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Ted & Kathryn Tucker Windham share some love at an Azalea Storytelling Festival. PHOTO BY A FRIEND



Ted & Bobby Norfolk promoting Parkhurst Brothers Publishers at an American Library Association Conference.
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Storytelling

In these stories of fondly remembered people ...

... each exemplifying an enduring virtue—Donald Davis both entertains and inspires. As a frequent featured performer at the National Storytelling Festival (USA), he has revealed himself to be a deeply caring, wondrously talented storyteller. This book encapsulates his gentle wisdom and understanding of human nature.



"The wonderful Celtic scholar John O'Donahue once said, 'Beauty is a homecoming.' **Donald Davis is a homecoming.** There is nothing, I mean nothing, like witnessing Donald Davis tell a story. This collection takes me closer to that experience than I thought possible. His voice jumps from the page."

—Kevin Kling, storyteller and author of *The Dog Says How*.

"A powerful collection of stories of people you may have otherwise mistaken as ordinary."

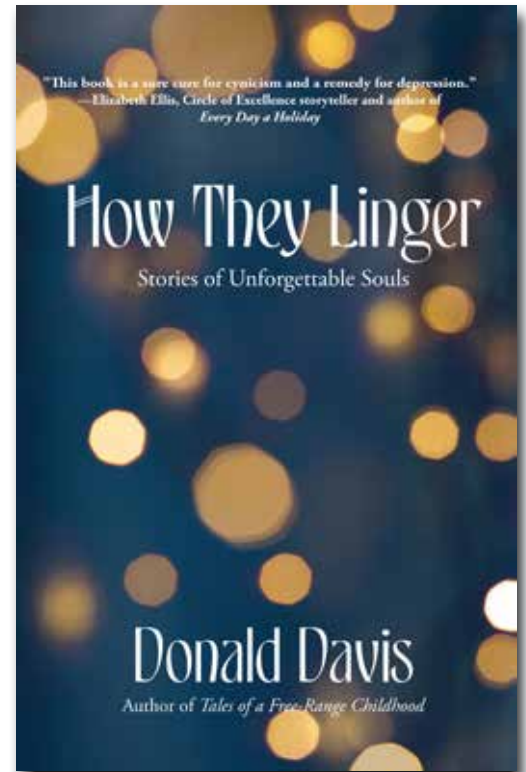
—Bil Lepp, storyteller and author

"In *How They Linger*, **Donald Davis** looks across the years and remembers the wonderfully quirky, warm-hearted people who make for a rich, full life. Without a doubt, this book will have you recalling people in your own life who deserve to be remembered and kept alive by having their stories told.

—David Holt, Four-time Grammy Award Winner

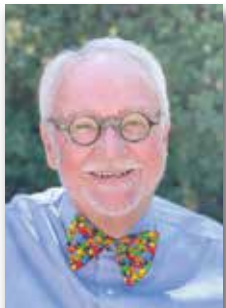
"*How They Linger* takes readers on a delightful dive into kind and vividly varied times, into a world of beloved, quirky relatives and neighbors, childhood friends reclaimed and rediscovered, even wise and preternaturally forgiving animals. These stories can inspire us all to find our own treasured memories—and to tell them."

—Jo Radner, past president of the American Folklore Society and the National Storytelling Network



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Donald Davis, a native of Waynesville, North Carolina, was educated at Davidson College and Duke Divinity School. A retired Methodist Minister, Davis tours the country, telling stories and conducting workshops. He is a regular headliner at the National Storytelling Festival and has been a featured storyteller at the Smithsonian Institution and the World's Fair. He lives with his wife, Trish, on Ocracoke Island.

Photo by Trish Davis



Storytelling

“Brimming with heart, grace, and grit ...

... These stories from the Texas Storytelling Festival shimmer and sparkle like a radiant Texas sunset. Celebrate four decades of captivating storytelling, from true, heartfelt personal narratives resonating with raw honesty, to the rhythmic cadence of cowboy poetry echoing across the vast landscape, to tales taller than the towering Texas Sky and stretching wider than the expansive horizon. Each of these diverse stories reflects the gentle humor and generous spirit which define the Texan soul. *Forty Years of Texas Storytelling* is a celebration of tradition and the enduring legacy that is the Texas Storytelling Festival.”

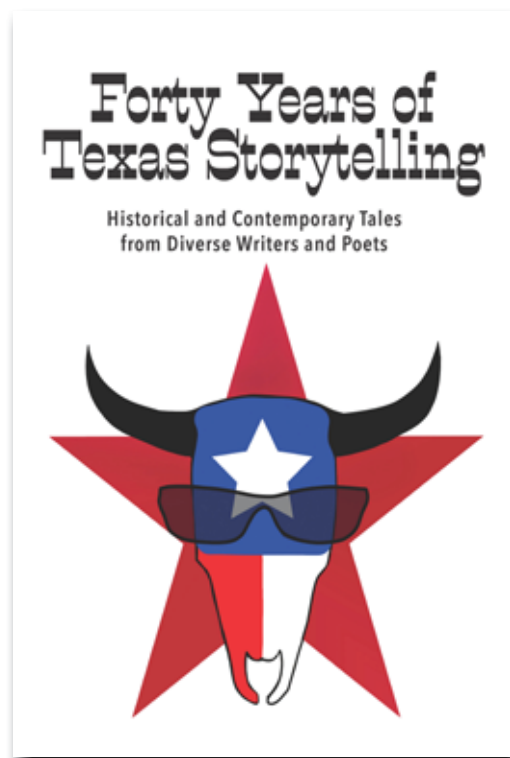
–**Alton Takiyama-Chung**, Storyteller (altonchung.com) and Editor-In-Chief of *The Story Beast*, a quarterly e-Publication dedicated to the art of storytelling (storybeast.org)

“**A gleaming of engaging tales** from the Texas Storytelling Festival that will leave you chuckling and, in some cases, weeping. I loved the chance to peek into the Texan lifestyle via tales of living in ... or moving to ... Texas.”

–**Margaret Read MacDonald**, Folklorist, author, storyteller, and former librarian

“**A love of oral storytelling** imbues this celebratory book with the flavors of many cultural traditions that call Texas home. Share these stories with your family, your classroom, and faith community.”

–**Kiran Singh Sirah**, past president, International Storytelling Center



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“**This book is a tour de force—a wonderful snapshot of storytelling in Texas.** I didn’t want it to end. The history of the Texas Storytelling Festival is fascinating and beautifully written. And the stories that follow, from a broad range of tellers, styles, and experiences, are each gems in their own right. “The stories range from educational to stirring, from humorous to mysterious. They are personal tales, folk tales, and historical stories, from a variety of different cultures, recognizing the fascinating quilt that is Texas.

“Many of the tellers have won a John Henry Faulk award. I smiled when I saw that, as I knew John Henry and his British-born wife Elizabeth when I first lived in Texas in my early twenties. I know that he would have loved these stories—many written for the ear and not the eyes, so you can almost hear them being told. He would have reveled in their charm, their variety, and poignancy. And so did I. I thoroughly recommend this marvelous book.”

–**Geraldine Buckley**, storyteller and author



The TSA Fortieth Anniversary Book Committee of Jaye McLaughlin, Hank Roubicek, Peggy Helmick-Richardson, and Chester Weems would like to make a special tribute to Parkhurst Brothers Publishers, for its part in development of *Forty Years of Texas Storytelling*. To them, this was more than a business project.

Ted Parkhurst has been a longtime supporter of the Tejas Storytelling Association. He has provided exhibits, moderated sessions, and given overall support for many years, and not just to Tejas, but storytelling across the nation. Ted and his wife, Linda, the lead graphic designer on this project, have gone an extra mile to see this book through to completion. We appreciate them. Photo by Paul Porter

A Self-Made Woman of the Civil War Era

"Set in Texas after the Civil War and based on real-life characters, *Lottie Deno* tells the story of an innocent young woman, Carlotta Tompkins, who becomes the notorious lady gambler, Lottie Deno. Carlotta drifts from town to town and saloon to saloon in search of her fugitive outlaw lover, Frank Thurmond (a relative of the author). Along the way, she meets up with Doc Holliday and gets herself kidnapped by desperados and kidnapped from the kidnappers by a band of Kiowa warriors. It's a rip-snortin' tale of love and adventure in the Old West, and its spunky, intrepid heroine will remind you of Mattie Ross in *True Grit*. So, who will play Carlotta in the movie?"

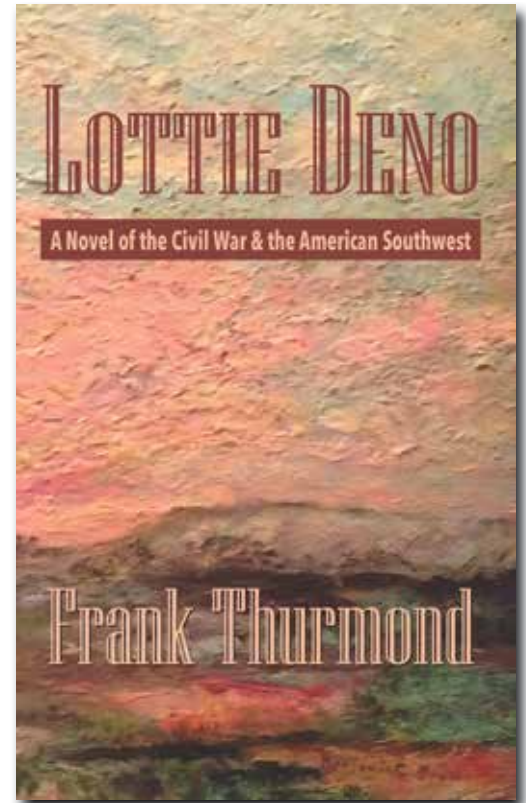
—Tom Epperson, author of *Roberto to the Dark Tower Came* and *Make Believe*

"I loved this story. The descriptions of the land and places are amazing. I feel the journey while reading it. It is like poetry woven into the story."

—Cynthia Rose, historian and author of *Lottie Deno: Gambling Queen of Hearts*

"Thurmond's powerful novel inspires and excites in equal measure, telling the story of a young woman's struggle to survive in the lawless post-Civil War South. Thurmond brings to life a brutal world populated by desperadoes like Doc Holliday, willing to stake everything on a throw of the dice; a country where death stalks the living around every corner."

—Simon Tolkien, author of *No Man's Land* and Series Consultant on the Amazon hit series *The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power*



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Excerpt:

"My tale begins in Kentucky, on a large plantation near the small Ohio River port town of Warsaw in Gallatin County. I was born in 1844 on the twenty-first of April. (That makes me a proud Taurus, and I have always lived up to it.) They called me Charlotte J. Tompkins at birth, though I went by Carlotta and have sported quite a few different sobriquets in the years since. My parents were relatively well-to-do and owned (though I am now terribly ashamed to admit it) a large number of enslaved people. One of these plays an important part in my story: Her name was Mary Poindexter, a young woman who was assigned my nanny at birth and who would later become my closest friend and confidant, not to mention my protector on our many adventures together, in a friendship that would endure long after she finally obtained her free papers."



Frank Thurmond holds graduate degrees in English from Southern Methodist University and Oxford University. His books include *Before I Sleep: A Memoir of Travel and Reconciliation* (2012, Et Alia Press), *Ring of Five: A Novella and Four Stories* (2015, Et Alia Press) and *Remembrance and Other Poems* (2022, Braddock Avenue Books). In addition to writing, he is a musician and an award-winning filmmaker. He teaches literature, composition, music, and screenwriting at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. In his spare time, Thurmond enjoys serenading his two rescue dogs with his Renaissance lute.



An episodic, often humorous memoir by a creative genius

"Magic, longing, fear, insecurity, bravado, dreams—all the things that make up our upbringing. **Harry Thomason** has written a collection of stories that cover it all. It'll take you back to your own special set of memories and at the same time lose yourself in his."

—**Billy Bob Thornton**

"*Brother Dog* includes some of the **sweetest memories I have ever read**. Thomason reminded me of my childhood in Connecticut—never wearing shoes all summer—where an abandoned bed in a dusty attic became my nightly domain. These stories are so powerful and bring back such happy times."

—**Hal Holbrook**

"Harry Thomason is the last of a dying breed: the great American raconteur"

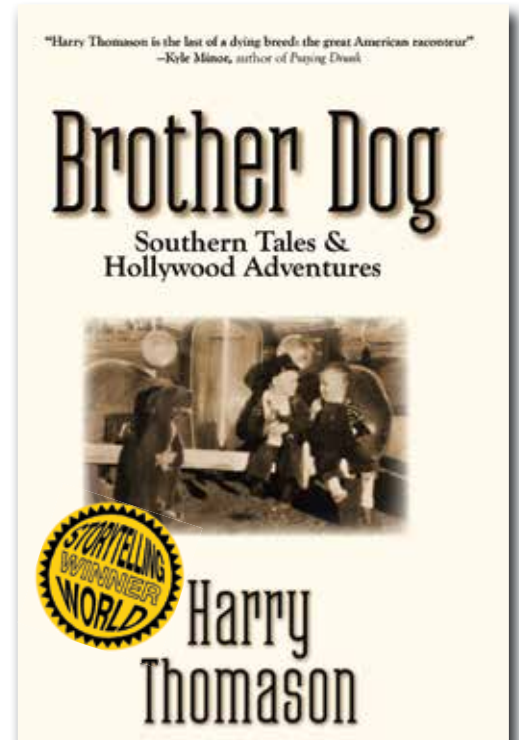
—**Kyle Minor**, author of *Praying Drunk*

"Harry Thomason's life stories are warmly recounted, luminously detailed, and universally appealing."

—**Jimmy Neil Smith**, Founder of the National Storytelling Festival, Founder and President Emeritus of the International Storytelling Center

"I read *Brother Dog* in one sitting; I couldn't put it down. It is a perfect antidote to the times we live in. Wisdom—as it can only be expressed in stories—shines through in every chapter. Often wickedly funny, Thomason's stories speak lovingly of parents who taught him to see the best in even the most lost souls. A pleasure of the highest order!"

—**Markie Post**, film and TV actress



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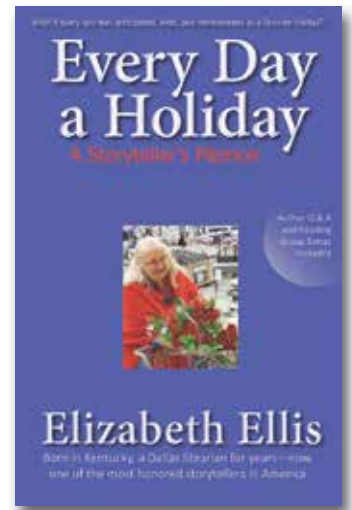
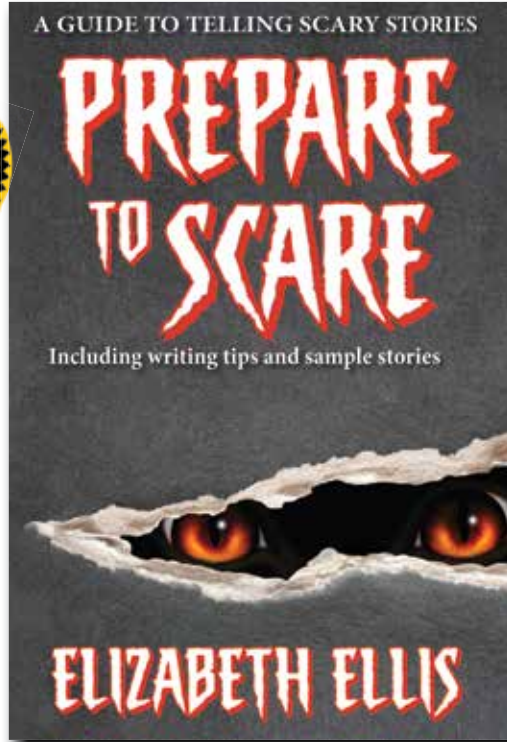
Harry Thomason, an Arkansas native, taught art and history and was a high school coach before pursuing a career in film. He is married to screenwriter Linda Bloodworth Thomason, with whom he produced and directed the television series *Designing Women*, *Evening Shade*, and *Hearts A'fire*. Thomason produced *The Bridegroom*, a documentary that won Best Narrative Film from the Tribeca Film Festival, and he directed the mini-series *The Blue and The Gray*, which won a People's Choice Award. In 1996, he was named the ICG Publicists Guild Entertainment Man of the Year. PHOTO BY S. N. BLOODWORTH.

Storytelling



Elizabeth Ellis is the Grand Dame of American Storytelling. A native of Appalachia, she moved to Dallas, Texas early in life and there became a mother, a grandmother, a public librarian, and eventually a professional storyteller. She now tours the nation telling stories and leading workshops to help other storytellers grow in their craft. This is her fifth book.

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"One of America's finest storytellers."
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A handbook for tellers of scary stories in a variety of settings

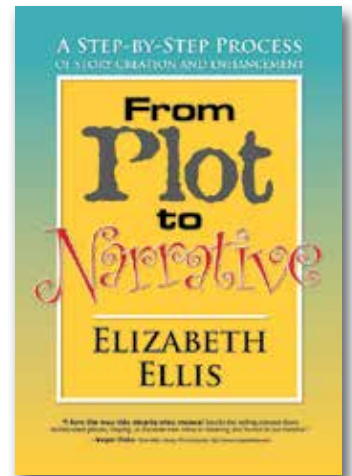
A handbook edited by Circle of Excellence storyteller, Elizabeth Ellis, with contributions by the A-list of scary story writers and tellers on the American Storytelling Festival Circuit.

Nearing the end of her long career as a professional storyteller, Elizabeth Ellis edited this new handbook of sources, methods, and best practices in the collecting, refining, and telling of scary stories, whether in the home, school, aftercare, on stage, on the air, or in any other venue private or community.

"I have been asked to review *PREPARE TO SCARE: A GUIDE TO TELLING SCARY STORIES* by Elizabeth Ellis at a difficult time. My wife and I are house bound, I have a cold and sore throat, and we are watching endless accounts of reports of COVID-19 that is said will be taking the lives of hundreds of thousands to a million, depending on who is telling the story. One would think I would run away at this time from a book on how to tell scary stories, but as Ellis states: stories provide a 'rush of fear that reminds us we are still alive.'—a worthy comfort for the present storm.

"This book tells storytellers not only how we should tell scary stories for all ages, but why. This timely book is equipped with not only Ellis's expertise but the sage counsel of other experienced professional storytellers. In it, these sages remind us that things we fear can change, morph, or even vanish. I do long for that change. This is a must-read for uncertain times like these as well as for calmer times when you just need a tale to remind your audiences that scary stories bring us together"

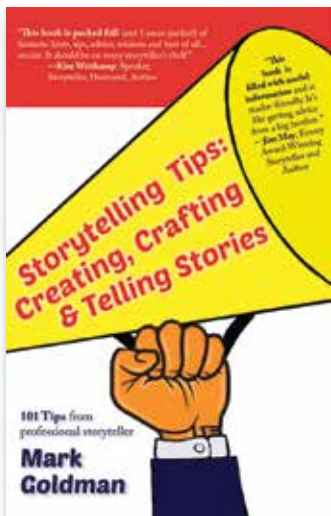
–**Kevin D. Cordi, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Education, Ohio University Lancaster



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A professional storyteller shares secrets of success

Storyteller Mark Goldman shares his experience as a veteran storyteller with the organization and clarity of an educator.

"Not only is this book practical for storytellers of all levels, it is a joy to read. Mark knows storytelling, and shares his knowledge with skill, humor, and honesty. I look forward to being able to recommend it to fellow storytellers, students in my workshops, and to educators as well."

–Antonio Sacre, Storyteller and Author

"Mark's 101 snippets of sound advice are clearly written, touched with humor, and ordered in a common-sense, easily accessible format. This book is a quick yet worthwhile read, gleaned from Mark's own steady growth and experience as a successful storyteller and educator. Gather a tip or two at a time, or make this book your evening's entertainment; it can become a self-coaching guide for any new or learning storyteller and a great enrichment tool for the experienced raconteur."

–Lynette Ford, storyteller and author

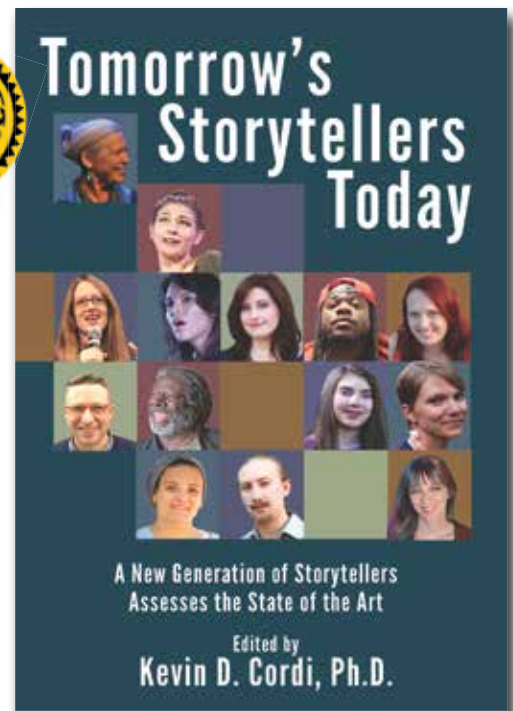
"Inspiring, insightful, and practical ... Mark Goldman defines how to craft, deliver and market storytelling in clear, accessible steps that are as entertaining as they are educational...."

–Susanna Connelly Holstein, storyteller and story coach



Kevin D. Cordi, Assistant Professor of Education at Ohio Northern University, is a storyteller, a former national chair of youth storytelling organizations, and the author of *Playing with Stories: Story Crafting for Writers, Teachers, and Other Imaginative Thinkers* (Parkhurst Brothers) He has presented/performed as an International/National Story/Storytelling Performer and/or Consultant in over forty-five states, England, Japan, Singapore, Scotland, Canada, and Qatar. www.kevincordi.com

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Modern story performers define an old art for a new era

Kevin Cordi, educator and champion of a new generation of storytellers, elicits insights on the challenges young talents face as they practice an ancient art form in today's culture:

- **Charles Parrott** on truth claims in storytelling today
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The contributors come from many different storytelling traditions as well as many modern subcultures. Their concerns will be of interest to educators, storytellers, art watchers, and cultural thinkers. There is no other book like *Tomorrow's Storytellers Today*.

"When the electronic wizards took over the world they forgot to zap one lone knight. Kevin Cordi tilting at push-button entertainment with the simplest of weapons—his brain and tongue. Kevin Cordi is raising an army to rekindle interest in human's oldest communication skill, storytelling."

–Guy Keeler, *Fresno Bee*

"Cordi has made it his crusade to teach the value of a storytelling legacy."

–The National Storytelling Network



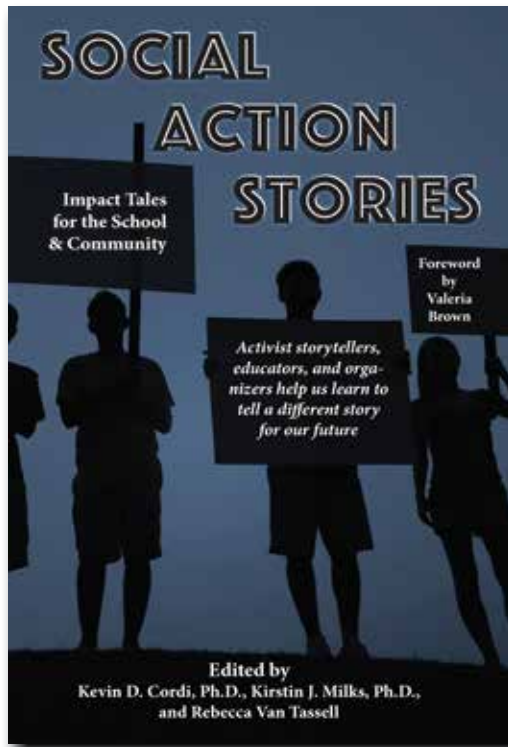
Storytelling



Kevin D. Cordi, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor Ohio University Lancaster. A pioneer is the use of oral storytelling in education, Cordi also consults with organizations and schools nationally as an educational consultant. He also serves on the National Teaching Tolerance Advisory Board.

Kirstin J. Milks, Ph.D. learns from and with AP Biology and Earth/space science students at Bloomington High School South in Bloomington, IN, where she lives with her spouse and two young children.

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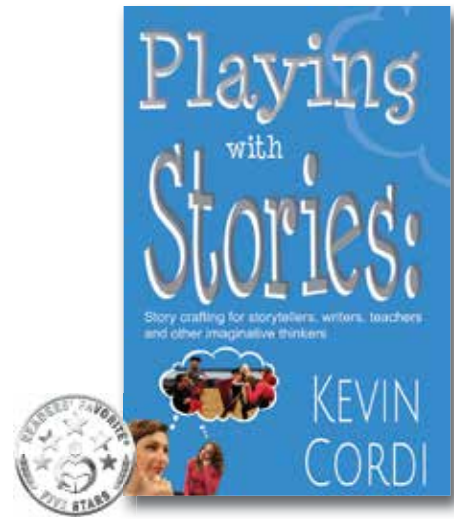
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A guide for educators and community activists engaged in peacemaking and conflict resolution

When we hear people's story, we see them. Hearing and telling story make people significant. It can remind others that they are not working alone. We can connect with story. In addition, story has the ability to create change. Story is connected to a vast array of quiet, simple, complex, and detailed actions that have moved people to consider their thinking. Story can help people move from thinking about difference to making a difference— a difference that works.

The time to hear stories of social action is now. Stories can move a reader to think, re-think, and most of all create change. At present, one can't help but hear the angry words that come from rising hate groups. From this misleading speech, people buy into the false or biased narratives that promote even further hate and violence. However, if we want to be part of social change, we need to do more than hear—we need to listen to narratives of social action. We need to be mindful. It is easy to sit up and take notice; what is difficult is getting up and taking action.

This book chronicles voices from storyteller activists, educational reformers, and community organizers. These voices speak out against hate. However, this collection is not about famous voices, but instead contains powerful stories by the concerned teacher, the caring neighbor, and the vigilant social advocate of injustice; **people doing extraordinary social actions to promote change.**



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From a master of story development

Countless storytellers and writers only work on their stories while writing them down. This is a manual that explains why play is essential to story development and how to first use playful techniques as we work along the design of story based work.

"Storytelling is the great tree of civilization. Kevin Cordi has climbed all the branches of that tree. He is perfect for this book. I can't wait to hold it in my hands."

—Jay O'Callahan, storyteller, coach, author, and occasional NPR Commentator

"Kevin Cordi, a master in the field of story development, is famous for his work in improving storytelling in education and for encouraging youth troupes. I travelled half way across the globe to hear his stories and seek his wisdom, all of which exceeded expectation."

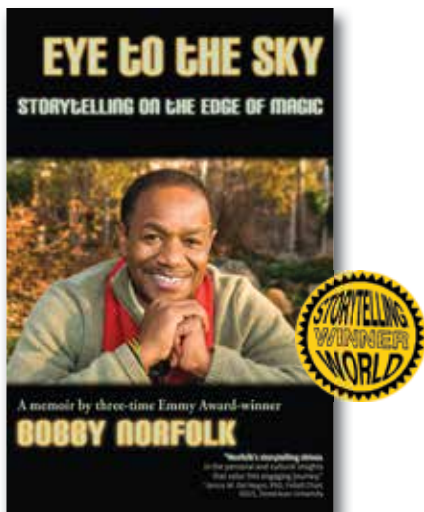
—Terrie Howey, storyteller and educator, England

"In *Playing With Stories*, every fifth word Kevin Cordi said got me laughing in ways I wasn't expecting, and got me thinking about my story from a new perspective."

—Tony Toledo, storyteller and former chair of the League for the Advancement of New England Storytelling



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Inspiring autobiography by an Emmy Award winning performer

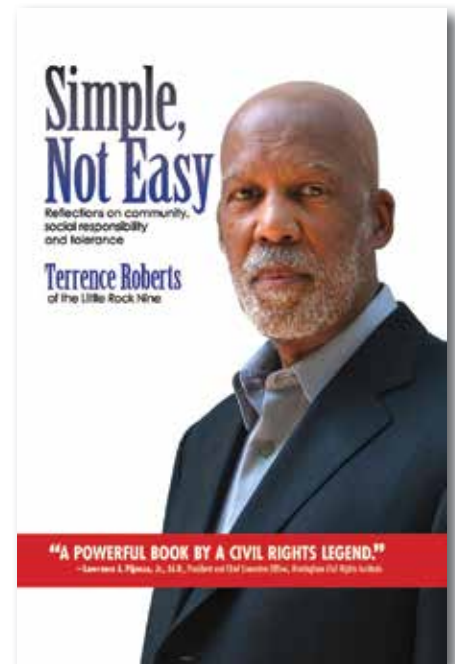
Nobody knows how to tell a story like Bobby Norfolk, and here he tells his own life story. Norfolk grew up in hardscrabble neighborhoods of Saint Louis, Missouri, during the 1950s and 60s, sometimes walking to elementary school from an apartment his parents could not afford to heat. Lifting himself up by force of will and God-given talent, Norfolk defeated a childhood stutter to become a high school dramatist and later an exceptional college student. The path was never easy—and often frightening. With men of color being killed all-too-frequently in America, Norfolk sought a personal identity based upon talent and hard work, but also upon where safety and justice might be found. He tells these stories—some heartwarming or humorous, some frightful and treacherous—honestly, with a graceful mindfulness that all would do well to emulate.

"An inspiring, beautifully-told testimony of a storyteller's quest for identity, healing, joy, and fulfillment. Masterfully written and engaging, **Bobby Norfolk's** affirmation of life will delight a wide range of readers."

—Thomas Saxon, social worker and storyteller,
New York City

He was once a scared teen, facing-off an armed soldier who denied him access to Little Rock Central High School. He was admitted only after President Eisenhower ordered the 101st Airborne Division of the US Army to escort him into the school. Now he is a hero of the Civil Rights struggle, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.... This book collects Roberts's key Martin Luther King Day speeches and other public addresses that reflect his core values and his concerns for our society. The record of his remarkable life is a treasure for Americans of every age and color—to hold dear, to celebrate, and to emulate.

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He made history. He tells the truth he knows.

"It's perhaps too easy, in this day and age of omnipresent brain candy, to pass by a title like this one; it looks like work. The cover reminds that its author, Terrence Roberts, is one of the Little Rock Nine, nine courageous African-American students who volunteered to be the first to integrate Little Rock's Central High School in 1957 under the limited (in the sense that Army personnel did not enter the gym or the classroom) protection of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, and who endured a year of daily hostility and abuse. Roberts went on to become a psychologist, educator, and speaker."

—ForeWord Reviews

"In **Simple, Not Easy**, Roberts provides discourse on predictable topics—education, ethics, racism, community, and family—but he does so with humor and grace. Along the way, there is plenty of autobiography, not only about Little Rock but also about his life both before and after those history-changing days in 1957. The volume concludes, appropriately, with reflections on President Obama. Thought provoking and inspiring commentary.

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"Psychologist and management consultant Roberts, here presents speeches he has given over the last 20 years that represent his core values and his concerns for our society. These addresses—which give us glimpses into Roberts's remarkable life—are written with an understanding and sensitivity to the idea that thinking beyond the ordinary and working for real change is simple, while things that are truly worth doing are rarely, if ever, easy."

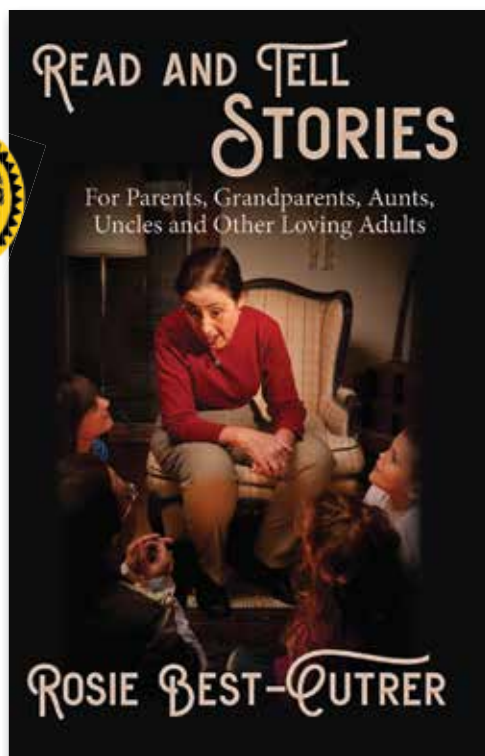
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Storytelling



Rosie Cutrer graduated from Washburn University with degrees in Theater and Education and taught primary students in Topeka, Kansas for twenty-three years before becoming a professional storyteller in 2000. Since then, she has performed for all ages at public libraries, schools, museums and festivals. She has performed at venues in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Ireland. Mrs. Cutrer is a member of the National Storytelling Network (U.S.A.), River and Prairie Storytellers Guild based in Kansas City, and has been on The Kansas Arts Commission's Roster of Touring Artists for the past eight years. Cutrer accompanies herself on claw-hammer banjo and she sings her own compositions. Mrs. Cutrer resides in Topeka, Kansas with her husband of thirty years.



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A family storytelling handbook

"Rosie is a fantastic storyteller! Anyone who can keep an audience of 300 plus students plus seven staff spellbound for an hour has a true gift. The adults were singing & laughing about the show long after it had ended."

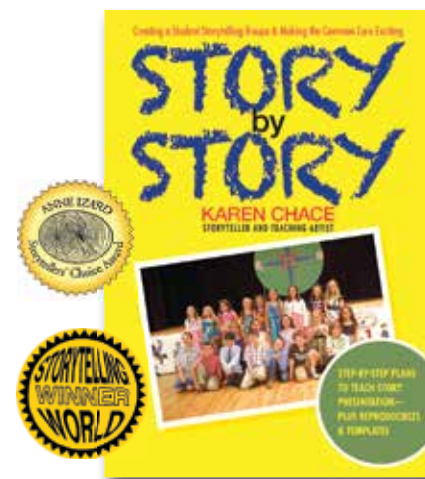
—Steve Yoeman, Principal, Belinder Elementary School, Kansas City, Kansas

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"Maggi's stories sparkle, they go straight to the heart. They are like Maggi herself: not sentimental, but not afraid of anything, including sentiment."

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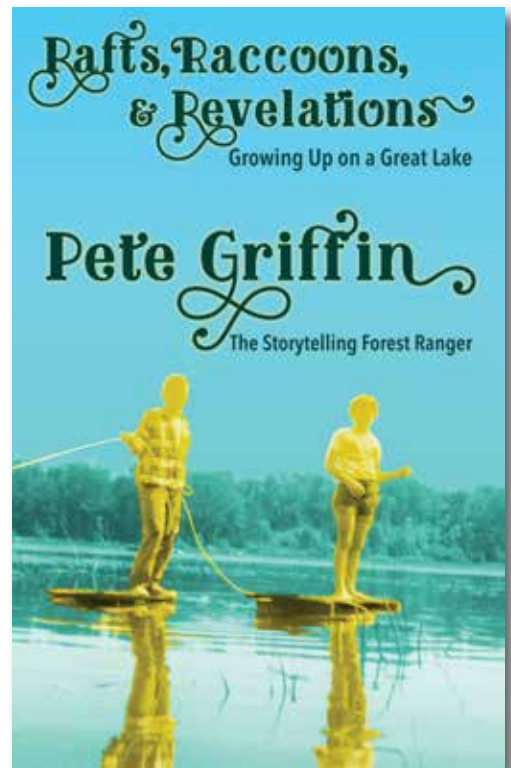
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"Pete has a gift for learning through life experiences and then teaching through the stories that those experiences inspire. Whether taking account of catching mayflies, starting a first job, or guiding a fishing adventure, I found myself immersed in the stories and inspired to apply Pete's learning and teaching values to my own life."

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—Anne Rutherford, storyteller, teaching artist, author

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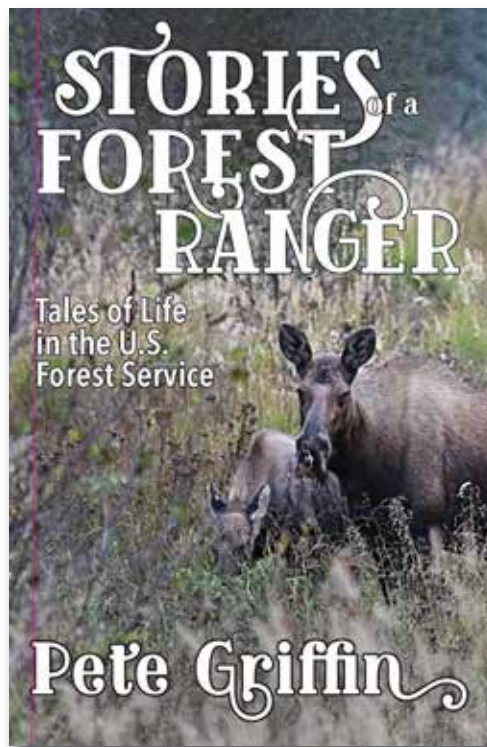


Pete Griffin grew up in the pristine woodlands of northern Michigan, Studied forestry and biology in college, and served the US Forest Service his entire career. In semi-retirement, he has become a professional storyteller working on Disney and Princess cruises along the Alaskan coast. Griffin lives with his wife in Juno, Alaska. This is his first book.

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"Like a braided stream that crosses and re-crosses a main channel, Pete Griffin's Stories of a Forest Ranger take his readers into the woods of a Michigan childhood filled with curiosity and wonder then carry them along as his professional life and way of seeing and learning unfold. Our guide has the keen eye of a naturalist, the discerning objectivity of a scientist, and the voice of an accomplished storyteller and raconteur. Always ready to reinterpret lessons learned and apply to both his personal and professional life, Pete's stories are salted with dry humor, and seasoned with a whole lot of heart.

"Life is full of doors," he tell young people. "Don't be afraid to go through them and find out what's on the other side." Open the door to Stories of a Forest Ranger and you're sure to enjoy what you find inside!"

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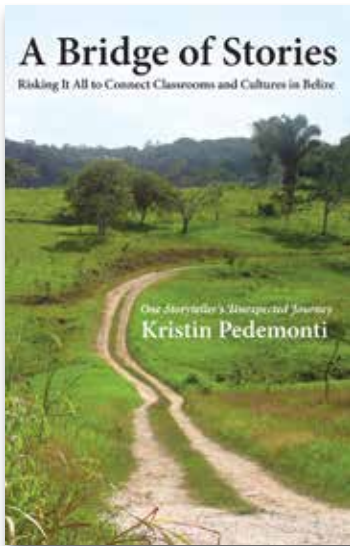
Folk and fairy tales teach us about how different cultures see the world

Simon Brooks has written the stories he loves to tell in the style he uses on stage, whether at a library, school, college, private event or festival. Each story concludes with brief notes about the tale. This wonderful little book is a must have, not just for young people entering the realm of folk and fairy tales for themselves, but for parents who love to read to their children, teachers and librarians.

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"Captivating, international, inviting, and unique: these are the stories of Priscilla Howe. It's rare to be able to say that a reader has probably never seen or heard these stories, but for this collection, it's most likely true. Perfected by decades of live storytelling, the energy and enthusiasm that Priscilla brings to story is evident here in the writing of these particular tales. Enjoy this treat for yourself or as a gift to anyone who loves diverse folktales."

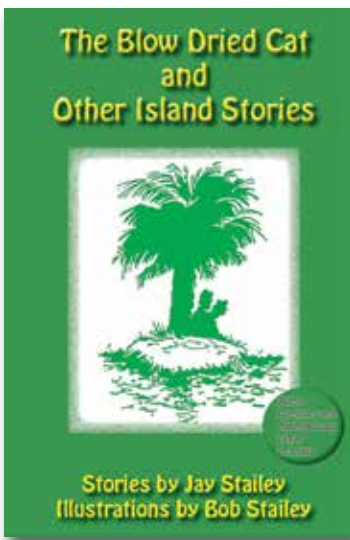
—Sean Buvala, founder and director of storyteller.net

"Priscilla Howe dove deep into Bulgarian traditional folklore. Through her always impeccable research, skillful translation, and informative notes, she presents the most intriguing of tales as only a seasoned storyteller can do. Howe has gifted us with a collection of captivating, accessible, tellable stories. *Clever, Kind, Tricky and Sly* is not only an absolute delight, but is a unique and important contribution to storytelling literature."

—Beth Horner, Circle of Excellence storyteller

"This is a well-researched collection of folktales from a country that is woefully underrepresented among English-language folktale resources. The fact that the author is a performing storyteller makes the tales not mere translations, but retellings that come alive from the page. Familiar tales shine in new colors, showing off the Bulgarian cultural identity, and humor is found in the most unexpected places. The personal notes Priscilla Howe appends to each story add a comfortable, telling-tales-at-the-kitchen-table kind feel to this lovely book."

—Zalka Csenge Virág, PhD, international storyteller from Hungary, author of *Dancing on Blades: Rare and exquisite folktales from the Carpathian Mountains*

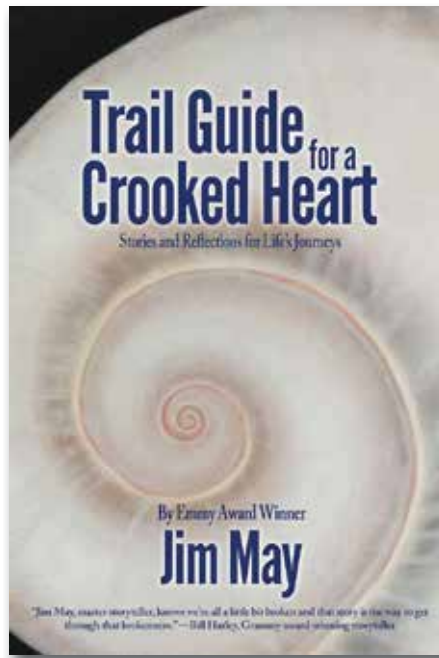


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I was hired to be an addictions counselor for the therapeutic community at the Frederick County Adult Detention Center. Susan Gordon encouraged me to tell them stories. I thought she was crazy, but I trusted her judgment and told them stories. The impact those stories had on those men changed my life. I worked in addictions for fifteen years, taking those stories with me to every agency in which I worked. The women at the Center 4 Clean Start in Salisbury, MD, were every bit as receptive to story as the men in jail."

—Beth Ohlsson

"An incredible contribution to the field of substance abuse recovery and a charming learning tool for all in the human services/education field, this book is a powerful, delightful and insightful resource. Plus, it is the next best thing to having a bedtime story read to you by a smart & caring therapist."

—Eileen P. Gilheany, MSW, Social Work Department, Salisbury University

Jim May has followed careers in construction, teaching, and counseling with a career as one of the country's most-honored professional storytellers. Named by his peers to the Circle of Excellence of the National Storytelling Network, May has performed at the National Storytelling Festival and many more events nationwide as well as overseas. The home May shares with his wife, Nancy Seidler, is a converted 150 year-old, hand-hewn barn, located near Woodstock, Illinois. Jim hosts a series of storytelling programs at Stage Left Café next to the Woodstock Opera House.

Stories, reflections, and quotations for seekers who continue to grow

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"A brilliant mixture of story, philosophy, humor and wisdom, this book reminds us that—if we are open to story, dreams, imagination, and myth—we can open doors within our soul."

—Jay O'Callahan, author, storyteller, and NPR commentator

"Jim May has been inspiring students and colleague (including myself) for almost four decades; this book will inspire a new generation to set out on their own journeys of discovery and invention.

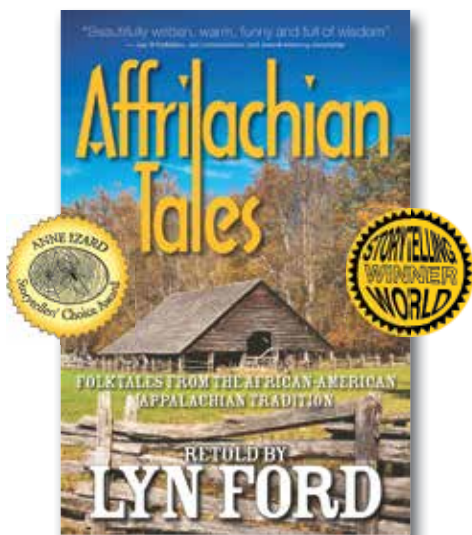
—Ed Stivender, storyteller, educator, and author

"Jim May is a soft-spoken leader. He creates a safe place for examining the deep stories inside ourselves."

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Her roots are in her culture and stories

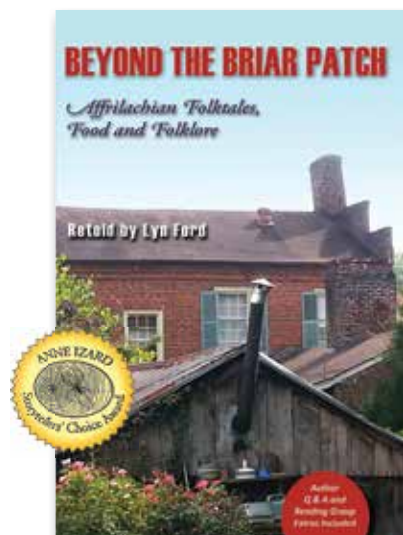
Lyn Ford is one of America's busiest touring storytellers. She headlines events coast-to-coast, including the National Storytelling Festival and the National Storytelling Conference. The power of her performance comes straight out of her family storytelling heritage, which is the content of this, her first book. Here she tells how she learned stories from her father and grandfather—and she includes many of the stories they told her.

"A rich and unique landscape peopled with characters and plots as unusual as they are delightful."

—**Jim May**, storyteller, author and educator, IL

"When I closed the book, I felt like I'd just been given a party—a party that said welcome home friend."

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Folktales, food & folklore from the African-American tradition in Appalachia

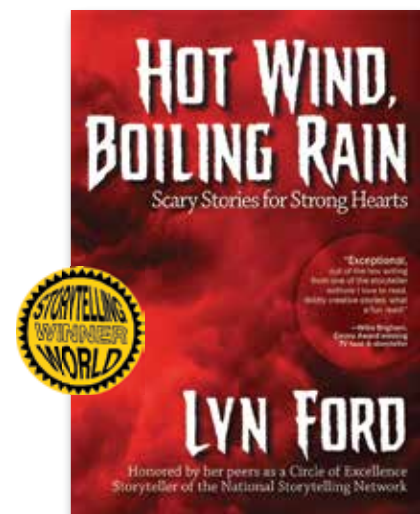
Lyn Ford, an African-American storyteller honored by her peers nationally, retells traditional stories and Folkways from her cultural heritage. Her first book, *Affrilachian Tales*, received the Anne Izard Storyteller's Choice Award from the Westchester County Library System in New York state. In 2013 Lyn was named to the Circle of Excellence by the National Storytelling Network.

"*Beyond the Briar Patch* is more than a compilation of engaging folktales; it's a cultural treasury ..."

—**The Midwest Book Review**

"These tales are deliciously dark and not for the faint of heart. Lyn's brilliant and bold twists and turns and ins and outs breathe new life into old stories that grab a hold of us and won't let go."

—**Joyce Slater**, artistic director, Kansas City Storytelling Celebration



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—**Linda Gorham**, storyteller and event organizer

"**Lyn Ford** tells terrifyingly scary stories for grown folks that will scare the bejeezus out of folks no matter what their age. Hold on, it's comin' atcha!"

—**Michael D. McCarty**, storyteller, mentor, prison counselor

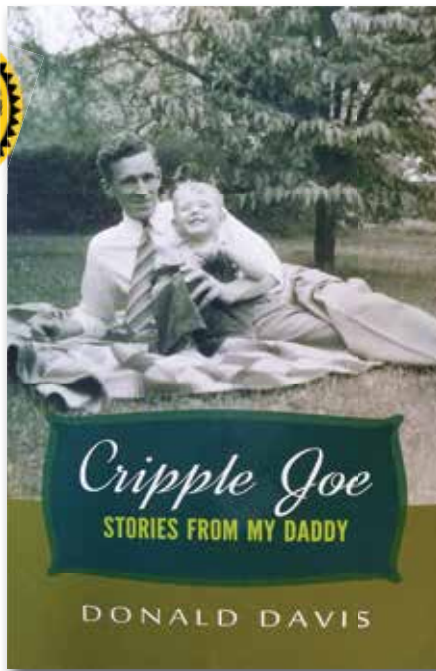
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Donald Davis grew up near Waynesville, North Carolina, and attended Davidson College and Duke Divinity School. He became a full-time storyteller in 1989 and is now onstage roughly three hundred times per year, headlining such gatherings as the National Storyteller Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee, and the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival in Orem, Utah. He lives on Ocracoke Island, North Carolina.

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Experience the warmth of a homespun story, know the goodness of a true tale.....

Donald Davis was a young United Methodist minister when the telephone rang one morning. "It's your daddy," the caller said, "Mama just couldn't get him awake this morning. He is gone."

"A million questions about him began to line themselves up in my mind." Davis writes. "Where did he go to high school? I did not know." Did he get any education behind that? What were his early jobs, and where did he live then? I was now only twenty-eight, my father was dead, and I had been too young and immature to know to ask for the stories that would have filled out his life for me."

The surprise of a lifetime came when he called home and his recently departed father picked up the phone: "Hello! This is Joe Davis. What can I do for you today?"

"From the photo on the cover ... to the strings of hilarious and touching stories, Donald Davis takes us on a journey. This is not just his story, however; as a master storyteller, he not only tells you about himself, but also strikes familiar notes that reach into each listener's memory bank."

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"A well-told story is comfort food for the soul, and Davis's book is nourishing."

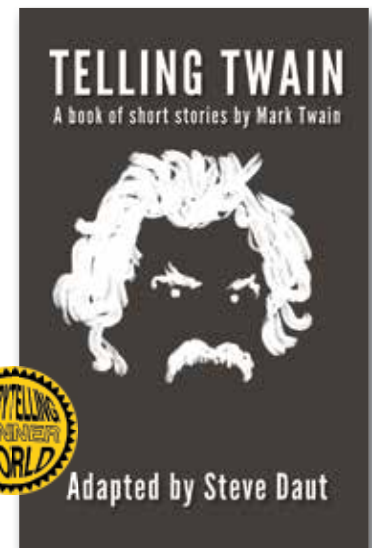
–Foreword Reviews

"Davis's nostalgic tales are filled with the stuff of fondly remembered boyhood....There's a little drama here but lots that is sweetly good-natured and often quite funny. Davis operates in the tradition of the late Jean Shepherd (*A Christmas Story*), though without Shepherd's occasional saltiness.... which would be inconsistent with the warm-hearted tone that works well for this homespun raconteur."

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"Every time Donald Davis shares a story, he creates a miracle—a miracle of laughter, pure joy, and love."

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"Steve Daut knows funny when he hears it. Read this book and you will, too."

–John Hilton, editor, Ann Arbor Observer

"Steve Daut's storytelling captured the wit, wisdom and repartee of Mark Twain. The audience was enlightened and amused as they spent an evening travelling back to a simpler time. Steve is a gifted storyteller and we cannot wait to have him back"

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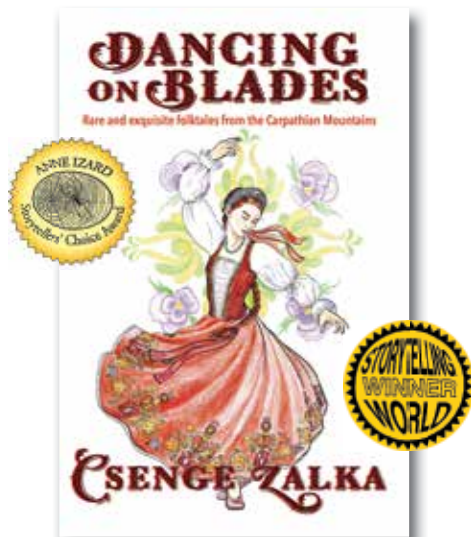
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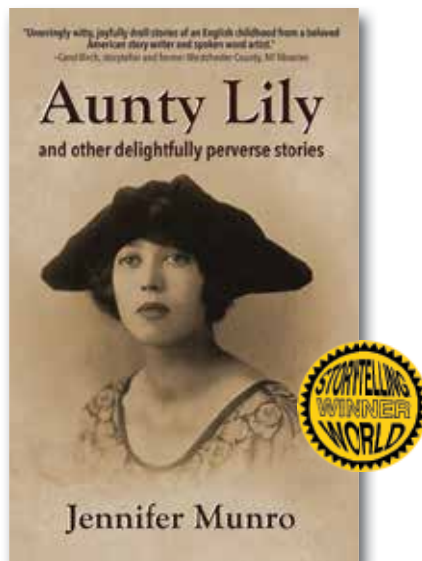
Old Hungarian folktales newly translated into English

"A fascinating collection of rare folktales, destined to join the ranks of classics of Central European traditional storytelling. Pályuk Anna was evidently a remarkably gifted and creative oral narrator. Ms. Zalka has done invaluable archival work in collecting and translating the breadth of her unique repertoire, and making these familiar yet distinctive versions available to modern tellers, listeners, and readers."

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"Zalka takes us across the Óperenciás sea to a fantastical world rich with magical golden fruits, shape-shifting apples, Glass Mountains, mysterious music, and devils good and bad. Her archival research and translation bring a vibrancy to this collection of engaging tales that otherwise would have remained dormant. The commentary provides interesting perspective to contextualize the stories within Hungarian folkways, making this treasury of interest to both the folklore scholar and the casual lover of really good stories. I will use this book for entertainment, reference, and inspiration!"

—Adam Booth, Adjunct Professor of Appalachian Studies, Shepherd University and storyteller



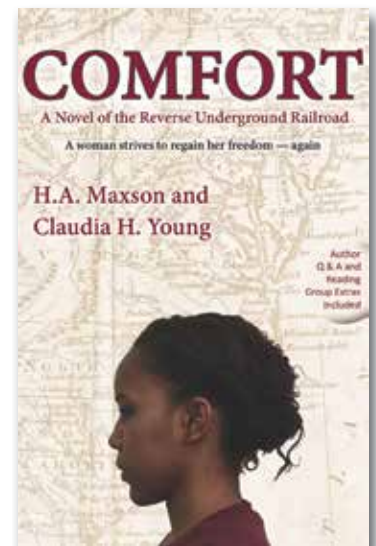
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Short fiction from the other Ms. Munro: family and laughter

Jennifer Munro's stories were born five decades ago in a small English village where children were seen and not heard, fathers were wacky, neighbors were snooty, and maiden aunts were beautifully crafted artifices. Her original stories, dolloped with characters reminiscent of those from her childhood, telling of domestic shenanigans and outings gone revealingly awry are written with meticulous timing. Rich in details about the frailty and strength of the human spirit, her stories resonate with the truth of what it means to be human.

"Jennifer Munro introduces us to the endearing yet unabashed characters of her working class English childhood, those folks who have helped make her the funny, salty, and wise storyteller she is. Before the book's end, we get to know her as the adult child of an aging parent, and the intentional mother who uses story to instill compassion in her Chicago kids. This is a delightful read!"

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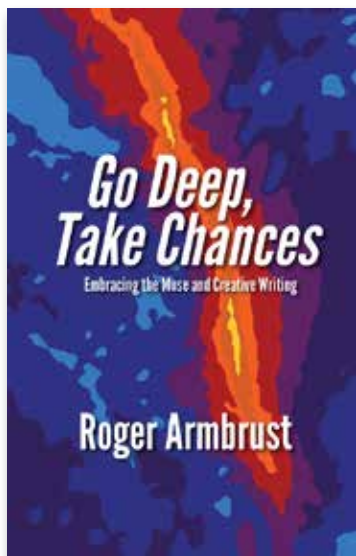
The year is 1816. A young woman buys her freedom, only to be kidnapped and sold back into slavery.

"Mention the Underground Railroad and the first name that likely comes to mind is Harriet Tubman, one of hundreds of tireless workers who, by 1850, together helped to liberate nearly 100,000 slaves. Maxson and Young's book describes itself as "a novel of the reverse underground railroad," describing the kidnapping of free blacks and returning them to slave states for sale to slave owners.

Comfort, a former slave, is living as a seamstress in Delaware in 1816, only to be sold into indentured servitude by her husband, Cuff, in order to pay his gambling debts. Forced to leave her daughter behind, **Comfort** harbors a fierce determination to regain the precious freedom she's lost, and to eventually make her way back to her child. Populated by tenacious and finely nuanced characters, this novel presents a vivid picture of a dark time in American history. Combining faith with extreme human courage, **Maxson and Young** offer the reader an extraordinary, inspirational tale."

—Publishers Weekly

Story Crafting



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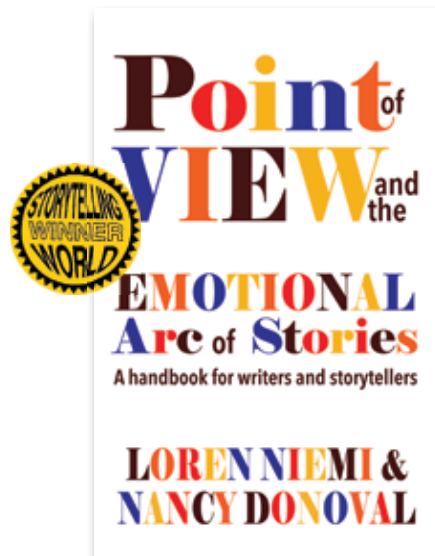
The creative writing process as a spiritual practice

What are the drivers of creative writing: passion, drive, and fear of rejection? What is the cardinal rule: honesty (to a vision, a voice)? **Armbrust**, an editor and creative-writing instructor, argues that the struggle to write is reflective of the deeper spiritual consciousness of the writer.

He challenges writers to address their inner demons, being honest to their truest selves, and to wrestle their deepest doubts in their quest to produce the best literature.

"One semester, my creative mentor William Packard asked me to teach his poetry-writing course at New York University's School of Continuing Education and Professional Studies. He did so because I had taken the course, he considered me a good poet, and knew I was teaching a professional-writing course of my own at NYU. Each time I'd walk in to instruct his poetry-writing class, I'd scratch on the chalkboard two brief sentences: **Go Deep. Take Chances.** These two suggestions represent, I believe, the keys to creativity."

This book leads writers to better understand and execute the extremely focused work of creative writing, while at the same time enjoying a fuller sense of self, serenity and fulfillment.



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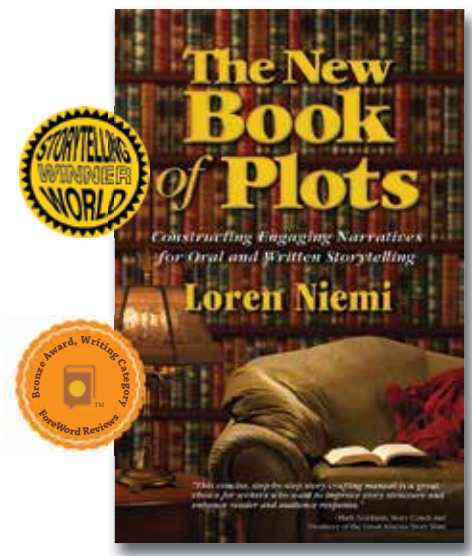
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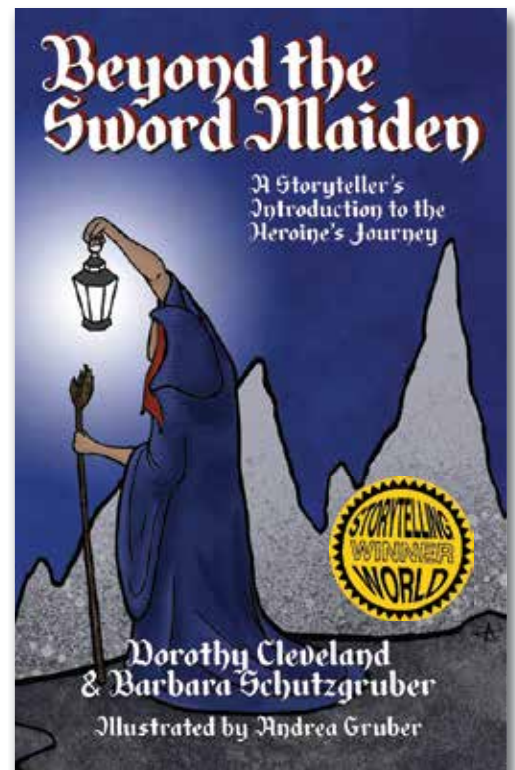


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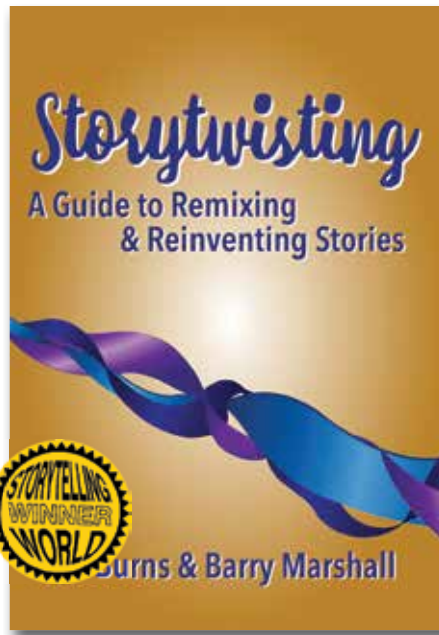
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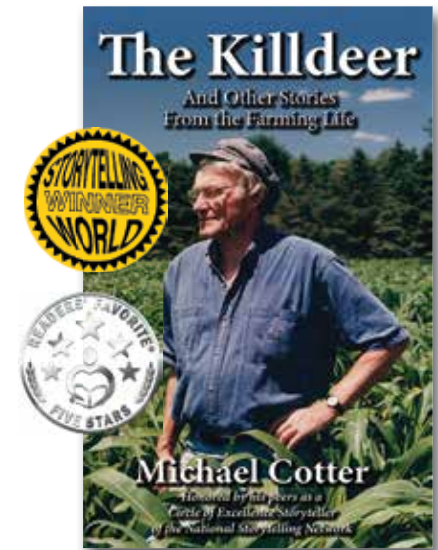
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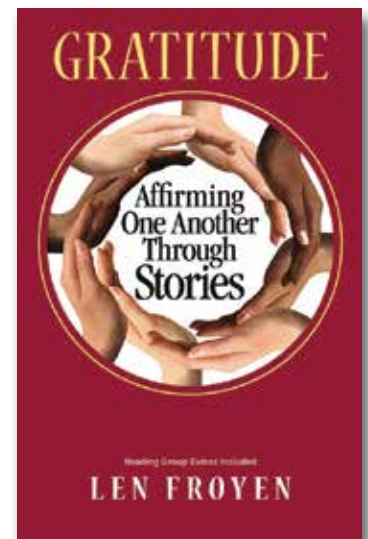
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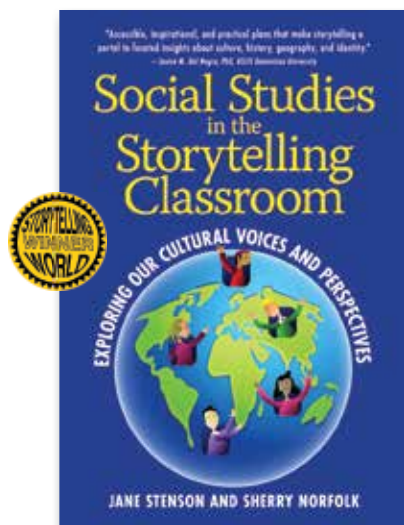
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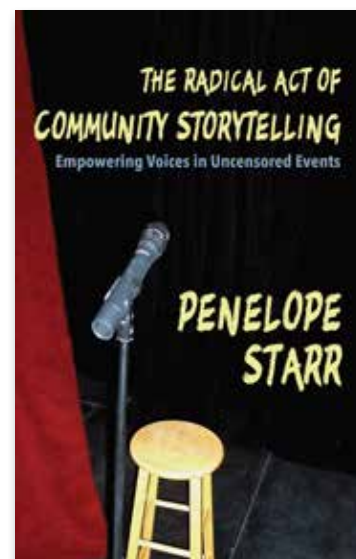
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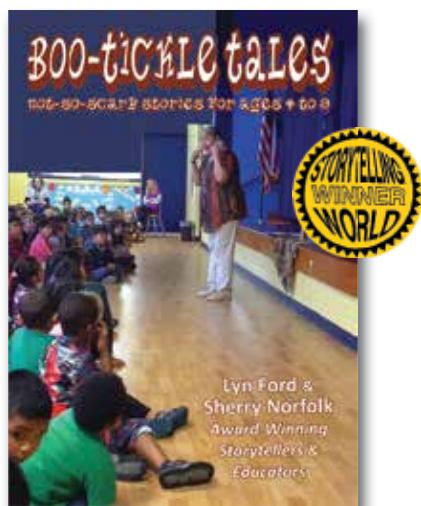
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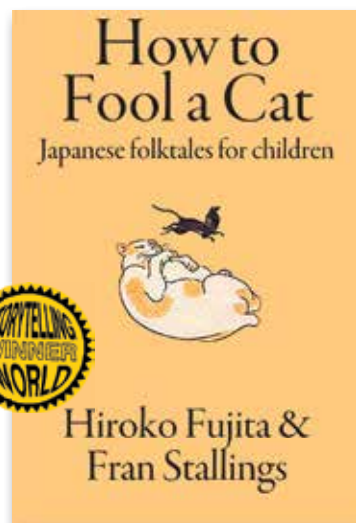
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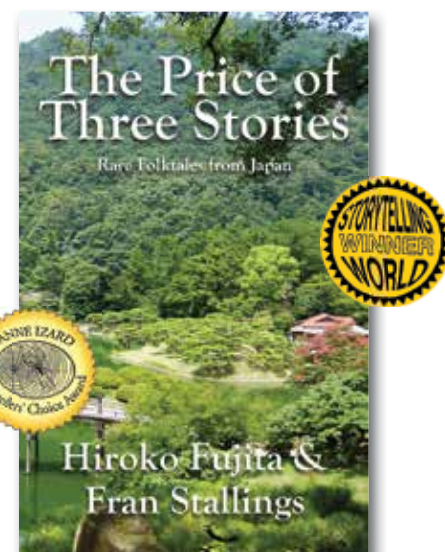
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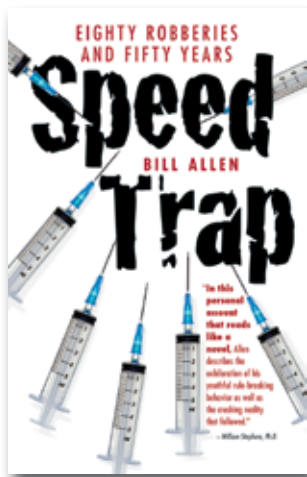
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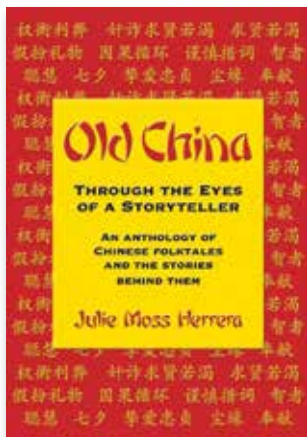
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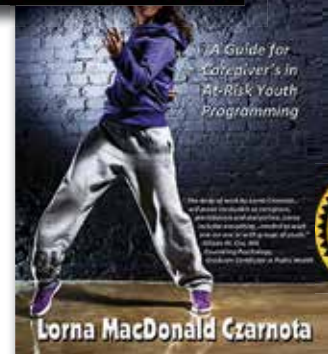


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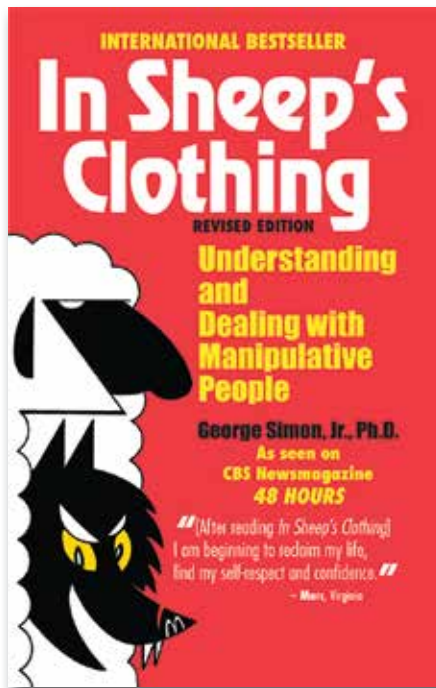
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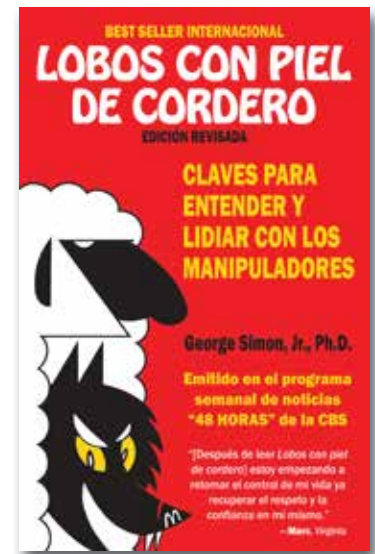
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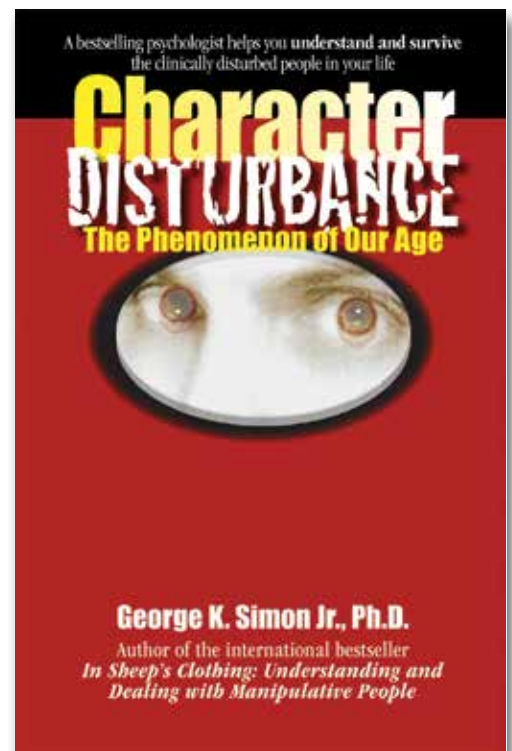
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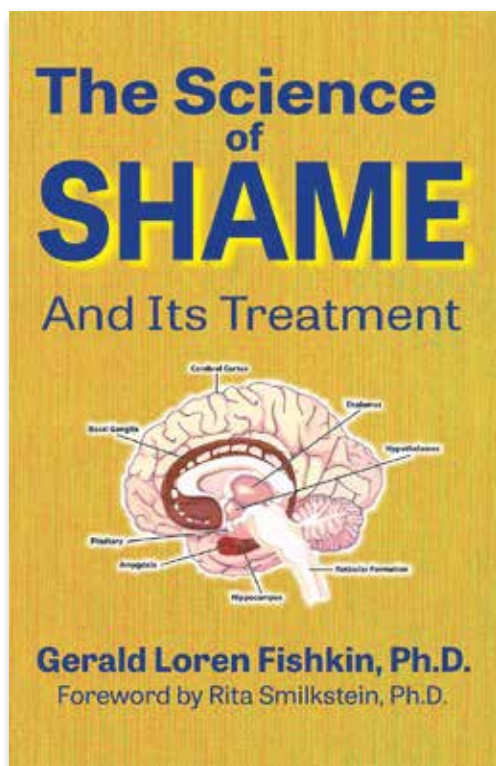
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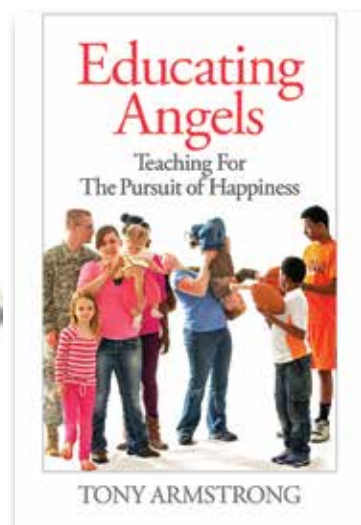
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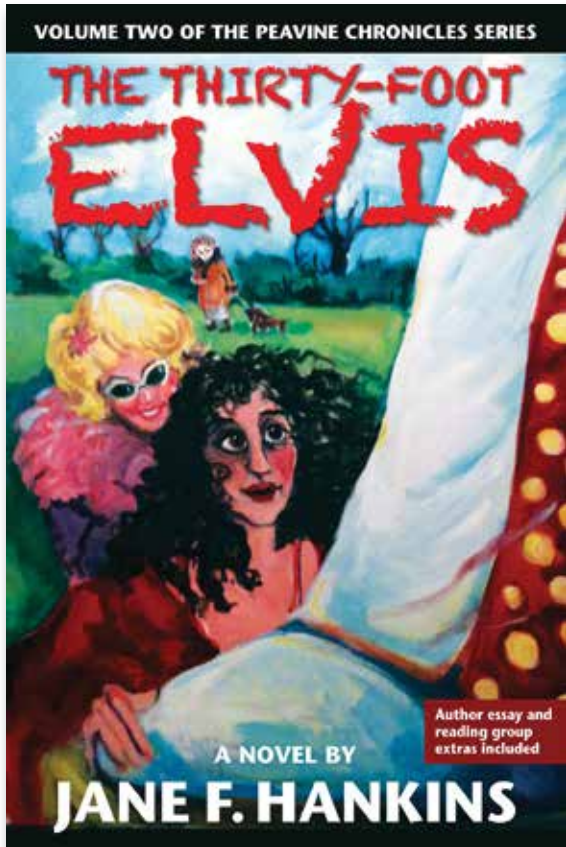
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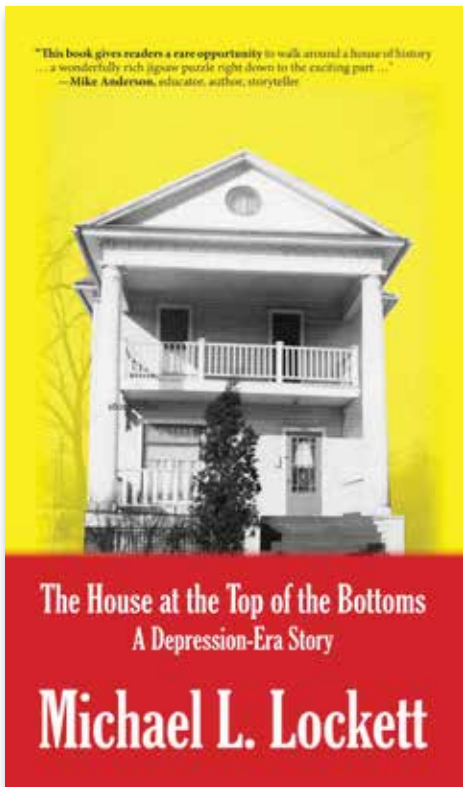
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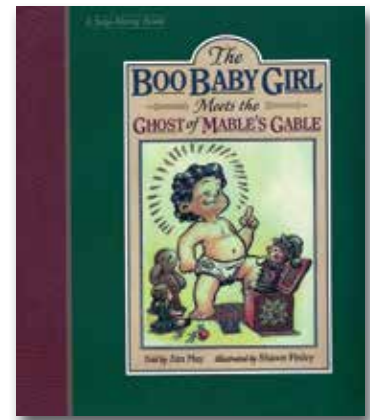
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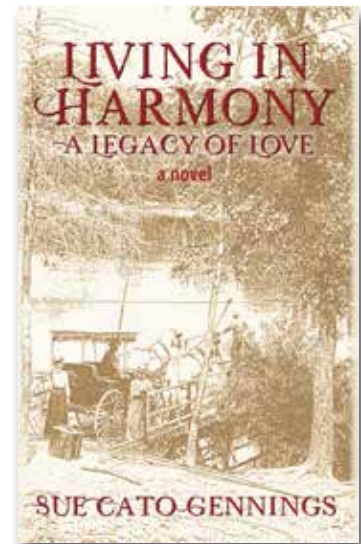


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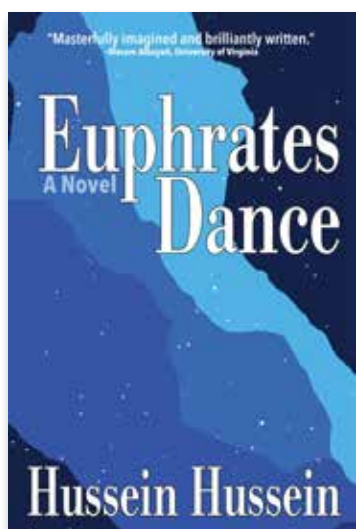


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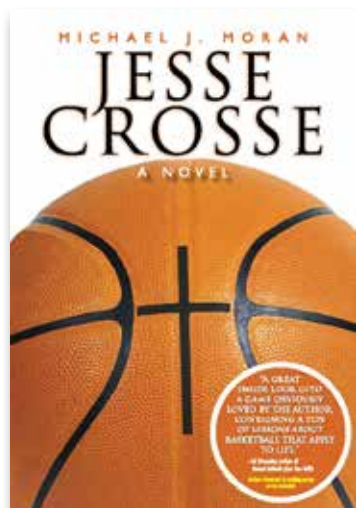


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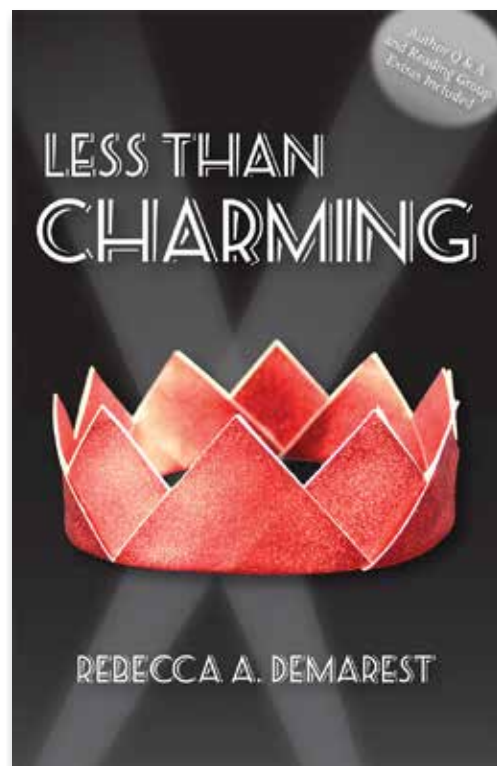
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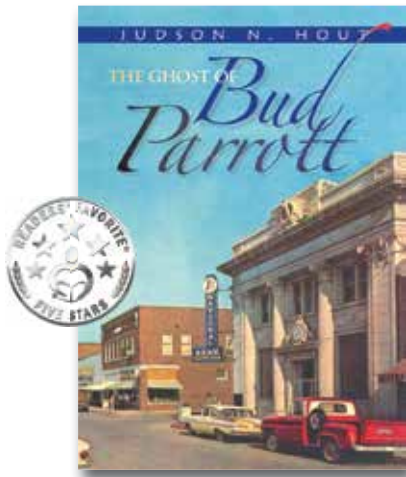
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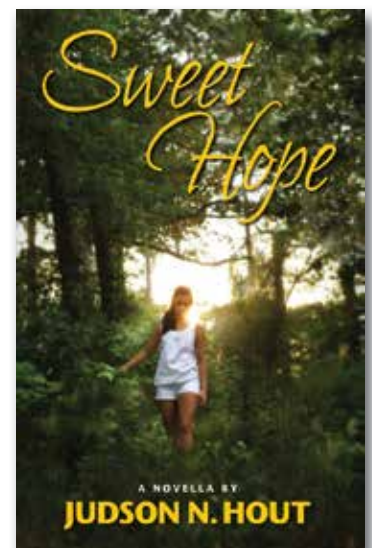
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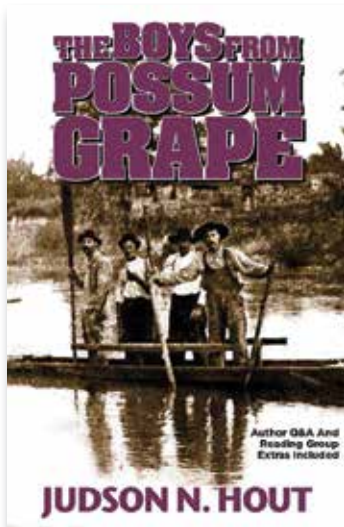
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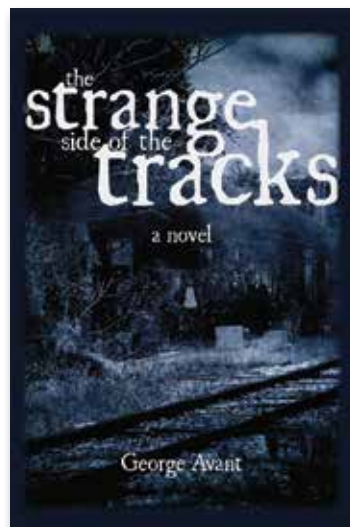
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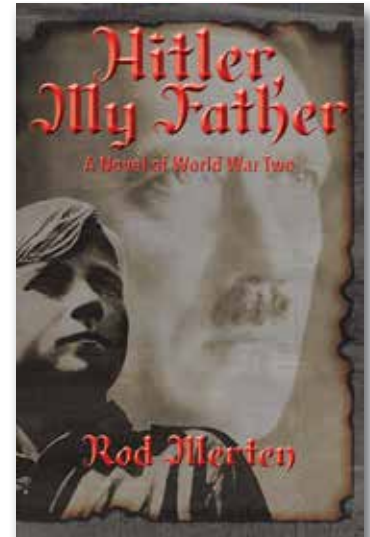
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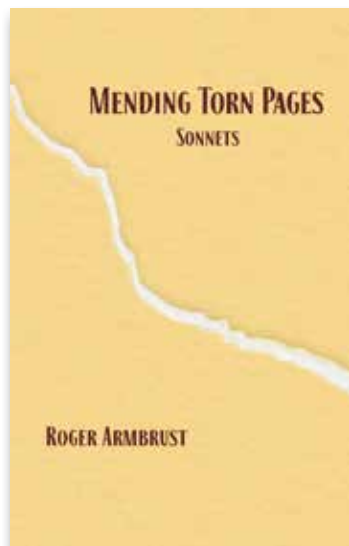


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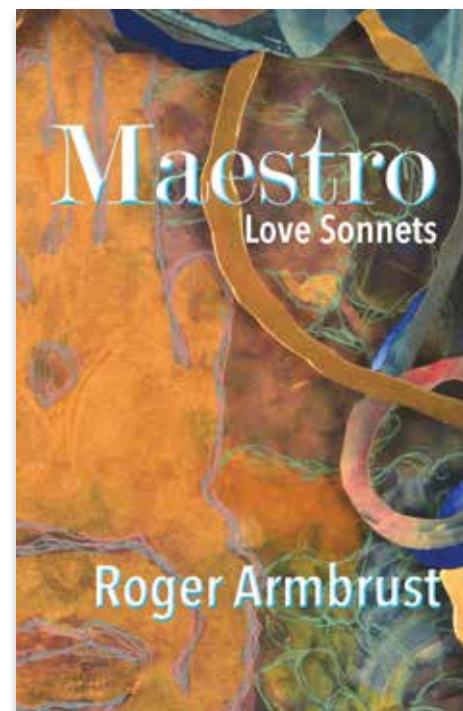
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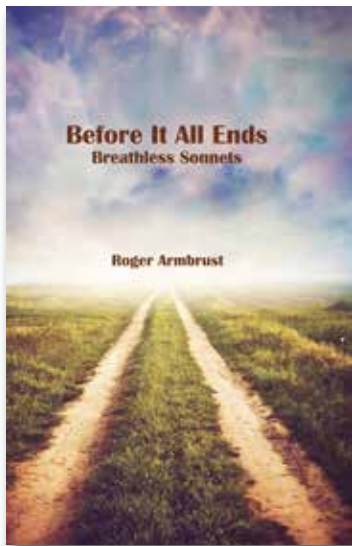
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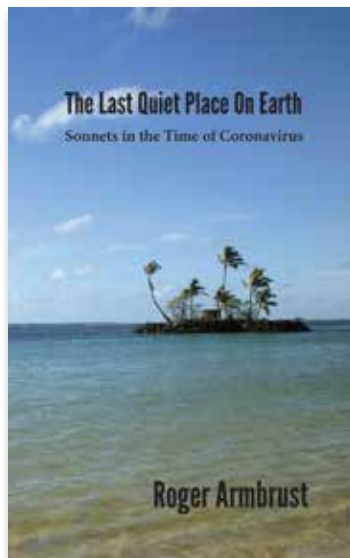
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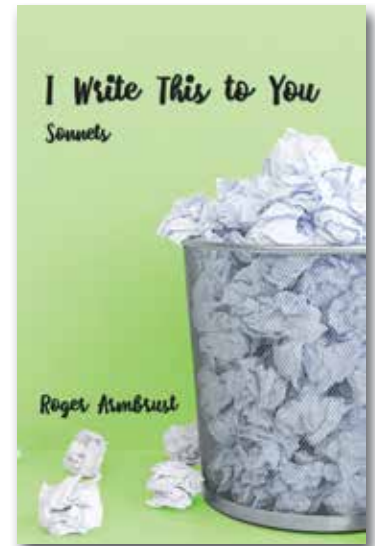
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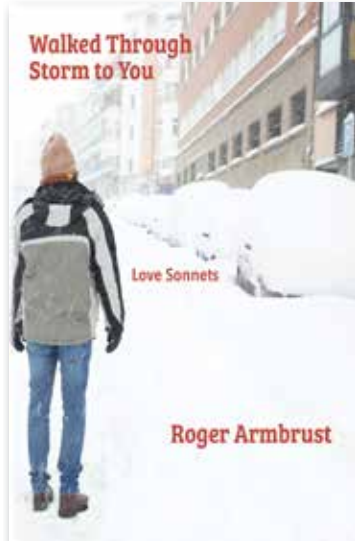
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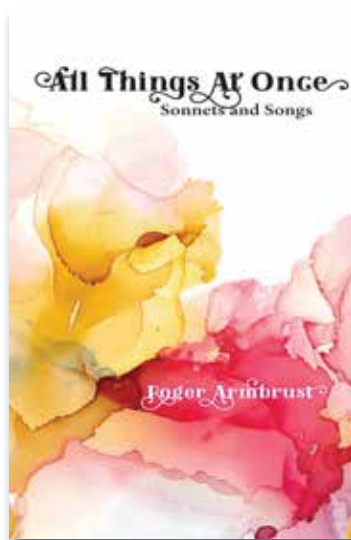
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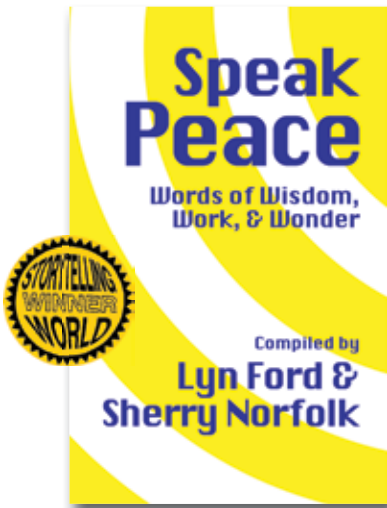


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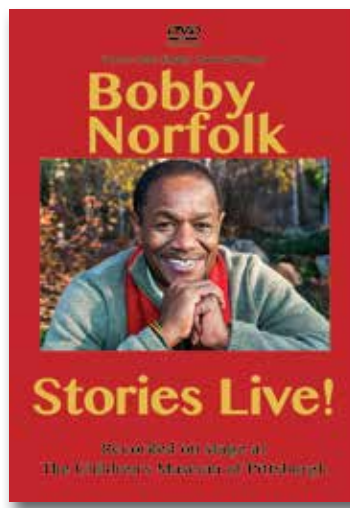


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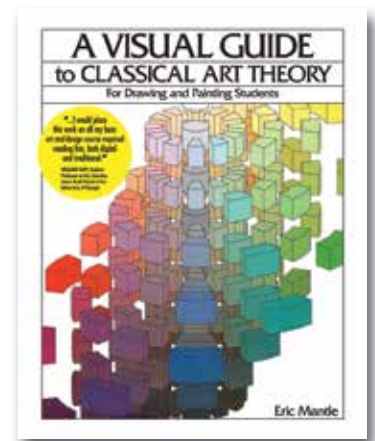
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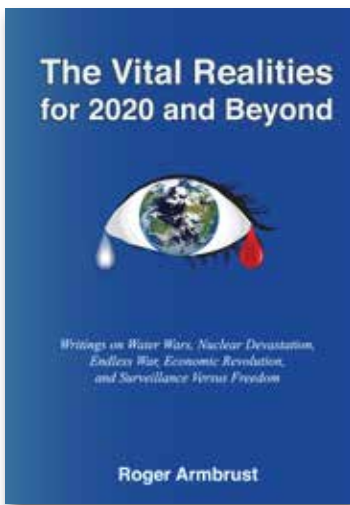


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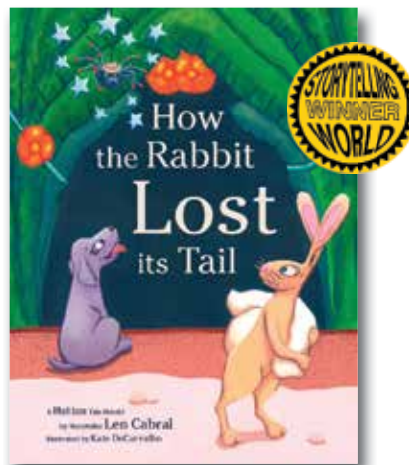
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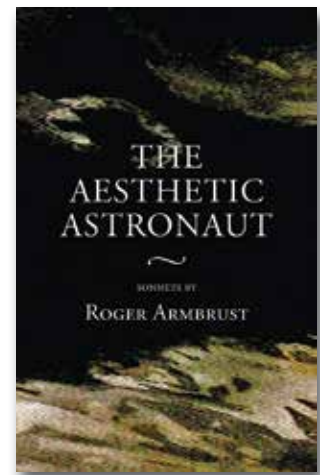


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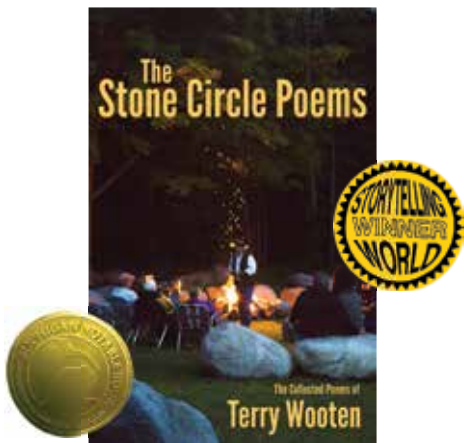
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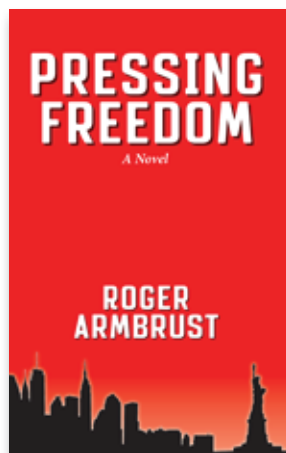
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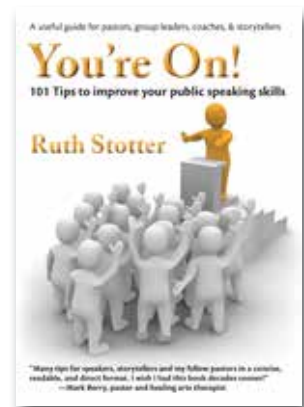
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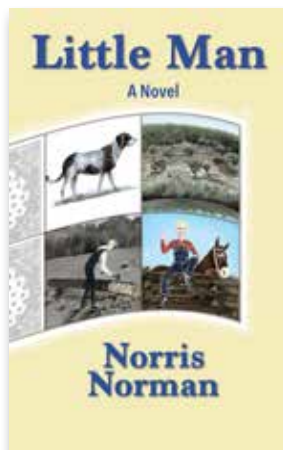
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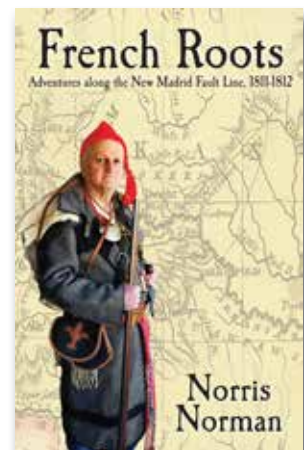
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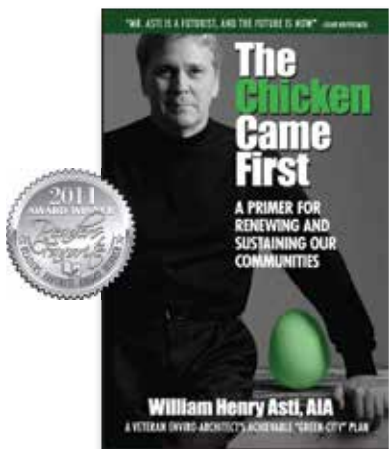
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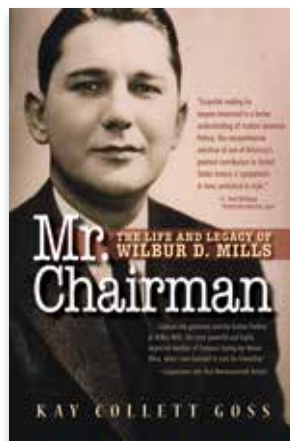
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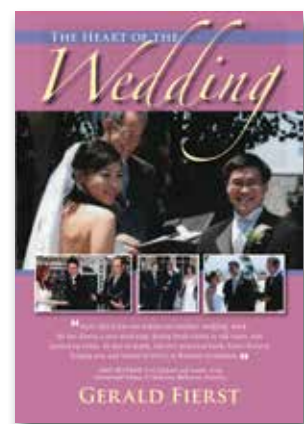
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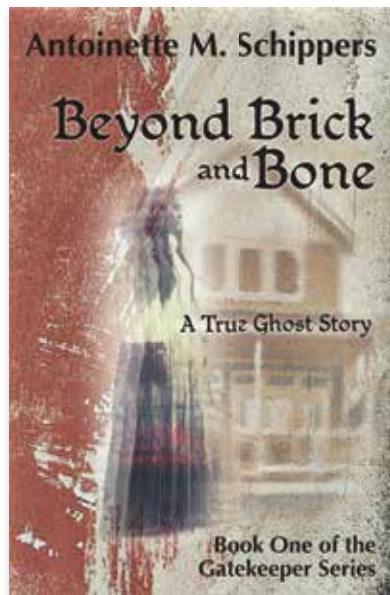
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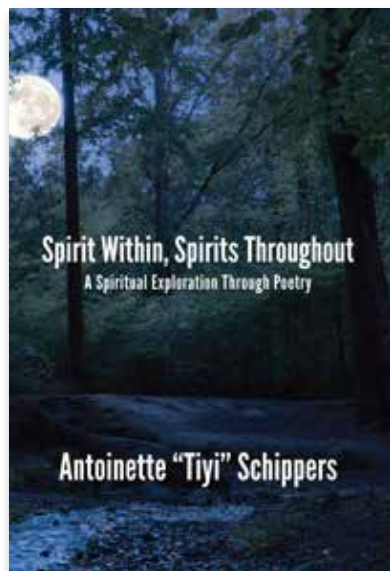


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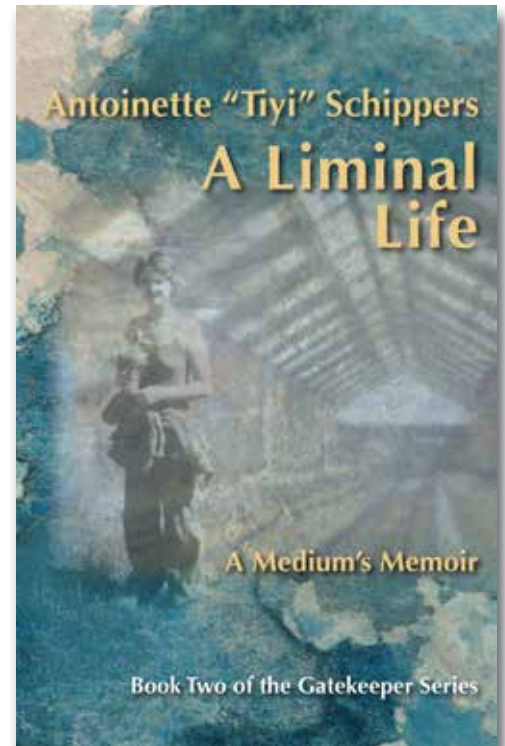


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"I began to notice subtle changes in the face of the statue. It appeared to morph from one face into another at an ever-increasing speed. I held my blowing hair with both hands to see more clearly as one after another female face appeared on the statue. Something obscure continued to block my view as if unseen fingers or long shadows flitted through my field of vision.

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