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Gaby LeFevre is a suburban, Midwestern firecracker, growing up in the 80s and 90s and saving the world one homeless person, centenarian, and orphan at a time. With her crew of twin sister, Annie, smitten Mikhail, and frenemy Mel, she's a pamphlet-wielding humanitarian, tackling a broken world full of heroes and heroines, villains and magical seeds, and Northwyth stories. Beginning with a roadkill-burying nine-year-old and a gas-leak explosion, it follows Gaby as she traverses childhood and young adulthood with characteristic intensity and a penchant for disaster. Meanwhile, the large cast of compelling characters entertains and the Northwyth legends draw you into their magic.

When a ventilator prevented her from speaking during her final hours, Jennifer started writing. After her death, her husband turns to those pages to tell her story of courage and faith. James had just walked through the door after a day's work when Jennifer told him the news that changed everything: it was cancer. In the following two years they would lose their sense of normalcy and their dreams for the future. But along the way, they would gain something even greater than their loss. Told through the eyes of a grieving husband is this true story of a young

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woman's fight for her life. Jennifer's final words, penned by hand when a ventilator prevented her from speaking, provide a powerful backdrop to this journey of faith and hope. A memoir that also offers a practical pathway for those struggling with loss, *The Last Seven Pages* is a testimony of a God who is present in our darkest moments, and who turned a devastating illness into a life-changing promise. *A Smile Through a Tear* is a collection of short stories featuring humorous and dramatic pieces in one volume. The humorous stories include the tales of: a telephone company executive who must figure out how to use his phone before he is exposed as a fraud; a woman who has accidentally introduced a mysterious white powder into the State Capitol building; and a man whose entire job is to sit on a park bench, and who has trouble meeting that obligation. The dramatic episodes include the stories of: a father trying to protect his kids from a lifestyle that sent him to prison; a group of WWI soldiers facing overwhelming odds; a space traveler who must make a terrible choice; and a man whose best Christmas would be anyone else's worst. These tales and many others are brought together in one book to present the reader with *A Smile Through a Tear*.

The Wuffle is a mythical creature living deep in a forest and is unknown by the creatures of that forest or anyone else in the world. This story tells of his

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discovery and the beginning of what will be many tales of his adventures.

These 16 tales, by both new and internationally known writers, reveal the rich diversity of story writing in English today. They offer a variety of forms, settings, contexts, characters, themes and language in stories that are both accessible and challenging.

This fine book from the turn of the 19th Century contains 35 wonderful and inspiring Christmas stories for children. These stories were already well-received before they were pulled together to make this book. Included are excerpts from "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens and the Christian Bible, stories from Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales, from Ireland, Germany, the American West, and from the big cities in England and the United States.

* * * * Written in easy-to-read 13-point type, and divided between stories for little kids, intermediate kids, and the older set, each of the stories has already won the approval of thousands of children, and each is packed with the true Christmas spirit: that small thoughtful actions can have big, and happy, consequences. Some stories will bring a tear to your eyes, other will make you laugh. All are enjoyable. This book will become a cherished addition to your library for years to come. * * * * The stories in this book are: Christmas at Fezziwig's Warehouse (Charles Dickens), The Fir-Tree (Hans

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Christian Andersen), The Christmas Masquerade (Mary E. Wilkins Freeman), The Shepherds and the Angels (Adapted from the Bible), The Telltale Tile (Olive Thorne Miller), Little Girl's Christmas (Winnifred E. Lincoln), A Christmas Matinee (M. A. L. Lane), Toinette and the Elves (Susan Coolidge), The Voyage of the Wee Red Cap (Ruth Sawyer Durand), A Story of the Christ-Child (a German Legend for Christmas Eve told by Elizabeth Harrison), Jimmy Scarecrow's Christmas (Mary E. Wilkins Freeman), Why the Chimes Rang (Raymond McAlden), The Birds' Christmas (founded on fact-F. E. Mann), The Little Sister's Vacation (Winifred M. Kirkland), Little Wolff's Wooden Shoes (François Coppée, adapted and translated Alma J. Foster), Christmas in the Alley (Olive Thorne Miller), A Christmas Star (Katherine Pyle), The Queerest Christmas (Grace Margaret Gallaher), Old Father Christmas (J. H. Ewing), The Golden Cobwebs (Sara Cone Bryant), How Christmas Came to the Santa Maria Flats (Elia W. Peattie), The Legend of Babouscka (From the Russian Folk Tale), Christmas in the Barn (F. Arnstein), The Philanthropist's Christmas (James Weber Linn), The First Christmas-Tree (Lucy Wheelock), The First New England Christmas (G. L. Stone and M. G. Fickett), The Cratchits' Christmas Dinner (Charles Dickens), Christmas in Seventeen Seventy-Six (Anne Hollingsworth Wharton), Christmas Under the Snow (Olive Thorne Miller), Mr.

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Bluff's Experience of Holidays, (Oliver Bell Bunce), Master Sandy's Snapdragon (Elbridge S. Brooks), A Christmas Fairy), John Strange Winter), The Greatest of These (Joseph Mills Hanson), Little Gretchen and the Wooden Shoe (Elizabeth Harrison), and Christmas on Big Rattle (Theodore Goodridge Roberts). * * * * In making this volume, we discovered that the Gutenberg eBook versions are missing a story - "The Golden Cobwebs" - instead having a short excerpt from "A Christmas Carol" that is duplicated by the longer excerpt "The Cratchit's Christmas Dinner" later in this book. This edition restores the missing story. This volume contains the full text of the original book published in 1913. * * * * Check our other Children's, Juvenile, and Adult books at www.FlyingChipmunkPublishing.com, or Like us on Facebook for our latest releases.

IT was a dark, chilly night in September, 1884. A heavy gloom had descended over the streets of A——, a small town on the Rhine, and was hanging like a black funeral-pall over the dull factory burgh. The greater number of its inhabitants, wearied by their long day's work, had hours before retired to stretch their tired limbs, and lay their aching heads upon their pillows. All was quiet in the large house; all was quiet in the deserted streets. I too was lying in my bed; alas, not one of rest, but of pain and sickness, to which I had been confined for some days. So still

was everything in the house, that, as Longfellow has it, its stillness seemed almost audible. I could plainly hear the murmur of the blood, as it rushed through my aching body, producing that monotonous singing so familiar to one who lends a watchful ear to silence. I had listened to it until, in my nervous imagination, it had grown into the sound of a distant cataract, the fall of mighty waters ... when, suddenly changing its character, the ever growing "singing" merged into other and far more welcome sounds. It was the low, and at first scarce audible, whisper of a human voice. It approached, and gradually strengthening seemed to speak in my very ear. Thus sounds a voice speaking across a blue quiescent lake, in one of those wondrously acoustic gorges of the snow-capped mountains, where the air is so pure that a word pronounced half a mile off seems almost at the elbow. Yes; it was the voice of one whom to know is to reverence; of one, to me, owing to many mystic associations, most dear and holy; a voice familiar for long years and ever welcome: doubly so in hours of mental or physical suffering, for it always brings with it a ray of hope and consolation. "Courage," it whispered in gentle, mellow tones. "Think of the days passed by you in sweet associations; of the great lessons received of Nature's truths; of the many errors of men concerning these truths; and try to add to them the experience of a night in this city. Let the narrative of

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a strange life, that will interest you, help to shorten the hours of suffering.... Give your attention. Look yonder before you!" "Yonder" meant the clear, large windows of an empty house on the other side of the narrow street of the German town. They faced my own in almost a straight line across the street, and my bed faced the windows of my sleeping room. Obedient to the suggestion, I directed my gaze towards them, and what I saw made me for the time being forget the agony of the pain that racked my swollen arm and rheumatical body.

From Africa, Burma, and Czechoslovakia to Turkey, Vietnam, and Wales here are more than 150 of the world's best-loved folktales from more than forty countries and cultures. These tales of wonder and transformation, of heroes and heroines, of love lost and won, of ogres and trolls, stories both jocular and cautionary and legends of pure enchantment will delight readers and storytellers of all ages. With black-and-white drawings throughout Part of the Pantheon Fairy Tale and Folklore Library
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This Halloween 2013 release of short stories by multiple authors is full of all things zombie. Authors you know and love, plus some new writers, will take you to the land of the walking dead. Included are new POV's and beginning chapters of new series. Authors who contributed to this collection are: C. M. Wright, S. Cu'Anam Policar, John Stagman, Lee Ryder, GB Banks, Dovey Mayali Cralk, Kelly J.

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Erickson, Timothy Benoit, Lizbeth Fallon, Mark Mackey, Janiera Eldridge, and Noel Craske. All proceeds from this story collection will go to help those affected by Orphan Diseases. More information about Orphan Diseases can be found at the links in the back of the book.

Anansi the Spiderman or rather spider and man originated with the Ashanti people of present day Ghana. Anansi's father, the Sky God Nyame, got so tired of his son's pranks that he turned him into a spider. The stories of Anansi were brought to the Caribbean by slaves, some of whom kept up the oral tradition of their people by recounting some event in the life of their village. The stories also included some folklore such as the life and times of Anansi, the trickster. Accordingly Anansi is described as a creature who was always trying to best anyone with whom he came in contact. The general idea for him was that although small he could outsmart creatures much bigger than himself. This is actually a lesson for us that we should depend on brain power rather than the physical. Anansi took pride in this and sometimes came out on top but sometime things went badly for him. When he was victorious he was "The Man" but during the bad times he became the spider and retreated to his web to hide and wait for more opportunities to outsmart his friends. My granddaughter, Mikailah, is so enamored with Anansi, "The Man" that she only wants to hear stories in which he is victorious in tricking other creatures. She calls him "Nancy". Her favorite story is about Anansi and Brer Tiger in which Anansi was "sick" and got Brer Tiger to take him to the doctor...

These unique voices combine in a harmony of Mexican and American, of magical and ordinary, of tragedy and triumph. From established writers to emerging talents, the contributors to this volume represent the depth and beauty of a community that is just beginning to make itself heard. The collection features the short story "The Time About the Dog"

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by Álvaro Rodríguez, co-screenwriter of the recent film *Machete*. Other contributors: Angélica Maldonado, Yaresy Salinas, María Ramírez, Daniel Tyx, Mónica G. Hernández, Félix Omar Vela, Evangelina Ayon, Lois Marie Garza, Charlene Bowles, Robert Brown, Cindy Jáimez, Virgilio B. Valencia, Alfredo Ortiz, Javier David González, Matthew Madrigal, Olga Lidia Cervantes, Richard D. Givens, Verónica Sandoval, Edwin de Kock, Gwenda J. González, Jonathan Corey Mangan, Kristin Michelle Keith, María Piedra, Ludivina V. Vásquez, María de la Luz Quiroga, Clarrissia Nerio, Nina Medrano, Rosalia Arriaga, Anna Lilia Castillo, Gloria M. Alvarado, and Edwin Sandoval.

The world is infected and humanity is reduced to creatures of vicious insanity. Doctor Thorn's rescue by a group of young survivors is just the beginning of their nightmarish journey to survive. In this apocalyptic landscape, humankind has one final hope that rests on the strength and determination of 10 young men and women.

No ordinary collection of tales, this anthology was the result of extensive research that led Shah to conclude that there is a certain basic fund of human fictions which recur again and again throughout the world and never seem to lose their compelling attraction. This special paperback version of *World Tales* concentrates on the essentials, the text of the stories, and omits the illustrations which were part of a previous edition.

Presents an annotated bibliography of multicultural books, organized into sections dealing with celebrations and culture, nomads and the homeless, literacy, books that bring people together, and multicultural books in series.

Monstrous Tales is a collection of traditional folktales about bewitching and bloodthirsty creatures. Translated and transcribed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, these tales celebrate the diversity of—and surprising resonances

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among—folklore traditions around the world. Welcome to a world of magical adventure: a mysterious wolf pursues a bridegroom through a dark forest, a princess is trapped in a monster's body, and a dragon is coming with a storm in its wake. • The tales come alive alongside spellbinding contemporary art by Chinese illustrator Sija Hong. • Each story transports readers to a different enthralling world. • Part of the popular Tales series, featuring Tales of Japan, Celtic Tales, and Tales of India As readers roam from Japan to Nigeria and Ireland to Guyana, they'll witness deadly pacts, heroic feats, and otherworldly journeys. Features tales from Australia, China, Estonia, Finland, France, Great Sioux Nation, Guyana, Iceland, India, Inuit Nunangat, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Nigeria, Philippines, Pueblo of Isleta, Scotland, South Africa, Syria, Turkey, and Ukraine. • Perfect for fairy tale and folklore lovers, fans of monsters and creatures, collectors of illustrated classics, adults and teens alike, and bibliophiles • Great for those who enjoyed books like *Through the Woods* by Emily Carroll; *The World of Lore: Monstrous Creatures* by Aaron Mahnke; and *Giants, Monsters, and Dragons: An Encyclopedia of Folklore, Legend, and Myth* by Carol Rose

In 1983, a 20-year-old kid from California wandered into a marketplace in downtown Cairo, Egypt, looking for some eggs to cook for dinner. What he found in the Suq Bab el-Louq was a fascinating world of commerce, ritual, community, and personal drama — constantly changing, yet unchanged for decades upon decades. Truth is indeed more amazing than fiction. These stories draw the reader into an intimate connection with the people of a culture that few Westerners have experienced at this level, a culture that we must understand better as we seek to understand and live in harmony with the Arab world. The stories within are endangered. Much has

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changed in Cairo in the past thirty years, and the suq and its denizens have all but disappeared as the internet and world trade have altered the way we shop. In the pages of this unparalleled book, the suq lives on. This is a collection of stunning black and white photographs with a gripping narrative story of the Suq's denizens and how the place works. Economists, historians, travelers, political scientists, fans of the Middle East, and general readers will be entranced by this almost uncategorizable but unmissable gem of a book. Come inside. You will never forget what you find.

My Overdue Book: Too many stories not to tell: spells out the varied episodes in the life of a man who spent decades working in Hollywood. He began as a little boy in Cincinnati impressed early on by the broadcasting magic of radio and then TV in the middle of twentieth century America. His drive to get into broadcasting culminates in an early success that gets interrupted by an unexpected sidebar in The US Army and a subsequent tour as an Infantryman in Vietnam in the late 1960's. His yearlong excursion in "Fun City East," with its repeated life and death experiences, had lifelong effects on this soldier-of-media. Following his wanderings through the jungles of Vietnam, Bright's interactions with many of America's top public figures throughout his decades in radio and television come to life with intriguing stories that are personal, professional, positive and negative. It's life without a filter! Readers across generations will share and co-experience numerous real life feelings and emotions with writer Bright as his winding trail of life opens in front of them. book

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endorsement for peter bright; i always thought that peter bright and i had many things in common; we both grew up in ohio, we both had careers in the live event and variety side of television, and the few times we had times to talk i thought we shared a mutual philosophy toward the ups and downs of life. but it wasn't until i read his "overdue" book that i realized just what a rich and storied life peter has had and how much more deeply he had experienced the highs and lows, particularly during his years in the military, than i ever could have imagined. it really amazes me just how little we know about people we think we know, and just how much more we appreciate who they are when we are fortunate enough to have that background filled in by someone as articulate and able to express both facts and feelings as peter has in this book. when i started to read it, i thought all of those common events that we shared would be an interesting parallel track to my life and as such i would have a great frame of reference, but as i read on, i realized just what an amazing story peter has to tell and just how well he tells it. ken ehrlich, executive producer, the grammy awards

The age of Nore. A time of hardship, war, enchantment, and evil. These events lead of to the story of Tecoco's Earth, where the inhabitants within the world of Tecoco are embroiled in a tide of suffering and terrible predicament. A brother swears vengeance on the suffering of a populace. A wicked king seeks the world for his own. A chief makes a decision that will decide the fate of his people. This is the age of Nore.

This the ultimate tale of God's intention toward humanity,

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a tale unlike any you have ever read before, one that reveals a startling proof of God's control over history and His faithfulness to His every word of promise. In fact, it is a story seen through the prism of five things, five sacred things--the Ark of the Covenant, the Spear of Destiny, the Shroud of Turin, the Great Pyramid of Giza, and the Septuagint Bible. In the process of telling this tale, we encounter several more things along the way, among them, an ancient prophecy, a promise of "days," which precisely foretold the Advent of Christ, recorded in the oldest story contained in the biblical record. And we meet the one man who was commissioned to tell this awesome tale, a man set apart from all others, a man who was said to have talked with God, face to face, having a conversation that took place not in any earthly sphere but at the very pinnacle of Heaven itself. All these elements, then, that is to say, everything needed to demonstrate a startling proof of God's control and faithfulness, have, for the first time, been forged into a single storyline--a promise of "days," a man and his heavenly conversation, an ark, a spear, a shroud, and a pyramid, all brought together to tell the "Tales of Forever: The Unfolding Drama of God's Hidden Hand in History." For all food and travel lovers, this unique cookbook is the first to present Abu Dhabi as a culinary crossroads—where the global goes local—and to highlight the people making it happen. In recent decades, Abu Dhabi, the capital city of the United Arab Emirates, has experienced a steady influx of people from around the world, all bringing their culinary influences. From Syria to Spain, India to Italy, Afghanistan to the Americas, an

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enticing array of aromas, flavors, and textures has blended with the local foodways to create a vibrant urban food culture of reinvention and collaboration, at home and on the streets. In this book, Hanan Sayed Worrell gives us an unprecedented tour of these fascinating culinary treasures. As a long-time resident of Abu Dhabi, the author takes us where few visitors can go: into the homes and lives of locals and expatriates. Through a collection of touching individual stories, delicious recipes, and vibrant photographs, we experience life in this rapidly evolving city. *Table Tales: The Global Nomad Cuisine of Abu Dhabi* is inspired by the many meals hosted at the Worrell's dinner table for guests from around the world. As a careful and affectionate observer of the city for over a quarter century, Worrell guides the reader on a culinary pilgrimage by way of its streets, homes, and flavors.

Building from his acclaimed anthology *Tales of Two Americas*, beloved writer and editor John Freeman draws together a group of our greatest writers from around the world to help us see how the environmental crisis is hitting some of the most vulnerable communities where they live. In the past five years, John Freeman, previously editor of *Granta*, has launched a celebrated international literary magazine, *Freeman's*, and compiled two acclaimed anthologies that deal with income inequality as it is experienced. In the course of this work, one major theme came up repeatedly: Climate change is making already dire inequalities much worse, devastating further the already devastated. But the problems of climate change are not restricted to those

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from the less developed world. Galvanized by his conversations with writers and activists around the world, Freeman engaged with some of today's most eloquent storytellers, many of whom hail from the places under the most acute stress--from the capital of Burundi to Bangkok, Thailand. The response has been extraordinary. Margaret Atwood conjures with a dys-topian future in a remarkable poem. Lauren Groff whisks us to Florida; Edwidge Danticat to Haiti; Tahmima Anam to Bangladesh; Yasmine El Rashidi to Egypt, while Eka Kurniawan brings us to Indonesia, Chinelo Okparanta to Nigeria, and Anuradha Roy to the Himalayas in the wake of floods, dam building, and drought. This is a literary all-points bulletin of fiction, essays, poems, and reportage about the most important crisis of our times.

The MEC/BC bilingual project, initiated in 1996 in primary as a unique experiment within the Spanish state education system, and in September 2004 the classes that had started their bilingual education 8 years earlier took the project forward into Secondary schools. The formal agreement between the MEC/BC states that the aim of the project is to provide students from the age of three to sixteen with a bilingual, bicultural education through an integrated Spanish/English curriculum based on the Spanish National Curriculum and aspects of the National Curriculum for England and Wales. The implantation of such a curriculum requires, firstly, with regard to English as a subject, a very different classroom approach from the traditional EFL classroom where the focus is on learning English as a foreign language;

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secondly, a similar new methodology for teaching and learning other curricular areas through English. Such an integrated approach sits very positively within the Directives of the Council of Europe which insists on the need for students to be competent in three European languages by the end of the obligatory period of Secondary Education and that the learning of the first foreign language should begin in the early years of formal education. In addition to this, the secondary integrated curricula have consistently focused on the continuing development of students' skills and learning strategies, thus firmly establishing learning as a lifelong process. The specific objectives of the Project in the Secondary education level are to: continue the acquisition and learning of both languages through an integrated content-based curriculum, encourage awareness and understanding of the diversity of both cultures, facilitate the exchange of teachers and students, encourage the use of modern technologies in learning other languages, promote the certification of studies under both educational systems, if and when appropriate.

"A highly motivational resource." The Midwest Book Review At some point in their career, all writers experience either the pain of rejection, discouragement, disappointment, and/or other hazards of the writing life. The key is to identify the obstacles ahead and know how to overcome them. - Learn the truth about failure. - Discover the ultimate dream killer. - Find out how to get rid of a wet blanket - Discover the one secret every full-time writer knows - And much more This revised and

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update edition includes information for indie authors, expands on the necessary traits of long-term professionals and addresses other changes in the industry. Your destiny is at hand!

This edited volume is the first book of its kind to engage criticse(tm) understanding of Generation X as a global phenomenon. Citing case studies from around the world, the research collected here broadens the picture of Generation X as a demographic and a worldview. The book traces the global and local flows that determine the identity of each countrys(tm)s youth from the 1970s to today. Bringing together twenty scholars working on fifteen different countries and residing in eight different nations, this book present a community of diverse disciplinary voices. Contributors explore the converging properties of "Generation X" through the fields of literature, media studies, youth culture, popular culture, sociology, philosophy, feminism, and political science. Their ideas also enter into conversation with fourteen other "textbox" contributors who address the question of "Who is Generation X" in other countries. Taken together, they present a highly interactive and open book format whose conversations extend to the reading public on the website www.generationxgoesglobal.com.

The Blue Poetry Book was the third of the series of Fairy Books by Andrew Lang. This book contains

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153 poems by great British and American poets such as; William Blake; Elizabeth Browning; John Bunyan; Robert Burns; Lord Byron; Thomas Campbell; Samuel Coleridge Taylor; William Cowper; Charles Lamb, and many others.

The candy man brings joy to everyone's hearts with his delicious candies. In this story his quest is to make the princess of the village smile. The candy man meets many people along his journey to the castle.

This edited collection challenges a long sacrosanct paradigm. Since the establishment of Caribbean literary studies, scholars have exalted an elite cohort of émigré novelists based in postwar London, a group often referred to as "the Windrush writers" in tribute to the SS Empire Windrush, whose 1948 voyage from Jamaica inaugurated large-scale Caribbean migration to London. In critical accounts this group is typically reduced to the canonical troika of V. S. Naipaul, George Lamming, and Sam Selvon, effectively treating these three authors as the tradition's founding fathers. These "founders" have been properly celebrated for producing a complex, anticolonial, nationalist literature. However, their canonization has obscured the great diversity of postwar Caribbean writers, producing an enduring but narrow definition of West Indian literature. Beyond Windrush stands out as the first book to reexamine and redefine the writing of this crucial era.

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Its fourteen original essays make clear that in the 1950s there was already a wide spectrum of West Indian men and women--Afro-Caribbean, Indo-Caribbean, and white-creole--who were writing, publishing, and even painting. Many lived in the Caribbean and North America, rather than London. Moreover, these writers addressed subjects overlooked in the more conventionally conceived canon, including topics such as queer sexuality and the environment. This collection offers new readings of canonical authors (Lamming, Roger Mais, and Andrew Salkey); hitherto marginalized authors (Ismith Khan, Elma Napier, and John Hearne); and commonly ignored genres (memoir, short stories, and journalism).

Gertrude the goat and her best friend Toby the tortoise are adventurers. No sitting around on the boring farm for them! They love to explore, and every Friday they sneak off the farm for some extra fun. One Friday, Gertrude and Toby decide to visit the local candy store in town. They discover yummy goodies and treats, but soon find that the treats are not free!? Uh oh! The market owner grabs Toby. He demands money for the candy that Gertrude and Toby have taken by mistake. Gertrude must find a way to save her friend and get back home before Farmer Sam returns.

Hairniganans. Friendship. Big Dreams. The previously scheduled life Maya Hatton planned has

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been interrupted for an emergency broadcast announcement. A news station manager threatens to destroy over twenty years of brand and image building with a new contract from hell. Her husband Roddreccus moved into the rental property and refuses to move home without explanation. Instead of finding confidence, fun, and freedom as she enters her mid-fifties she's faced with crises. Fans believed she had it all together but her dream team lost a member, a villain hijacked her fairy tale marriage and now she needs to remember how to be the Maya everyone thinks she is or lose the best thing she ever had. Natural Sistahs series is written by an African American author whose chosen her natural hair since 1998. While one of many indie published black authors she considers her books appropriate for the women's fiction category though most would be shelved in the black fiction, black books, African American women's fiction, or black women's fiction section in most physical bookstores. Eight stories about the distillation of wisdom, concerning dream worlds, magical thinking, the subconscious and the soul.

A Collection of Matt Shaw's heartbreaking dramas Matt Shaw does not just write horror. In fact, when asked what his favourite books are, he often names the tales collected within this set. Stories of heartbreak, loss and grief - all with an element of hope... A hope we often forget when dealing with

grief. Contained within this collection Heaven's Calling BOY: Built to Love The Missing Years of Thomas Pritchard (unpublished short story) Alone Heaven's Calling Josh and Holly could face anything thrown at them all the time they had each other. Their love would conquer anything and the world was their oyster. But when a tragic accident tears Josh away from Holly she realises that, without her husband, she cannot cope and her world begins to crumble; her loss being more than she can handle. Until, that is, she receives a phone call. Her late husband. The same time every day; he doesn't appear to know what has happened to him and Holly can't bring herself to tell him. She isn't even sure if it really is him calling or whether it's all in her tormented mind. Especially seeing as the calls only happen when she is alone. Is it all in her head, has she gone mad, or is heaven really calling? Boy: Built to Love No parent should have to bury their own child and yet that was exactly what they had to do. Stillborn; a young boy never to open his eyes to take in the world around him. And now Lucy and Jack's marriage was on the verge of crumbling under the strain of the grief they struggled to cope with. A grief made worse when the doctors tell them they'll never be able to have a child of their own due to complications from the last pregnancy. But what if it didn't have to be that way? What if there was a way of using science and technology to create a son they

could love? What if Jack was able to use Artificial Intelligence to create A Boy: Built to Love? Is the answer to their problems to be found within the world of science-fiction or are they setting themselves up for yet more grief and sadness? The Missing Years of Thomas Pritchard August 3rd. 6:03am. The tranquil summer's morning was shattered by the desperate screams of Thomas' mother echoing down the near deserted suburban street. The few people milling about outside getting ready for their daily business had said they couldn't make out what the cries were about when they were interviewed. Not initially. Not until Anne, a pretty woman in her early thirties with shoulder length blonde hair, spilled out onto the street wearing nothing more than her dressing gown and slippers anxiously calling out for her five year old son, Thomas, to come out from wherever he was hiding. Eye witnesses reported Anne was closely followed by her husband Bill - a professional, clean-shaven man in his late thirties with dark, short hair - half dressed for work in his suit trousers and unbuttoned white shirt, and that he too looked just as frantic as the mother did. The year was 2003; the year Thomas disappeared from his home without a trace. * * * * August 3rd. 6:03am. A young, fragile looking hand knocked confidently on the white PVC of the front door to number twenty-two. The hand belonged to a smartly dressed, skinny fourteen year old, fresh-faced boy. Whilst waiting for

an answer to his knocking he slid a brown leather satchel off his shoulder down onto the floor as though the weight was too much for him to bear any more. He went to knock again but stopped himself when he heard the sound of footsteps from the other side of the door as the freshly woken homeowner came to answer his initial knocking. There was the slightest of pauses as keys were twisted in locks before the door opened as much as the strong, gold, security chain would permit it to. "Can I help you?" asked the homeowner, a frail looking woman in her late sixties. "Where's my mum?" asked the boy. The year was 2012; the year Thomas came home.

When Aislinn Amon's father disappears, her mother drags her from New York to Indiana where she is to attend a new boarding school - Source High. At Source High, Aislinn finds herself in a whole other world than what she knew. Everyone has something supernatural about them, including her. Soon, she finds that she's not the normal, rebel, messed up teenage girl she thought she was. Her friends try to help her along the way when trouble comes knocking on her door. People die, she finds herself falling in love with, something she swore she'd never do, and secrets start to form. Can Aislinn cope with everything that's happening? Can she handle the life she's been forced to deal with? Or will she crack under the heavy pressures laid upon her seventeen-year-old shoulders? The year is 4518 BCE. Halim, a Shakti warrior initiate, lives with his family in Harappa, a fortified city in the Indus River Valley. His father is injured, so the task falls to Halim to find a cure for his mother, who has fallen prey to a mysterious, debilitating disease. Sanjit, a seasoned Shakti, agrees to

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accompany Halim to the Kunlun Mountains in search of a sacred medicine from an ancient monastery. Halim's impulsive sister, Taja, insists on joining them too. When the three travellers confront the Ignogai, a barbaric tribe with a bloodthirsty shaman, they must flee across hazardous and unfamiliar terrain to avoid being captured and persecuted for their Shakti Prana. With a little bit of magic, determination, and some help from a few extraordinary people, the trio must fight for their lives to make it back home in time to save Halim's mother from certain demise.

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