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Detectives &
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VIRUS

BY JAMES ROSE

When struggling Ethics Detective Asher Fox gets a contract to do some research for a client, he stumbles onto a dark secret in the global pharmaceuticals industry. With cohorts Cal West and Windsor Obili, he gets swept up into a dangerous international web of spin and counter spin, involving big business, the White House and US foreign policy, the HIV-AIDS epidemic, media politics, a major charity, an African government, thousands of hapless Africans and the Israel/Palestine dispute.

Championed by a sympathetic newspaper editor, the trio become headline news and the target for the deadly intentions of the world's most powerful figures. Virus touches on issues of politics, business, ethics and justice and asks questions about how we might approach the examined life in today's complex world.

This is fiction taken from the very real issues of the day, written by someone who has seen behind the facade of PR and politics...

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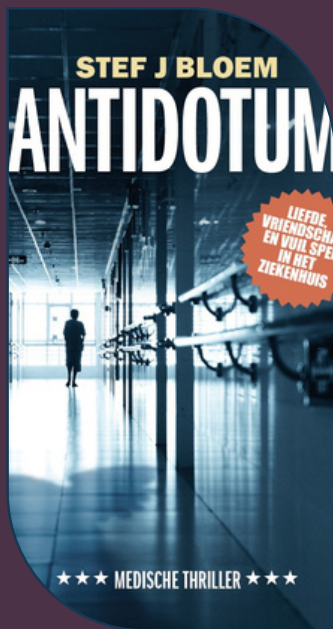
SECRET GENES

BY GEERT H. BLIJHAM

How much of a person's behavior is fixed in his genes? That is the question that DNA researcher Richard, data specialist Julia and behavioral scientist Chan want to answer. In Secret Genes, Geert H. Blijham outlines the ethical dilemmas that the main characters face. The novel is set in a wildlife park in South Africa, interspersed with scenes in the United States and China. In the dramatic showdown of the story, the role of the Chinese secret service becomes increasingly clear. Will Julia and Richard find the answer, will the data fall into the wrong hands?

Blijham describes the search for the secret genes with expert knowledge and provides the reader with an insight into medical-genetic research. A story full of wisdom, love and excitement. With this DNA thriller, Geert H. Blijham makes his debut as a novelist.

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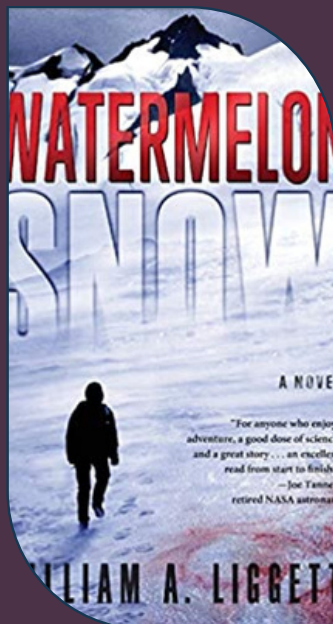
BY STEF J. BLOEM

Alexander de Graaf is a young, recently graduated doctor. He works in the department of gastrointestinal diseases in the Mallera hospital and is fighting for a training place.

His supervisor's attitude and a number of unexplained deaths seriously jeopardise his career. And then there is his turbulent love life....

The young doctor and the angel of death is a modern doctor's novel. Captivating from beginning to the surprising denouement.

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WATERMELON SNOW

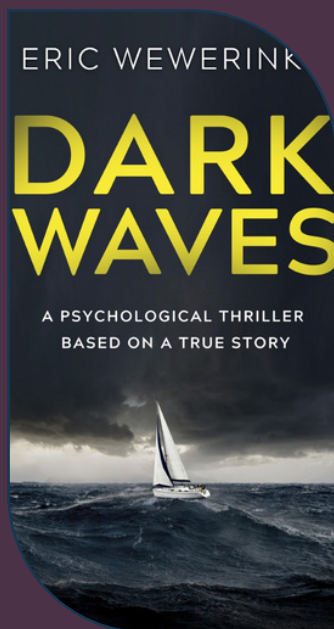
BY WILLIAM A. LIGGETT

An ambitious climate scientist uncovers a long-held secret, releasing an ancient virus that threatens her career, her team—and the lives of millions around the world.

Deep within the melting Blue Glacier in the Washington wilderness, climate scientist Dr. Kate Landry makes a remarkable discovery. Determined to conceal it from colleagues eager to steal her work, she must distract the behavioral scientist NASA sends to study her team. From the moment he sets foot on the ice, Dr. Grant Poole finds himself in a strange world of unexpected beauty but fraught with extreme dangers he has tried his whole life to avoid. Greeted with suspicion, he soon realizes Kate is hiding something. When a mysterious illness strikes her crew and an intense storm engulfs their tiny research station, Kate can no longer shield the truth from Grant. Thrown together in a struggle to survive, they are trapped between keeping Kate's secret and protecting millions of people. Time is running out. Can they find a way to save everyone and still preserve Kate's discovery? Or will she unleash a pandemic far worse than the world has ever seen?

Fans of Michael Crichton and Robin Cook will enjoy this fast-paced adventure novel full of suspense and surprises.

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- 9780997487107 – PAPERBACK - 252 PAGES



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DARK WAVES

BY ERIC WEWERINKE

- Over 5.000 reads/copies sold in the Netherlands
- The top 5 literary thriller of Holland's largest bookseller Bol.com (Dutch equivalence of Amazon)
- The number 1 non-fiction audiobook of Storytel

To his enormous delight Tim is asked to help sail a yacht from the Netherlands to Greece. For the skipper, a millionaire called Robert, Tim's negligible sailing experience doesn't appear to present any problem at all. Once aboard, Robert keeps Tim and his friend Julia entertained with the most captivating stories. However, as the journey progresses, Robert starts to act rather strangely. Little by little Tim begins to realize that Robert is not quite the man he appears to be to the outside world. Could it be Tim's imagination running riot after weeks at sea, or might he actually be dealing with a psychopath? *Black Waves* is a thriller that gets right under your skin. A story about trust in human goodness, but also about people who present themselves differently to how they really are deep inside.

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A PARTICULAR MADNESS

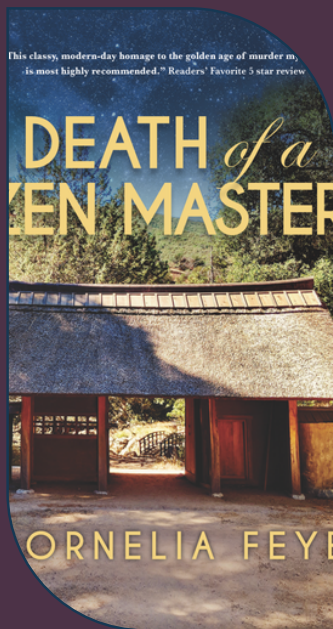
BY SHELDON RUSSELL

Growing up in the rural impoverishment of post-Depression Oklahoma, and surrounded by feuding family factions, free-spirited Jacob Roland hungers for knowledge and a world beyond his reach.

But dark forces are growing in Jacob, twisting with the same ruthless, relentless power of a tornado across the Oklahoma prairies. Jacob battles against these aberrant forces, but, trapped by poverty and a growing mental illness, he is thwarted at every turn. For every light - a chance at college, the love of a poised, sophisticated woman - there is a greater darkness within him.

Failed by circumstance, community, and his own mental health, is there an escape for Jacob's bright, wounded spirit, or will he forever be a prisoner of a particular madness?

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DEATH OF A ZEN MASTER

BY CORNELIA FEYE

Private security specialist, Greg Stern, is a reluctant guest at a remote and inaccessible Zen monastery. His wife, Vega, sent him there after a marital transgression to ponder and improve his interaction with women.

When a dead boy is found in the meditation hall, the group of eclectic guests and monastics find themselves trapped in an enchanted valley with a murderer in their midst and no way out.

As a long-time Zen meditator, I was intrigued by the title "Death of a Zen Master." In fact, I was a little skeptical. But I have to say I was hooked from page one. Not only was the plot compelling, and the characters clearly defined and interesting, but I even found the Zen stuff accurate and also seamlessly woven into the plot. Added to this was the author's subtle sense of humor, psychological insight, and ability to create surprising twists and turns. All in all - this book is very well written and a great read. I highly recommend it. - Ezra Bayda, Zen teacher and author of Skating on Thin Ice, Being Zen and many others.

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REFUGE ON THE MOUNTAIN

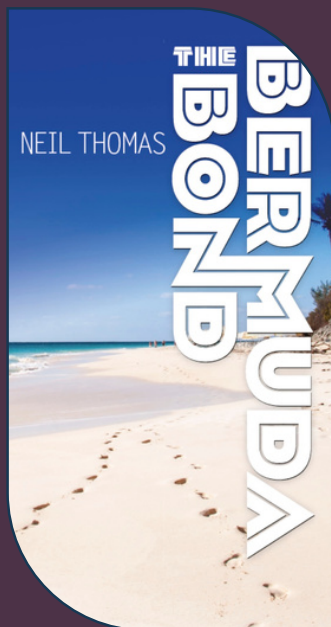
BY CORNELIA FEYE

After a massive solar storm causes a catastrophic global blackout, Greg and Vega Stern escape with their extended family to their solar powered, self-sufficient mountain cabin.

Their survival is threatened when a dead body is found on the path behind their home, and a gang of lawless Neo-Nazis tries to take over their property.

Once again Cornelia Feye has given her loyal readers a murder mystery that reveals human nature at its best and at its worst. Feye's work explores survival and race relations in this near future, post-apocalyptic tale that will keep you reading far into the night. - Tamara Merrill, author of Shadows in our Bones

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THE BERMUDA BOND

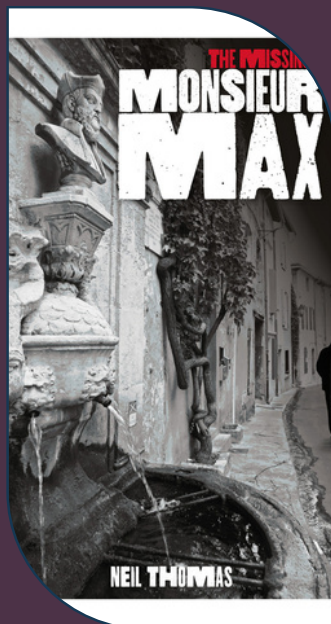
BY NEIL THOMAS

Set on the beguiling Atlantic Ocean island of Bermuda, this thriller reveals financial scams, deceit and crimes that lie beneath the surface of respectability.

Owen Ash – Ash to his friends – runs a conference company, and is putting on a big event in partnership with a Bermudian firm. Not everyone is who they seem, and Ash can't avoid being drawn into a world of crooked professionals and their web of corruption.

A local investigative journalist, corporate intelligence agents from London, the FBI and the local police are all drawn in to uncover and unravel the web of deceit and lies. But will everyone survive and emerge unscathed?

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THE MISSING MONSIEUR MAX

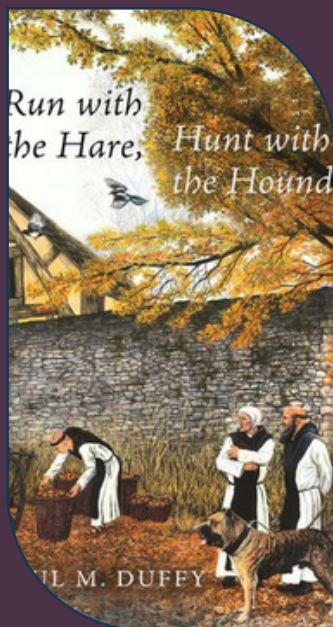
BY NEIL THOMAS

An intriguing crime mystery, this is a book about the disappearance of an Englishman in France. Perfect for fans of Maigret.

The focus is on the people and the setting of St Rémy de Provence, Southern France in 2006, when an expat Englishman has gone missing. After a false start by the local police, Avignon's answer to Maigret, Commandant Ruppert, is brought in to pick up the investigation. The family back in England are pushing for answers – is this a missing person or a murder case?

With no hard evidence or clues, Ruppert uses some unconventional police methods to uncover the truth. He encounters shady business dealings and interviews suspect local characters. Can Ruppert solve the mystery? What dark secrets are the local characters hiding?

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Historical Fiction

RUN WITH THE HARE, HUNT WITH THE HOUND

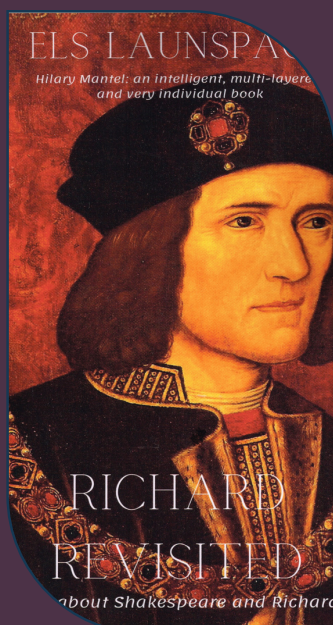
BY PAUL M. DUFFY

The son of a slave must become master of his world. Eight hundred years of history start here.

On a remote Gaelic farmstead in medieval Ireland, word reaches Alberic of conquering Norman knights arriving from England. Oppressed by the social order that enslaved his Norman father, he yearns for the reckoning he believes the invaders will bring—but his world is about to burn. Captured by the Norman knight Hugo de Lacy and installed at Dublin Castle as a translator, Alberic's confused loyalties are tested at every turn.

When de Lacy marches inland, Alberic is set on a collision course with his former masters amidst rumours of a great Gaelic army rising in the west. Can Alberic navigate safely through revenge, lust and betrayal to find his place amidst the birth of a kingdom in a land of war?

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RICHARD REVISITED

BY ELS LAUNSPACH

'an intelligent, multi-layered and very individual book.' - Hilary Mantel

Reality: an intricate fabric of sustained lies.

For centuries Richard III counted as the villainous murderer of his young cousins and usurper of his brother's throne. But how much of this reputation was born of the facts, and how much of political urgency?

Richard Revisited offers a poignant image of three inquisitive minds caught up in an age-old struggle. The statesman Thomas More; master of the revels George Buc; and lastly Jennifer Simpson, witness in the Trial of Richard III broadcast in 1984. In their efforts to be true to themselves, each risks either humiliation or loss of integrity.

In the same vein the novel questions the sources Shakespeare used while writing his play about Richard III. To what extent did the dramatist falsify the facts?

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Historical Fiction

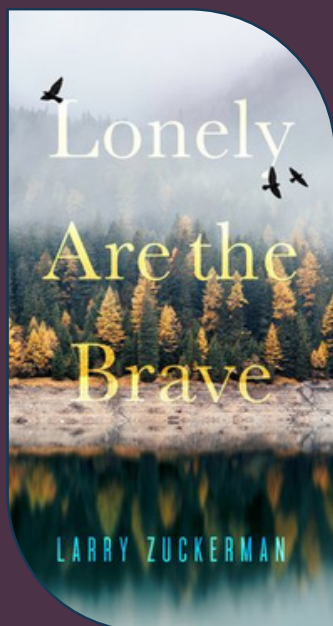
A FEIGNED MADNESS

BY TONYA MITCHELL

- Winner of the Silver 2021 reader views reviewer's Choice Award in Historical Fiction.
- Winner of the Kops-Fetherling Phoenix Award in Historical Fiction

Elizabeth Cochrane has a secret. She isn't the madwoman with amnesia the doctors and inmates at Blackwell's Asylum think she is. In truth, she's working undercover for the New York World. When the managing editor refuses to hire her because she's a woman, Elizabeth strikes a deal: in exchange for a job, she'll impersonate a lunatic to expose a local asylum's abuses. When she arrives at the asylum, Elizabeth realizes she must make a decision—is she there merely to bear witness, or to intervene on behalf of the abused inmates? Can she interfere without blowing her cover? As the superintendent of the asylum grows increasingly suspicious, Elizabeth knows her scheme—and her dream of becoming a journalist in New York—is in jeopardy. *A Feigned Madness* is a meticulously researched, fictionalized account of the woman who would come to be known as daredevil reporter Nellie Bly. At a time of cutthroat journalism, when newspapers battled for readers at any cost, Bly emerged as one of the first to break through the gender barrier—a woman who would, through her daring exploits, forge a trail for women fighting for their place in the world.

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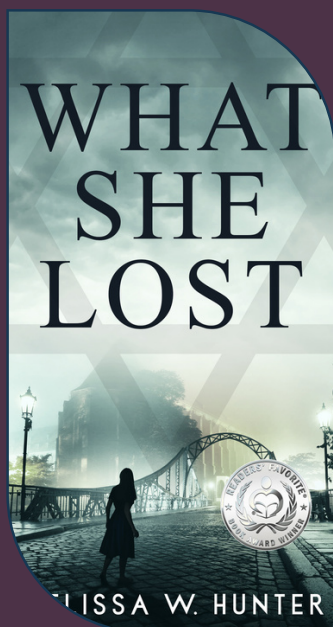
LONELY ARE THE BRAVE

BY LARRY ZUCKERMAN

When Rollie Birch returns home from the Great War in 1919 with a cluster of medals, he feels as if he's landed in the wrong country. His wife has died, leaving behind an infant daughter born while he was overseas. His small logging town of Lumberton, Washington, has grown but still runs on gossip. Almost overnight, Rollie the hero becomes a pariah for his scandalous decision to raise his daughter by himself—a child rumored not to be his—and for refusing to talk about his wartime exploits. The past two years have changed Kay Sorensen as well. Daughter of the Lumberton timber baron, Kay spent the war working for her father, organizing patriotic and charitable efforts, and discovering her love for politics and business. But when her husband—Rollie's former platoon commander—returns, Kay expects, correctly, that he'll make her quit her job. She's dreamed of marriage as an equal partnership; now, she chafes under her husband's cold tyranny. Did the war change him?

Rollie might know, and Kay steels herself to beg information from a man her husband has publicly insulted. But neither Kay nor Rollie can anticipate how secrets, lies, and horrifying revelations may destroy them. Do two lonely, passionate rebels have the moral courage to stand up to gossip, defy cultural boundaries, and dare reinvent themselves in a world forever changed?

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Historical Fiction

WHAT SHE LOST

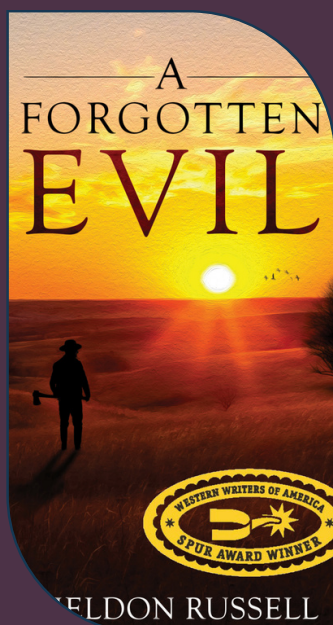
BY MELISSA W. HUNTER

For thirteen-year-old Sarah Waldman, life in the small Polish town of Olkusz is idyllic, grounded in her loving, close-knit family and the traditions of their Jewish faith.

But in 1939, as the Nazis come to power, a storm is gathering—a relentless, unforgiving storm that will sweep Sarah and her family into years of turmoil in the ghetto and concentration camps, tearing them apart. Will Sarah's strong will and determination be enough for her to survive when everything she loves is taken from her? Is it possible to resurrect a life—and find love—from the ruins? Or will Sarah be forever haunted by the memories of what she lost?

Part memoir, part fiction, *What She Lost* is the re-imagined true-life story of the author's grandmother growing into a woman amid the anguish of the Holocaust. It is a tale of resilience, of rebuilding a life, and of rediscovering love.

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A FORGOTTEN EVIL

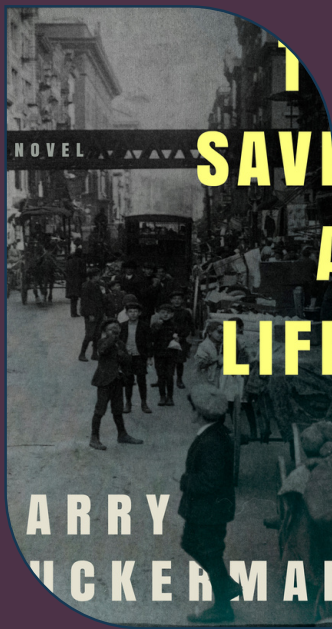
BY SHELDON RUSSELL

- **SPUR AWARD WINNER**, Best Western Historical Novel
- **FINALIST** for the Oklahoma Book Award in Fiction

In the American West, as the nation heals from the Civil War that nearly destroyed it, new battle lines are being drawn. Caleb Justin, orphaned and grieving, and his comrade Joshua Hart, a tough, worldly runaway, leave their home along the Ohio River bound for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, intent to join Sheridan's troops in their pursuit of Indian lands. But a badly healed foot injury ends Caleb's dream of joining up. While Joshua is assigned to George Armstrong Custer's troops, Caleb finds himself alone and undefended on the war-ravaged prairie, picking up whatever work he can—until his capture by Indians changes everything.

Joan Monnet, daughter of a wealthy railroad magnate, is traveling West when her caravan is attacked by Indians. A timely rescue saves her life but leaves her lost on the vast American prairie with Caleb. Together, they must fight their way back to the world they once knew. But in the winter of 1868, as the snow drifts, Custer is set to turn his cavalry on a Cheyenne camp along the Washita River. Joshua, Joan, and Caleb find themselves trapped in the crossfire of one of the bloodiest battles of frontier history. Will their desperate courage be enough for them to survive?

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Historical Fiction

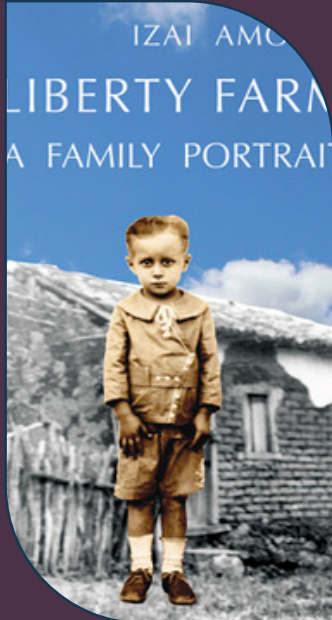
TO SAVE A LIFE

BY LARRY ZUCKERMAN

Two young Jewish émigrés from Russia fight for their destiny in 1909 New York.

In 1909, Malka Kaminsky steals her dowry to flee Russia and an arranged marriage, arriving in New York hungry for freedom. Drawn into the hustle of the Golden Land, Malka joins a sweatshop strike and is nearly beaten by thugs, but a stranger and fellow Russian Jew, Yaakov Rogovin, rescues her. Malka doesn't thank him, refusing to acknowledge her debt, but when chance brings Yaakov to her Sabbath table, they laugh and trade warm glances—only to deny their mutual attraction. After all, they carry deep scars from Russia, where admitting to desires always led to heartache. But as they strive to become entrepreneurs—Yaakov as a musician, Malka as a dressmaker—they hope that independence will show them how to live unafraid, despite the past. And they will need that lesson soon, because when Malka's fiancé arrives, determined to reclaim her, she seeks Yaakov's help, neither of them aware what fighting for their dreams will cost.

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LIBERTY FARM

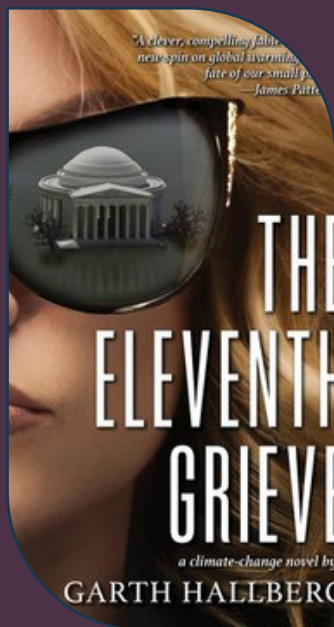
BY IZAI AMORIM

'This is a great historical story about life in a family in Brazil. As usual, Izai does a great job with the characters in this book! I was rooting for a few and despising a few of them. The story is about a family of farmers who gets their children to go to college. It spans a few generations and comes from the view of a few of the characters. It is also told during a rough part of Brazil history, adding to the flavor of the story. I recommend this book!' - Reader review on Goodreads.com - 5 stars

Set in the semi-arid backlands of northeastern Brazil and spanning one century and three generations, this family saga is a complex psychological portrait of family life, intertwined with Brazil's history from the birth of the republic to the end of the military dictatorship in 1989.

Liberty Farm is a chronicle of family and society, history and geography, life and death, loyalty and justice, truth and connivance. It's also a tale of paternal and filial love in all of its forms: strongly felt, unreciprocated, withheld, yearned for, never obtained. "Father, please look at me..." The death of the favorite son creates a love black hole that sucks away the father's entire love. Invisible like the ones in the sky, this love black hole will rule the family for decades, its existence only revealed by the odd behavior of the three older sons. "The family must always stay together..."

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General Fiction

THE ELEVENTH GRIEVE

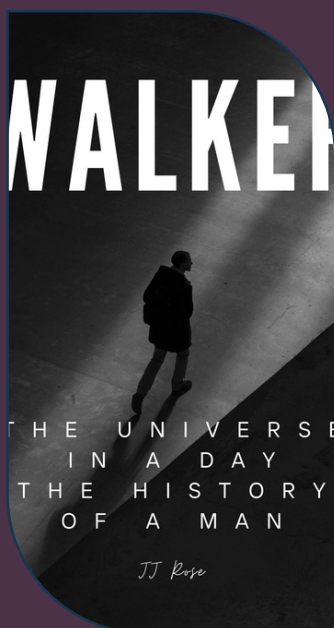
BY GARTH HALLBERG

'A clever, compelling fable that puts a new spin on global warming and the fate of our small planet.' - Bestselling author **James Patterson**

The Eleventh Grieve is a novel of a climate-change denier who's set straight romantically and professionally by two strong women, three if you count his mother. And one of them may not be entirely of this world! Jake Krimmer is a brash, thirtysomething financial speculator who make a killing off of "weird weather" - the disastrous storms and floods and heat waves that force power companies to scramble to supply electricity to their customers. But he's about to lose his secret weapon, his unerring meteorologist and - to his regret - ex-girlfriend, Samantha Richards.

She's deeply troubled about getting rich off the misery caused by what she knows is climate change. Enter Rita Ten Grieve, a mysterious, otherworldly woman who commands a futuristic technology called the Nimbus. She takes Jake back and forth in time to reveal the truth about the impending crisis to the planet. But will it be enough to convince him to change his ways and win back Samantha?

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EVERYTHING PRESS) - ISBN: 9780991377053 -
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WALKER

BY JJ ROSE

During a Covid lockdown, "Walker. I", an apparently normal man, mid-fifties, decides to become insane. He is unsure about what this means or even why he feels the need to do this. But, it is driven by his need to connect, emphasized by Covid isolation. And, perhaps his relationship with "the author" has something to do with it. He starts to walk. Somewhere. On his journey, we meet many people, both of Walker's contemporary time and place and of others. Each is able to inform the protagonist's narrative and his attempts to unravel the points of connection that exist between humans, other living beings and inanimate objects. An important aspect of Walker's mindset is what he calls his "Theory of Atomic Memory." This idea draws broadly from the quantum theory concept of valency, the mysterious interconnectivity of the atoms from which all matter is built, including, of course, all living things, and the fact that atoms, depending on their type, can "live" long lives, perhaps many billions of years. Do they hold a memory of those lives, carrying them into other lives? His progression into, and the evolution of, his theory provides not only a means of tracking Walker's narrative, but is also channeled through his connections with the people he 'meets' both physically and along the invisible pathways of covalency.

The novel explores themes such as connection, memory and identity and traces the inner narratives that compete to tell the stories of our respective lives, even as we live them.

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General Fiction

GAME BY JJ ROSE

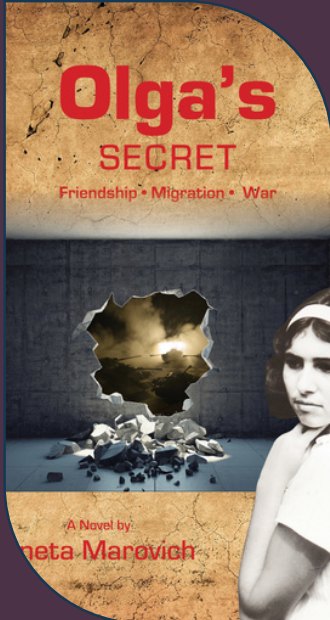
A Better World Cup. A better world.

The World Cup is supposed to be a celebration of the beautiful game, but the dark political underbelly has made it otherwise. When Asher Fox receives a mysterious call begging for his help to bring back the light, he sets off on a worldwide search for the heart of the game.

But Asher doesn't know the danger that awaits. Huge, warring corporations and governments stand in his way, and he is in the crossfire. To get the game back to the people, he will need to be part of something more - a revolution.

A book that makes you wonder just how much fiction is fact.

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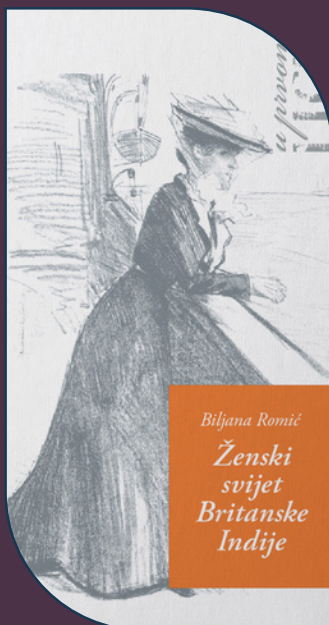
OLGA'S SECRET BY ANETA MAROVICH

'From the cobble stoned streets of Zagreb, Yugoslavia to sun-bleached Adelaide, Australia, *Olga's Secret* is a novel about love and friendship tested by separation and war. Is there a time in life when it's too late to leave your country forever? Anya returns to her homeland after her new life in Australia ended in heartbreak.

Back in her homeland she renews her friendship with Olga and rekindles her past love with Filip. But both relationships are marred by secrets and the country she came back to will self-destruct in a war. Returning once again at the war's end, Anya finds her home country in ruins. Her closest attachments, like the country, are in danger of being destroyed when her best friend reveals a disturbing secret. Juxtaposing landscapes and cultures to evoke the nature of displacement and belonging, this is a story of love in all its forms involving the three protagonists.

Written with sensitivity and compassion *Olga's Secret* explores life's universal questions: What is the nature of friendship and love? Is there a limit to their endurance?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
NOT YET PUBLISHED - APPROX. 165 PAGES



General Fiction

THE FEMALE WORLD OF THE BRITISH RAJ BY ILJANA ROMIĆ

When reading about the British colonial venture in India, we mostly encounter works that have been written from the male perspective of conquests and regimen – but colonial women have, almost from the very beginning, been a part of this venture. Biljana Romić's book brings us the voices of these women. They journeyed into the unknown, often not prepared for the adversities of a different climate and the social roles that were awaiting them. They went into the unknown as wives, governesses, teachers, as young women in search of a husband; sometimes as entrepreneurs, missionaries, adventurers.

Many stayed within the expected roles given by the British colonial community, but some of them showed that it was possible to overcome the limitations of their era, class and gender. Biljana Romić talks about the so-called 'little history', the one that appears on the margins of big historical events – and without which it is impossible to gain a complete picture of a bygone era.

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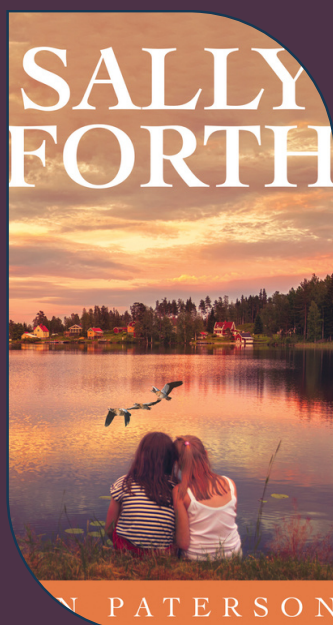
THE CABINET OF SENTIMENTAL TRIVIAL LITERATURE BY SANJA LOVRENCIĆ

There has been a crisis in the Cabinet, which is a kind of small, private, non-profit museum that houses the legacy of 'sentimental and trivial literature' – mostly written by women, of course. The curator, an elderly man who writes letters to the late museum founder Rosa, realizes that not only does the Cabinet need a 'cash injection', but also a new, younger and healthier guardian to replace him. None of this is easy to achieve; and a job advertisement that includes the key sentence of the novel: 'Your story is more important to us than your qualifications', will further complicate matters. Ten candidates apply to the ad that had inadvertently implied that candidates should also be writers; they bring stories about their professional and private lives, sometimes completely bizarre, every story marked by the distinctive voice of the teller. While the curator fills letters to Rosa with fragments from the Cabinet's past and present, the candidates appear one by one before him with their narratives, enabling the novel to emerge from the closed space of the Cabinet into the outside, towards contemporary life, its peculiarities and problems. In this way, the author manages to deal with a wide range of topics: art and activism, social responsibility, commercialization and the entry of capital into unprofitable spheres of human activity, feminism, science, technology – but also love, which is one of the common concerns both in interpersonal relationships and in the efforts to preserve some treasures from the past.

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General Fiction



BERLIN 2013

BY IZAI AMORIM

This book serves as a timeless literary soundtrack for election years, setting the stage in the fictional United States of Europe during the election year 2013, and depicting the final days of Berlin before its obliteration by an atomic bomb. Marrying cynicism with dark humor, this account reveals a world without heroes, filled with varying degrees of malevolence in a relentless battle of evil against evil. Nevertheless, this is realistic literature, not dystopian fiction. In this alternative history novel, steeped in political and power intrigues, the least repulsive character is a former terrorist, now on parole, once the most-wanted killer of his time.

While *Berlin 2013: U.S.E. Power Games* is far from an uplifting tale, it is crucial because it shows how disinformation and storytelling are used to forge power structures that answer to no one. Unaccountable power poses a severe threat to democracy and the rule of law. The central question of this story, therefore, is not who committed the act or why but rather how we can stop and reverse the ongoing erosion of democratic values — if indeed that is still possible.

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SALLY FORTH

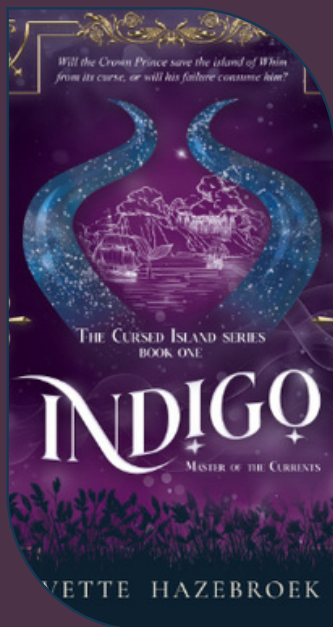
BY IAN PATTERSON

Sally Forth is an intriguing saga of the tribulations which bedevil the first 30 years of Sally Bridge's life from her childhood growing up with her twin sister in a highly idiosyncratic household in 1980s Oldham, to her chaotic adult life in London.

Sally meets with a succession of unusual events, bizarre twists and life-changing ordeals including one particularly devastating event which overwhelms her and changes her life in a way that she could never have predicted.

Although she is highly intelligent, resourceful and engaging, Sally finds it difficult to forge relationships (even with her twin sister) and to develop a sense of who she is. This is essentially a story of Sally's search for identity and of how she copes with the many misunderstandings, misjudgments and deceptions which assail her on her journey through life – a journey which, with the assistance of her penchant for wordplay and her pre-occupation with names, Sally is, nonetheless, able to take with good humour and fortitude.

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INDIGO

BY YVETTE HAZEBROEK

Yvette has a knack for building adventurous worlds full of danger, mystery and fun in equal measures. The island of Whim is no exception. - Jeroen Geelhoed, Editor in Chief of Modern Myths

Will the Crown Prince save the island of Whim from its curse, or will his failure consume him?

A curse has left the island of Whim completely cut off from the world. There is a prophecy that says a child of the Monterey family, who rule the island, can lift the curse and set the people free. To do so, the child must accept the powers of the creatures that the Gods have bestowed upon him. However, Crown Prince Indigo is unsure if he is ready to accept such a fate, even if it means saving his people.

Fantasy - Science Fiction

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THE GRAND PLAN

BY GARTH HALLBERG

Earth is in crisis, beset by runaway global warming and social turmoil. Astrogeologist Nick Adamstock and doctor and geneticist Helena Minnahan and the crew of the Abzu are on their way to a barren planet at the edge of the solar system to mine the gold desperately needed for artificial photosynthesis.

The Abzu's revolutionary propulsion system temporarily folds the fabric of spacetime in on itself, like a taco shell or a sandwich made with a single slice of bread, thus dramatically shortening their journey. But when the fold fails, Nick and Helena are shocked to find themselves marooned on an eerily familiar planet light-years distant, teeming with the first life ever discovered beyond Earth, based on virtually identical DNA. The two scientists soon stumble upon 'the People', a clan of primitive hunter-gatherers who appear intelligent but seem to lack the mental spark - curiosity, imagination, inventiveness - that makes intelligence truly useful. The exception is Ava, an attractive and exceptionally gifted member of the clan. Discovering life was astonishing enough, but discovering 'life like us' stretches the bounds of credibility and chance. Was the failure of the space-time fold no accident, but fate? Is their mission to improve the clan's way of life? Or is it even greater, a grand cosmic improvement plan to enhance the People's genes - Helena in the laboratory and Nick as Ava's 'mate' - thus speeding up the development of civilization on 'New Earth'?

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THE THOUSAND ISLAND EXPERIMENT

BY FRANK VAN DONGEN

Part one in *Discovery of Man Series*.

Halfway through the 21st century, the world is over-populated and work has largely been taken over by algorithms, machines and robotised factories. The unemployed world population leads a secluded existence, addicted to the virtual world. Jack Newman grows up in a residential community for former drug addicts. The virtual world does not appeal to him – he prefers to be outdoors.

That changes when he discovers Alpha War, in which an alien invasion must be averted. Jack does everything he can to win this infamous game. But is it really just a game, or is there more to it? And what about his twin brother Redmond, whose existence is denied by everyone and everything? What is his connection to the Thousand Islands experiment, once started by the shadowy Alpha civilisation? Jack sets out to investigate. The truth turns out to be more complex than he could ever have imagined.

Fantasy - Science Fiction

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THE MACHINE PLAGUE

BY FRANK VAN DONGEN

Part two in *Discovery of Man Series*.

Genetically engineered prodigy Jack Newman realises that humanity has little time left and creates a mentally fused quadruplet with almost limitless thinking power and creativity. Governments and mega-corporations see this AI as a threat and force Jack to work on things other than what he would like to. Jack's twin brother Redmond, whose life he occasionally glimpses, is stranded in the Thousand Islands experiment.

On a distant world, he fights against the Feind, a hostile civilisation that is preparing to invade Earth. An interstellar space fleet could still save humanity, but the powerful of Earth are more interested in an immortality programme for the elite. What can Jack still do to save humanity?

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THE FEIND INVASION

BY FRANK VAN DONGEN

Part three in *Discovery of Man Series*.

End of the 21st century. Jack Newman is seen as an enemy of humanity. The immortality programme he helped develop is only affordable for the elite and has caused the world to be ravaged by revolutions and civil wars. The torn society is unable to resist when Earth is hit by an invasion of the Feind, an aggressive alien army feared by Jack.

Can Jack count on the Alpha civilisation now that billions of people have died? Although all seems lost, Jack tries to find his brother Redmond and in doing so discovers the true intentions behind the thousand islands experiment and whether humanity still has a future.

Fantasy - Science Fiction

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SPORES BEYOND THE END TIMES

BY FRANK VAN DONGEN

Part four in *Discovery of Man Series*.

Jack Newman finally found his identical twin brother Redmond just before his death on a distant planet from the thousand islands experiment. While the Alpha civilisation fights the Feind, Redmond gives the immortal Jack the comprehensive task of ensuring that his tribe of IGD clones survives the end of time by crossing over to the next universe. To find out if this is even possible, Jack must make contact with the technologically far more advanced Alpha civilisation.

Why did they help humanity, and what are their long-term goals and plans? And what danger does the reborn civilisation pose, the one that once caused the machine plague, narrowly defeated by a monstrous alliance between the Alpha civilisation and the Feind? Finally, Jack discovers who created him as an IGD clone and for what purpose. He has now lived for centuries and is trying to unite his last surviving kind to achieve the seemingly impossible. Who will survive the End Times?

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THE GRUMPY GREATSWORD

BY THEO BARKEL

'There are few Dutch authors who can tell their story's so well.' - Stephen King Fanclub

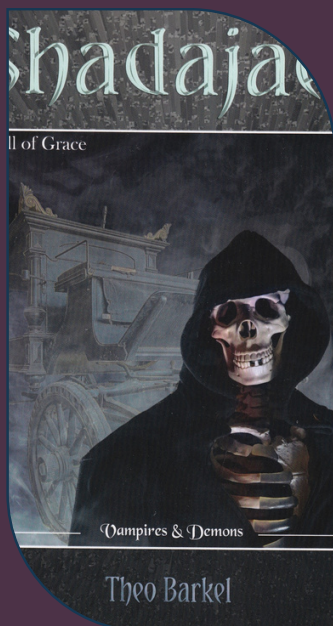
Hiram is a simple farmer's boy who, after a big fight with his useless father, is thrown out of the house and wants to try his luck as a poet at the court of King Turon.

What he does not know, however, is that Garma-Potanesia is in crisis. Sinda, the evil ruler of the neighbouring country Sinda-Potanesia, has asked for the hand of Princess Simané, the only daughter of King Turon. According to an old, pre-war law, King Turon cannot refuse.

Chaos and war lie in wait, especially when Miurghan, the mysterious mage who lives on a piece of no-man's land between the two kingdoms, turns out to be involved in the matter. And where did that magic sword come from that Hiram finds on his journey to King Turon's castle?

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PAPERBACK

Fantasy - Science Fiction



SHADAJAËL

BY THEO BARKEL

'Fun and bloody.' - Eddy Bertin, NBD/Biblion

After a night out, Shea wakes up with a terrible hangover. Initially he does not know what happened. But as the truth slowly dawns on him, there seems to be no escape from his devilish situation.

All that stands between him and eternal damnation is an eccentric priest committed to saving his soul. However, they face a powerful demon who does not give up easily. Especially when the stakes turn out to be much higher than initially appears to be the case...

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UITGEVERIJ) - 90 PAGES - PAPERBACK



Children

THE SILVER FOREST

BY NANCY DE HEER

Children 8+

Genre: Adventure - Fairy-tale

Book 1: Litin and the Silver Forest

Litin discovers that the old legend from her village of Ruse is true: deep in the forest lives a magical people of talking animals, led by Wom the owl. From her grandfather, she learns that these animals are in danger of dying because the municipality wants to cut down the village forest. Together with Gies and Loe, she devises a plan to stop the logging. Meanwhile, bully Sumbe is getting dangerously close to her secret. Can Litin stop the council and keep Sumbe at bay?

Book 2: Litin and the Dark Threat

The Silver Forest is in danger again. Moezan, the giant clawed raven, has kidnapped some crows, including the little brother of Flets, her friend from the magical forest. Litin and Loe travel through the troll forest, straight through the mosquito jungle, to the dark forest to rescue them. Meanwhile, Moezan discovers their plans and hunts them down with two dangerous henchmen. Can Litin stop his plan and save the crows? Will she manage to reunite Flets with his family?

Book 3: Litin and Kalista's Laboratory

Just when Litin thinks the danger has passed, Kalista the troll threatens to destroy the Silver Forest after all. Armed with her grandfather's mysterious painting, Litin travels to the Troll Forest. However, it is guarded by dangerous monster birds. Can she stop Kalista and her old enemy Sumbe before the poison destroys everything?

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Author info:

Nancy de Heer is a writer, ghostwriter, and editor. She comes from an artistic family and used to work with her parents at the children's theater agency Bliksemproducties. She organized talent shows and coached children on stage. She also sang in the band that later became the boy band The Shorts.

In 2006, her first children's book, *Schoolpijn (School Pain)*, was published. It is a book about bullying at school. That year, it became the basis for lectures on bullying at primary schools. In 2009, Nancy set up the Stem voor Dieren (Voice for Animals) foundation with the aim of raising awareness among young people about the need for better animal welfare. Her children's book *Valentijns Vreselijke Vakantie (Valentine's Terrible Holiday)* was purchased by various sustainability organizations and presented in primary schools throughout the Netherlands. This was followed by the book *Konijn Flip neemt de benen (Flip the Rabbit Takes Off)* about petting zoos. Nancy was born and raised in the beautiful city of Leiden.



Children

TEXEL'S DARK SECRET

BY NANCY DE HEER

Children 13+

Genre: Adventure - Thriller

Texel's Dark Secret is a psychological YA thriller steeped in island mist, secrets, and moral dilemmas. A story of loss, revenge, and friendship - and the question: how far would you go to set the past right?

Jesse lives on the island of Texel, where the sea constantly reshapes the sand – but some secrets refuse to be buried. When his best friend Sarah suddenly disappears, he can think of nothing else. Her bicycle is found near their usual meeting place. Her last text message seemed to come from someone else.

The police have no leads, but Jesse senses something is terribly wrong – especially when his father suddenly forbids him to go near the old bunker in the dunes. Since the death of Jesse's mother, after a fatal medical error during her chemotherapy, his father has become unreachable: withdrawn, silent, his gaze always sliding past Jesse. One thing he makes clear: he will never forgive the doctor who prescribed the wrong medication. And at night, Jesse's father disappears into the dunes with a crowbar, heading toward the lighthouse.

Jesse's search for the truth grows more suffocating when a mysterious man with his head wrapped in bandages begins whispering to him at his mother's grave. Every sentence seems to point to Sarah's disappearance. In cryptic words, the soldier directs him to his father's computer – where the answers might be hidden. With Imro, Sarah's and Jesse's friend, at his side, Jesse begins to unravel the sketches and coded notes he finds in his father's room. Everything suggests that beneath the metal hatch in the dunes lies a hidden tunnel.

Their suspicion grows: Sarah may still be alive. And Jesse's father knows more than he will admit. But what if the truth is so devastating it should never come to light?

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