The Power of TED* (*The Empowerment Dynamic)

10th Anniversary Edition

David Emerald

This book is a fable on self-leadership, because how you lead your own life has everything to do with how you lead in other areas. It is a tool for both individuals and organizations who want to create more effective communication and relationships. Learning how to transform everyday drama and opt for more growth-oriented solutions, is the priceless gift it teaches. As you walk with David, the main character, he shares how he is feeling victimized by life. Through serendipity he meets some wise guides, Ted and Sophia, who show David how he can move from feeling like a Victim to being a Creator of his own life. The Power of TED* offers a powerful alternative to the Karpman Drama Triangle with its roles of Victim, Persecutor, and Rescuer. The Empowerment Dynamic (TED) provides the antidote roles of Creator, Challenger and Coach and a more positive approach to life’s challenges. The teaching story provides a guide for learning and growing through the challenges we all face in our lives. Its message resonates with everyone who, at some time in their lives, feel victimized by their situation. Having helped thousands of people and scores of organizations over the past decade. This book is being published in this 10th Anniversary Edition to convey a very timely message of hope that all of life, whether at home or work, can be transformed to create satisfying and fulfilling relationships.

“[The Power of Ted contains] really smart and helpful information about . . . stronger, saner, and healthier ways of behaving.” —Elizabeth Gilbert, author, Eat, Pray, Love

David Emerald is a consultant, facilitator, executive coach, and speaker. He is the director and co-founder of the Bainbridge Leadership Center where he helps clients cultivate collaborative capabilities to create sustainable change and growth and to create powerful partnerships. He is the author of 3 Vital Questions. He lives in Bainbridge Island, Washington.
Why Do they Hate Us?
Making Peace with the Muslim World

Steve Slocum

With Americans still in shock after watching packed airliners slam into the twin towers, George W. Bush asked America, “Why do they hate us?” After 9/11, the world became more fearful, and acts of terrorism were prominent in the news cycles. In this book, author Steve Slocum takes the spotlight off the extremists and instead exposes the heart of the everyday Muslim through Christian outreach. The author brings the story of Mohammed to life and unveils the storied history of Islam with refreshing detail. Slocum clears up common misconceptions about jihad, Sharia law and the role of women in Islam. He then connects the dots for readers of all faiths between cause and effect for the rise in Islamophobia. Finally, Slocum suggests practical ways to overcome societal fears by face-to-face interaction with our Muslim neighbors. This book is sprinkled with stories from the lives of everyday Muslims and anecdotes from Slocum’s time in Kazakhstan, allowing the reader to catch a glimpse of a different side of Muslims than portrayed in the media.

Steve Slocum is an engineer and the founder of Salaam, a non-religious, non-partisan, non-profit organization. His mission is creating mutual understanding between Muslims, Christians, Jews and the non-religious. He is a frequent speaker at churches and civic groups, and creates awareness events, mosque visits, and other connections through Salaam.
Mike & Me
An Inspiring Guide For Couples Who Choose to Face Alzheimer’s Together At Home.

Rosalys Peel and Dan Zadra

More than three years in the making, this book changes everything for Alzheimer’s couples and caregivers. When her husband Mike was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, Rosalys Peel made a deal with him. Together, they vowed that they would manage Alzheimer’s in their own home and go right on living life as normally as possible for as long as possible. Over the next ten years they found new ways to defy and surpass virtually all the typical Alzheimer’s statistics. Despite Mike’s illness they pursued their dreams, traveled the world, helped raise their granddaughter, maintained their romance, kept Mike on his feet, and found new ways to communicate with their friends, family and each other. They also saved countless thousands of dollars by doing it in the familiar surroundings of their own home. Through it all Rosalys kept a journal of their discoveries. The result is her inspiring guidebook for Alzheimer’s couples, entitled Mike & Me.

“Here’s new hope, help and guidance for Alzheimer’s couples everywhere.” —Lily Jung Henson, M.D.

Rosalys Peel is a Registered Nurse, a Lamaze-certified childbirth educator, and a Gotman-certified couples’ relationship facilitator. For more than 30 years she has been a respected voice in the childbirth education movement. She currently teaches classes at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle and has been a featured guest on NPR and The Today Show. She lives on Bainbridge Island, Washington. Dan Zadra is the founder of Seattle’s Compendium Inc, one of the nation’s foremost publishers of inspirational books, gifts and greeting cards. Over the past 35 years he has written, co-written or edited more than 200 books, including dozens of award-winning gift books, a variety of private label business books, several acclaimed children’s books, and six consecutive best-sellers. He lives in Wallace, Idaho.
Tiny Medicine

One Doctor’s Biggest Lessons from His Smallest Patients

Dr. Chris DeRienzo

Foreword by Eric Langshur

Every year, nearly 4 million babies are born in the United States. Most arrive safely and go home with their families in a matter of days. But not all babies come into the world healthy and almost half a million arrive well before they are expected. These newborns need tiny medicine. Told from the first-person perspective, Dr. Chris DeRienzo—a neonatologist, health system leader and frequent keynote speaker—walks readers through the human experience of caring for the world’s smallest and sickest patients. His stories share the absurd and the sublime parts of being a doctor and detail how they have shaped who he is as a husband, father, and person. Readers will learn the secrets of the NICU, the loneliness that comes with life and death decisions, and the incredibly powerful sense of purpose and triumph that comes with just making it through the night and keeping everyone alive. In the end, this book delivers an insider’s view of a doctor’s life never before accessible without a white coat.

“Full of compelling stories, humor, and raw emotional vulnerability, DeRienzo takes us on a journey through the joys and tragedies of caring for the smallest patients, often in life or death situations.”

–Nate Klemp, PhD, co-founder of LIFE XT, co-author, Start Here: Master The Lifelong Habit of Wellbeing

Dr. Chris DeRienzo is a Chief Medical Officer for Cardinal Analytx and sees his patients in the Mission Children’s NICU follow-up clinic. A frequent keynote speaker on the intersection of humanity and technology in healthcare, he advises both state and national governments and companies from early-stage ventures to the Fortune 500 on issues related to healthcare quality, safety, and analytics. He lives in Asheville, North Carolina. Eric Langshur is the founder of Abundant Venture Partners. He is the co-author of Start Here and We Carry Each Other. He lives in Chicago.
Unwanted
How a Mother Learned to Turn Shame, Grief, and Fear into Purpose, Power, and Empowerment

Linda Smith

Linda Smith grew up impoverished, neglected and abused, but knew a great destiny awaited. She had no idea her life would take the turns it would, or deliver her from fear and guilt to triumph and unconditional love. A high school dropout turned model actress, Smith married a popular Canadian entertainer and built a life together traveling across two countries while becoming entrenched in the Las Vegas celebrity community. Linda had achieved a pinnacle she never thought possible—and then it all came crashing down. When Linda gave birth to a Down syndrome baby, she was certain life as they knew it was over, but instead, their son Christopher became a catalyst that catapulted Linda onto even bigger stages. Behind the glitz and glamour of the Strip, she produced charity events and concerts for a cherished disability organization, learning the job of fundraiser among millionaires, mobsters, and city movers-and-shakers. She became one of the nation’s most successful fundraisers, raising over half a billion dollars for disability causes, but her most cherished role was as a mother, seeing Chris exceed all expectations and become a force that changed not just her life, but their entire world.

Linda Smith is an author, speaker, and non-profit consultant. She is recognized as a fundraising icon within the Las Vegas community and across the globe. After 38 years of leading one of the largest and well-known non-profit organizations, she launched a consulting business in 2016 as a way to connect donors with deserving charities, while providing visionary ideas and various fundraising approaches for non-profits. Inspired by her eldest son, she was led to establish The Christopher Smith Foundation in her son’s name, and author her first book. She lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.
Metaphors in Motion
Wisdom from the Open Road

Debbie Bishop and Tim Bishop

More life lessons from the coauthors of the award-winning Wheels of Wisdom. Certain principles are universal whether you are bicycling across America or chasing your own lifelong dream. Life lessons can arise in unusual settings, and often arrive when you’ve left your comfort zones behind and embarked on a unique journey. After thousands of miles of pedaling, Tim and Debbie Bishop have discovered some powerful lessons from the seat of a bicycle. In Metaphors in Motion, they convey some “open-road wisdom” applicable to any adventure in life. As you seek to move forward in your world, you can rarely find enough inspiration, encouragement, and insight to face life’s challenges with confidence. Whether you are navigating unfamiliar terrain, struggling to get started, or just plain stuck and praying for your own miracle, you’ll find a good dose of guidance and motivation from the cycling “aha moments” inside this book. With wisdom gleaned all the way from a twilight ride up an Idaho mountain to a bicycle shop in Delaware, Ohio, Metaphors in Motion will provide you with the enlightenment you’ll want for your own travels through life. More importantly, it will challenge you to apply some key life principles.

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 and Wheels of Wisdom. They live in Thompson’s Station, Tennessee.
A Year of Living Prayerfully

How A Curious Traveler Met the Pope, Walked on Coals, Danced with Rabbis, and Revived His Prayer Life

Jared Brock
Foreword by Mark Buchanan

Although up to 90% of people pray, very few feel like they have mastered prayer. World traveler, Jared Brock, sensed that something was missing in his prayer life, so he embarked on a yearlong, 37,000-mile journey to rediscover the power of prayer (and eat some delicious falafel). In an effort to learn more about prayer, he explored the great Judeo-Christian prayer traditions: in mountains and monasteries, in Christian communities and cathedrals, standing up and lying down, every hour and around the clock. His witty reflections on his fast-paced journey will both entertain and inspire readers to think about their own prayer journey.

“Fun and insightful.” —Booklist

Jared A. Brock is the director of Over 18, Red Light Green Light, and Josiah and is the author of Beard-ed Gospel Men and The Road to Dawn. He has been interviewed on TODAY.com, CBS, 100 Huntley Street, and The 700 Club, and his writing has appeared in Esquire, Huffington Post, Smithsonian, Writer’s Digest, and TIME. He lives in Guelph, Ontario.

Mark Buchanan is a pastor and professor. He is the author of seven titles including Hidden in Plain Sight and The Rest of God. He lives in Calgary, Alberta.
Ancient Sounds for a New Age

An Introduction to Himalayan Sacred Sound Instruments

Diáne Mandle

This is an introduction to and an overview of sound healing with Himalayan instruments. It offers a clear idea of what is needed to learn and practice for anyone who decides to enter the field and serves as an instructional tool to that end. The book is organized in five parts: an orientation to the work, the sound healing instruments, a breakdown of techniques and principles for working with the body’s main energy centers, brief orientations to working with anxiety and depression, and ways to include other modalities in a sound healing session. The author explores colors and toning, power language, and visualization, reminding the reader, “In learning to practice sound healing, we are aspiring to become more than technicians who can play the instruments—we are developing into healers.” Additionally, several appendices include thumbnail profiles of some sound healing pioneers, an interesting case study, some client testimonials, and further resources. As an extra bonus, there is exclusive access to a digital one-hour instructional video which demonstrates the author’s methods as a practitioner.

“Diane Mandle is the preeminent voice in the field of Tibetan bowl sound healing. Her book, Ancient Sounds for the New Age, offers a platform of deep understanding on which a practical skill set can be easily built upon. This is what the emerging field of sound healing has been waiting for.” —Richard Rudis, Karma Sonam Dorje

Diáne Mandle is recording artist with Sounds True, a Tibetan bowl practitioner, educator, and the only state certified practitioner in California. She has given over 250 educational concert programs in 32 states as well as in India, Costa Rica, Mexico and St. Croix. She has been a frequent guest presenter at the Museum of Making Music, California State University San Marcos, The Golden Door, The Deepak Chopra Center, Rancho La Puerta and KPBS.
Brandan Kearney’s Official On Cinema At the Cinema Reader
Volume One: 2010-2018

Brandan Kearney  
Foreword by Tim Heidecker and Gregg Turkington

A deluxe, hardbound, episode-by-episode guideto every aspect of the On Cinema Universe, from the flagship show to all the incarnations of the hit spin-off action series, Decker. Incisive commentary and analysis of the show made famous by its incisive commentary and analysis. Includes rare On Cinema, Decker, and Dekkard documents, photographs, and ephemera. Sure to thrill the rabid fanbase and introduce rabid neophytes as well!

Brandan Kearney is a freelance writer and editor. He is the co-author of Warm Voices Rearranged. He lives in New York City. Tim Heidecker is a comedian, writer, director, actor, and musician. He is best known as one half of the comedy duo Tim & Eric, along with Eric Wareheim. He lives in Los Angeles. Gregg Turkington is a musician and comedian best known for his stand-up character Neil Hamburger. He is the co-author of Warm Voices Rearranged. He lives in Los Angeles.
I’m 30, Now What?!

Ky-Lee Hanson

This collection is a discovery through the perception of women born between 1977 - 1987. At the time of writing this book, we are in our thirties. The authors have lived all over the world, yet there is a common feeling of displacement across the globe within this “lost” generation. They are a part of the generation that has had vast choices around education, career, and our role in the household. They have seen positive change: rapid gentrification, spirituality, equal rights, gay rights and same-sex marriage, the-everyday-feminist and females running the workplace, male nurses, stay at home dads, and moms to mompreneurs to childless-women-by-choice finding commonalities outside of mommyhood. As adults, this group has viewed diversity and open-mindedness as the way of life. This is a generation was born to be a generation of change; a generation of options. These essays are heavy, controversial eye-openers, was well as tools for healing, growth, owning your power, and embracing choice. The contributors include Nichole Cornachia, Chloe DeVito de Concha, Jessica Gardner, Nicole Singh, Kim Santillo, Shannon Figsby, Jessica dos Santos, Natasha Manchester, Chloe DeVito de Concha, Nichole Cornachia.

Ky-Lee Hanson is a successful author and entrepreneur. She thrives on creating opportunities to help people along their journey. Her studies in sociology, human behavior, stress management, nutrition and health sciences has led her to have a deep understanding of people. She discovered the best way to “relate” to people is not to, instead simply listen to understand their world for the uniqueness that it is. She is a featured author of Dear Limits, Get Out of My Way, Dear Stress, I’m Breaking Up With You, and On Her Plate. She lives in Oxford Mills, Ontario.
Just as the lives of slaves and Indigenous peoples paid for the early growth of the new American nation, so too were lives sacrificed to advance the expansion of empire in the 20th century. Book Two in this epic three-part series is a damning account of war—and the selling of war in America—revealing how riches, imperial expansion, and the consolidation of power have been the true aim of American wars and covert actions, both at home and abroad. The seeds of exceptionalism and divine entitlement, whose planting is detailed in Book One: Dreaming of Empire, yield Book Two: America’s Favorite Pastime and the nightmarish side of the American Century.

Mumia Abu-Jamal is an award-winning journalist. He spent more than 28 years on death row for allegedly killing a white police officer in Philadelphia. Despite his three-decade imprisonment, most of which was spent in solitary confinement on Death Row, Abu-Jamal has relentlessly fought for his freedom and for his profession. He is the author of nine books, including Death Blossoms and Live from Death Row, and thousands of radio commentaries. Stephen Vittoria is a film director and producer. His documentary films include Long Distance Revolutionary: A Journey with Mumia Abu-Jamal and One Bright Shining Moment: The Forgotten Summer of George McGovern. He lives in Los Angeles, California. S. Brian Willson is a Vietnam veteran (Captain, USAF), peace activist, and attorney. He has been a lifelong advocate for human rights and a defiant force against U.S. imperialism and America’s murderous wars. He lives in New York. David Swanson is an antiwar activist and author. He co-founded War is a Crime.org (formerly After Downing Street). He has authored numerous books including War is a Lie and has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize numerous times. He lives in Charlottesville, Virginia.
To Defend and Deter
The Legacy of the United States Cold War Missile Program

John C. Lonnquest and David F. Winkler

The Department of Defense’s official history of the United States Cold War missile program—completely reformatted with all-new color illustrations and photographs not used in the original edition. The DoD commissioned this study as part of its Cold War Project in 1996. With permission from the DoD’s Legacy Program, this book has been brought back into print. This informative guide offers a thorough look at Cold War missile development, from the earliest beginnings of rocketry in the 13th century to the arms control agreements that began in the 1970s. Both a narrative history and reference guide, the book traces the evolution of the Cold War and establishes the United States missile program’s scope and its massive impact on the American landscape, citizens, and structure of the U.S. military establishment.

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Sutro’s Glass Palace
The Story of Sutro Baths

John A. Martini

Like a majestic ocean liner or a grand hotel, the Victorian-era Sutro Baths dazzled visitors with its over-the-top opulence and its many attractions: seven swimming pools filled with filtered and heated seawater, a museum, restaurants, tropical plants, promenades, and seating for thousands of spectators, all covered by more than 100,000 square feet of glass. The creation of Comstock millionaire Adolph Sutro, the Baths opened in 1894 and ended in fire in 1966. Once the debris was cleared, little remained of Sutro’s ambitious structure, which he intended to outshine the baths of Rome. Today, visitors explore its concrete ruins and mysterious tunnels, which are protected by the National Park Service as part of the larger Lands End site. This book is the fascinating story of a vanished but enduring piece of San Francisco history, comprehensively answers the question, “What was this place?”.

John A. Martini is a professional researcher, historical consultant, and a former National Park Service Ranger who worked at such diverse locations as Fort Point National Historic Site, Alcatraz Island, the National Maritime Museum, the U.S.S. Arizona National Memorial, the Presidio of San Francisco, and Sagamore Hill National Historic Site. He is an acknowledged expert on America’s coastal defenses and consults with numerous state and federal agencies on the restoration of seacoast fortifications and artillery pieces. He lives in Fairfax, California.
Tucked into a sheltered valley in the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge, Fort Baker is an outstanding example of saving your nation’s heritage by bringing new life to an historic area. Once part of the coastal defense system that - from the Civil War to the Cold War - protected San Francisco Bay and its valuable port from attack, today, the fort is an inspiring showcase of a remarkable post-to-part conversion. After more than a century as a US Army installation, Fort Baker is now protected by the National Park Service, and its historic buildings, fortifications and spectacular views are available for public enjoyment. Inside you’ll find:

- In-depth history of the evolution of Fort Baker
- Historical and contemporary maps and photographs
- Artist’s rendering of the never-built fort at Lime Point
- Self-guided tours of the fort’s parade ground and waterfront
- Building histories for today’s Cavallo Point: The Lodge at the Golden Gate
- Appendices with detailed information on army units, commanding officers and fortifications.

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The Last Missile Site
An Operational and Physical History of Nike Site SF-88
Fort Barry, California

Stephen A. Haller and John A. Martini

Go inside a Nike missile site! View the inner workings and relive the day-to-day operations. Told through the eyes of the men and women who stood ready at Site SF-88, this book paints a vivid picture of the around-the-clock military mission that protected our nation from aerial attack during the tensest years of the Cold War. This is the first book to fully describe SF-88—the only restored Nike missile site—and is ideal for historic preservationists, ColdWar buffs, military historians, vets, park managers, park visitors, and volunteer groups.

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Rings of Supersonic Steel
An Introduction and Site Guide:
Air Defenses of the United States
Army 1950-1979
Third edition

Mark A. Berhow and Mark L. Morgan

The only comprehensive Cold War missile book on
the market today. Once upon a time, America’s
major cities were protected from air attack by
rings of supersonic steel. These supersonic senti-
nels are gone now, but you can rediscover this
fascinating Cold War-era technology in the third
edition of Rings of Supersonic Steel. Learn how
the NIKE and other missiles systems worked. Locate
former nuclear missile sites in your neighborhood.
Rings of Supersonic Steel is an introductory history
of the U.S. continental air defenses missile network
and a complete survey of all NIKE, BOMARC, the
Safeguard sites in the Continental U.S., Alaska, Ha-
waii and Canada. This expanded edition includes
updated text based upon information from new
sources and from fellow enthusiasts.

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Bicycle Touring How-To
What We Learned

Debbie Bishop and Tim Bishop

Discover the secrets of a successful bicycle tour. This book is all about learning how to bicycle tour from the ground up—and quickly—because that’s just what authors Tim and Debbie Bishop did when they ventured across America after marrying. “How-To” contains tips on equipment, security, pre- and post-trip logistics, the daily routine, technology, and much more. Readers will even learn how much a tour can cost and how to reduce expenses. Includes a sample packing list and trip costs as well as website addresses of an illustrative trip journal, maps, and logs. What are you waiting for? It’s time for a grand adventure!

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, Metaphors in Motion, and Wheels of Wisdom. They live in Thompson’s Station, Tennessee.
Actual Air
Second edition

David Berman

David Berman’s first (and only) book of poetry was and is a journey through shared and unreliable memory. At the time, Berman was called a modern-day Wallace Stevens and a next-wave John Ashberry, with his own logic, awareness of pop culture and sensitivity to the details of the post-postmodern world in his poems. Alongside his lyrics to a half-dozen infamous Silver Jews records, this book endeared Berman to lovers of poetry, prose, and music alike. This edition includes larger dimensions and enlarged typeface, a new dustjacket artwork variant, deluxe cloth boards, updated full-color endpapers, and a dust-jacket featuring a photo of the artist around the time of the original publication.

“Some of his book is Ashbery-influenced, while some stanzas recall the Americana of Thomas Lux. . . leagues beyond Jewell’s A Night Without Armor, announcing the discovery of great American poetic storytelling by a new generation.” —Publisher’s Weekly

“Sophisticated yet accessible” —New York Times

David Berman is a poet, singer-songwriter, and the former member of the indie-rock band, Silver Jews. He lives in Williamsburg, Virginia.
In Pursuit of Perfection

Jacki Kelly

The next man in Macy Rollins’s life must be perfect. She’s had enough impostors and isn’t willing to settle for anything less. All she has to do is get through the company contract negotiation season and she will get that promotion she has been working so hard for. Avery Malveaux – one of Philadelphia’s most eligible bachelors – has been hired to work with her as legal counsel for the company. From the moment they are forced to work together tensions are high and expectations are low. He questions her ability, she questions his intentions. After Macy is suspected in an accounting shortage, she accuses Avery of betraying her confidence. Has she once again been deceived by a man she thought she could trust? Can she clear her name and win her job back? And can there be any hope for Macy’s pursuit of perfection.

Jacki Kelly is an author of poetry, personal essays, short stories, and novels which have all occupied space in her heart and her hard drive. She loves to read almost as much as she likes to write. She lives in Newark, Delaware.
Conclusion
A Novel

Peter Robertson

Colin Tugdale has only one year left to live. He has no complaints. He took the government money, and he lived for twenty years in perfect health, never growing one day older, never getting sick. But his time is almost over, and his beloved wife, Ruby, is already gone. Colin needs something to occupy himself. He meets a woman who should be dead. He sees a man who is dead. Is it possible that his government has been lying to him? Colin’s last year might prove to be his most exciting. Set in a world gently different from ours, this thriller explores the nature of aging in society, within the context of a thriller that places two ordinary people in a race against time that culminates in a remote boundary land.

Peter Robertson was born and raised in Edinburgh, Scotland. He has been a book reviewer for daily papers and magazines, stay-at-home dad, soccer coach, university student, and elementary and middle school teacher. He is the author of Colorblind, Mission, and Permafrost. He lives in Chicago.
Angel City Series

Nobody Move

Philip Elliott

Eddie Vegas made a terrible mistake. Now he has to pay the price. After a botched debt collection turned double murder, Eddie splits, desperate to avoid his employer, notorious L.A. crime boss Saul Benedict, and his men (and Eddie’s ex-partners), Floyd and Sawyer, as well as the police. Soon he becomes entangled with the clever and beautiful Dakota, a Native American woman fresh in the City of Angels to find her missing friend—someone Eddie might know something about. Meanwhile in Texas, ex-assassin Rufus, seeking vengeance for his murdered brother, takes up his beloved daggers one final time and begins the long drive to L.A. When the bodies begin to mount, Detective Alison Lockley’s hunt for the killers becomes increasingly urgent. As paths cross, confusion ensues, and no one’s entirely sure who’s after who. But one thing is clear: They’re not all getting out of this alive. As much a love letter to neo-noir cinema and L.A. as it is satire, the first book in the Angel City novels is a lightning-speed crime thriller equal parts Elmore Leonard and Quentin Tarantino.

Philip Elliott is an author, freelance editor, and founder and editor-in-chief of award-winning literary journal, Into the Void. He was a National Juror of the 2019 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, and a winner of the 2018 Big Pond Rumours Press Chapbook Prize for the short story collection Hunger & Hallelujahs. He lives in Toronto, Canada.
No one is more qualified to understand the blackest hearts than a disgraced, porn-addicted former preacher who is still in love with his estranged wife. Floundering for direction and beset by the needs of his well-meaning but aggravating atheist sister and her seven-year-old son, Sam Geisler is trying to put his past behind him when the murder of one of his former parishioners by another drags him back into the world he left behind. Sam may not be Broadripple's favorite son, but his peculiar gift for listening has earned him the moniker murderer-whisperer, and the police need his help on what should be an open-and-shut case. Fighting for his marriage, fighting with his sister, and fighting against his own demons, Sam may be the only one who hears what the real murderer is all but shouting—but will it be enough to drive back his own darkness?

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Blackguards Series

Brigands

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Edited by Melanie R. Meadors and Alana Joli Abbott

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Melanie R. Meadors is the editor of anthologies including Hath No Fury, MECH: Age of Steel, and Tales of Excellent Cats: A Monarchies of Mau Anthology. She also writes fantasy stories which have appeared in various anthologies as well as novels, and blogs at The Once and Future Podcast. She lives in Worcester, Massachusetts. Alana Joli Abbott is an editor who has worked on a variety of projects including biographies, news articles, reference books, role playing games, and fiction. She is the author of the novels Departure, Into the Reach, and Regaining Home, the interactive multiple-choice novel apps Choice of Kung Fu, Showdown at Willow Creek, and Choice of the Pirate, and she has written for the comics including Cowboys and Aliens II and Ithaca. She lives in New Haven, Connecticut.

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Blackguards Series

Scoundrels

A Blackguards Anthology

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Shotguns & Sorcery: The Roleplaying Game

Matt Forbeck

Dragon City. It’s a grim, gritty metropolis ruled over by the Dragon Emperor, with legions of zombies scratching at the city walls by night. Whether in the streets of Goblintown or the prestigious halls of the Academy of Arcane Apprenticeship, people try to scrape by, make a living, and survive from one day to the next. You, however, are looking for something more than simple survival. And in this city, if you don’t make your own adventure, another adventure is sure to find you. Based on the fantasy noir novels of bestselling author Matt Forbeck and powered by Monte Cook’s Cypher system, Shotguns & Sorcery: The Roleplaying Game contains everything you need to launch your campaign. Grab a wand, a shotgun, and hold on tight to your flying carpet—it’s going to be a bumpy ride.

Tower Series

Archsage

Jesse McMinn

Kyle Campbell is a vagrant, a traveller between worlds who has found himself trapped in the strange and magical land of Loria. In this world, his power is boundless; but his arrival has attracted the attention of dangerous enemies, and Kyle wants nothing more than to return to the world where he belongs. After earning the favor of the Buorish king and barely escaping the wrath of twin assassins Lian and Lacaster, Kyle learns the identity of the one person in Loria who can help him find a way back home: a figure forgotten by time, known only as the Archsage. In order to hold counsel with the Archsage, Kyle and his companions must travel to the very ends of the earth and brave the wilderlands of Westia, the harshest continent on the planet. But they have little choice; Kyle’s homeworld is calling to him, and his time in Loria is running out. The final chapter of Kyle’s story has begun.

Jesse McMinn is a Canadian writer, programmer and fantasy enthusiast who is drawn to creativity in all of its forms. After spending much of 2015 travelling Europe and Asia, he now resides in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Loria

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Trials

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Dillon the Monster Dick Series

Altered Gate

Shaun Meeks

Everyone’s favorite Monster Dick is back, but the hunt has changed. After a video of Dillon fighting a monster goes viral, the hunter’s world gets turned upside down. He’s become a celebrity of sorts, but he’s also garnered the attention of his higher ups, the Collective. As his actions are put under a microscope and every move he makes is being watched and judged, Dillon heads to Niagara Falls to help a realtor who claims he’s being haunted by something unearthly. As Dillon looks into the case, questions of reality and madness, truth and lies fly at him from every direction. Now Dillon isn’t just hunting monsters, but is forced to search for the truth, his own sanity, and an outcome that will allow him to stay on Earth with Rouge Hills.

Shaun Meeks lives in Toronto, Ontario with his partner, Mina LaFleur, where they own and operate their own corset company L’Atelier de LaFleur. Shaun is the author of The Dillon the Monster Dick series (The Gate at Lake Drive and Earthbound and Down), as well as Maymon, Shutdown and Down on the Farm. He has published more than 50 short stories; the most recent appearing in The Best of the Horror Zine, Midian Unmade: Tales of Clive Barker’s Nightbreed, Dark Moon Digest, Rouge Nation, Shrieks and Shivers from The Horror Zine, Zippered Flesh 2, Of Devils & Deviants and Fresh Fear. His short stories have been collected in At the Gates of Madness, Dark Reaches and Brother’s Ilk (with James Meeks).
The Protectors
Volume 1

Ron Marz
Illustrations by Bart Sears
Created by Israel Idonije

Superstars ... or superheroes? This series is the first creation by former NFL defensive lineman and lifelong comic fan Israel Idonije. The diverse Protectors include football’s Isaac Chike, baseball’s Miguel Montiero, basketball’s Douglass Larter, soccer’s Danielle Peters and hockey’s Gerard Rioux, who are all stars in their respective sports. Each is blessed with a genetic spark that, when fully activated, will give them incredible abilities, as well as awesome responsibilities. They will learn that mankind is threatened by powerful adversaries called the Dissenters, who have come from their extra-dimensional home and taken positions of power through religion, politics and the media. The Dissenters plan to dominate the Earth and enslave mankind. Only the Protectors stand in their way. The initial six-issue mini-series introduces the characters, concepts and conflicts, recounting the origin of the Protectors, as well as their first major battle with the forces of the Dissenters. Each of the Protectors must choose between their lives of athletic stardom, and the great responsibilities placed before them. They must join the fight against those who would enslave us.

Israel Idonije is a former NFL player who played for the Cleveland Browns, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions, and the New York Giants. He has been an integral part of the Chicago Public School system community by supporting reading and literacy initiatives and has also served on the board of the Chicago Public Library. He is the author of the DreamKidz Adventures. He lives in Chicago. Ron Marz has been writing comics for more than two decades, starting his career with a lengthy run on Silver Surfer for Marvel. He has compiled a long list of credits including stints on Green Lantern for DC, Star Wars for Dark Horse, Witchblade for Top Cow, and as a staff writer for CrossGen Comics. He lives in Duanesburg, New York. Bart Sears has been laying pencil marks on paper professionally for over 30 years, working for DC Comics, Marvel Comics, Dark Horse, and a number of others. Known for his “Wizard” magazine covers, Brutes and Babes art tutorials, he has also put his talents to use designing toys and video games. He lives in Tampa, Florida.
Torch World Series
Paradox Hunt

Dee Garretson

No planet. No hope. Quinn Neen and his friends have survived the uprising and the ruthless Fosaanian leader’s attempt to kill them, but the galaxy is still hurtling toward war. With just a few days before Quinn starts his mandatory military training, he plans to spend the time with Mira, the Fosaanian girl he’s in love with. When a mysterious message forces them on a journey to an isolated planet named Reyet, Quinn’s plans quickly change. A coup on Reyet throws everything into chaos, leaving Quinn and Mira evading enemies they know, and some they don’t, including the planet itself. Now, time is running out for Earth, Fosaan, and Reyet, and there may be no place left in the galaxy that’s safe.

Dee Garretson writes for many different age groups, from chapter books to middle grade to young adult to adult fiction, and in true writer fashion she has cat companions who oversee her daily word count. When she’s not writing, she loves to travel, watch old movies, and attempt various kinds of drawing, painting and other artistic pursuits. She is the author of Station Fosaan. She lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.
Merged Series

Merged

Jim Kroepfl and Stephanie Kroepfl

Seven of our country’s most gifted teens will become Nobels, hosts for the implantation of brilliant Mentor minds, in an effort to accelerate human progress. But as the line between what’s possible and what’s right, draws ever blurrier, the teens discover everything has a cost. Scientists have created an evolved form of living known as Merged Consciousness, and 16-year-old Lake finds herself unable to merge with her Mentor. Lake, the Nobel for Chemistry and Orfyn, the Nobel for Art, are two from among the inaugural class of Nobels, and with the best intent and motivation. But when Stryker, the Nobel for Peace, makes them question the motivation of the scientists behind the program, their world begins to unravel. As the Nobels work to uncover the dark secrets of the program’s origins, everyone’s a suspect and no one can be trusted, not even the other Nobels. As the Mentors begin to take over the bodies and minds of the Nobels, Lake and Orfyn must find a way to regain control before they lose all semblance or memory of their former selves.

Jim and Stephanie Kroepfl are a husband-and-wife team who write stories of mystery and adventure from their cabin in the Colorado Rocky Mountains. When they aren’t dodging moose, their story ideas appear during their walks with their dog, who far prefers chasing balls to plotting novels. Jim and Stephanie are world travelers who seek out crop circles, obscure historical sites and mysterious ruins. They live in Grand Lake, Colorado.
Demon in the Whitelands Series

Demon in the Whitelands

Nikki Richard

Sixteen-year-old Samuel, son of devout cleric, has endured shame and prejudice his entire life. Though he is destined to follow in his father’s footsteps, he longs for an ordinary life in the whitelands away from talk of demons and holy roots. When the mayor claims to have captured a mute demon-girl, Samuel is forced to become her caretaker. But as Samuel gets to know the prisoner, he finds her not to be very demonlike. Instead, she is intelligent, meek, and an exceptional artist. Despite her seeming goodness, some more concerning things cannot be ignored. Samuel is hard-pressed to reconcile her uncanny strength and speed, one missing arm, ambiguous gender, and the mysterious scars covering most of her body. Samuel forms a deep attachment to the girl with predator eyes and violent outbursts, against his father’s advice. As their friendship threatens to become something more, Samuel discovers the mayor’s dark intentions. Now, he must decide whether to risk his own execution by setting her free or watch as the girl is used as a pawn in a dangerous game of oppression, fear, and murder.

Nikki Richard is a sensitive queer writer with moods and coping mechanisms. She is the author of Marks. She lives in Baltimore, Maryland.
Neliem Series

Neliem

Clare Di Liscia

Half the population of the island of Madera are dead, killed by an unforgiving and indiscriminate plague. Oriana dreams of escaping her life of ruthless cruelty from the people who now rule over those who remain. No telling whom the plague will strike next, Oriana means to find freedom for herself and her people. Drawing strength from ancient tales of her enemy, young Oriana transforms herself from victim to warrior with the help of a mysterious and powerful dagger given to her by a kind and dying boy. Years later, during her enemy’s betrothal ritual, Ezra, a boy she has never before seen, selects her as his mate. With servitude her only option, Oriana accepts the offer. Whisked away to a seemingly perfect world, Oriana discovers sinister secrets at every turn, including the identity of Tristan, a boy with whom she shares an undeniable but impossible connection. Why would a boy she doesn’t know wish her to be his betrothed? Why does she feel such a strong pull toward a stranger? Someone in Ezra’s family not only knows the answer to both those questions, but also about the dagger Oriana possesses. He will do anything to stop the union. Now, with everything on the line, Oriana turns inward to find the strength she needs to seize the full power of the dagger so that she may protect herself and save her people.

Clare Di Liscia is a writer who has traveled extensively throughout South America and the Caribbean. She placed in the prestigious Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Nicholl Fellowship in Screenwriting beating out 4700 other applicants. After joining SCBWI, she won 1st place HM in the Sue Alexander for her YA novel. She lives in Pasadena, California.
Jagger Jones Series

Jagger Jones and the Mummy’s Ankh

Malaya Evans

Jagger Jones is a whiz kid from Chicago’s South Side. Ask him anything about Ancient Egypt, and Jagger can fill hours describing all that he knows. But when he and his precocious little sister Aria fall more than three thousand years back in time to the court of Amarna, Egypt, Jagger discovers a truth that rocks his world: books don’t teach you everything there is to know. Mummies, pyramids, and cool hieroglyphics make awesome movie props, but the ancient court of Amarna is full of over-sized scorpions, magical amulets, and evil deities determined to scare unwanted visitors away. If Jagger and Aria are to return safely home, they must find nine soul-infested gemstones, defeat an evil general, save the royal family, and figure out how to rescue themselves! Armed only with Jagger’s knowledge of history and a few modern objects mined from his pockets and Aria’s sparkly purse, the siblings have exactly one week to solve supernatural riddles and rescue the royal family. If they can pull it off, Jagger Jones just might return to Chicago a hero.

Malaya Evans is the author of the middle grade time travel series, The Egyptified Joneses. She earned her Ph.D. in Egyptology from the University of Chicago and has used her background to craft a tale loaded with historical details, attested ancient actors, and a magical adventure full of gods, mummies and wriggling creatures. She lives in Chicago, Illinois.
The Elite Team Series

Cody Heart of the Mountain

Cody Runnels
Illustrations by Dylan Coburn

The second book in The Elite Team Series, features the professional wrestling Elite Team, Cody Runnels (“Cody Rhodes”), Brandi Rhodes, The Young Bucks, Kenny Omega, Adam Page (“Hangman”) and Marty Scrull. Authored by Cody Runnels, the Elite Team heads out on a camping trip with Cody’s dad, Dusty. As the campfire glows, the legend of Claw Mountain proves to be more than just a story. As the team turns against each other when blinded by their differences, can Cody find a way to lead the team back together?

Cody Runnels is a professional wrestler. He has moved beyond his fear of heights to excel both inside and outside the wrestling ring. He hopes to inspire readers to face their fears and not accept limitations. He lives in Brookhaven, Georgia. Dylan Coburn has spent most of his life drawing, animating cartoons, illustrating books, and storyboarding movies. Obsessed with the craft since he was a little boy, his fingers became calloused and indelibly colored from pencil and ink. He lives in New Zealand.

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Young Bucks Stand Tall
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Rabbit, Hare, and Bunny

Robert Broder
Illustrations by Bryan Langdo

Rabbit, Hare, and Bunny are roommates. But sometimes roommates don’t get along. Rabbit and Hare finally have enough of Bunny’s eccentric behavior and ask him to move out. But they soon realize a good roommate is hard to find. And when Bunny moves back in with his parents, Bunny realizes being more aware of how his actions affect others might not be the worst thing he could do.

Robert Broder has been known to play his banjo-ukulele obnoxiously loud, which does not make for a good roommate. He is the author of Paul and His Ukulele. He lives in Shleburne, Vermont. Bryan Langdo is the illustrator of over thirty books for children, including Mr. Tanner and Salad Pie. He is also a writer and editor. He lives in Titusville, New Jersey.
Selfie the Elfie

Savage Steve Holland
Illustrations by Andrea Tripke

Santa’s workshop is a very busy place—even for Sophie, who is in charge of tying bows on every present. But when she starts taking selfies with her handy-dandy camera phone, everyone in the workshop easily gets distracted...Until Santa’s Big Night Delivery Suit goes missing! In this fun and whimsical Christmas story, can the reader find the trail to Santa’s suit? Will Sophie’s selfies save the day?

Savage Steve Holland is a writer and director who is best known for his insane 1980s cult films. He lives in Los Angeles, California. Andrea Tripke is a German-born artist. She is the illustrator of A Girl Named October. She lives in Melbourne, Florida.