filled with wonder and delight that will have you on the edge of your seats! Readers will join Jared and his special friends as they embark on the quest of a lifetime!

Tamara Trotman is a coach, speaker, and trainer who is passionate about helping people step into their greatness. She has dedicated her life to being of service to others for more than 15 years. She lives in Woodbridge, Ontario.
At 20 years old, Archibald Plumbly has learned to accept his odd phobia of not being able to look up into open spaces without having a panic attack. He enjoys life under his umbrellas, where he feels safe. He knows he’s a little spoiled to be living in the midst of the scenic beaches, fine restaurants, and charming attractions found in the town of Outlandish. But when Tallie, a photographer, comes to town and introduces herself to Archie, their connection is undeniable, and fears for the future begin to surface. When Archie and Tallie find themselves on diverging paths, only their faith can help them cope with separation, miscommunication, and unspoken anxieties that could keep them apart forever.

“A quick, absorbing read full of thought-provoking dialogue and warm moments . . . Offbeat, emotionally engaging, and authentic.” —Kirkus Reviews

Lynnette Kraft is a writer who uses her own stories to entertain, to illustrate lessons, and to celebrate individuality, crediting God as the giver of all inspiration. When she’s not writing (or telling) stories, she’s likely chewing on herbs and wild plants, doing yoga in the sunshine, admiring pieces of nature, reading something light, or watching movies and playing games with her family. When she’s doing regular stuff, like cooking dinner and sorting laundry, she’s also dreaming about living on the beach, because she’s a sensible dreamer. She lives in Patterson, California.
The Next to Last Mistake

Amalie Jahn

Tess Goodwin’s life in rural Iowa is sheltered and uncomplicated. Although she chooses to spend most of her free time playing chess with her best friend Zander, the farm-boy from next door, her skills as a bovine midwife and tractor mechanic ensure that she fits in with the other kids at West Hancock High. But when her veteran father reenlists in the Army, moving her family halfway across the country to North Carolina, Tess is forced out of her comfort zone into a world she knows nothing about. Tess approaches the move as she would a new game of chess, plotting her course through the unfamiliar reality of her new life. While heeding Zander’s long-distance advice for making new friends and strategizing a means to endure her dad’s imminent deployment to the Middle East, she quickly discovers how ill-equipped she is to navigate the societal challenges she encounters and becomes convinced she’ll never fit in with the students at her new school. When Leonetta Jackson is assigned as her mentor, she becomes Tess’s unexpected guide through the winding labyrinth of cultural disparities between them, sparking a tentative friendship and challenging Tess to confront her reluctant nature. As the pieces move across the board of her upended life, will Tess find the acceptance she so desperately desires?

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Stanley & Hazel Series
Stanley & Hazel: The Winnowing
Book 2

Jo Schaffer

Darkness descends over St. Louis, a city already rocked by the Great Depression. More and more people are disappearing, and some have turned up dead. A sinister secret society is putting forward their plan known as “The Winnowing,” designed to wipe out those they consider “undesirable.” After Stanley and Hazel foil the diabolical plans of Charles Chouteau, they become instant celebrities. Hazel is thrust into the role of debutante, and risks loses herself in it. Meanwhile, Stanley must deal with the horrific tragedy of his best friend’s death while being threatened by the unseen forces of the Veiled Prophet. With things spiraling out of control, Stanley and Hazel’s relationship is tested, possibly beyond repair. As bodies pile up, people become more desperate. The divide between wealthy and poor grows ever wider, threatening to tear their worlds apart. Now, the two must find a way to work together if there is any hope at all of saving their relationship and their futures.

Jo Schaffer is a speaker, a Taekwondo black belt, and a founding member of the nonprofit organization that created Teen Author Boot Camp. She is the author of the Stanley and Hazel series. She lives in Spanish Forks, Utah.
Mer Chronicles Series
Immerse
Tobie Easton

The descendants of the Little Mermaid face deadly magic, shifting alliances, and the dangers of forbidden love in this final installment of the Mer Chronicles. Lia can’t wait for her parents’ coronation. Now living in the sparkling palace beneath the waves, she sneaks off to Malibu whenever possible to see Clay. Tucked away in an abandoned seaside mansion, Lia and Clay devise a plan to ensure they can stay together forever. But when an old enemy resurfaces, and Lia is restricted to the palace for the safety of all Merkind, she and Clay are ripped apart once more. She fears not only for Clay, but for her best friend Caspian, who seems to be swimming down a dangerous path. He has invited the conniving Melusine to the coronation ball, convinced she’s capable of change. And no matter how hard Lia fights it, showing up on Caspian’s arm is just the start of Melusine’s insidious return to her life. With threats below growing more ominous by the day and a powerful ancient ritual looming, soon the two girls can’t escape each other. As their fates grow increasingly intertwined, Melusine might be the only one who can help Lia find the answers she desperately needs to save everyone she loves and to achieve her happily ever after. But can Lia trust her?

Tobie Easton is a private writing instructor and a host for tween and teen book clubs. She is the author of the Mer Chronicles. She lives in Los Angeles, California.
The path west is long, but despite Selena’s progress, New Canaan is never far enough behind her. It was there that her parents were killed, forcing her and her little brother Simon to flee the tyrannical state. Now, New Canaan wants control over every last inch of America-That-Was. Only the Republic of California can stand against it—but not without the data stick in Selena’s pocket, rumored to contain vital information about New Canaan’s deadly new weapon. As winter closes in, Selena races south in search of an open passage to the coast. She must pass through Nuevo Juarez, where a ruthless leader named Thorin has seized power. Selena runs afoul of Thorin’s men and is separated from her brother, captured, and auctioned off at the city’s thriving slave market. Her only way out is through the Iron Circle, a fighting ring where the city’s most fearsome warriors pit their skills against one another. As the populace and Thorin watch Selena rise through the ranks, Selena earns a reputation she doesn’t want and the attention of man with the power to destroy her and what’s left of America-That-Was.

Justin Joschko is a writer whose work has appeared in newspapers and literary journals across Canada. He is the author of Yellow Locust. He lives in Ottawa, Ontario.
In a war of gods and tyrants, the will of the dragonrider must never falter. Captured and tortured by the brutal tyrant, Argonox, Reigh’s worst fears have now been realized. Argonox has successfully twisted his mysterious dark power for a truly evil purpose—reanimating the long-deceased legendary dragonrider, Beckah Derrick, and her monstrous king drake. But Argonox’s cruelty won’t end there, and Reigh fears the worst is yet to come. Rescue is unlikely as the Tibrans prepare to make their final strike, poised to break Maldobar’s ranks of proud dragonriders once and for all. With many of its cities already captured by the Tibran Empire, all hope now rests with Jaevid, Princess Jenna, Phillip, and their mismatched band of dragonrider allies to lead the last stand and save their kingdom. Even in such frightful times, Jaevid may find he still has a few old friends ready to take up their weapons and stand at his side again. But facing down Beckah is perhaps the one thing that might break Jaevid’s resolve. Can he really strike down the woman he used to love in order to save the kingdom? One final battle will decide the fate of our heroes. Can the strength dragonrider prevail once again? Or will the Tibran Empire become Maldobar’s new legacy?

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When technology is outlawed, the future looks a lot like the past. Thirteen-year-old Caden Aire spends his days working in the fields and his nights sleeping in a horse stable, all under the watch of Metl—Earth’s mysterious and artificial second moon, a looming relic of humanity’s lost era. But Caden’s simple life changes when one night, a fiery red X suddenly appears on Metl’s surface, and the same red Xs start glowing on his palms. Now Caden must find the only person who knows what’s happening to him, but he doesn’t have much time. Metl has started on an impact course with Earth, and to stop it, Caden will have to face both the unsettling truth about his world … and about himself.

Scott Wilson works as an editor and daily writer for the popular news entertainment website Rocket-News24. He also writes the popular weekly original series W.T.F. (Weird Top Five) Japan. He lives in Osaka, Japan.
In 16th-century England, two teenage best friends find themselves on an exciting journey from the country to the Queen’s court in the hope of being named ladies-in-waiting. But Sybille and Rose soon discover they aren’t the only girls who have their sights set on attending Her Majesty. The girls must compete against worldly and cunning opponents, among them mean-girl Avis and her entourage of back-stabbing co-horts, tipping the balance in their already-tenuous friendship. Soon, the grand hall is more like the hallway of a prestigious finishing school, with girls fighting for the attention of a dashing, young earl, amid parties fueled by drinking and indiscriminate dalliances. As the tension between Sybille and Avis heats up, the focus on Rose wanes, allowing her to turn her attention to more important matters - like getting close enough to the Queen to learn her secrets. But being close to the Queen is not without its challenges. And when rumors of Rose’s influence make their way around the castle, no one, not even the Queen, will be safe.

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Of the Trees Series
Beyond the Wild Wood

E.M. Fitch

The faery queen has forbidden Aidan from stalking his prey, but Cassie should have known that nothing would keep him from what he wants: to steal her away forever into the realm of the Fae. Cassie struggles to pick up what’s left of her life, keeping true to her promise to watch over her best friend’s son. But despite the faery queen’s promise of safety, the shadow of Aidan is ever present in her mind, haunting her dreams and turning forest shadows into nightmares. The Fae haven’t left yet. Cassie knows because Laney lingers still, drawn to the son she gave up, the foliage at his window sill bright green and flourishing at her touch. Laney’s son is safe in the arms of his adoptive parents, and the babe has Cassie to watch over him from afar. When the faery queen’s threat of departure becomes all too real, Aidan takes matters into his own hands, throwing the Fae into a battle that risks their very existence. His action impels Laney to choose which side she really belongs on—human or faery—and forces Cassie to decide just who she can trust, at last, with the truth.

E.M. Fitch is an author who loves scary stories, chocolate, and tall trees. When not dreaming up new ways to torture characters, she is usually corralling her four children or thinking of ways to tire them out so she can get an hour of peace at night. She is the author of the Of the Trees series. She lives in Harwinton, Connecticut.
Roger Mantis
The Remarkable Metamorphosis of Roger McGillicutty

Tom Alan Brosz

Baseball is Roger McGillicutty’s whole life. That is until he wakes one Saturday to find he is no longer a normal eleven-year-old boy. He’s a five-foot-tall praying mantis. Roger has school on Monday, the carnival comes to town next week, and his baseball team is poised to play their biggest rival in one week. Being a giant bug will seriously cramp Roger’s style! To Roger’s surprise, his parents and friends are supportive. Even his dog isn’t much spooked. But not everyone’s thrilled about Roger’s change. Some people are frightened and others would like nothing more than to squash him into the ground like the bug he is. And when Little League officials oust Roger from baseball, his world collapses. When a reporter from the city comes snooping around rumors of a man-sized baseball-playing praying mantis, Roger must choose between hiding his true self or being the hero he’s always wanted to be.

Tom Alan Brosz is an actual rocket scientist (sort of), having done design and engineering work in the private space industry back before the private space industry was cool. His qualifications for writing this book are that he has experience in raising children who like bugs and raising pet mantises for those children. Normal-sized mantises, of course. He lives in San Diego, California.
Morty and the Moon

Illustrations by José Lucio

This picture book tells the tale of a friendly bat that just can’t seem to make friends. After a night of being shooed and turned away as usual, he goes for a flight to ease his mind. Up into the sky and away from his woes, he flies so high that he bumps into the moon! In a sudden surprise, the moon greets him with a smile and a new friendship is born. But as the moon starts to fade away, Morty must learn to be patient and understanding of his new friend’s cycle.

José Lucio is an author and illustrator. You can catch him in his personal studio working on projects, or just down the street at the Scribble Art Studio, where he works as an instructor. He is the author of Heave Ho! and Free Rain. He lives in Savannah, Georgia.
Kind Soup

Jean Petersen
Illustrations by Janet Samuel

Kate and her Mom are busy in the kitchen making a soup full of ... fruit! Wait a minute, isn’t soup usually made of vegetables? Well, not this soup! Kind Soup is a balanced and blessed blend of the biblical Fruits of the Spirit, wrapped in prayer and ladled out with love. With a complete recipe for families to make, this book is one to share with generations to come.

Jean Petersen is a writer with more than 20 years of professional writing experience. She is the author of The Big Sky Bounty Cookbook and Rustic Recipes. She lives in Red Lodge, Montana.

Janet Samuel is a full-time illustrator who focuses on work primarily aimed towards creative children’s literature. She is at her happiest with a pencil or paint brush in hand. She lives in Pontarddulais, Swansea.
The photographs in this collection are about the Tokyo that Greg Girard was living in from 1976-1983. It would be some years later before he started making a living as a magazine photographer and many years after that before he started to consider his early, mostly unpublished, work from Japan as significant. These photographs are the result of the decision made by a then 20-year-old Girard and the momentum from that first impression which turned him loose in a city that he never tired of photographing, both during the years he lived there and on subsequent visits.

Greg Girard is a photographer who has spent much of his career in Asia. His work examines the social and physical transformations taking place throughout the region. He is the photographer of *Under Vancouver 1972-1982*. He lives in Vancouver.
Deep in the heart of America, one feels transported to the war-torn regions of the Middle East. The recreational use of military-grade weapons has become a cherished pastime for many aficionados. Shooting ranges host events each year attracting thousands of participants who utilize machine guns, cannons, bombs and even tanks for recreation. Their targets include zombie pictures, barrels, mannequins, scrap cars and explosive charges that go off when hit. Participants see this activity both as a sport and as a way of life, connected to the American ideals of freedom and self-reliance. Jean-François Bouchard’s photographs show this reality from a new perspective by documenting the left over relics from this recreational pastime. Many photographers have taken an interest in gun culture in the US. Bouchard’s point of view brings to light the new extremes of military-grade weapon use and adopts a cinematic form that transforms reality into a surreal and eerie parallel world. Shot from the sky or at night, the photos become eerily beautiful. Bullet-ridden shipping containers glowing in the night, decimated vegetation and exploding or burning scrap cars show the after-effects of this fringe group’s passion for heavy weaponry. This collection walks viewers through a different viewpoint in gun culture, where family and recreational time completely hinges on pulling the trigger.

Jean-François Bouchard is a contemporary visual artist who travels the world seeking out people whose interests and lifestyles are out of the ordinary. His visual focus is generally on lesser-known communities who share uncommon passions. His goal is to take viewers past their biases to see the humanity even in people who adopt the most marginal behaviors or beliefs. His work has been exhibited in galleries, museums, and festivals in Canada, the United States, and France. Transpose is his latest body of work which was exhibited at Arsenal Contemporary Art and won the prestigious Nannen Prize in Germany after being featured as six-page documentary in Stern Magazine. He lives in Montreal.
The Concealed Handgun Manual
How to Choose, Carry, and Shoot a Gun in Self-Defense
Seventh edition

Chris Bird

Containing beginning and advanced shooting instruction, updated safety information, and accounts of incidents of concealed handgun self-defense, this comprehensive handbook intends to prevent gun owners from becoming the victims of a criminal or terrorist attack. The book offers advice for selecting and buying a handgun, discussions of the importance of self-protection, methods for concealing weapons, and an examination of the mental attitude required in case of an armed encounter, as well as advice on how to avoid violent encounters entirely. In addition to providing a current list of handguns suitable for concealed carry, this updated edition includes new information about the psychological ramifications of using deadly force against another human being and provides information and context from recent events, such as the mass shootings at Sutherland Springs, Texas, Virginia Tech and in Tucson, Arizona.

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Guilty at Gunpoint
How the Government Framed Me

Paul Singh

Providing insight into widespread corruption in our criminal justice system, the author cites various statutes, case laws and books by top-level insiders to prove how laws were broken by corrupt prosecutors. He shows how our vision of America based on ideals of our founding fathers, and the reality of American justice are no longer aligned. When the author left India to flee a land filled with corruption, he chose America to make his home, a country he admired for its freedom and justice. Decades after his arrival, his idealistic vision of our nation died while being targeted and framed by the very government he trusted. Assured by the FDA that the most widely used IUD in Europe was approved for use here, he continued using it for two years while the FDA and DOJ tracked his every move to build a case against him for using the device. Singh knew nothing about this until a team of armed agents raided his office and expelled undressed female patients from their exam rooms. The FDA then fabricated documents, destroyed and suppressed evidence, intimidated witnesses, and coerced him into signing a plea deal by threatening to imprison his wife, as well, giving him two hours to sign it...or else. This book is perfect for law students and anyone interested in the way justice is administered in the United States.

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The Prison Torture in America
Shocking Tales from the Inside

Paul Singh

Sharing experiences of 15 inmates and their battle for care, the author uncovers the truth about capital punishment and what goes on in our prison system. As an experienced physician, Paul Singh, MD, DO, Ph.D., was stunned by the cruelty that inmates with physical and mental conditions endured. Denials for treatment, gross incompetence, deadly neglect, reckless infliction of pain and falsified medical records, produced life-threatening conditions, emotional deterioration, loss of limbs, and even death. His exposé reveals the shocking truth about the violations of fundamental Constitutional rights in our prison system, so egregious one might think the prisons were in countries with barbaric dictators where basic human rights do not exist.

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