

Silver Shoes

Travel to the land of Oz with Dorothy and find out what inspired the forthcoming film blockbuster Oz: The Great and Powerful Aspiring to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school's track team, gifted runner Ghost finds his goal challenged by a tragic past with a violent father.

"4 Stars (out of Five)" "The Art of Coincidence is a whirlwind tour through the mind and perceptions of Ernest Cohen. Racy but ridiculously humorous... It is a raucous ride, (and) a very funny one." -Peter Dabbene, Clarion ForeWord Reviews "Reading this book is a bit like taking an enjoyable trip down the rabbit hole. A sojourn into what is undoubtedly a brilliant mind, The Art of Coincidence is at once edgy, humorous, and profound... Definitely not for the faint of heart, Cohen's collection throws political correctness to the wind... With tongue in cheek commentary on politics, religion, and the human condition, it is sure to get your dander up at least once, but will have you chuckling at the same time." -Edith Crabtree Newport Beach Independent Whether it was by divine decree or just his innate ability as a bumbler of superhero proportions, is unclear. But whatever the reason may be, Geoffrey Zukor was stumbling through life with all the grace of a one-legged unicyclist. When asked to hide the matzo at a Passover Seder, for instance, Geoffrey found the perfect out-of-the-way spot and slipped it in, completely unaware he had just hidden the matzo in the same drawer as his brother-in-law's porn collection. Oh sure, his nephew was excited when he finally found the matzo later that evening, but not nearly as excited as the other little boys who found a stack of DVD's with titles like The Di Vinci Load, Mondo Mammaries 2, and Big Butt All-Stars. And the excitement didn't stop there. When one of the mothers went to investigate why the children had suddenly grown so quiet and discovered them ogling the pornographic material—Holy Gefilte Fish!—the house exploded with shrieks so loud and shrill several of the children suffered high frequency hearing loss. During the chaos that followed—and chaos it was—one thing became clear: That night certainly wasn't like all other nights, unless you're Geoffrey Zukor, that is. But then, something happened. Something quite extraordinary. Late one afternoon, for no apparent reason, his fortunes change—dramatically. Did he finally catch a lucky break or was it actually the consequence of an intervention by none other than a Grand Master in the esoteric Art of Coincidence? Other titles herein include, Shakespeare for Aliens, A Pretty Good Employee, and Hallelujah, Brother! I'm Sittin' On Top of the World! (I just wish someone had told me to bring a jacket. I'm freezing my nuts off up here.) These stories and more await, illuminating the world in ways that will surely surprise and delight.

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Few college players in history have created the expectations and high level of excitement like Joe Dan Washington, Jr., forever known in Oklahoma Sooner football history as "Little Joe." When he donned the silver shoes as a freshman, he electrified Oklahoma fans. Barry Switzer, said, "From the moment he ran the ball in practice we knew he would be special. I had never seen and still haven't seen anyone who could bring an entire crowd to it's feet leaving them awe-struck. Even while gaining just a handful of yards his runs were absolutely spectacular. I mean every time he touched the ball, we expected it be showtime. He found seams to run that no one else saw, darted away from towering linemen and stutter-stepped his way down the field, but it was his ability to hurdle and leap over opponents that made us all hold our breath."

This sequel to *Poor Cow* presents the same characters 30 years on. You are old, Joy tells her mother Gladys for the 100th time, though Glad is unlikely to take any notice. She may be 80, but she wants to find a man with a bit of life in him.

"A scheduled tour of a hidden FBI facility unlocks secrets about Oz, our world, and other distant lands, causing friction between the Gardner family and the agents who seek their help so desperately. They learn about The Powder of Life there, a magic substance that gives life to lifeless objects and prolongs it for the living"--From author web site.

In the first of a new series, meet four very different girls who all have one thing in common--they love to dance! Eleanor Irvin is 10 years old, and dancing is her everything. Tap, ballet, lyrical, and ballroom--she's tried it all. But her favorite style, by far, is jazz. When Miss Caroline, the owner of Silver Shoes Dance Studio, announces she will be selecting dancers to perform in the upcoming Jazz Groove Dance Competition, Ellie is over the moon! There's only one problem: she's not so good at auditions. Actually, there might be a few problems--Ellie's dance enemy, Jasmine, seems determined to ruin her chances, and the new girl, Ashley, is really talented. Will Ellie be able to overcome her nerves and hold on to the spotlight?

Twenty-eight-year-old struggling San Francisco artist Anne McFarland is determined to get a one-woman show, even though no one, including herself, believes she can do it. But when she buys a coat at a thrift shop with a key in its pocket, strange, even magical, occurrences begin to unfold, and she is inspired to create her best work ever. Fifty years earlier, it's 1963, and the coat's original owner, young heiress Sylvia Van Dam, is headed toward a disastrous marriage with a scoundrel. In a split-second reaction she does the unimaginable, which propels her on a trip of self-discovery to nature-filled Northern Arizona. When Anne and Sylvia's lives intersect, they are both forced to face their fears?and, in the process, realize their true potential.

Shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal and the Sheffield Libraries Book Award, *Silver Shoes* conveys a conflict that every family will recognize. The dilemma? Molly wants some silver shoes for her first dance class. But her mom says she has to wait to make sure she likes the classes first. Ages 5-8

Ash is a true hip hop girl, but it seems a reggae-inspired dance style may have stolen her heart! When an agent comes to Silver Shoes looking for the best junior dancers, everyone wants to strut their stuff. Although Ash acts like the class clown, she is desperate to get an interview. Luckily, her smooth dancehall moves grab the agent's attention, and faster than Ash can 'butterfly' she has a shot at dancing in the coolest hip hop star's new music video. But while Ash normally brings the attitude, on set her old Dance Art enemies are putting her off her game. Will Ash find her 'flava', or will dancehall be her downfall?

In her second novel, Jill G. Hall, author of *The Black Velvet Coat*, brings readers another dual tale of two dynamic women from two very different eras searching for fulfillment. San Francisco artist Anne McFarland has been distracted by a cross-country romance with sexy Sergio and has veered from her creative path. While visiting him in New York, she buys a pair of rhinestone shoes in an antique shop that spark her imagination and lead her on a quest to learn more about the shoes' original owner. Almost ninety years earlier, Clair Deveraux, a sheltered 1929 New York debutante, tries to reside within the bounds of polite society and please her father. But when she meets Winnie, a carefree Macy's shop girl, Clair is lured into the steamy side of Manhattan—a place filled

with speakeasies, flappers, and the beat of “that devil music”—and her true desires explode wide open. Secrets and lies heap up until her father loses everything in the stock market crash and Clair becomes entangled in the burlesque world in an effort to save her family and herself. Ultimately, both Anne and Clair—two very different women living in very different eras—attain true fulfillment . . . with some help from their silver shoes.

The country bunny attains the exalted position of Easter Bunny in spite of her responsibilities as the mother of twenty-one children. When shoes are the only thing you get to pick out yourself, what happens when you lose one of them? A tale of self-expression and friendship, told with humor and charm. With three older brothers to pass along hand-me-downs, Sadie doesn't have much say in choosing her clothes. Her outfits always look interesting, though (even if some kids at school might not think so). But Sadie is allowed to pick her shoes, so one day she buys the most beautiful shoes ever -- shoes that sparkle in the sun, shoes she wears everywhere. That is, until Sadie and her brothers hop down a creek on an adventure, and one shoe falls off and is swept away. Whatever will Sadie do with one silver shoe? From a winning picture-book team comes a story of creativity, resilience, and like-minded souls that is sure to appeal to independent thinkers everywhere.

For Sangharsh Vashisht, life is a series of challenges. He loses some—such as scoring poorly in the class tenth Board exams, failing to crack the CAT, and being unable to progress academically due to miserable graduation marks. His girlfriend walks out on him because of his immaturity and he loses his job - twice. He wins some—such as leading his team to win an important corporate cricket tournament, surpassing IIM Graduates at a foreign bank by getting double promotion – twice in a row. In the middle of all this, he accidentally meets an 'angel in silver shoes'. And falls in love within a third of a second. However, this is the toughest challenge Sangharsh has faced—she vanishes from his life after promising a 'karmic reunion'. He keeps looking for her and miraculously finds her after seven long years. Will she honour her 'promise'? Will he win her heart by writing a book? Or will he sabotage his chances yet again? Will there ever be a 'happily ever after' in his story?

Ellie has a new love - musical theatre! She is determined to become a 'triple threat', but can she really sing, dance and act? Jazz has always been Ellie's thing, but since taking singing lessons at Silver Shoes, she has big dreams of making it on Broadway. Her chance to leap into this world comes when auditions for a grand musical are announced. Ellie is sure she has what it takes to be a star of the stage! That is, until she realises she needs to be able to tap, and until the all-too-perfect Cadence Kohdean comes into the picture. Will Ellie be able to tap her way to the top and become a leading lady?

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In this galvanizing book for all educators, Kristin Souers and Pete Hall explore an urgent and growing issue--childhood trauma--and its profound effect on learning and teaching. Grounded in research and the authors' experience working with trauma-affected students and their teachers, *Fostering Resilient Learners* will help you cultivate a trauma-sensitive learning environment for students across all content areas, grade levels, and educational settings. The authors--a mental health therapist and a veteran principal--provide proven, reliable strategies to help you

- * Understand what trauma is and how it hinders the learning, motivation, and success of all students in the classroom.
- * Build strong relationships and create a safe space to enable students to learn at high levels.
- * Adopt a strengths-based approach that leads you to recalibrate how you view destructive student behaviors and to perceive what students need to break negative cycles.
- * Head off frustration and burnout with essential self-care techniques that will help you and your students flourish.

Each chapter also includes questions and exercises to encourage reflection and extension of the ideas in this book. As an educator, you face the impact of trauma in the classroom every day. Let this book be your guide to seeking solutions rather than dwelling on problems, to building relationships that allow students to grow, thrive, and--most assuredly--learn at high levels.

Riley is one of the best dancers at Silver Shoes. Does this mean she will be a great teacher too? Riley has sprained her ankle and is forced to take a break from dancing! Sitting at home on the couch is at odds with Riley's energetic nature, so she excitedly takes up Miss Caroline's offer to become her personal assistant at Silver Shoes. But will Riley get carried away with her new-found authority and end up hurting her friends? And will her impatience to return to dancing and master the lyrical exam routine make her injury even worse?

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Sometimes, the things that can change your life will cross your path in one instant-and then, in a fleeting moment, they're gone. But if you open your eyes, and watch carefully, you will believe.... Robert is a successful attorney who has everything in life-and nothing at all. Focused on professional achievement and material rewards, Robert is on the brink of losing his marriage. He has lost sight of his wife, Kate, their two daughters, and ultimately himself. Eight year old Nathan has a beloved mother, Maggie, whom he is losing to cancer. But Nathan and his family are building a simple yet full life, and struggling to hold onto every moment they have together. A chance meeting on Christmas Even brings Robert and Nathan together-he is shopping for a family he hardly knows and Nathan is shopping for a mother he is soon to lose. In this one encounter, their lives are forever altered as Robert learns an important lesson: sometimes the smallest things can make all the difference. *The Christmas Shoes* is a universal story of the deeper meaning of serendipity, a tale of our shared humanity, and of how a power greater than ourselves can shape, and even save, our lives.

Athletics, basketball, or ballet? The pressure is on, and Riley has a big decision to make! Riley loves ballet--it's her favorite style and she's great at it, too, with perfect technique and natural athleticism. But it's not just dancing she loves--it's all sports. With her carefree attitude, Riley is happy to ignore everyone who says she does too much, and is super excited when she scores a lead role in the upcoming ballet eisteddfod. But, one fouette too late, Riley realizes that her sporting and Silver Shoes commitments clash! Was everyone else right, and will she have to make a choice between the three things she loves most?

Presents a children's book for early readers about a little girl's dream to become the star ballerina in her school's recital and the special present her mother gave her in order to achieve her goal.

Mei Ping's stepmother treats her very poorly and won't allow her to attend the son of the emperor's birthday ball.

Paige's mum wants her to be the best dancer ever. But what does Paige want? Paige has grown up dancing and takes almost every class at Silver Shoes. She loves her friends there but often feels pushed into dancing by her mum, who was once a dancer herself. Now, with a ballroom competition coming up and her waltz looking less than graceful, Paige's confidence starts to crack. Dancing no longer seems like fun. Paige wants to make everyone happy, but before she knows it her best friend stops speaking to her, then Benji, her ballroom partner, walks out! Will Paige find the courage to speak up before she loses her friends and her love of dance forever?

In the age of not-believing, Miranda is someone who believes in magic and... would stand outside in a snow shower, just to catch the flakes as they fell down, wondering at the patterns on her ungloved hand... When she comes across a magical shoe, hidden in the trunk of a tree, little does she realise that an adventure awaits her. An adventure, involving a dragon, a Great Magician, and a band of sneaky, but none-too-bright, trolls. A fun story that will appeal to the young and young at heart, alike.

Pairs of fiction and nonfiction books share high-interest topics and encourage children to compare and contrast, distinguish between fact and fiction, and make the transition between fiction and nonfiction reading strategies.

An examination of football from the players' perspective addresses the mental, physical, and emotional experience of the game at the high school, college, and professional levels, in a volume that includes a dialogue with eight top athletes. Simultaneous.

Atop the Unaka Mountain overlooking the many ridges and valleys, looking out across the vast expanse from east to west, I became aware of distant mountains that my father could name without a moments hesitation and point out the lay of the old trace of the old Wagon Road.

Years upon years ago, many events occurred, and some of them were formed into stories that were told to children around the campfire when they camped along the old trails. As time changed the children into old men, a few stories were told over and over until they became woven into the fabric of folklore. Now I cannot name but a few of the mountains, and my father is gone . . . No doubt most of the Indian tales are gone too, lost in the pages of time. Aided with folklore and imagination, maybe we can unweave one or two stories that otherwise might have been lost. When I was but a lad, many were the old stories I heard. One of those was most fascinating, the story of a lost mine, Lost Treasure of Long Ago, and another was one called Bear Wallow, a little flat at the head of a long valley where bears were seen that were eerie looking because of the yellow mudholes that they wallowed in. Perhaps the story of Yellow Bear and his horse that wore silver shoes is one of those tales that has been uncovered from the lost pages of time.

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"Paige is known for doing every style of dance. But can she choreograph as well? It's time for the end-of-year concert at Silver Shoes. Everyone is super excited and the studios are buzzing. Miss Caroline assigns Paige and Ellie a junior class and challenges them to put together a dance for the concert. Paige is thrilled to be choreographing with her best friend and can't wait to use some of the new jive moves she has been learning. But it soon becomes obvious that Paige and Ellie have completely different ideas about what they want to do! Will they learn how to work together in time for the final performance?"

When Donald Gardner's parents tell him they'll be taking an exciting road trip through Kansas, he openly cringes. He is sure it will be a boring summer vacation. But at one of their final roadside stops on the way home, they are approached by a poor woman offering to sell a curious item-an antique silver shoe. While Donald's mother is initially reluctant, she is ultimately smitten with the shoe and buys it. Donald is skeptical that the shoe is anything more than a relic, but when the new school year starts, he brings it in for show-and-tell, attempting to impress his classmates. His friends liken it to something out of The Wizard of Oz, and his teacher agrees the idea is not far-fetched considering author L. Frank Baum wrote about "silver shoes," not ruby slippers, which were strictly in the movie. Yet when he accepts a dare from his two best buddies to try it on, frightening and incredible things begin to happen. Strange animals cry out in the night. Dark, shadowy shapes lurk in distant corners. Scratching sounds are heard just outside his bedroom window. And when he meets George Clarke, a reclusive man who has been in hiding and on the run for many years, Donald finds out there is a lot more to Baum's story than he thinks. Join Donald as he unravels Baum's earth-shattering secret in ... Silver Shoes.* * Kansas Notable Book award-winner for 2010, from the Kansas Center for the Book and the State Library of Kansas.

This is a book about the late-nineteenth-century money debates in American politics, and about the role of history in American political development.

Go Go is confident and creative about her clothes, even though most of them are hand-me-downs from her three older brothers. The only new things she ever gets are underwear and shoes. That's why she loves new shoes, especially her latest and most precious silver shoes. But despite her mother's warnings, Go Go wears them on a family picnic and loses one in the creek. Go Go is devastated, but continues to wear her one remaining silver shoe, until one day a new girl at school realises that she has one just like it... A beautiful story about being confidently individual and about the power of friendship.

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