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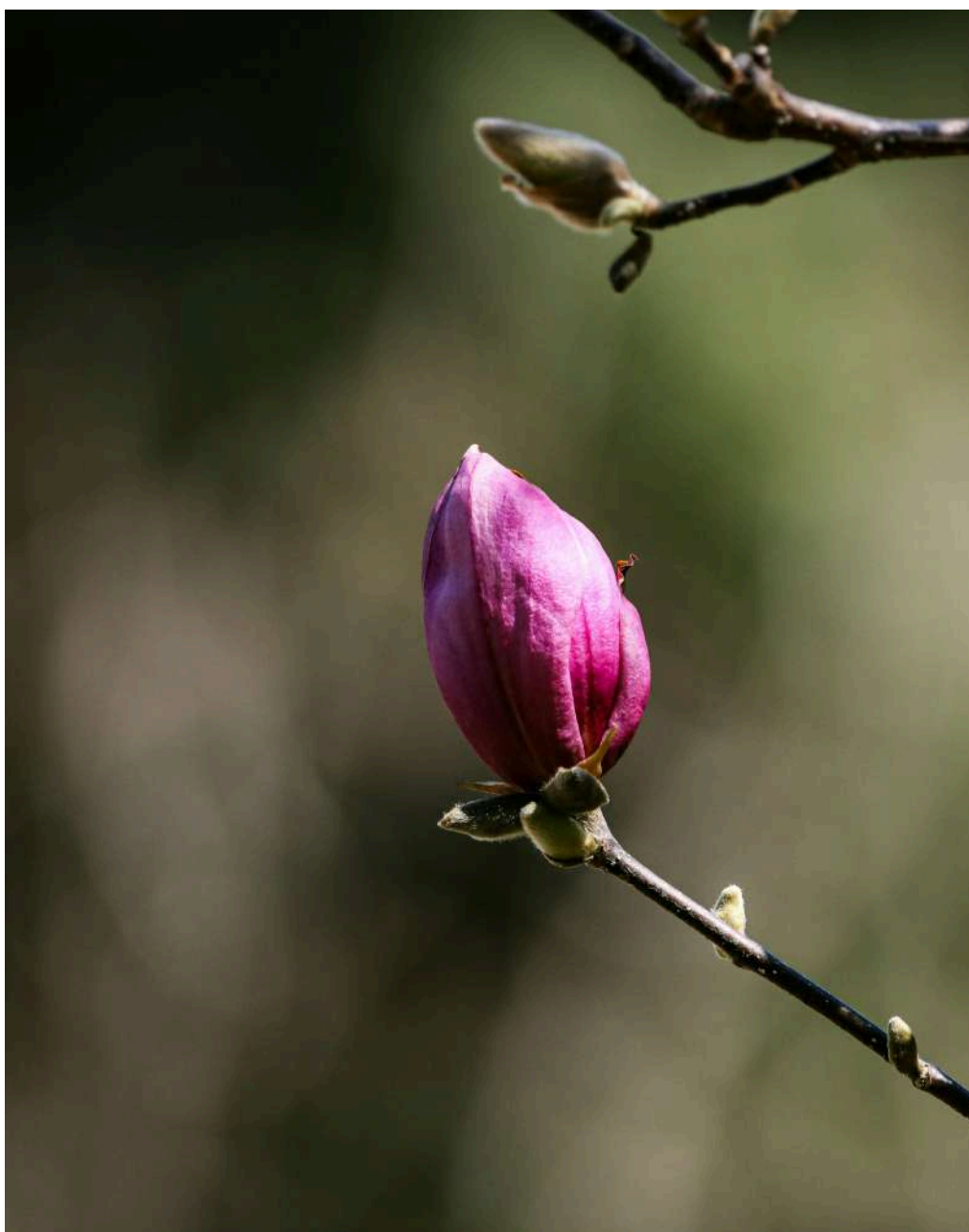
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# **Editor's Note**

The Month of Beginnings



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## Editor's Note

April is one of my favorite months — the kind that makes you close your laptop mid-sentence because a tree outside has decided to bloom right now. I rushed to finish this issue so I could run back into the city in search of flowering trees: cherry blossoms, plum blossoms, magnolias. The Japanese Garden is already dressed in that impossible pink that stops you mid-step, and the Magnolia Map of Bucharest keeps whispering my name. It would be a shame not to follow it.

The first days of spring turn Bucharest into a brighter, softer city, perfumed by petals and full of small miracles. Magnolias — elegant, almost regal — have become the unofficial heralds of the season. Hard to believe these trees have a history of nearly a hundred million years, were named after Pierre Magnol, and were once worshipped in Asia for purity, nobility, and a deep love of nature. Today, they simply make us smile on the street, which might be their greatest power.

While the city blossoms, this issue opens into a new literary season of its own: our 2026 new releases, the Spring Book Fair, and — most importantly — the Winter Contest winners.

A full April — of stories, of authors, of beginnings.

And now, if you'll excuse me... there's a magnolia on Mahatma Gandhi Street that refuses to wait.

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## 2026 WINTER CONTEST WINNERS

*Meet the Winners & Explore Their Books*

# NLS PRIZES 2026

PROSE — THRILLER: NAOMI E. KENNEDY

PROSE — HUMOR: TRISH CHURCH

PROSE — HORROR: MIKE VINSON

POETRY — JP SCLAFANI

POPULARITY PRIZE — WAYNE STEIN

SPECIAL AWARD — JERRY GLAZER

# NLS HONORABLE MENTIONS 2026

EVE CASTLE

FAYE FLORA

PAT KENNY

VERONICCA OBSIDIAN

JHONATTAN P.

# New Literary Society Prize – Prose, Thriller, 2026



**Naomi E. Kennedy**

Novelist | Journalist | Editor  
Poet | Artist | Jazz Vocalist

Creator of cross-genre work  
spanning poetry,  
music-infused writing,  
essays, memoir, and deeply  
researched nonfiction.

Award-winning author and  
multidisciplinary artist  
recognized for contributions  
to literature, journalism, and  
the performing arts.

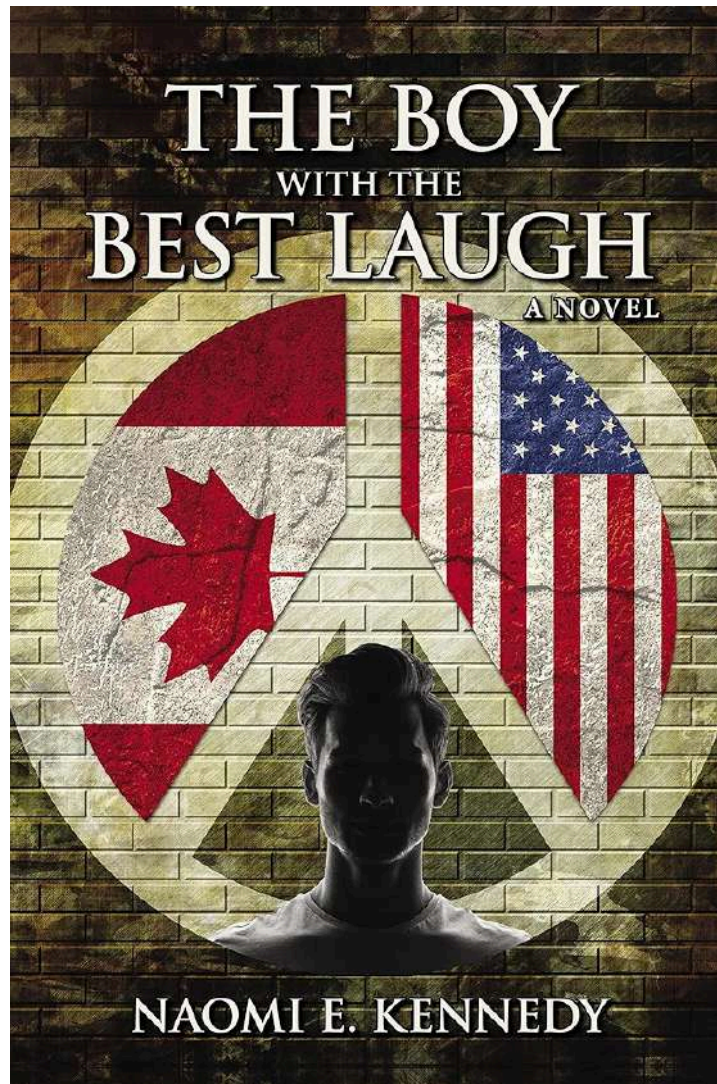
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# The Boy with the Best Laugh

The Novel — BookAward

By Naomi E. Kennedy



**AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**

**ASIN : B09TS4KZZV**

**Publication date : March 1, 2022**

**Language : English**

**Print length : 366 pages**



# New Literary Society Prize – Prose, Humor, 2026



## **Trish Church**

Humorist | Thriller Writer |  
Mystery Writer | Suspense  
Storyteller

Author of character-driven  
fiction spanning humor,  
thrill, mystery, and suspense,  
known for blending wit with  
tension and emotional  
precision.

Creator of the beloved  
Granny Sue series,  
celebrated for its memorable  
voice, clever plotting, and  
playful narrative energy.

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# GRANNY SUE PODCAST

By Trish Church



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# New Literary Society Prize – Prose, Horror, 2026



## **Mike Vinson**

Author | Memoirist | Thriller  
Writer | Horror Writer | Poet

Author of several books  
spanning horror, thrill,  
mystery, philosophy, and  
explorations of the soul,  
writing across light and  
darkness with a distinctive  
narrative edge.

A poet and storyteller whose  
strongest signature lies in  
memoir and mafia  
nonfiction, blending lived  
truth with sharp tension and  
atmospheric depth.

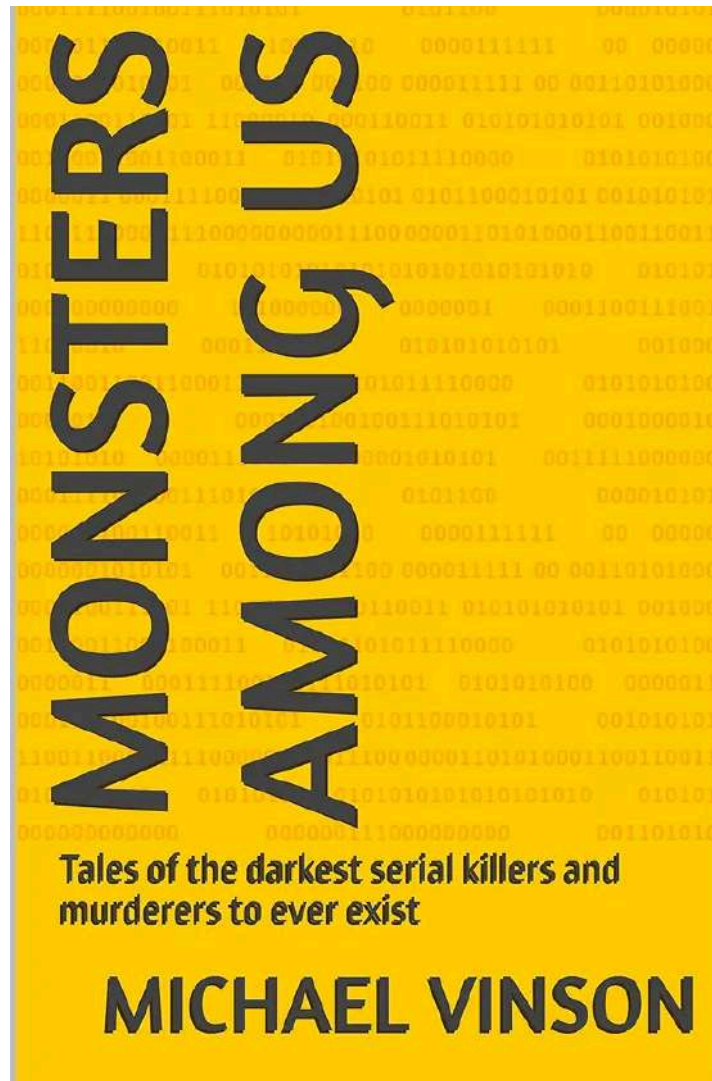
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# Monsters Among Us

Tales of the darkest serial killers and murderers to ever exist

By Michael Vinson



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**Publication date : November 12, 2024**

**Language : English**

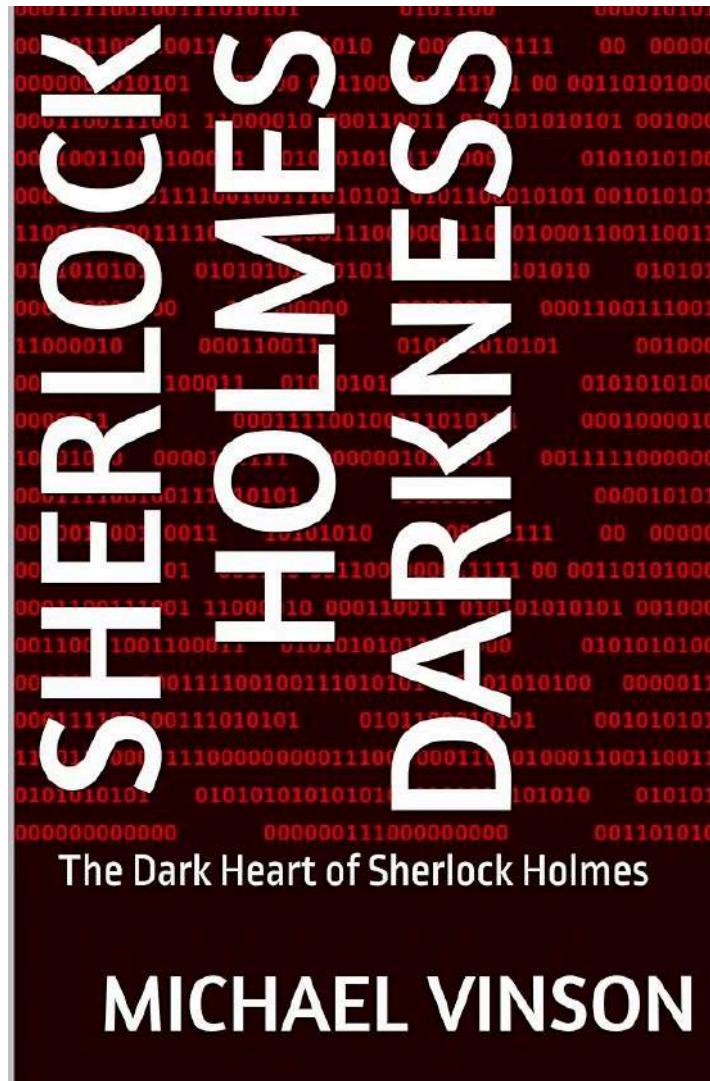
**Print length : 184 pages**

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# Sherlock Holmes Darkness

The Dark Heart of Sherlock Holmes

By Michael Vinson



AVAILABLE ON AMAZON

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Publication date : March 28, 2025

Edition : 1st

Language : English

Print length : 56 pages

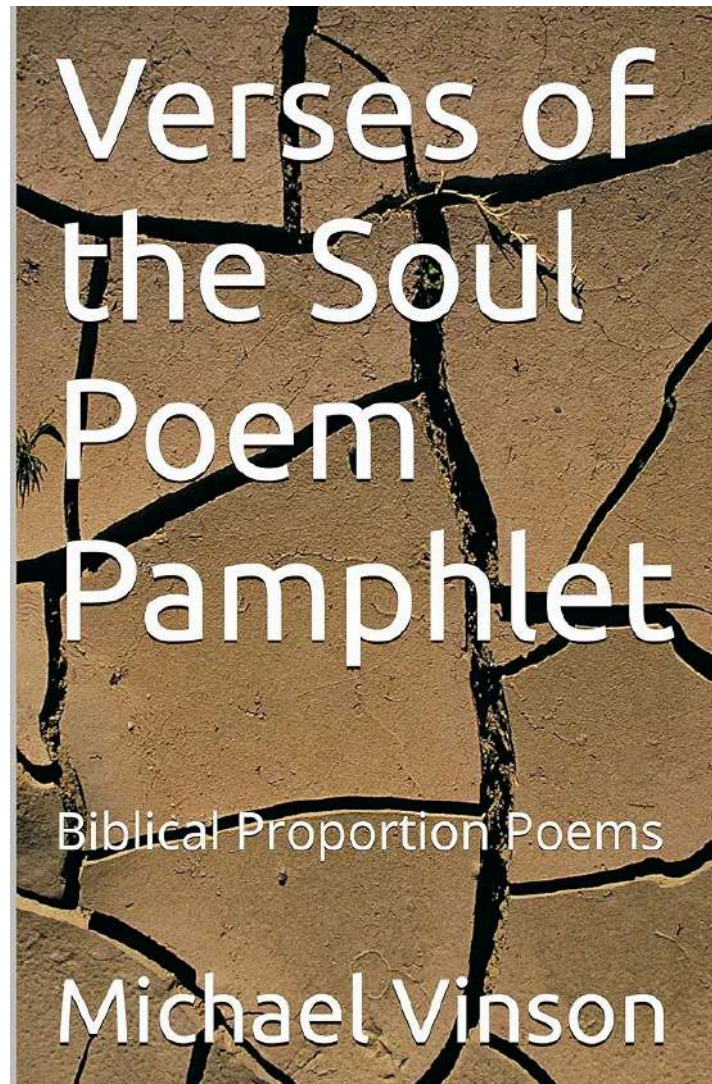


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# Verses of the Soul

Poem Pamphlet

By Michael Vinson



**AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**

**ASIN : B0FFPFLM5L**

**Publication date : June 25, 2025**

**Edition : 2nd**

**Language : English**

**Print length : 7 pages**

**Reading age : 10 - 18 years**

# New Literary Society Prize – Poetry, 2026



**JP Sclafani**

New York City–Born |  
Playwright | Author

Raised on Long Island, he discovered writing early as both escape and creative calling. His work includes three one-act plays produced off-off-Broadway, each met with enthusiastic reception. His standout piece, *Eva, Waiting for Adolf*, remains a defining milestone in his artistic journey.

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# Slender Threads of Attachment

Poetry

By JP Sclafani



AVAILABLE ON AMAZON

Publisher : Book Publishers USA

Publication date : May 13, 2024

Language : English

Print length : 255 pages

ISBN-10 : 1964542189

ISBN-13 : 978-1964542188

# NLS Popularity Prize – 2026



## **Wayne Stein**

Author | Educator | Creator

Author and editor of books on East Asian horror, cinema, and literature.

Teaches literature and cinema courses in the U.S., with upcoming projects including a book on Anna May Wong.

Interests: martial arts, creativity, and K-Pop.

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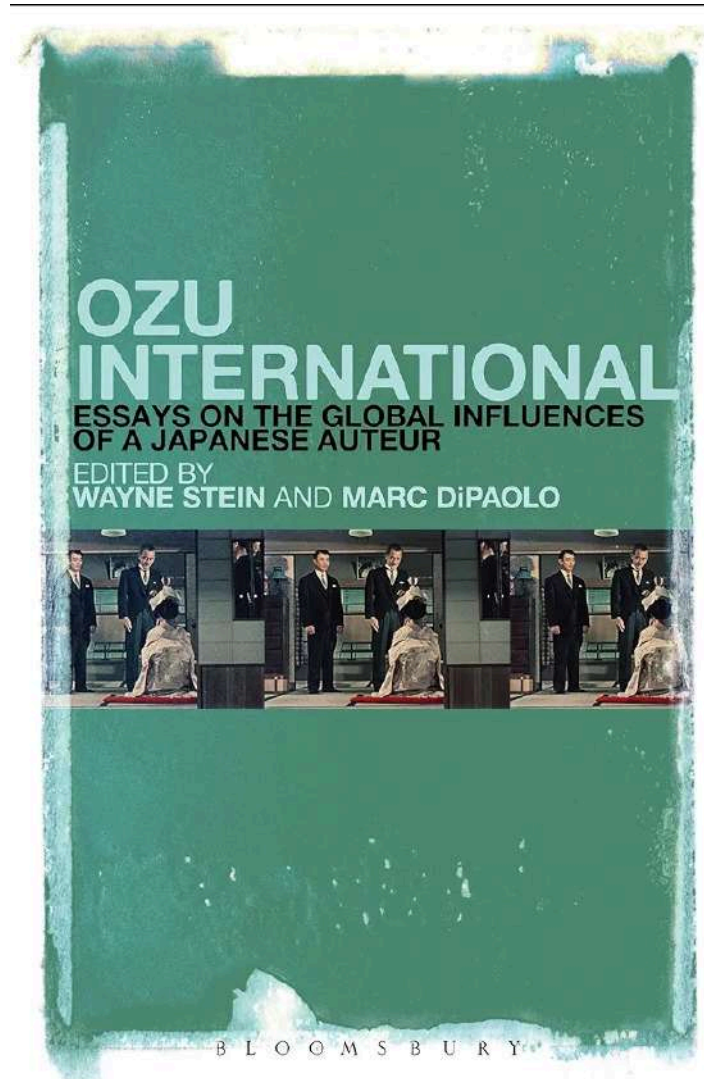


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# Ozu International

Essays on the Global Influences of a Japanese Auteur

By Wayne Stein (Editor), Marc DiPaolo (Editor)



**AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**

**ASIN : B00TK0P0XI**

**Publisher : Bloomsbury Academic**

**Publication date : 12 Mar. 2015**

**Edition : 1st**

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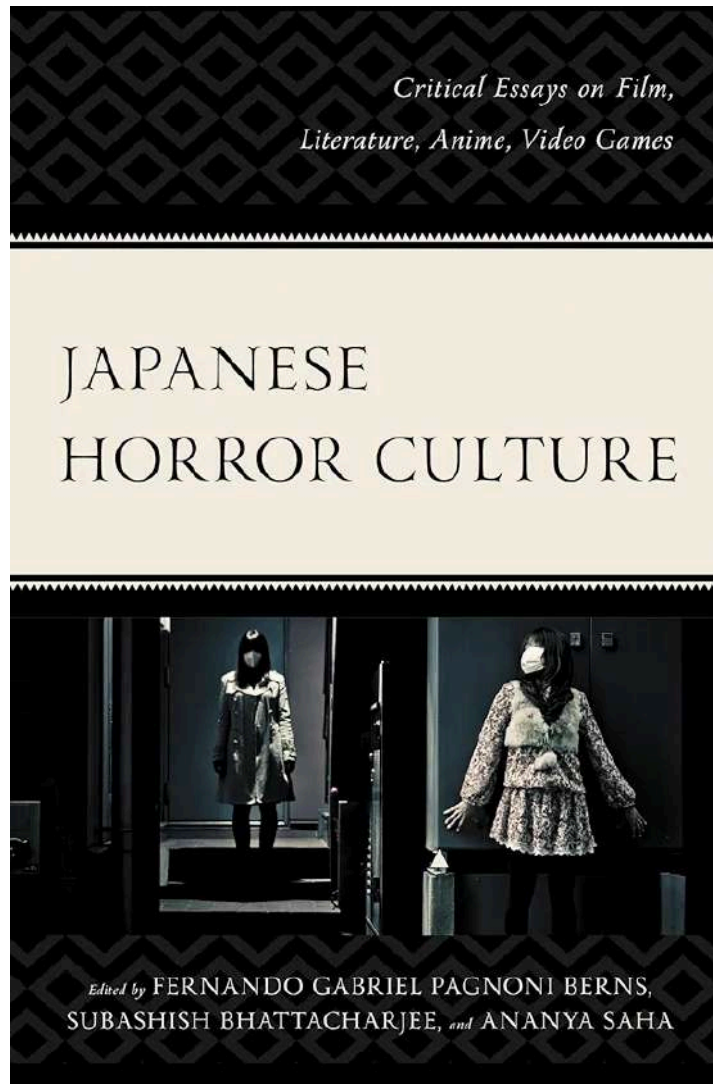
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# Lexington Books Series

Volume Japanese Horror Culture

By Wayne Stein & Others



**AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**

**ASIN : B09KLDHZHP**

**Publisher : Lexington Books**

**Publication date : 17 Nov. 2021**

**Language : English**

**Print length : 243 pages**

**ISBN-10 : 9781793647061**

**ISBN-13 : 978-1793647061**

**Part of series : Lexington Books Horror Studies**

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# Stratagems

Arguing Issues for Writers

By Wayne Stein & Others



**AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**

**Language : English**

**ISBN-10 : 1598712195**

**ISBN-13 : 978-1598712193**

# New Literary Society – Special Award, 2026



## **Jerry Glazer**

Vietnam Veteran | Author  
Storyteller

New book coming soon:  
*Soldier's Symphony: The  
Heroic Incompetence, the  
Laws of Stupidity, and  
Vietnam.*

A sharp, self-aware observer  
of human nature, Jerry  
blends dark humor, candor,  
and emotional truth.

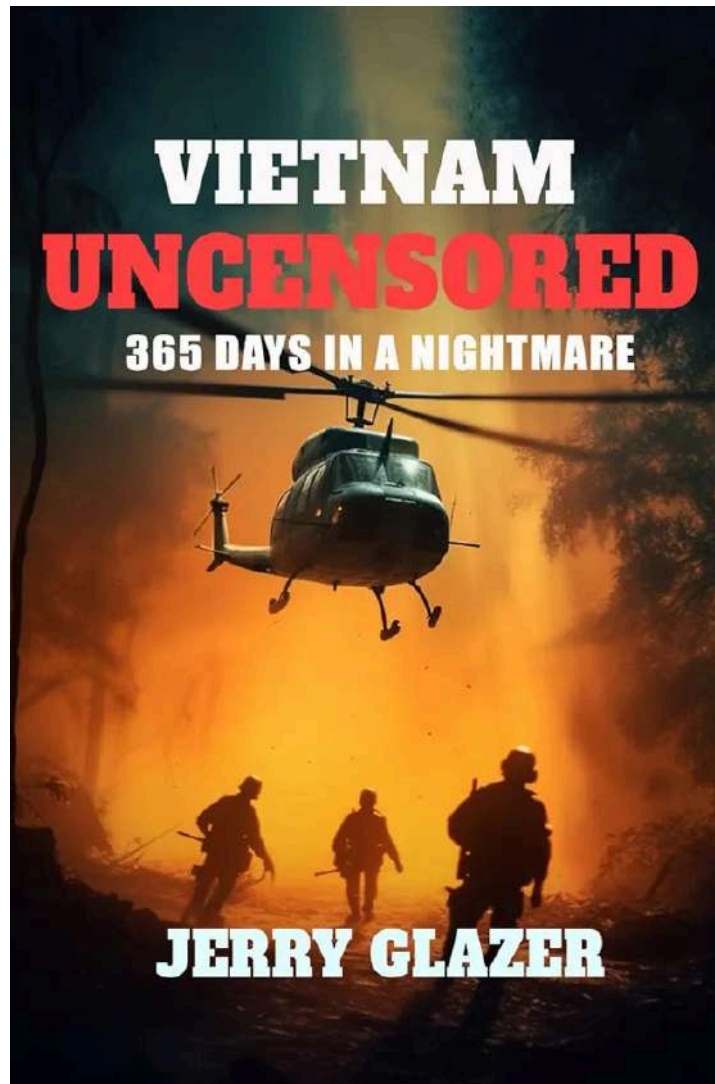
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# Vietnam Uncensored

365 Days in a Nightmare

*By Jerry Glazer*



AVAILABLE ON AMAZON

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Publisher : AMZ Book Publishing Services

Publication date : November 10, 2024

Language : English

Print length : 390 pages





# 2026 BOOK RELEASES

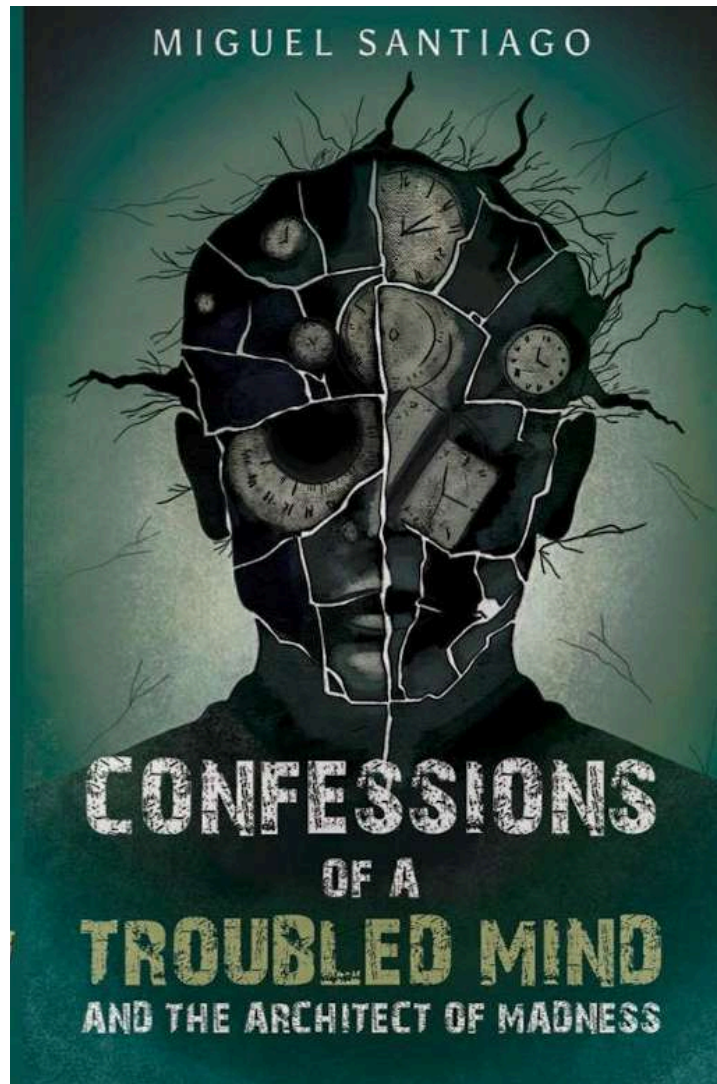
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# Coming Soon

Stream of Consciousness

By Miguel Santiago



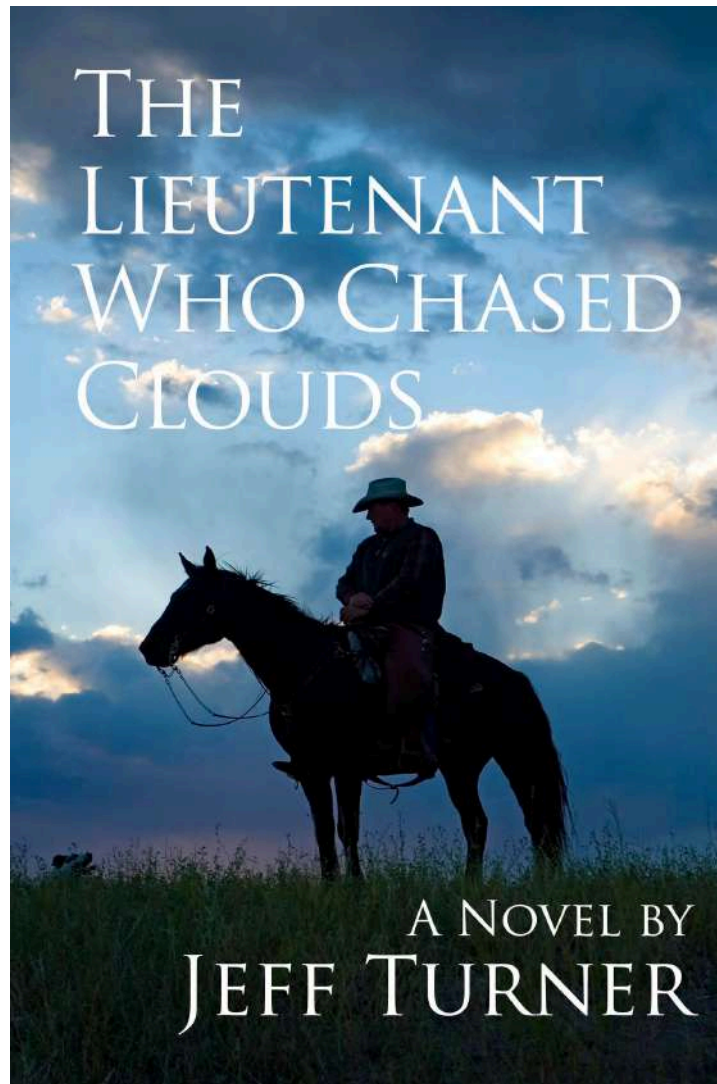


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# Coming Soon

The Continuation of the Novel *The Horseman Who Came from the Sea*

By *Jeff Turner*



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# Available for Pre-Order

Prose

*By Julia Kalman*



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**ASIN : B0GPNX25YL**

**Publisher : New Literary Society**

**Publication date : May 29, 2026**

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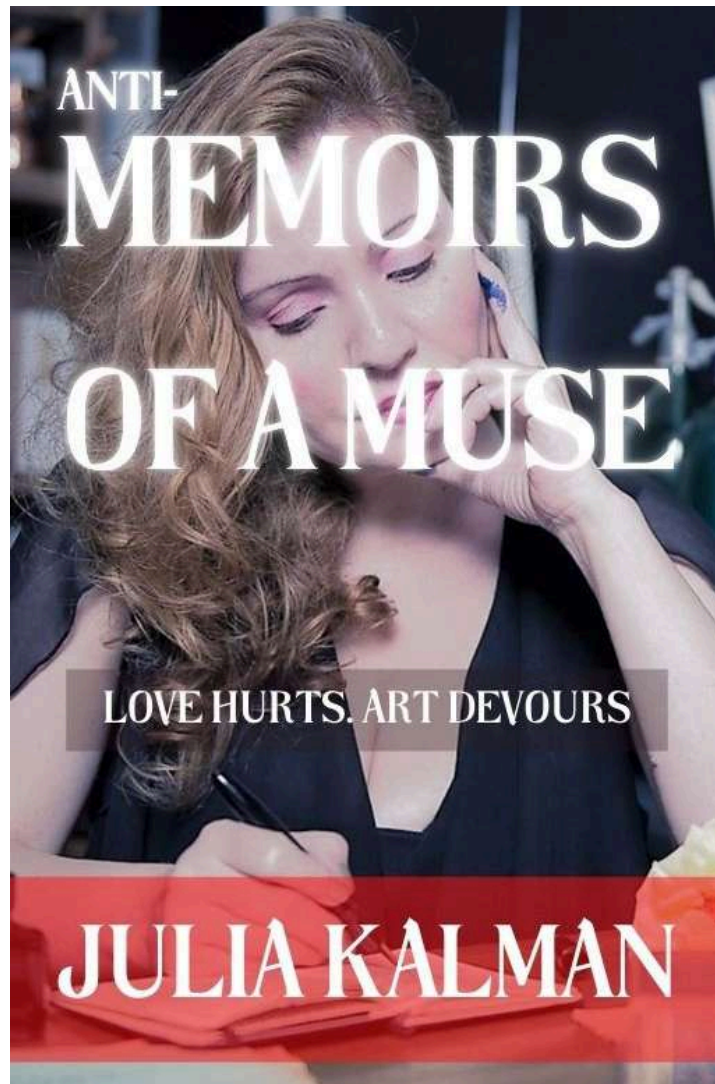
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# Anti-Memoirs of a Muse

The Novel

By Julia Kalman



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ASIN : B0GG7HQJ7T

Publication date : January 11, 2026

Language : English

Print length : 324 pages

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# Lunettes Steeped in Absinthe

Poetry

By Isidora Luna



**AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**

**ASIN : B0GNZVM835**

**Publisher : Independently published**

**Publication date : 17 Feb. 2026**

**Language : English**

**Print length : 56 pages**

**ISBN-13 : 979-8248817870**



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# Exciting New Release

Poetry

Luna Popescu in the volume *Essence of Liberty*

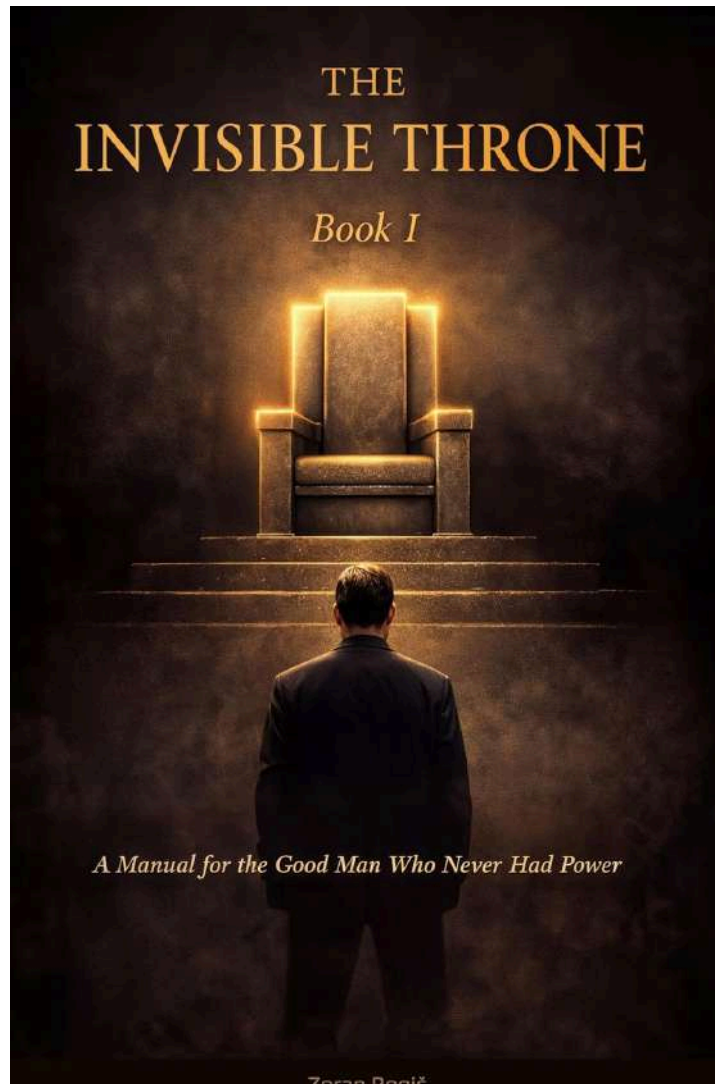


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# THE INVISIBLE THRONE

Book I: A Manual for the Good Man Who Never Had Power

By Zoran Rogic



**AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**

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**Language : English**

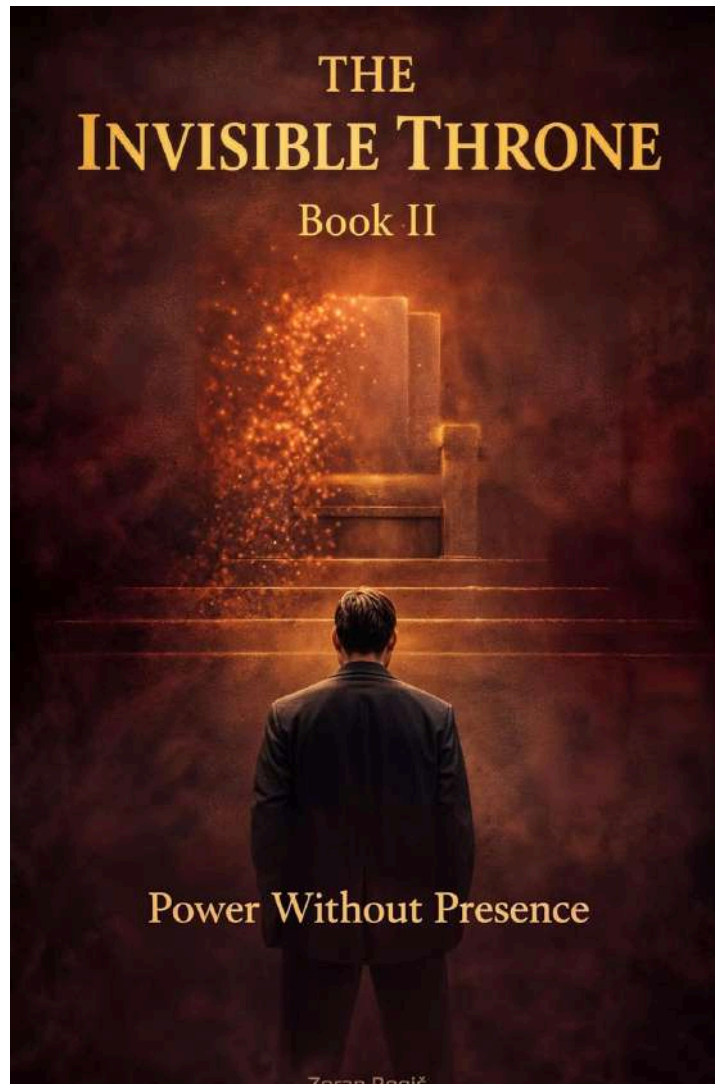
**Print length : 87 pages**

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# THE INVISIBLE THRONE

Book II: Power Without Presence

By Zoran Rogic



**AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**

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**Language : English**

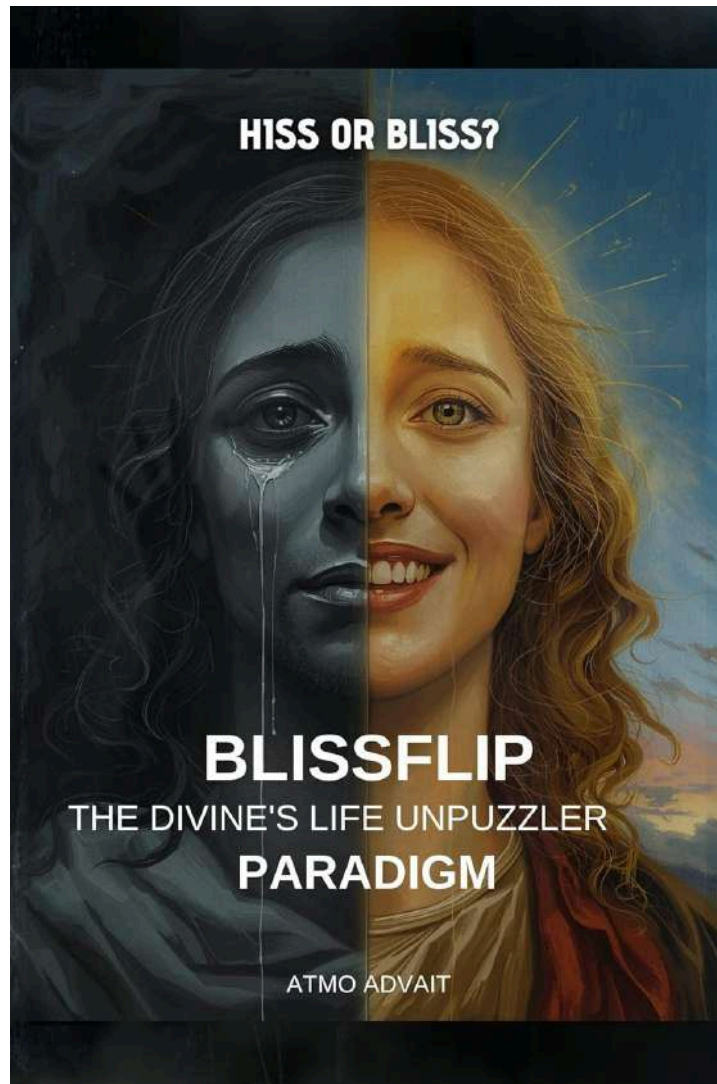
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# **BLISSFLIP**

THE DIVINE'S LIFE UNPUZZLER PARADIGM

By Atmo Advait



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**Publication date : January 16, 2026**

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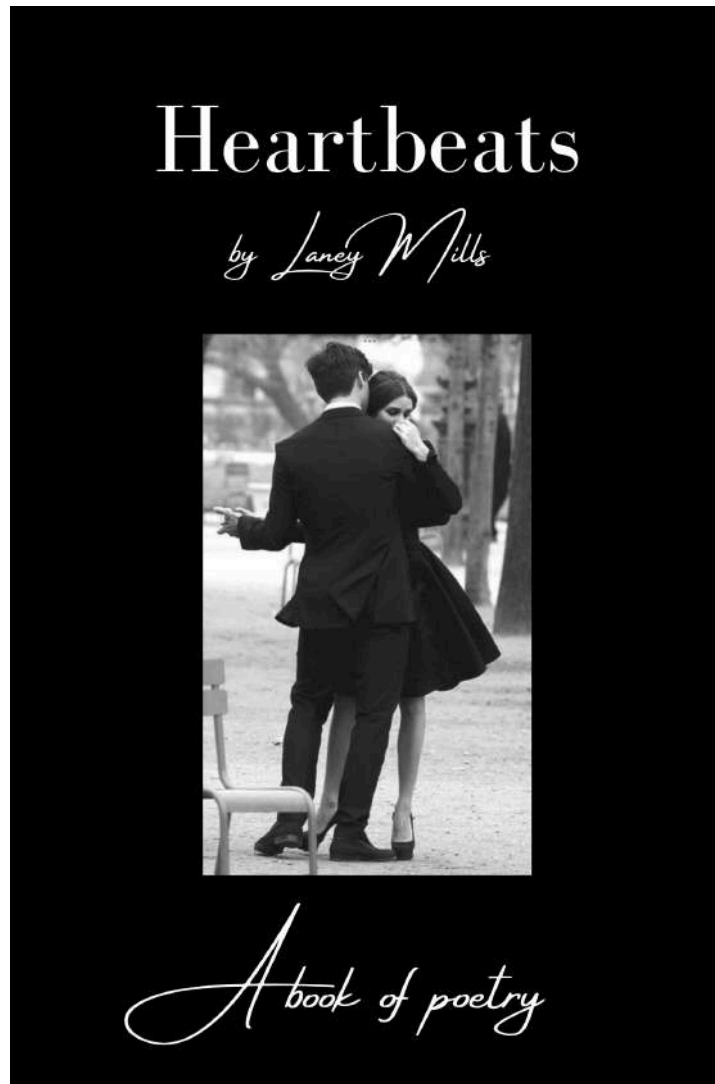


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# Heartbeats

Poetry

By Laney Mills



**Publisher : Laney Mills Publishing**

**Publication date : March, 2061**

**Language : English**

**ISBN: 9798994363973**





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- MIGUEL SANTIAGO
- ERIC DANIEL BUESING
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- RITA H ROWE
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- R. GRANT TATE
- JOEL R. DENNSTEDT
- JULIA KALMAN

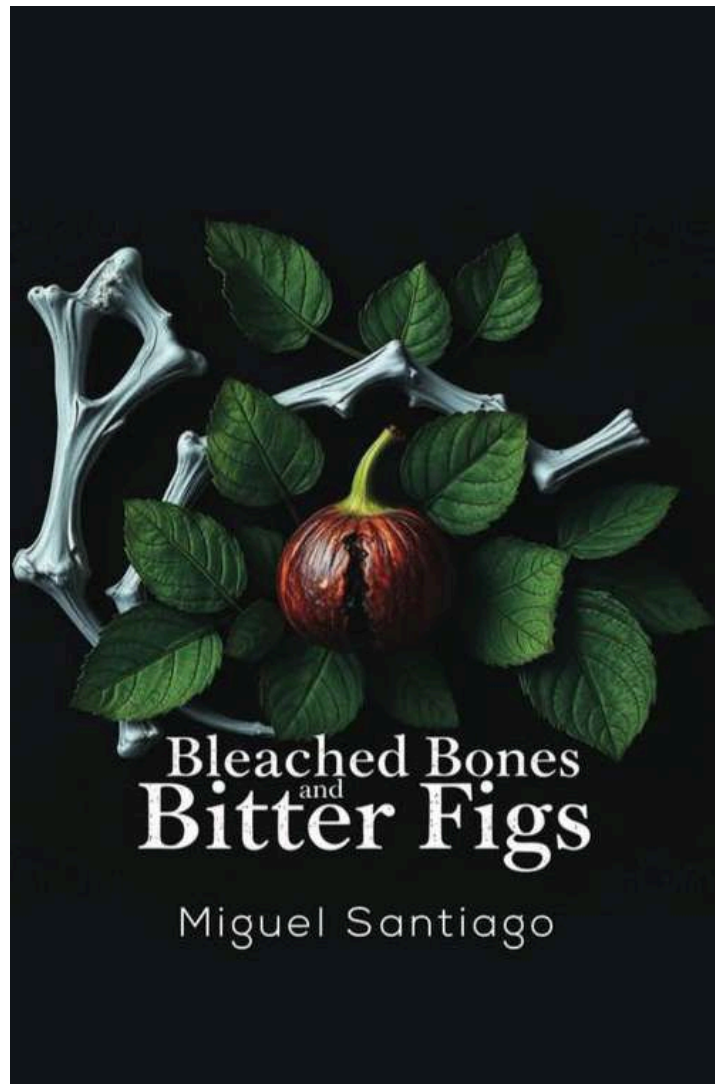


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# Bleached Bones and Bitter Figs

Poetry

By Miguel Santiago



**Publisher : Austin Macauley Publishers**

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**Print length : 70 pages**

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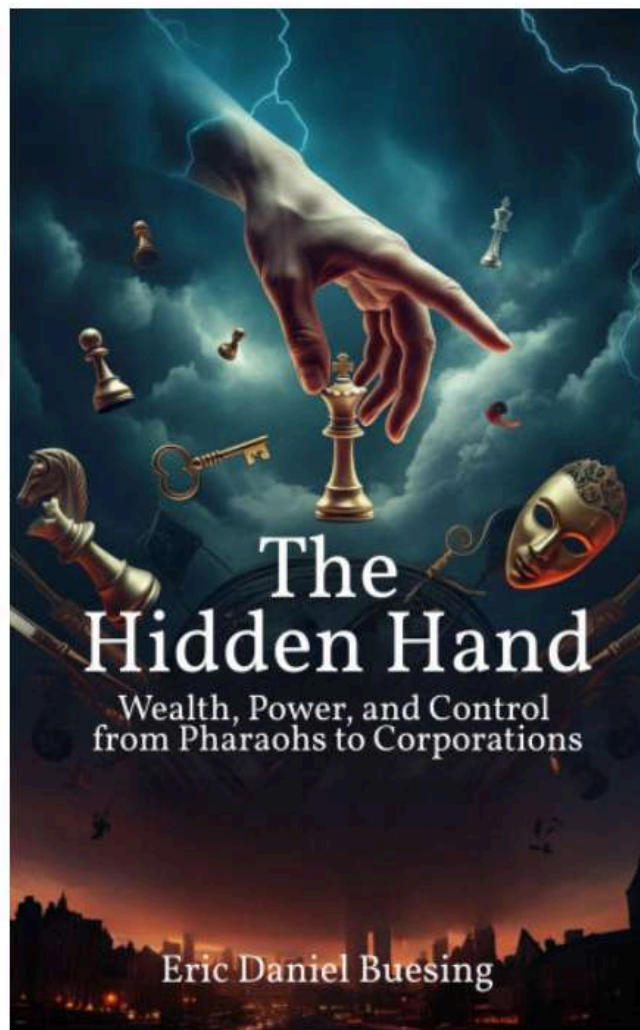
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# The Hidden Hand

Wealth, Power, and Control from Pharaohs to Corporations

By Eric Daniel Buesing



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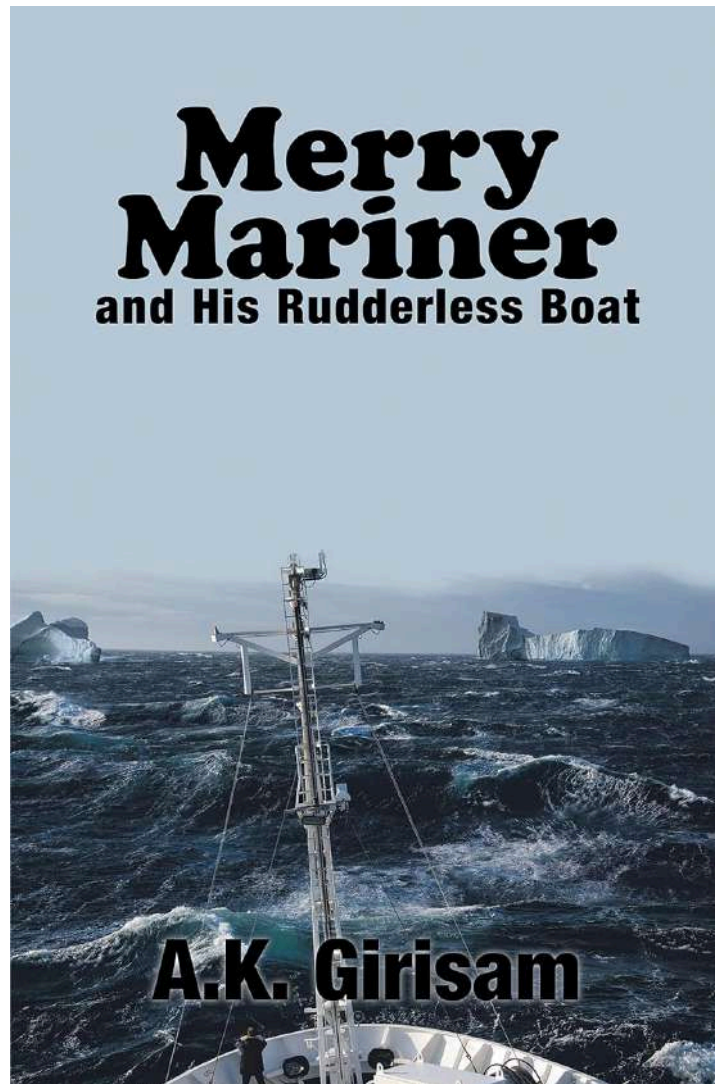
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# Merry Mariner

And His Rudderless Boat

By A. K. Girisam



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Publisher : Partridge Publishing India

Publication date : August 30, 2016

Language : English

Print length : 412 pages

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# Lifespan Development

5th Edition

By Jeffrey S. Turner (Author), Donald B. Helms (Author)



**AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**

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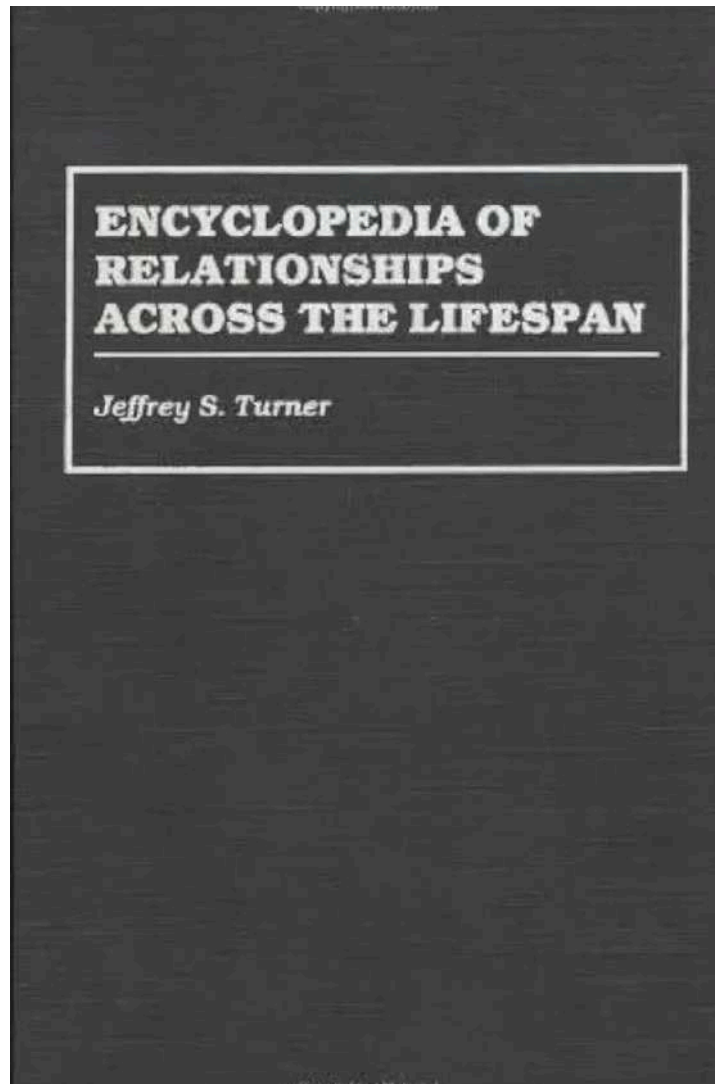
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# Encyclopedia

Relationships Across the Lifespan

By Jeffrey S. Turner (Author)



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**ASIN : B000PY3JAY**

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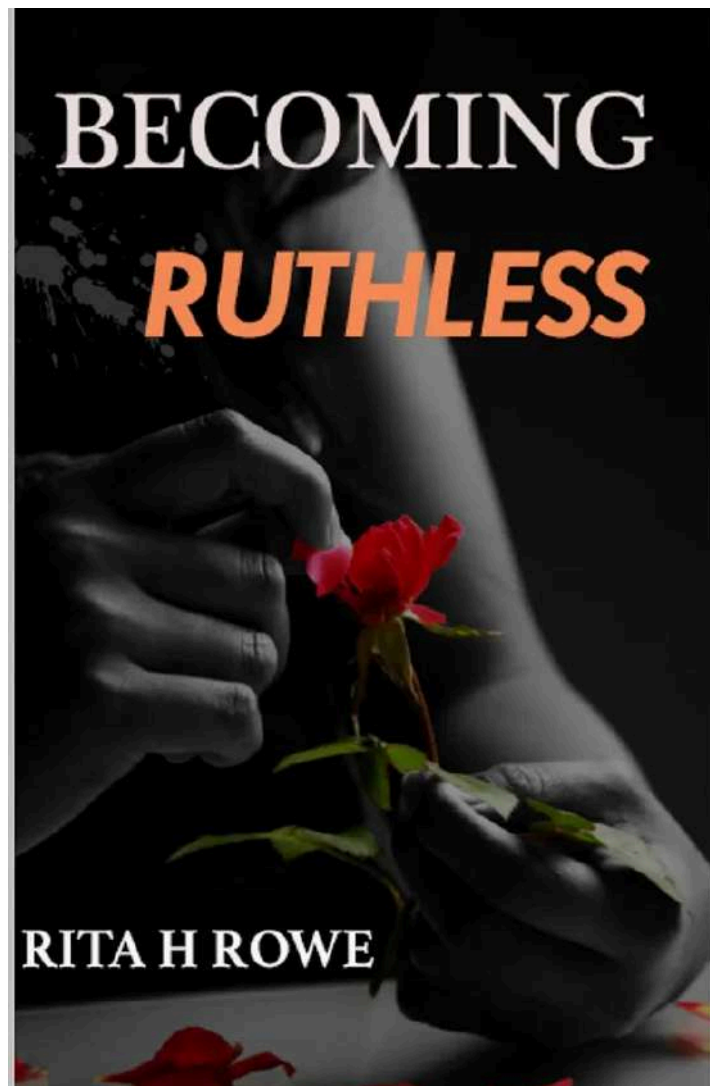


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# Becoming Ruthless

The Novel

By Rita H Rowe



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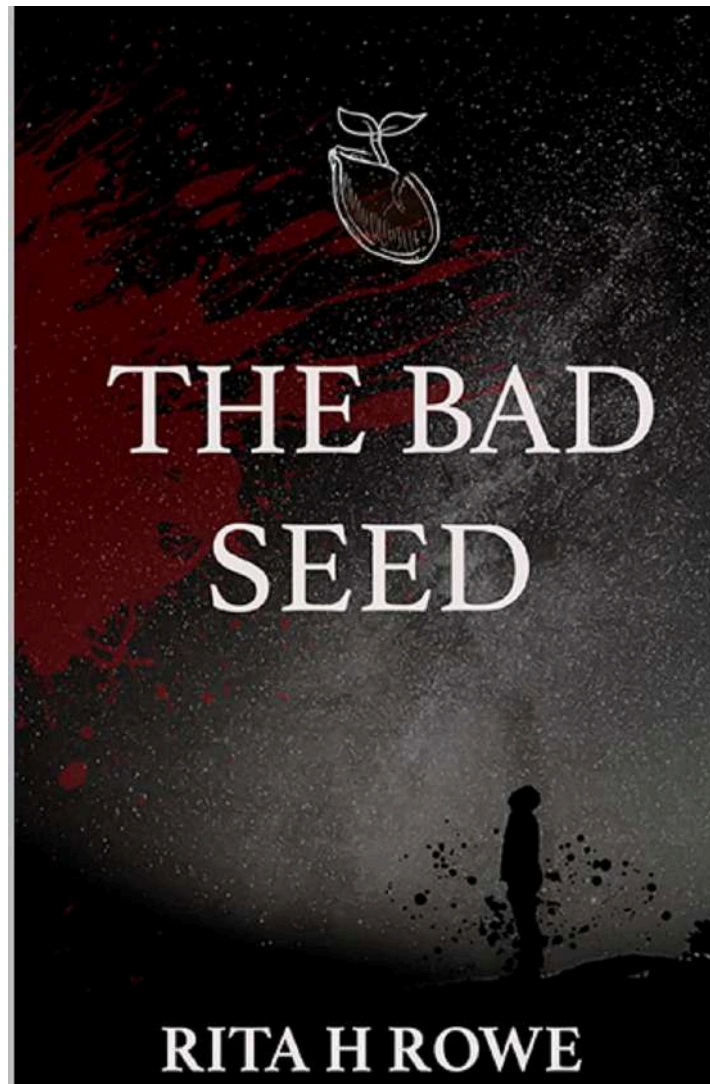
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The Novel

By Rita H Rowe (Author)



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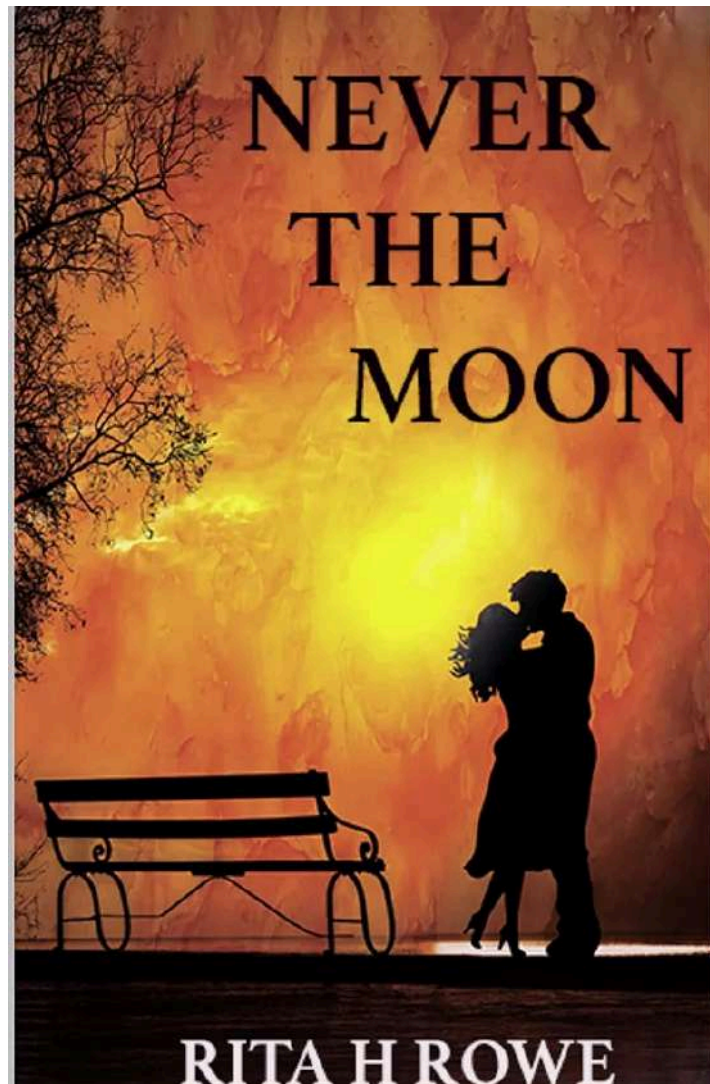
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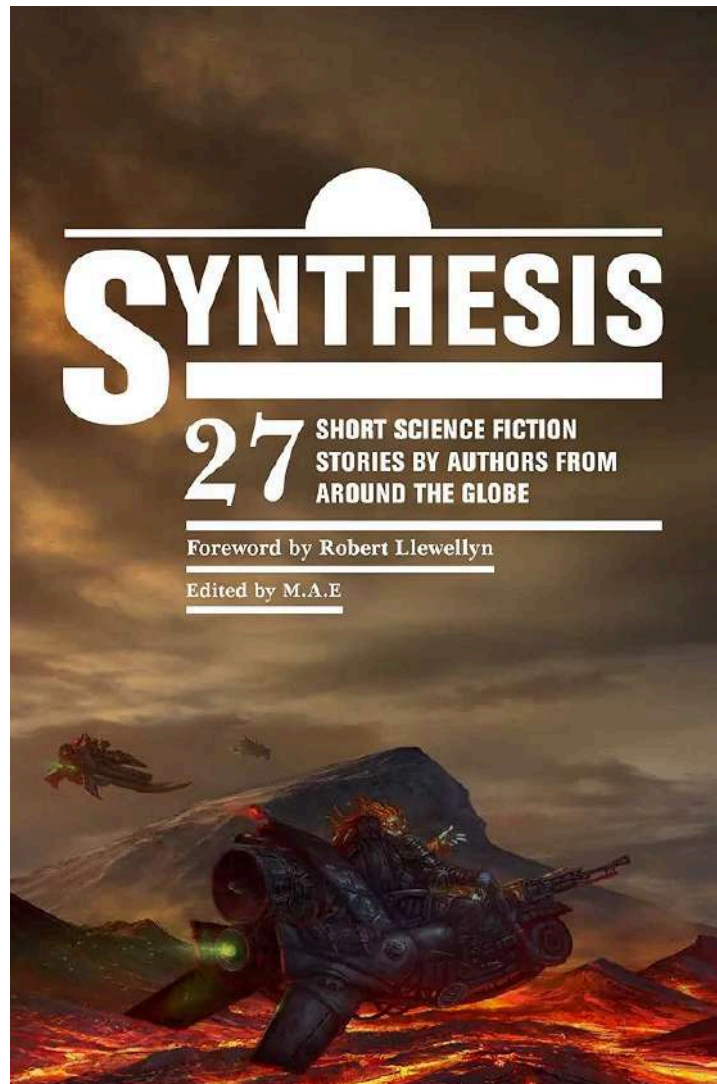
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# Synthesis

Story Collection

by Stuart Aken (Author), Boris Glikman (Author), Drew Wagar (Author),



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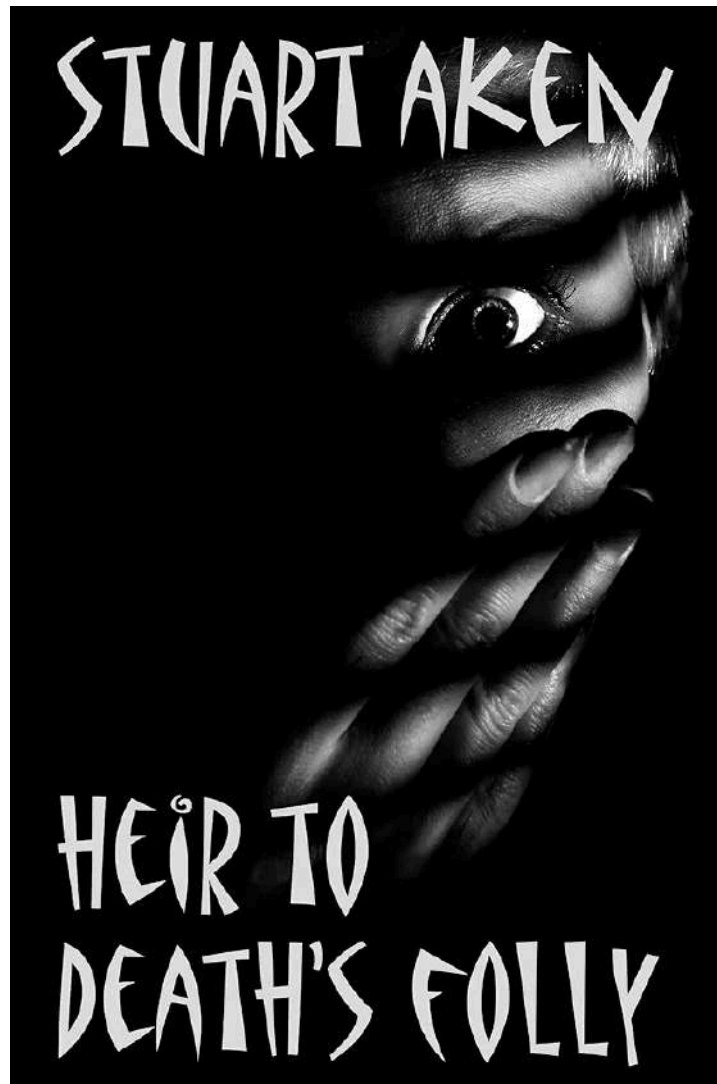
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# Heir to Death's Folly

The Novel

By Stuart Aken



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# Ten Tales for Tomorrow

Collection of speculative fiction

By Stuart Aken



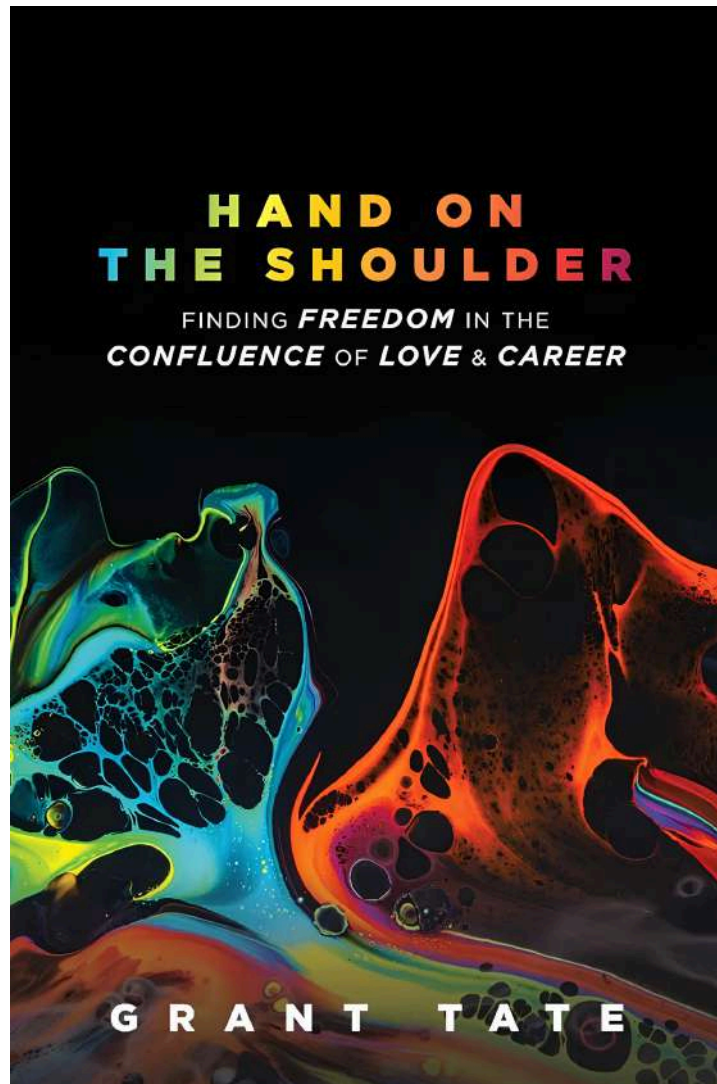
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Print length : 68 pages

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# Hand on the Shoulder

Finding Freedom in the Confluence of Love and Career

By Grant Tate



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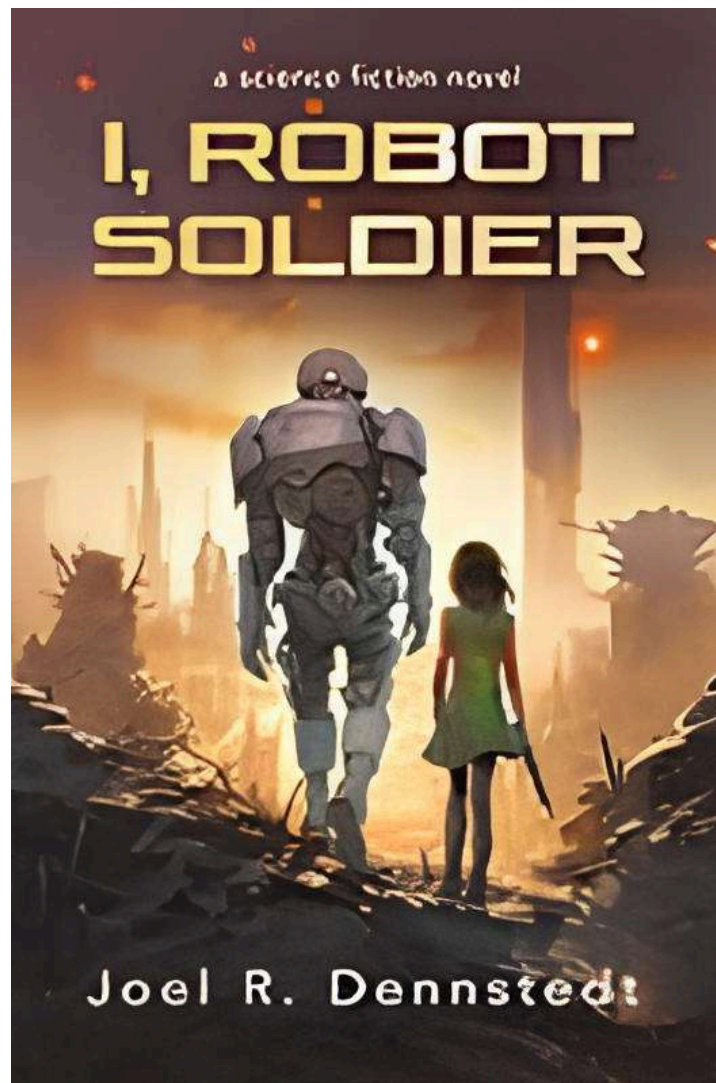
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# I, Robot Soldier

The Robot Series

By Joel R. Dennstedt



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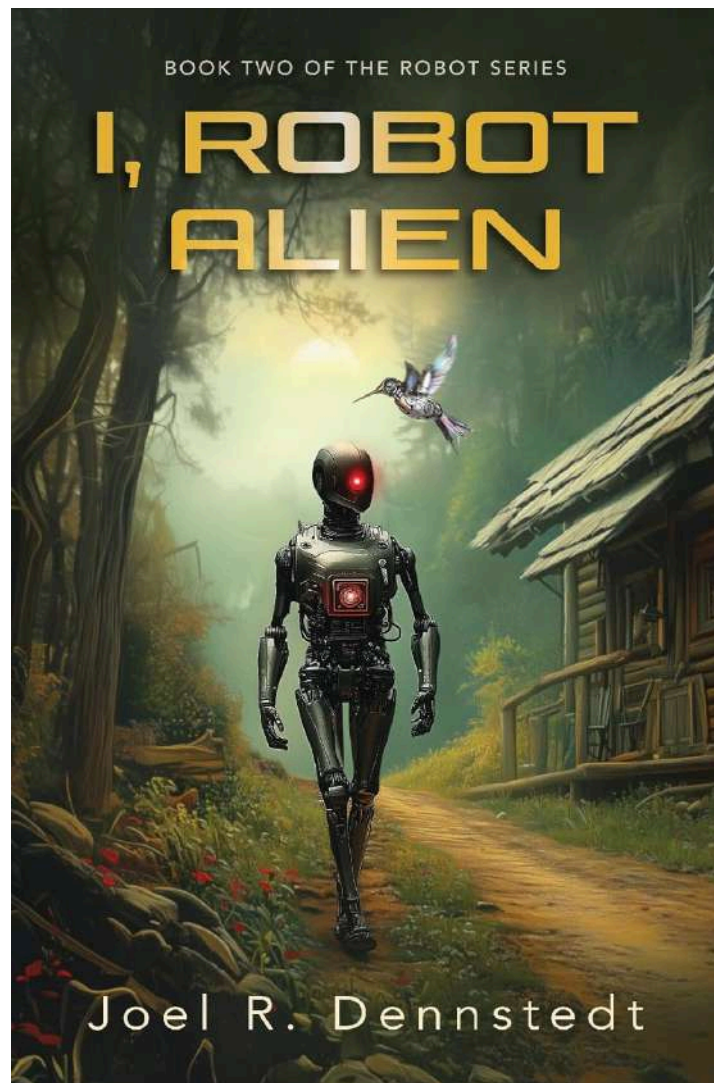
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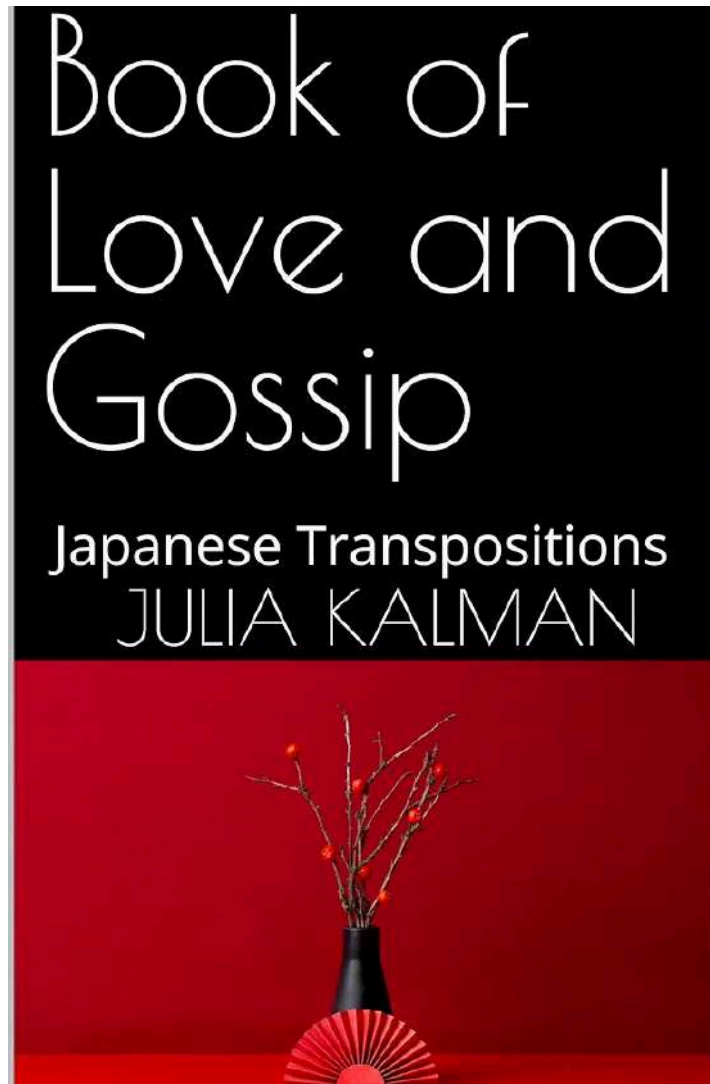


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Japanese Transpositions

By Julia Kalman



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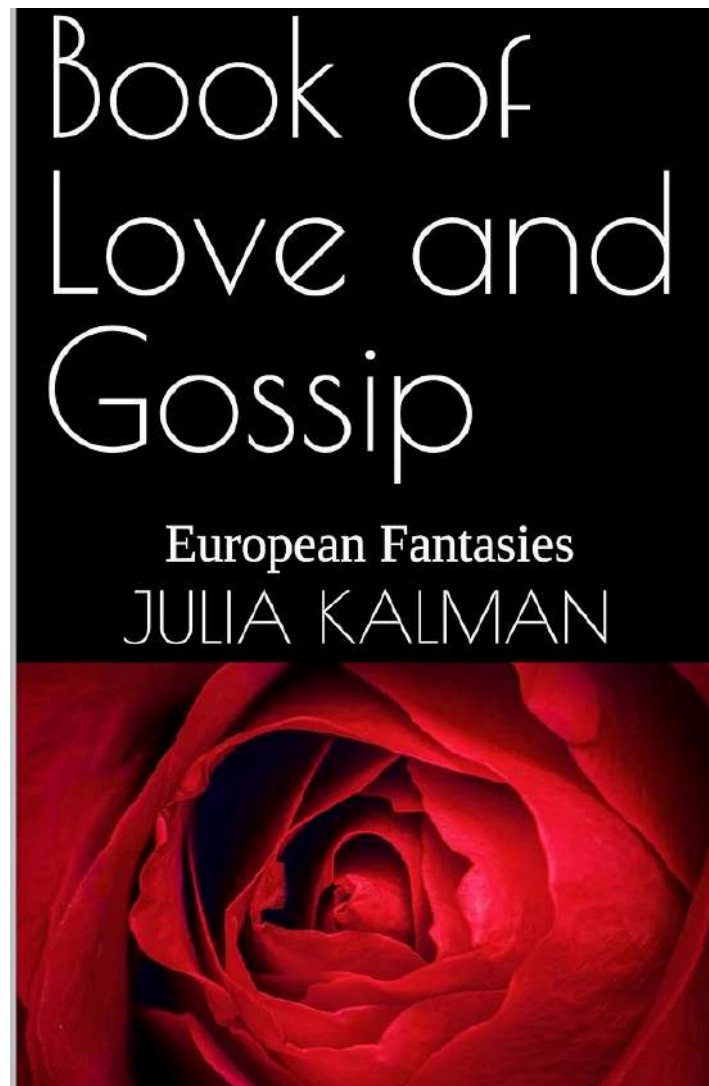


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European Fantasies

By Julia Kalman



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