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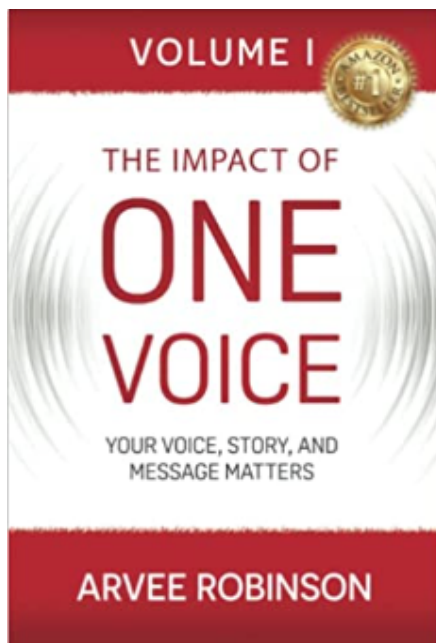
Blood Omen: A Tale of Migration and Transformation

Published on June 27, 2022

A sign—an omen—compels an ancient people to abandon their impregnable city and follow in the footsteps of their ancestors who had splintered from them eons ago. The caravan is attacked by hostiles as they make their way north. The numbers are ravaged by disease, the elements, and internal strife. Attrition threatens the survival of the wanderers. The fiendish priests appeal in vain to the bloodthirsty gods for deliverance. Foolish kings lead them into peril. Wise kings struggle to mend the damage.

Will this multi-generational tale of an epic migration result in cultural renaissance or extinction? Can a great people find greatness again in a strange and

menacing land, or will the malignant characters in their midst ultimately destroy them? Follow as a sophisticated culture ebbs and recovers only to repeat the cycle over again. They are influenced by people encountered on the journey over two continents. Watch them evolve on their voyage of discovery until they become part of the historical record. They cannot be the same people who began a perilous journey, yet some aspects of their culture refuse to die. <https://amzn.to/3Hn4P2N>



Jackie Phillips

The Impact of One Voice: Your Voice, Story and Message Matters

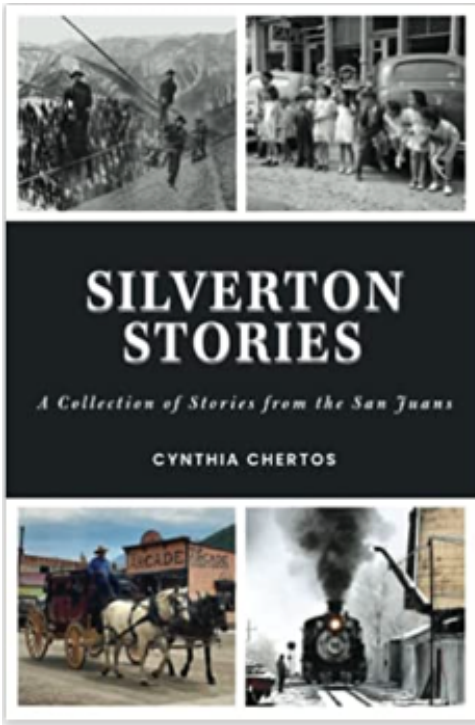
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Jackie Phillips participated in this book with many authors, it became an Amazon bestseller! Copies are available on Amazon and through her website <https://www.jackie-phillips.com/>

Each of us possesses unique gifts that we can give to the world—that we owe to ourselves and to our communities to share. Hidden within these pages is the inspiration you've been waiting for to let your inner

voice shine. Dive into the inspiring lives of the empowered authors of *The Impact of One Voice: Your Voice, Story, and Message Matters* as they harness their voices to create meaningful change in their lives and careers.

The power to make an impact is already within you. Don't wait another day. Just like the authors featured in this book, you too can find the courage to share your story NOW. The world is waiting.



Cynthia Chertos

Silverton Stories: A Collection of Stories from the San Juans

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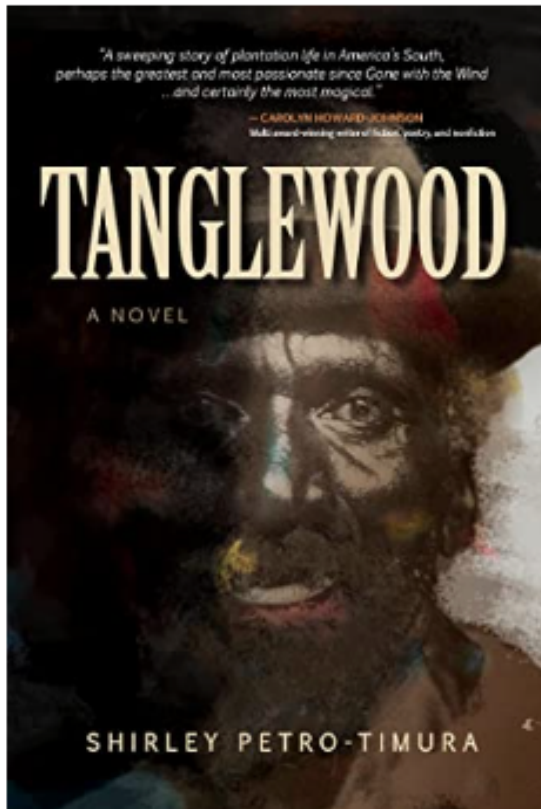
Life, Love, Struggle, and Laughter through the decades, from the 1880s to the 2010s, one short story for every ten-year span, bringing you true-to-life characters, their triumphs and tribulations, their journeys and lessons learned, all with humor and insight, pathos and cheer.

Fourteen Short Stories that not only show the history of Silverton, Colorado — but the progress and spirit of its people, their hopes and dreams, and even, yes, their disappointments and missed opportunities: the early days of miners to the

modern lives of people just trying to find their way home.

"Transporting, imaginative historical fiction" Kirkus Reviews

<https://www.amazon.com/Silverton-Stories-Collection-San-Juans/dp/B0B1LYZRGQ>



Shirley Petro-Timura

Tanglewood

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In 1858, Kentucky's slave trade was in its darkest days. Cassius is a young virile black man who feels privileged to live at Tanglewood. His best friend is John Livingston, an enlightened progressive man. He chose to set up his land as a haven and refuge for the enslaved to live until the emancipation would free them.

Their connection is a driving force, a black and white brotherhood that challenges prejudicial norms of the South. Livingston's actions stir up the hatred and animosity of fellow landowners. Cassius is his best friend and helper, and an expert horse trainer. He plans for a win in the county horse race. His victory reignites the vicious rivalry of the other landowners.

Then one terrible night, the hidden secrets of John's greedy wife led into an unspeakable tragedy. As his life shatters, Cassius plans vengeful murder. Now he must flee with his pregnant wife, son and father onto the Underground Railroad. He runs now to escape the hangman's rope and cruel bounty hunters. His wife gives birth in a cave on a cold wintry day, making their travels even more difficult.

A safe house on the trail hides another traveler. It is his ex-lover and mother of his son. Cassius is forced to see for whom he is willing to fight. Now his freedom is at stake, sharpened by his recognition that they are very much alike. He remembers her kiss but forgets she can betray.



Sherre Vernon

Flame Nebula, Bright Nova

Published on November 1, 2022

A Book of Poems

Sherre Vernon (she/her/hers) is the author of two award-winning chapbooks: *Green Ink Wings* (fiction) and *The Name is Perilous* (poetry). Her work has been published in journals such as *TAB* and *The Chestnut Review*, nominated for Best of the Net, and anthologized in several collections including *Bending Genres, Fat & Queer* and *Best Small Fictions*.

<https://mainstreetragbookstore.com/product/flame-nebula-bright-nova-sherre-vernon/>



Jim Flores

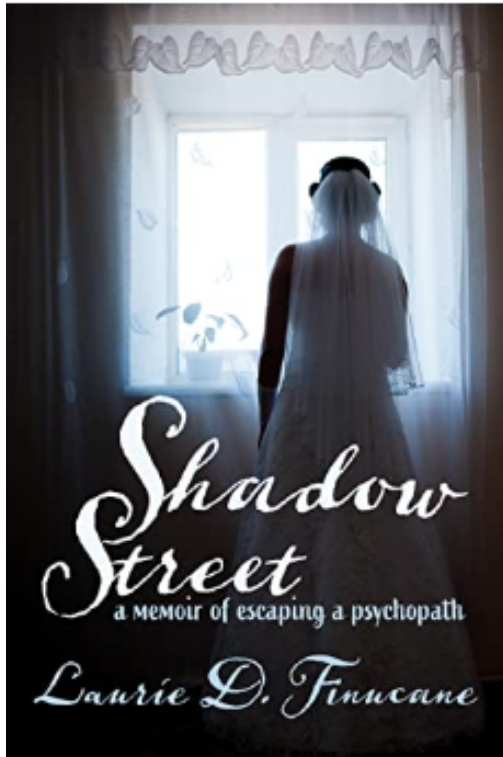
Bad Cop; Inspired by True Events

Published April 20, 2022

An ambitious lieutenant, puts seven bad apple cops back out on patrol and appoints a tired sergeant to keep them in line. They patrol the streets of Los Feliz trying to make sense of a constantly changing world. All unaware of the ticking time bomb in one ambitious meth dealer named Bigfoot.

The stories are true except for the ones that aren't. Accessible via the author's website (BADCOP.PUB) and at Amazon.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/1736046632/ref=sr_1_1?crd=2DXWUJV11IAK6&keywords=bad+cop+j.p.+flores&qid=1650471407&s=books&prefix=%2Cstripbooks%2C171&sr=1-1



Laurie Finucane

Shadow Street: A Memoir of Escaping a Psychopath

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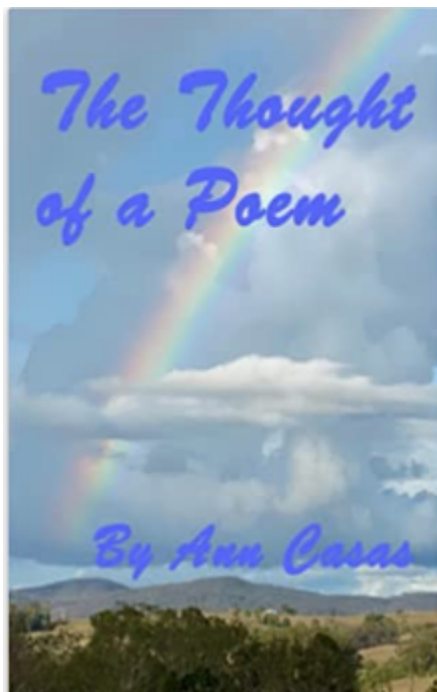
Trapped. Married to a psychopath. Can she escape to a better life?

Navigating a marriage with a psychopath is not only unpredictable but also, at times, dangerous. Add the Vietnam War, two children—one born with disabilities—plus the usual pitfalls a young married couple encounter, and you have the perfect recipe for domestic disaster.

This was Laurie Hawkins' life. Once bound to James by marriage, and ambushed by her own codependency, the relationship morphs into a nightmare which traps her both emotionally and physically. The horrors defining this relationship

multiply when the couple moves to the house on Shadow Street. Finally, after thirteen years of marriage, events align that set the stage for her escape.

<https://www.amazon.com/Shadow-Street-memoir-escaping-psychopath-ebook/dp/B0B6YDDJY7>



Ann Casas

The Thought of a Poem

Published December 12, 2022

“The thought of a poem is like a rainbow” – AC

When I read and create a poem, I allow my feelings to be expressed in a significant and organized way. Often, I have a beautiful memory or experience that I'd like to capture, but if I let that idea linger, it vanishes, just like a colorful rainbow that graces the sky but then gradually fades away. The selections that I include in this book are those that I did manage to write down before they disappeared. I invite you to enjoy my poems as much as I did in writing them.



Jane White

Holly's Destiny

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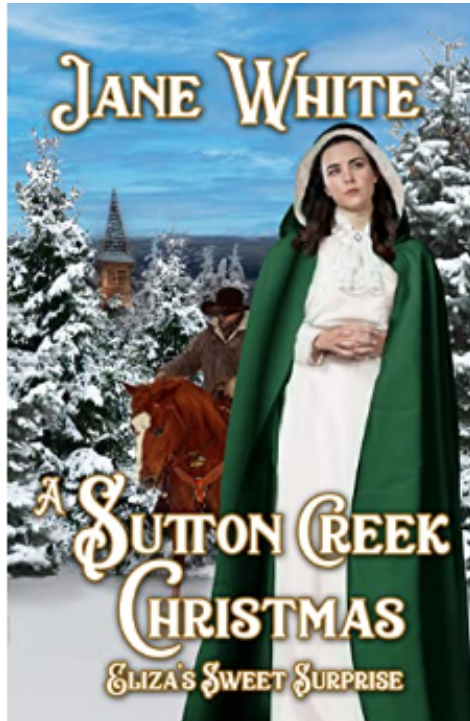
Holly Stone is desperate to leave Philadelphia. Her brother, Oscar, is about to lose his business unless he finds an investor. Arron Endicott has some financial interest in Oscar Stone's business, but he wants more. He wants Oscar's sister, Holly. Oscar encourages Holly to accept Arron's offer of marriage. She doesn't like the man nor his mother. She tries to put him off for as long as she can, but Holly knows that she will have to give in eventually. Holly consults her best friend, Eliza, who suggests she become a mail-order-bride. Eliza talks Holly into seeking the aid of a Marriage Broker. She read a letter from a Montana rancher seeking a bride and decides to answer.

Clayton Bennett owns a ranch near Sutton Creek, Montana, along with his younger brother, Matthew. A couple of years ago, Clay was left at the church by his intended. He swore of marriages and women in general.

Clay's mother, Sarah, and his brother are worried about Clay. Sarah wants grandchildren which means Clay needs to marry. She sends for a mail-order-bride with her younger son's help.

Clay is madder than a wet hen when he finds out about his bride until Holly steps off the stage. Clay feels drawn to her. He doesn't court her for very long before asking her to marry him. Holly felt the same connect to Clay as he did to her, so she had to say yes to his proposal. Clay couldn't barely wait a week to make Holly his bride.

Is Arron so selfish that he will chase Holly halfway across the country? Does he want a wife of just another possession? Will Arron try to force her to return to Philadelphia with him even if she is married to Clay Bennett? Can Clay keep the woman he come to love safe? will Holly fight Arron with any means necessary to stay with the man she loves?



Jane White

A Sutton Creek Christmas

Published November 1, 2022

Eliza Huntington's father told her exactly what to do when he died. She was not to wear black and must sell all the property including their horses, a loving husband and children. Her friend, Holly Stone, married Clay Bennett, the year before. Eliza's father doesn't want his daughter to be alone in Philadelphia after he's gone. She knows what her father wants for her - a loving husband and children. Eliza is nearly twenty-five-years-old. She knows that she will no doubt be a spinster for all her days,

Dr. Josiah Caine graduated medical school at the top of his class. One of the visiting professors is retiring from his practice in Sutton Creek, Montana. He offers it to Josiah., His father, Dr. Benjamin

Caine, doesn't want his son to take it. Josiah is angry with his father for trying to force him to stay in Boston., He wants to real practice medicine.

Josiah leaves for Saint Louis to spend a month working at a free clinic operated by a friend before moving on to Montana. He needs time for his anger at his father to cool. Josiah saves the life a young gunshot victim. The sixteen-year-old boy has nowhere to go, so Josiah takes Andy with him to Montana.

When Josiah goes to the stage depot, he spots Eliza Huntington. The next day, they find themselves on the same stagecoach. They are snowed in at their first stop and must spend the night there., The weather improves but not enough.

Because of the weather delays, the stage is behind schedule. Then the driver needs to make up time by cutting across the Lakota Badlands. Lakota stop the stage. Their Chief, Wambleeska, asks for help. His only son is dying and needs a White doctor. Josiah volunteers to go. Andy and Eliza will not be left behind. Josiah saves the Chief's son, Four days later, the Lakota return them from where they were taken.

Josiah and Eliza have fallen in love but refuse to admit it. Both are wealthy but neither want to be loved for their money.

Josiah's family has secrets that could rip the family apart. Is their love for each other to survive the secrets when they are brought to the light.



Jane White

Cora's Fate

Published December 23, 2022

When the bank forecloses on her family home, Cora Spencer is left with few options. Her only family is her dog, Annie Belle. Her brother was killed during the Civil War. James' death devastates her parents. In a matter of months, she loses everyone who meant anything to her except for her Annie.

One of her father's friends offers Cora a job at his textile factory. She moves to a poorer neighborhood, renting a room in a boarding house. Her landlady allows her to keep Annie because she assures the woman her dog is mute.

After working for three months at the factory, Cora has to quit her job. The owner of the factory, Edgar

Miller, offers her a different position as his mistress. She searches every day for another job, but without a reference, doors are closed to her.

Flowers arrives at the boarding house. Edgar Miller is not giving up his pursuit of Cora. A friend of her brother's, Paul McGill, lost a leg in the war, is ill and looks to be dying. The owner of the tavern where Paul stays, sends for Cora. Tim O'Sullivan or Sully, is impressed by Cora's Medical skills, pulling her from death's door.

Cora thought that once she quit her job that would end Miller's harassment. He hires someone to follow her. Cora fears what the man will do next, so she purchases a small pistol. She answers an Ad for a Mail-Order Bride. It was the only way Cora could leave Boston.

Matthew Bennett from Sutton Creek, Montana, is jilted by his long-time sweetheart. His mother, Sarah, asks her eldest son's wife to place an Ad in the Matrimonial Times for a Mail-Order Bride.

Matt reluctantly reads the fifty or more responses to the Ad. Cora's letter is the only one that interests him. He feels she needs his help, so he sends for her. There is an immediate attraction between them.

Cora believes Montana offers safety for Annie and her. Once she leaves Boston and travels halfway across the country, Edgar Miller will no longer chase after her. She is dead wrong.