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# **ABOUT** AUSTIN MACAULEY PUBLISHERS

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At Austin Macauley, we are proud to be one of the fastest growing hybrid publishers in the UK since our inception in 2006. Our offices in Cambridge, London, New York and Sharjah are a testament to our worldwide presence in the book industry, award-winning teams and author-centric work culture.

We are committed to bringing together the voices of authors from around the world, guiding their books centre stage and providing a universal platform from which they can read.

Our publications range from Fiction to Non-Fiction and Children's to Young Adult's, with a story for everyone in Print, Digital and Audio format in both Arabic and English.



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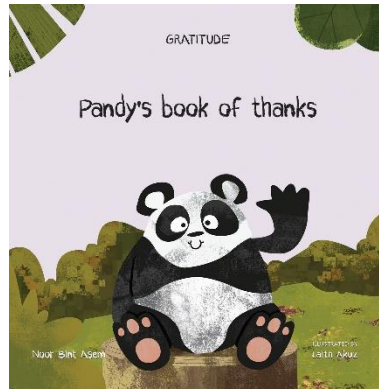
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## **Pandy's Book of Thanks by Noor Bint Asem**

Our journey in gratitude is so special.  
Remember, every day has something to be thankful for.  
See you tomorrow for more adventures!

### **Author:**

Her Royal Highness Princess Noor Bint Asem of Jordan is an author and passionate advocate for positive change in families, schools, and individual lives. A devoted mother of three and a graduate in Positive Leadership from IE Business School, she blends lived experience with academic insight to inspire a more conscious approach to early childhood—and to life itself.

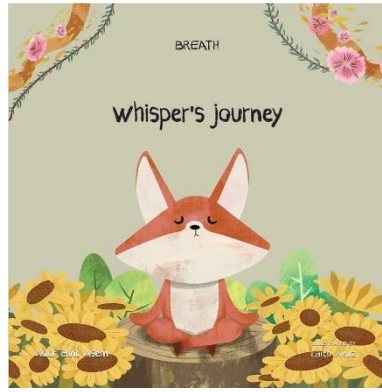
She is the founder of Moments, a platform dedicated to conscious education and reimagining the early years with intention, connection, and well-being at its core. Her vision is rooted in the belief that life is made of moments—and that by being fully present in them, we can nurture whole, emotionally aware humans from the very beginning.

Through her writing and initiatives, she invites families, caregivers, and educators to join the Moments movement: a growing community committed to nurturing mindful growth and emotional resilience in early childhood—one moment at a time.

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## **Whisper's Journey by Noor Bint Asem**

Whisper and friends had a great time exploring the magic of breath. You can use your breath any time to feel calm and happy just like the animals in the forest!

This book introduces toddlers to the concept of mindful breathing through a relatable character, engaging stories of forest animals and interactive elements that encourage practicing breathing techniques.

### **Author:**

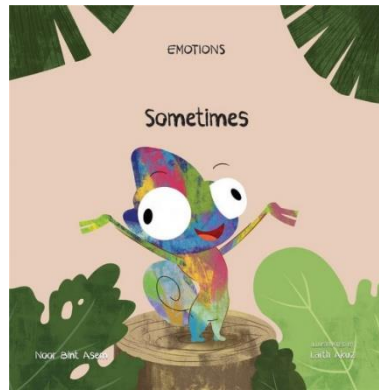
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## **Sometimes by Noor Bint Asem**

Join Cami and explore the colorful world of emotions! From happiness and excitement to sadness and anger, Cami helps kids recognize their feelings and shows how each one makes them grow. Through fun activities, children will learn how to express and understand their emotions. Let's explore how we feel, together!

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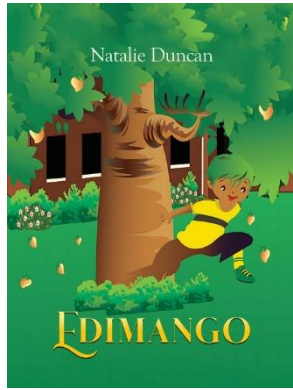
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## Edimango by Natalie Duncan

Eddie, the mango tree, becomes a boy to change his school for the better. He faces many obstacles and challenges, but never gives up, as his friends depend on him. Sophia the goat and Adam the lizard, join the fun and help Eddie as he transforms into Edimango.

Edimango loves his new life as a boy, but realizes the importance of his role as a mango tree. With lots of determination, perseverance and faith, Edimango makes a big impact at Ashley Elementary School.

*Edimango* is the first book of a series called *The Adventures of Edimango*.

### Author:

Natalie is a screenwriter, author and poet. She writes uplifting, thought-provoking, timeless stories about faith, hope, love, loss, struggle, perseverance and triumph. Her stories imitate the hills and valleys of life and are bold, unexpected, intriguing, thrilling and inspiring. Originally from Jamaica and currently living in the Sunshine State of Florida, Natalie, a nature lover, beach enthusiast and avid gardener incorporates the treasures of island life into her writing.

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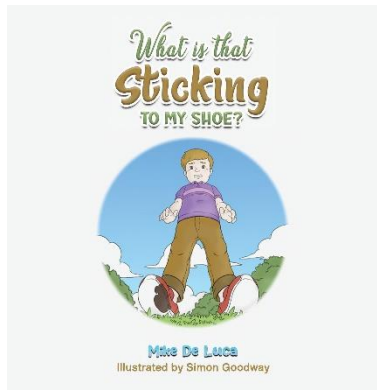
## **Finding Oliver a New Home by Afifa Shanavas**

Once upon a time, a happy family of four turtles lived in one of the most beautiful waters in the world: the patient Papa Turtle, the sweet Mama Turtle, and their children, naughty Oliver and little princess Eva. But little did they know that their heavenly home was about to be transformed into land for humans... Can Oliver protect his family and save their precious home?

### **Author:**

Afifa Shanavas is an Environmental Engineer dedicated to spreading the importance of environmental protection. Residing in Dubai, UAE, she has been practising her profession since 2018. From a young age, Afifa has had a keen interest in writing, documenting her thoughts and experiences. She maintains a blog, [www.journeyofmylife.me](http://www.journeyofmylife.me), where she continues to inspire others, particularly women, to break the norms and find their happiness.

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## **What Is That Sticking to My Shoe? by Mike De Luca**

Have you ever felt a slippery squish beneath your foot? You lift your shoe to check it out, and there it is – something soft, brown and sticky... and... it's stuck to your shoe!

You don't know what it is, but you do know you need to get it off. Nothing seems to work.

What do you do?

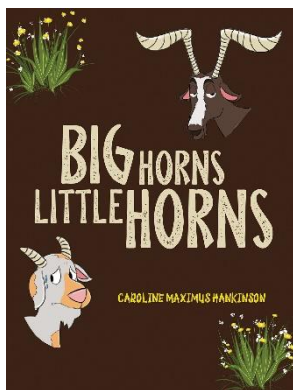
### **Author:**

Mike was born in Scotland to an Italian father and Scottish mother. He spent the first part of his career in publishing, and for the last 30 years has been operating as a corporate coach. He is married with three grown up children and nine grandchildren who keep him out of mischief – mostly.

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## **Big Horns Little Horns by Caroline Maximus Hankinson**

Join Edward Chocolate and Bertie Boo Boo, two spirited goats locked in a playful rivalry, in this delightful and exciting tale.

Their latest nighttime game brings them head-to-head once again, this time competing over the size of their horns.

But when the wise owl swoops in with her words of wisdom, the competition takes a heartwarming turn, reminding them that true worth goes beyond appearances, and putting any feelings of inferiority to rest.

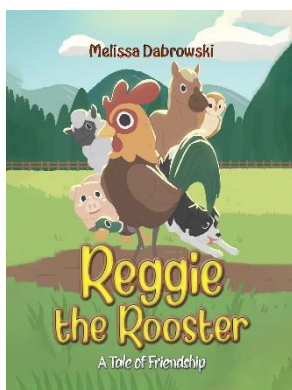
### **Author:**

Caroline Maximus Hankinson is a nature and animal enthusiast, driven to write after the birth of her daughter, Belle-Valentina. Suddenly, her surroundings were through the eyes of a child. Being an owner of three ponies, four dogs and two goats, she incorporated the characters of her animals into her stories. Residing in a quaint cottage in rural Wiltshire, her bright, beautiful fairy-tale-like garden decor depicts her broad appreciation for a world of imagination. Her stories are a reflection of the morals that she hopes to instil in her daughter throughout her life.

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## **Reggie the Rooster by Melissa Dabrowski**

Join Reggie the Rooster on a heart-warming adventure as he sets out to find his lost voice.

Along the way, he meets his loyal friends including Doug the Dog, Harry the Horse, and Perry the Pig, who help him discover the true meaning of the valuable lessons of friendship. Will Reggie find his voice and learn the importance of friendship?

This delightful tale is perfect for readers of all ages, reminding us that sometimes, the journey is just as important as the destination.

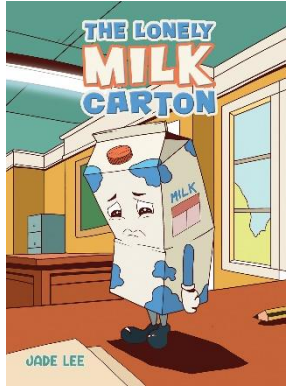
### **Author:**

Melissa Dabrowski was born in Darwen, Lancashire. She lives with her son, Oscar, and two dogs, Rex and Rosie. Melissa is a full-time funeral director and has a past career in horse racing as a stable hand, and amateur jockey. Melissa is a great lover of animals and still rides horses as a hobby, she also owns two ex-thoroughbreds, Anna and Lady. Melissa loves writing and is a keen lover of poetry, relating her work to everyday life experiences that the reader can also relate to.

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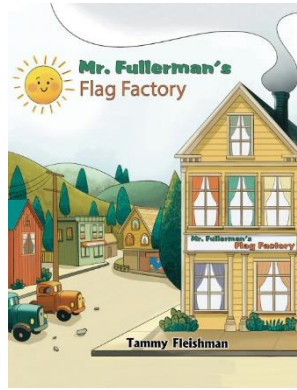
## **The Lonely Milk Carton by Jade Lee**

The Lonely Milk Carton sits neglected on the shelf, overlooked by the children, who always prefer juice. Despite its efforts to be noticed, it feels alone. But one day, a classroom lesson on the importance of brushing teeth opens the children's eyes to the benefits of milk, and suddenly, the milk carton becomes the hero. Will the children finally give the lonely carton the love it deserves?

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## Mr. Fullerman's Flag Factory by Tammy Fleishman

A fuller is a person who works with cloth. In this book, Mr. Fullerman dyes his bolts of cloth different colors in preparation for making the flags that he will send all over the world. Join the fun as the friendly and playful bolts, led by the wise bolt Wooly, go through the process of becoming different after they have all been the same. It's exciting, and sometimes scary, too. In the end, they realize that, just like people, even though they will represent different cultures and countries, they all came from the same cloth and are the same, but unique in their own way. The next time you see flags from different countries waving at each other, you'll know the real reason why: because they were friends before they were flags.

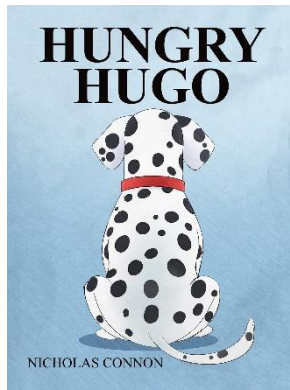
### Author:

Tammy is a retired registered nurse and former self-empowerment life coach. Books have been a source of joy and learning for her all her life. She is the author of *Become Yourself: The Evolution of Feeling Good*. Believing that a good children's book is a story that edifies both children and adults, Tammy is excited to bring her stories of empowerment, oneness, and creativity to fruition through her children's books.

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## **Hungry Hugo by Nicholas Connon**

Hungry Hugo is a Dalmatian who is always on the hunt for food. His obsession leads him to unexpected places and into situations he never could have prepared for.

Along the way, Hugo encounters a variety of animals who teach him valuable lessons about kindness and friendship.

When he finally finds what he has been searching for, he discovers that there is something even more important than food – learning to be kind and thoughtful.

### **Author:**

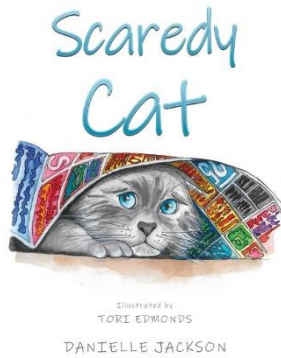
Nicholas grew up in a sleepy Surrey village and can remember seeking exploration at a very young age; once declaring to his parents that he was leaving with his small belongings wrapped in a red chequered handkerchief on the end of a stick. After finishing school, Nicholas joined the military to seek further adventure. He travelled a lot and experienced very different worlds to the one he had grown up in. Despite the differences, one key theme ran through his travels: the kindness of strangers. Nicholas has returned to the countryside and continues to seek travel adventures with his wife and son.

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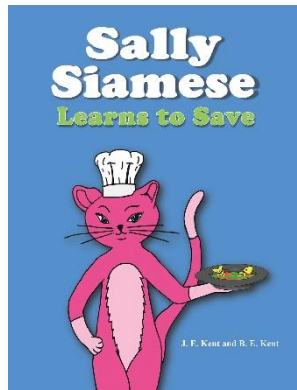
## Scaredy Cat by Danielle Jackson

Join Scaredy Cat on an adventure as he faces his peculiar fears with the help of an unexpected friend. This heartwarming children's book will show you how even the most fearful of cats can learn to overcome their anxieties and find courage within themselves. Get ready to root for this lovable feline as he conquers his fears and proves that anything is possible with a little bit of determination and the right support.

### Author:

Danielle was born and raised in Northern Ireland. She studied Primary Education at the University of Brighton where she discovered the importance of embracing children's imagination. By teaching children how to write, she fell in love with storytelling. Danielle is a first-time author who felt inspired to write stories whilst living in the Caribbean. She hopes her book will spark children's enthusiasm for reading.

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## **Sally Siamese Learns to Save by J.E.Kent**

Sally has learned her lesson not to spend, so now she puts her new savings skills into action, investing and giving back to those in need. Come on this fun adventure with Sally as she discovers hidden talents, and the importance of not being afraid to ask her new friends for help.

Complete with parent guidelines and discussion points, it will have the family talking about saving habits that will last a lifetime.

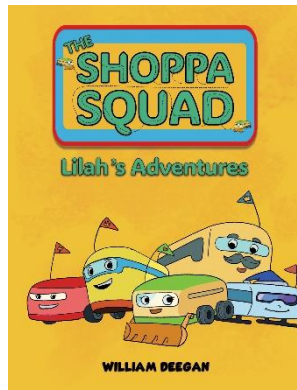
### **Author:**

J. E. Kent and B. E. Kent are a mother/daughter duo who are passionate about teaching finance to the next generation.

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## **The Shoppa Squad-Lilah's Adventures by William Deegan**

Meet The Shoppa Squad – on the streets of your town.

Welcome to the adventures of the Shoppa Squad, a team of brilliant delivery robots from your town, all dedicated to being the best delivery team around. Read about each of their adventures in your town, making deliveries, helping people and so much more... they love to learn, share and work as a team, while having fun along the way.

Finley, Amber, Lilah, Freya and Billy can't wait to share their adventures with you.

### **Lilah's Adventures**

Lilah is the Shoppa Squad's most helpful member, always around to help with any obstacle, and loves the rest of the team, but can get distracted helping anyone who asks!

With her plough to the front, Lilah can deliver through heavy snowfall, snow drifts, deep mud, move rocks and more, moving any obstacle to ensure safe and secure delivery.

A percentage of the profits from this book will be donated to the Crisis UK homelessness charity. Together, we will end homelessness.

### **Author:**

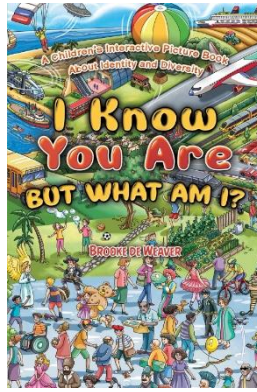
William is semi-retired but keeps youthful through his grandchildren.

He works for a not-for-profit community interest company, as part of a team of people dedicated to supporting young adults from education to employment. It brings him limitless enjoyment watching young adults start their careers in jobs they love.

He was inspired to create the Shoppa Squad by his grandchildren as they have a fascination for autonomous delivery robots. They love spotting them in their local town, using them to deliver food, and wondering at the adventures and journeys they have taken to get to our doorstep.

These stories aim to build a lasting affinity with these robots who will become a stable part of our children and grandchildren’s future.

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## **I Know You Are, But What Am I?**

*I Know You Are, But What Am I?* is a picture book to help teach children about diversity, identity, and the transient relationships we have with each other and the world around us. Through interactive role play, young children (ages 1–8) will learn, experience, and become empowered by choosing from the simple picture format of images and characters. Children of all backgrounds are given the unique opportunity to create their very own narrative, in a positive engaging educational format.

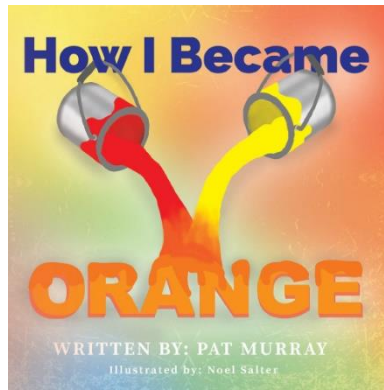
*I Know You Are, But What Am I?* engages children with “pick and choose” illustrations, from different genres upon each and every page. Children therefore have an opportunity to openly identify themselves and begin to appreciate, recognize, and relate to others in everyday life, regardless of geographical limitations. Encouraging freedom of expression through personal self-exploration, children safely observe a world of differing personas to engage with. In a world full of mixed messages, stereotypes, media and cultural pressures, *I Know You Are, But What Am I?* enables children an opportunity to experience the priceless beauty of diversity, with the option of “being someone, or at someplace else,” on any given day.

### **Author:**

Brooke de Weaver is an Australian-born, American-based writer, mindfulness lecturer, yoga, and meditation teacher. A summa cum laude graduate of Sydney University, Brooke has travelled extensively and lived within various countries throughout the world, experiencing first-hand diverse cultures and communities. Brooke encourages awareness of one’s identity through promoting observation of

the habitual human traits of inclusion and exclusion, these being the make-up of gender, race, mental and physical being, age or ability.

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## How I Became Orange by Pat Murray

*How I Became Orange* is a children's book that is both enjoyable and informative. Designed for young readers aged five to eight, it gently explores common childhood experiences, including blended families, in a way that is easy to understand.

The story also lightly touches on themes of love, marriage, and even loss, offering a tender and reassuring perspective. At its heart, the book focuses on a child from a previous relationship adjusting to life in a blended family and the emotional impact of that transition. Through the guidance of Mama Yellow, young Orange learns to embrace her uniqueness and recognize her worth, ultimately finding her place in her new family.

### Author:

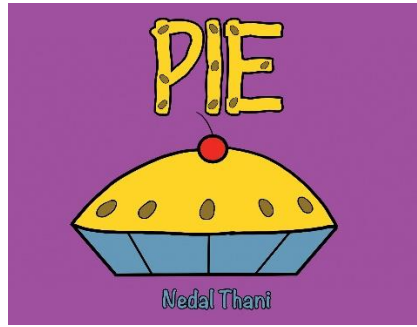
Pat Murray has always loved children and is a mother of two and a grandmother of three. Her son was a baby when she realized that she could no longer live with his dad. In time when he was two, she met a wonderful man who loved her son as his own and adopted him at a very young age. Not wanting her son to find out that his adopted dad was not his biological dad on his own, she explained it to him in a way that a child could understand; by using colors, which inspired this book. *How I Became Orange* is the result of actual experiences in the author's life and the life of not only her children but the experience of many families in America today.

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## **Pie by Nedal Thani**

This is a story about a kind but gutsy anthropomorphic rabbit, who wants to make her wise grandmother happy via a cherry pie that she herself has baked. But unfortunately for the little rabbit, things went from bad to worse!

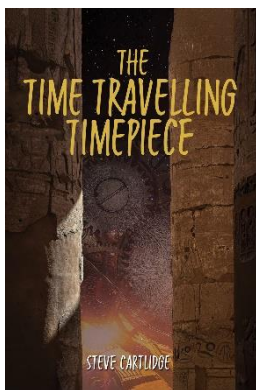
### **Author:**

Nidal Hassan Muhammad Thani has been writing illustrated stories since he was around ten years old. Animation and reading comics in general are his sources of inspiration for writing and drawing comics. However, his skills are not limited to drawing and writing stories, he is also fluent in English speaking and writing, and he has the skill of translating from Arabic to English and vice versa. Nidal holds a Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Taibah, and a Master's degree in Translation and Professional Practices from the University of Essex in the United Kingdom.

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## **The Time Travelling Timepiece by Steve Cartlidge**

### **Middle Grade**

Charlie had always been an adventurous boy with an extraordinary imagination, but his life takes a thrilling turn when he discovers a mysterious pocket watch. This watch, adorned with curious symbols and driven by a gem of immense power, leads Charlie into a hidden world of time travel and adventure.

One day, while helping Mum at work, Charlie discovers an old pocket watch, seemingly broken beyond repair. But this watch has a history, and, before long, Charlie finds himself in a race against time to decipher a prophecy that dates back to King Tutankhamun and rescue a mysterious prisoner.

Helped along the way by his friends in Team EJECT, Charlie travels to different eras: Ancient Egypt, the Wild West, the Ice Age, and even the future - where he must use his wits and bravery to survive.

*The Time Travelling Timepiece* is a captivating journey filled with historical wonders, clever puzzles, and the excitement of discovering the importance of time through the eyes of a brave young adventurer.

### **Author:**

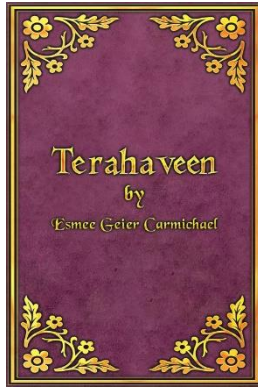
Originally from Oxford, England, Steve Cartlidge emigrated in 2005 and now lives in Adelaide, Australia. He has three children, the youngest of whom, Charlie, is the inspiration for this book. Steve is also a doting grandfather to two amazing little boys and a dog parent to Frankie, his miniature dachshund.

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## **Terahaveen by Esmee Geier Carmichael**

### **Sci-fi**

In *Terahaveen*, Esmée weaves a mesmerizing tale of strength, resilience, and the unbreakable bonds between women.

Set against a backdrop of cultural diversity and personal revelation, this captivating narrative explores an alternate society where women shape destinies. As powerful female leads navigate a world rife with challenges, their stories of love, motherhood, and solidarity come to life.

Rooted in Esmée's own experiences as an African American woman who lived abroad, *Terahaveen* is a poignant exploration of identity, faith, and societal constructs. Dive into a world where the threads of sisterhood are as enduring as the roots of ancient trees.

### **Author:**

Esmée is a dynamic mother of two daughters, originally from Freeport, Long Island. An avid traveller with a love for exploring diverse cultures, she spent four enriching years living in Germany. Fluent in Italian and proficient in French, Spanish and German, Esmee embraces the art of communication. She finds joy in painting, writing poetry and delving into the realms of sci-fi and comics, from Star Wars to Marvel. Now, as a first-time author, she brings her unique experiences and vivid imagination to life on the page.

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## Fairy Tales for Adults by Lady Moonshine

### Short Stories

Mr. Artemis Moon and Miss Solaris reside in the Kingdom of Sky, where they have a bird's-eye view of events unfolding on Earth. Both are deeply passionate about children's welfare, feeling compelled to intervene when they witness injustice.

Solaris, Artemis Moon's lifelong friend and confidant, appreciates his wicked sense of humour and love of pranks. She often enlists his help in playing practical jokes on humans who have strayed from the path of kindness.

These enchanting tales showcase the triumph of good over evil, illustrating how our words and actions can profoundly impact others. Each story carries a moral lesson, as the residents of the Kingdom of Sky invite readers to join their campaign to improve humanity.

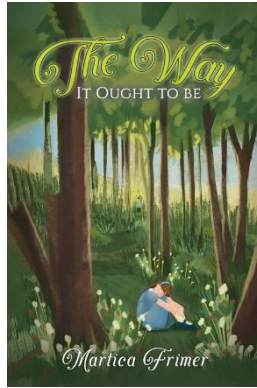
The book calls on each of us to become advocates for compassion, empathy, and kindness, in the hope that love may ultimately conquer all.

### Author:

Lady Moonshine, the Moon's loyal pet otter, resides in the ethereal Kingdom of Sky, alongside Artemis Moon and Solaris, the Sun. With a keen eye for human affairs, she observes the world below, deeply troubled by the moral decline and lack of compassion she witnesses. Tasked with documenting the lessons Artemis

imparts to those in need of guidance, Lady Moonshine remains a quiet observer, preferring to let her writings speak for themselves. She shuns the spotlight, focusing instead on conveying the important messages embedded within her chronicles.

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## The Way It Ought to Be by Martica Frimer

### Contemporary

*The Way It Ought to Be* is based on the idea that life does not always happen the way we want it to and that the only things that are important are the relationships we experience along the way – those we can't get away from, those we want but can't have, and the one we hold with ourselves.

Winifred Simone is in love with the life she had as a young girl and with the people from that life: her lone, childhood friend, Casey, and her ever-present mother, Maggie. Winifred and Casey spend their days in the small, rural town of Hickory in 1940s Pennsylvania; free to roam the nearby woods and isolating themselves from the rest of the world. But what seems idyllic to Winifred was anything but for Casey, a boy who always felt unloved and unlovable, despite Winifred's boundless adoration.

Neither one could perceive the events that take away their innocent outlook and, without a word, Casey leaves Hickory, shattering their bond. This propels Winifred on a six-year search to find her friend and love far beyond the comfort of her hometown. As the story moves from the canopied safety of the Pennsylvania woods to the exposed rawness of the California desert, Winifred continually relies on the wrong people in an attempt to find the life she is convinced she is supposed to have.

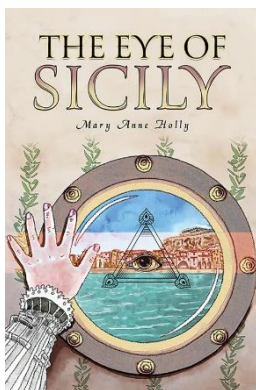
That is, until she meets two very different families, the Hixsons and the Quinns. With their help, she learns to accept and be grateful for the life she is actually living.



**Author:**

Martica Frimer is a previously published author of non-fiction and poetry. This is her first novel in which she tries to capture childhood misconceptions of friendship and love. Martica lives on the East Coast with her husband, children and grandchildren.

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## The Eye of Sicily by Mary Anne Holly

### Historical Fiction

The year is 1895, and poverty is sweeping through Sicily, bringing a wave of *la miseria* to its people. Letters from America summon two Sicilian families to the shores of a distant land, but they soon discover that everything comes at a cost.

Time is running out for Giuseppe LoPinto, a victim of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Out of options, his dire circumstances drive him to join the mass exodus of Sicilians from their beloved island. With a heavy heart, Giuseppe accepts an invitation to America. He embarks on an arduous journey, accompanied by his younger brother, Giacomo, to the bustling streets of Detroit.

A hundred miles away, on the eastern tip of Sicily, Vincenza Catalano blames a different letter from America for turning her life upside down. Forced to leave the scenic coastal city of Messina, she must put all her dreams for the future on hold. Aboard the steamship *Giava*, the Catalano family crosses paths with the LoPinto brothers from Termini Imerese. Vincenza, with her fiery spirit and determination, leaves a lasting impression on the younger brother, Giacomo. Defying her family's wishes, she challenges the cultural limitations placed on women and confides her deepest secrets to him.

Arriving in Detroit during the dark era of the late nineteenth century, the Catalano and LoPinto families face ethnic prejudices, language barriers, and extortion threats from the notorious Black Hand. The bond between Giacomo and Vincenza grows stronger as they strive to find a sense of self in their new homeland, battling the perils of a dangerous time period. Inspired by true

historical events, the young Sicilians soon realize that the luster of the American Dream is fading. Will they ultimately risk everything to achieve their dreams?

**Author:**

Growing up in Michigan, Mary Anne is originally from the Metro Detroit area. She received a pharmacy degree from Wayne Mary Anne HollyState University and embarked on a professional career as a staff pharmacist in Detroit hospital settings. After a visit to her grandfather’s homeland, Mary Anne fulfilled a bucket list goal by completing her first novel, *The Eye of Sicily*. Ancestral research of her Sicilian roots inspired the storyline for the book, tracing the footsteps of her great-grandfather from a coastal fishing city in Sicily to the streets of America. Mary Anne currently lives with her family in the Green Bay area of Wisconsin.

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## **Knocknagree by John Samuel Robinson**

### **Sci-fi**

Mikey loves speed, drives a 2015 Mustang he gifted himself as a retirement present, and enjoys flipping through his collection of Popular Mechanics. Fascinated by time travel, parallel worlds, and multiverses, he firmly believes in the existence of doppelgangers, even though he has yet to encounter one. However, he claims to have once seen his Guardian Angel.

Mikey cannot explain how it became possible, but on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, he was mysteriously transported back in time to his twelfth birthday in 1966. Reliving moments he thought were lost forever, he reconnected with the grown-ups from that era and found himself caught in an incredible journey through time.

As unbelievable as it sounds, Mikey insists it truly happened. This is his story.

### **Author:**

John Samuel Robinson is a storyteller, something he inherited from his Irish heritage, and has written across all genres, including song, poetry, and stories. He and his wife, Karin, have two children, Sean and Claire, and a granddaughter, Eleah.

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## The Burkins by Maxine Stockton

### Crime

Welcome to a house with a dark and bloody history. Despite the gruesome string of murders that occurred within its walls, Lucy has embraced the macabre past, turning the property into a thriving bed and breakfast with a chilling supernatural theme. Visitors flock to experience the eerie atmosphere and the grisly details of the building's history.

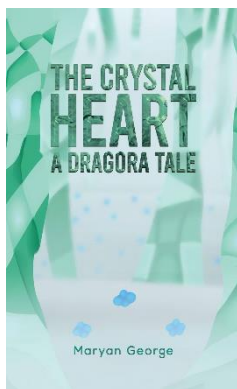
When a renowned historian of the Burkin family checks in, the guests are drawn into the haunting tale of Dr. Timothy Burkin's horrific crimes, the tragic drownings of Kathrin Burkin, the ruthless axe murders and hanging of Priest Gregory Burkin, and the shocking poisoning spree committed by his niece, Hannah. But the most infamous mystery dates back to 1990, when the entire Burkin family was discovered in the manor, posed as if playing a game of Monopoly – each victim bearing wounds reminiscent of previous Burkin murders. The killer was never found.

Now, as new clues begin to emerge, the question remains: will they finally uncover the truth behind the Burkin family murders, or will this cursed house claim more victims?

**Author:**

Maxine Stockton was born in England and after moving many countries came to live in beautiful Hobart, Tasmania. Working as a spatial technical expert and currently living next to the river with her three cats, contemplating the next book.

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## **The Crystal Heart by Maryan George**

### **Fantasy**

Dreams can shape the future, replay the past, or reveal something far more mysterious.

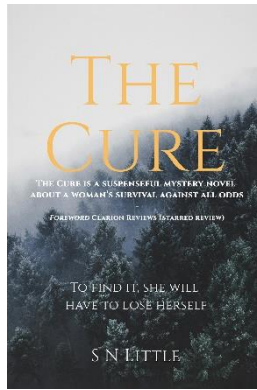
When Rajan becomes trapped in a terrifying nightmare, it marks the beginning of an unexpected journey for him and the lady of his heart. But is this the start of a heroic adventure, or something far more sinister?

Beneath the scorching desert sun, they must unravel an ancient mystery and decipher the meaning behind the haunting dreams. They must solve the puzzle or perish in the attempt.

### **Author:**

Living in a picture postcard by an arm of the Sognefjord, Maryan George has her husband, two adult children, and six cats to keep her occupied. When they are elsewhere, she is busy writing, conducting bands and choirs, playing and/or singing in bands, choirs, and groups, or working her daytime job as a teacher of English and music. The inspiration to write comes from the nature around her, her students and family, and the rich reservoir of stories, fairytales, and sagas in her culture.

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## The Cure by S N Little

### Mystery

*In sickness and in health.  
Till death do us part...  
Or maybe not.*

What happens when someone refuses to let go?

Despite the traumatic loss of her father four years ago and her struggles with an alcoholic mother, Aurelia Kingston's life seemed to be improving. As Brunswick Shire's brightest medical student and having caught the eye of school heartthrob Angus, everything seemed perfect... at least on the surface.

But as winter blankets the small Canadian Shire in thick snow, and rumours of a missing student drift through the quiet streets, the arrival of the handsome and mysterious Professor Alister Shane sends shockwaves through the town.

When Aurelia finds herself bound, gagged, and trapped in a cold, damp bunker, she begins to realize just how tragic her life has truly become. Desperate to escape and faced with a sinister choice, Aurelia is forced to confront her darkest demons. But the real question is, will she end up falling for one?

### Author:

Samantha Little is an Australian Criminal and Family Lawyer with her own law practice run by her and her partner, criminal lawyer Dane Keenes. She has a bachelor's in law, a diploma of legal practice and a background in psychological science.

After publishing her first non-fiction novel about mental health in September 2015, she received a glowing review by the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual *Writer's Digest* Self-



Published Book Awards, and given an award for runner-up Young Victorian of the Year in 2016 and 2017 for her work in the mental health sphere, Samantha turned her attention to helping her clients in the legal field.

Based in the border town of Albury/Wodonga, on an afternoon when the sun is just starting to set, Samantha can be found typing furiously on her keyboard, enamoured by the next town and characters that she is carefully creating. *The Cure* marks her debut into the wonderful world of fiction publishing, with no doubt many more novels to come.

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## **Ferryman by Claire Bronnison**

### **Crime & Mystery & Thriller**

After several bodies are discovered floating beneath Sydney Harbour Bridge, Detective Guy Shayd and his colleague Bob Lawson are tasked with uncovering the identity of the murderer. As the body count rises, Guy turns to his girlfriend Kay, who has psychic abilities, for help in tracking down the culprit.

Amid the chaos of the investigation, Kay and her cousin Stevie are busy preparing for their weddings to Guy and Bob, and both women discover they are pregnant, adding even more urgency to the case. The stakes are raised even higher when Kay and Stevie are kidnapped and held captive.

As Guy and Bob race against time to find their missing fiancées and solve the murders, they uncover a shocking twist. The true identity of the killer turns out to be far more unbelievable than they ever expected.

### **Author:**

Claire Bronnison was born in 1962 and was educated at Bedlington High School. She has done various jobs including shop work and has worked as an admin assistant. She has O levels in Classical Studies and English Language.

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## HOW TO BE THE GRIT *in the* OYSTER



Leadership Behaviours and Processes to Drive  
Successful Transformation in a Diverging World

Charlie Herbert

### **How to Be the Grit in the Oyster by Charlie Herbert** **Leadership & Business**

How to Be the Grit in the Oyster delivers a unique and successful model for leading business change in an increasing diverging environment. Change is no longer escapable, businesses are continuously changing yet most transformations fail, often quoted at 75%. This figure has not improved over time. There are articles and books purporting to address this issue and most of these focus on process and defining the change required. This book, based on the authors experience takes a different path. It asserts that at the core of this failure leaders take little account of the impact of the drive for diversity alongside societal diversification and they have failed to adjust their leadership style and delivery models accordingly.

Our workplace is more diverse than it has ever been. It appears that leaders have been blindsided by the intended consequence of this – that we all think and behave differently. Leadership models and delivery practices have continued to be implemented along historical lines built during the decades of compliant workforces. Younger generations have been freed to think and behave as they wish. A kind of emancipation of diverse thinking.

To lead in this new paradigm requires a different approach. The Grit in the Oyster achieves three outcomes for the reader. Firstly, to get them to the ‘aha moment’ that we are living in a different environment. Secondly, to

get them to realise they need, as leaders, to behave in the right way to create the space for teams to blossom and then finally, a model to build and guide teams to successful outcomes.

**Author:**

Charlie Herbert has spent the past 30 years driving innovation and transformative change within a range of high-profile, easily recognisable brands across a multitude of sectors. His success has been attributed to his ability to blend commercial leadership with a deep understanding of the emerging and continually evolving technology and data landscape. He has been able to unlock the challenges presented through technology and associated social change to build teams who deliver successful large scale business change.

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## **Plastic: The Side Dish You Get with Every Meal by Kimberly Joyce Koyczan**

### **Educational**

This book provides an eye-opening revelation about how our current practices continue to harm the environment and all its inhabitants. To ensure a more sustainable future for the planet, we must adopt new ways of doing things and eliminate consumer products and practices that cause the most damage to natural ecosystems and threaten life on Earth.

Wildlife species, ecosystem functions, and human health have all been negatively impacted by the excessive amounts of garbage produced globally every day. Many commonly used products linger in the environment for years after disposal, resulting in grave consequences for essential wildlife organisms and their ecosystems, including water sources, land, and soils. Natural resources have been rapidly depleted for decades, diminishing habitats and generating excess pollution.

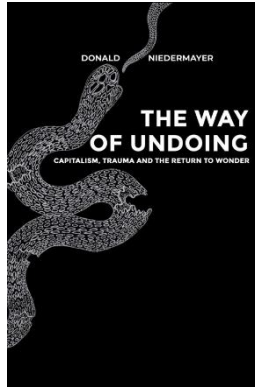
The time is now to take decisive action. We must move towards using alternative materials and methods that reduce environmental harm caused by today's common products and practices. This shift is crucial in minimizing the increasing risks of climate change and preserving our planet for future generations.

### **Author:**

Renewable Resource Management graduate, Kimberly Joyce Koyczan of Tahltan First Nation, local to the Yukon Territory, shares her passion for the environment, the importance of natural ecosystems, the roles they play, and how current practices and consumer products continue to cause environmental harm. In pursuit of a better future in regards to climate change and the excessive

amounts of garbage produced on a daily basis, Kim highlights the potential of industrial hemp to reduce the impact of our current practices that put human, wildlife and environmental health at risk.

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## **The Way of Undoing: Capitalism, Trauma and the Return to Wonder by Donald Niedermayer**

### **Politics & Philosophy**

*The Way of Undoing: Capitalism, Trauma, and the Return of Wonder* is an intimate personal exploration of possibility and discovery through stories and adventures great and small.

The author's search for reconciliation with a war-traumatized father traces the origins of transgenerational trauma from capitalist roots to today's internet, where data, information, and misinformation streams have taken the place of dialogue and storytelling. Climate change and pandemics have thrust Western culture upon an emotionally stuck world and challenge the collective human story that we, and the author, are writing as we live.

### **Author:**

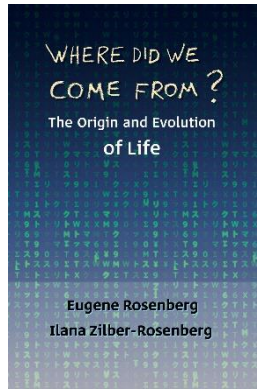
Donald Niedermayer is a former journalist, criminal lawyer and yoga teacher who lived in Yucatán, México, for 25 years and is currently residing in Victoria, British Columbia, dedicating his writing practice to the exploration of personal, communal and global reflections through story and haiku.

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## **Where Did We Come From? The Origin and Evolution of Life by Eugene Rosenberg & Ilana Zilber-Rosenber**

### **Science**

Where Did We Come From? The Origin and Evolution of Life is a welcoming introduction to the understanding of the origin and evolution of life. The authors capture the attention of all readers, be they well versed in theories of the origin of life and the Theory of Evolution or those that possess little knowledge of these interesting subjects. The authors discuss the origin of life from religious narratives to scientific-based accounts, leading to the conclusion that we still do not know how life began, but strive to do so.

The Theory of Evolution by Natural Selection, presented simultaneously by Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace, is one of the greatest ideas of all time. However, new discoveries in molecular genetics, microbiology, and systems biology have necessitated an extension/revision of the classical frame of evolutionary theory. These new discoveries include epigenetics, alteration of the environment, learning and cultural transmission, and the role of microorganisms in the evolution of animals and plants: the hologenome concept.

Where Did We Come From? The Origin and Evolution of Life also provides a glimpse of how theories of evolution can affect our understanding of social phenomena, such as motherhood and social standing, biological cooperation versus Social Darwinism, and collective memory.

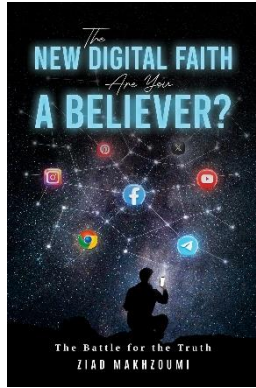
Through an accessible authorial voice and clarity, not burdened with superfluous jargon, the authors engage with readers and lead them to become well-informed on these captivating subjects.

**Author:**

Eugene Rosenberg is Professor Emeritus at Tel Aviv University. He received his PhD in biochemistry at Columbia University. After postdoctoral research with Lord Todd in Cambridge, England, he became an associate professor of microbiology at UCLA. Since 1970, he has been a professor of microbiology at Tel Aviv University. He has published over 300 scientific articles and reviews, 15 books and 18 patents. He is a member of the American and European Academies of Microbiology. Rosenberg has received several awards, including a Guggenheim Fellowship, Pan Lab Award, Fogarty International Scholar of the NIH, and the Proctor & Gamble Award.

Ilana Zilber-Rosenberg is an independent scientist. She received her PhD in microbiology at Tel Aviv University. After performing postdoctoral research, she studied nutritional science, receiving a B.Sc. in Nutrition and a certification as a clinical nutritionist. Zilber-Rosenberg worked as a public health nutritionist and managed a mid-life Women’s Centre. She has published 30 scientific articles and four books, and in 2006 received her BA in Sociology. Since 2006, she has collaborated with Eugene Rosenberg on the hologenome concept of evolution. Together with Rosenberg, she received the Möbius Prize (Germany) for lifetime achievements in symbiosis.

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## **The New Digital Faith: Are You a Believer? By Ziad Makhzoumi**

### **Social Sciences**

Are you a truth-seeker in the digital age?

*The New Digital Faith: Are You a Believer?* confronts the critical challenge of distinguishing fact from fiction in today's hyper-connected world. Perfect for skeptics, learners, and digital natives, this book delves into the convoluted reality of information overload and the battle against misinformation.

#### Dive into the Intricate Web of Digital Misinformation:

**The Rise of Digital Deceit:** Explore how social media platforms have turned into breeding grounds for misinformation, spreading false narratives faster than ever.

**MIT Study Insights:** Understand the alarming findings of how falsehoods outpace truth in the digital realm.

#### The Psychology Behind Belief Formation:

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**Echo Chamber Effect:** Examine how digital platforms isolate users in bubbles of similar opinions, stifling exposure to differing perspectives.

#### Real-World Consequences Explored:

**Case Studies:** Analyze the impact of misinformation during the 2016 U.S. presidential election, as revealed by Stanford researchers.

**Psychological Impacts Unveiled:** From the 'illusion of truth' to cognitive dissonance, uncover the deep-seated effects of misinformation on our psyche.

Benefits for the Reader:

Enhanced Critical Thinking: Gain tools to question and analyze information critically, strengthening your defenses against false narratives.

Informed Awareness: Stay alert to the subtle tactics used to spread misinformation, equipping yourself with knowledge to navigate the digital world wisely.

*The New Digital Faith: Are You a Believer?* is more than a book; it’s a wake-up call for the digital citizen. Turn the pages to empower yourself with knowledge and critical thinking skills in an age where truth and falsehood often blur. Are you ready to question and not just believe? Grab your copy now!

**Author:**

Ziad Makhzoumi is a leading strategy and restructuring expert. His strategy, leadership coaching, and restructuring approach are direct, practical, engaging, structured, wholesome, and inclusive and ensure that critical changes needed in this dynamically changing business environment, happen effectively.

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## WHAT HELPS WHEN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STRUGGLE



An Attachment-Informed Guide for  
Families and Clinicians

JOHN STEWART, PH.D. AND ERIN BELFORT, M.D.  
AND ELIZABETH BRENNER, LICSW

### **What Helps When Children and Families Struggle by John Stewart, PH.D. and Erin Belfort, M.D. and Elizabeth Brenner, LICSW**

#### **Health & Lifestyle**

Written for both families and clinicians, *What Helps When Children and Families Struggle* offers an introduction to attachment theory as it relates to family life. The authors weave a simple and clear discussion of what families can do to support strong connections and what to do when things have fallen off track.

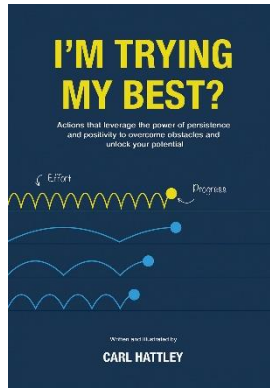
Consistent with a relational focus on mental health the authors strongly advocate the use of family therapy as the entry point to mental health services when a family member is struggling. Through the use of many illustrations and metaphors, the text is a highly practical guide for the ups and downs of family life.

#### **Author:**

Dr. Stewart is a senior psychologist specializing in couples and family therapy. He has authored two books on attachment-informed clinical work and consulted in settings from Johns Hopkins to the San Diego Public Schools. He is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the Tufts University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, where together with his co-author, Erin, he teaches family therapy. He co-founded and provided clinical direction for over 20 years to The Collaborative School—an attachment-informed K-12-day treatment program and is director of Family Therapy Vacations, an intensive attachment informed treatment program. John lives in Maine and often works with his wife Janet, a psychiatric nurse, with whom he shares two children and four grandkids.

Dr. Belfort completed medical school in Vermont and adult and child and adolescent psychiatry training programs in Boston in the Harvard Medical School system, and has been a practicing psychiatrist for more than a decade. She is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Tufts University School of Medicine and the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Training Director at Maine Medical Center. She enjoys teaching family therapy as well as writing and speaking about the impacts of social media on adolescent wellbeing and the complex dynamics of gender and sexuality. She lives in Maine with her husband, two sons, and an energetic boxer, who keep her on her toes.

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## **I'm Trying My Best? By Carl Hattley**

### **Self-Help**

Personal growth can seem to come easier for some than others. Taking those first steps toward something new or different can feel daunting without clear direction, especially when responsibilities, fear of failure, and uncertainty give us pause.

This book's succinct yet thought-provoking activities and techniques meet you where you are. Leveraging individual circumstances, passions, and abilities, the book helps gain perspective, frame problems, spot opportunities, develop solutions for self-improvement, and unlock potential.

Approachable and uplifting, the book provides a roadmap to reflection and positive change, helping unleash the personal growth we all have inside. Progress starts from within, by simply trying our best.

### **Author:**

Carl Hattley is an enthusiastic and energetic Design Leader with over 20 years of experience in driving and creating purposeful digital experiences for corporations and institutions across the globe that specialise in e-commerce, education, entertainment, energy and travel.

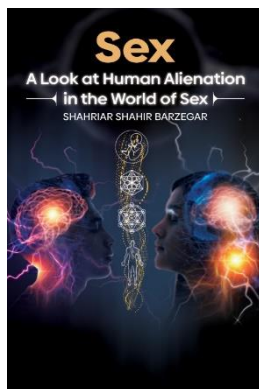
As a Leader, Carl's superpower is empathy for those he works with and supports. He encourages a collaborative and equitable environment where individuals feel understood, appreciated, inspired and empowered to thrive without fear of failure.

In this book, Carl combines techniques he evolved as a designer/manager with

coping mechanisms he created to overcome Dyslexia, to arrive at frameworks and methodology that helped process information and navigate complex situations by framing problems, mapping opportunities and setting goals to drive positive outcomes in his career and personal life.

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## **Sex: A Look at Human Alienation in the World of Sex by Shahriar Shahir Barzegar**

### **Health & Lifestyle**

Sex is not just a biological drive; it's a powerful force that has shaped human evolution, relationships, and social dynamics for millennia. From ensuring the survival of our species to influencing social norms and cultural beliefs, sexual behavior plays a crucial role in our lives. Darwin's theory of sexual selection highlights how humans, driven by the need to choose the right mate, have shaped the course of evolution. But sexuality has always been a subject of conflict. Religious and regulatory institutions have worked tirelessly to control it, often turning sex into a "problem" rather than understanding its vital role in our development. These efforts have reached deep into our personal lives, attempting to regulate even the most private aspects of human existence.

This book delves into the complexities of sex, exploring its impact on human psychology, mental health, and social order. It looks at how centuries of influence and restriction have left an imprint on our collective unconscious, embedding themselves into the very fabric of our being. By understanding sex through the lens of science rather than restriction, we can uncover a deeper truth about its role in human life. Drawing from evolutionary psychology, sociology, history, and beyond, this book offers a fresh perspective on a subject that has been both celebrated and censored. The journey of understanding sexuality, and its place in human progress, is far from over. This book serves as a preface to the conversations and deeper research that must follow.

**Author:**

Shahriar Shahir’s life turning point was Shana’s birth in 2011. His main characteristics are being patriotic and a philomath and having a great passion for learning. His motto is love, courage, effort, and faith.

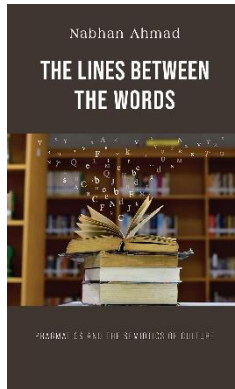
He has dedicated his life to work and striving for success, growth, and development. Although he faced obstacles during his path, he gained valuable achievements.

He got a scholarship from Emirates Flying School and obtained a pilot’s license. He had the incredible privilege of having many careers. However, his passion has always been business and he believes he grew up in it.

He implemented the dream of establishing a business with global standards in the franchise industry. At the same time, he created the Hoopoe brand, which is the fruit of many years of experience in the business world. In parallel, he published nine books about the standardization of the franchise industry which contain more than 1,000 pages and are registered and certified by the UAE.

With the birth of his second child, Michael, in 2024, he has found even greater inspiration to continue his journey as a writer, creating timeless works.

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## The Lines Between the Words by Nabhan Ahmad

## Educational

Discover the intricate art of translating poetic and literary texts in this illuminating book. Delving into the depths of linguistic methodologies, the author navigates the challenges inherent in achieving textual equivalence, particularly in the realm of poetry and literature. Through a pragmatic lens that places emphasis on pragmatics and cultural semiotics, readers are guided through a journey that unravels the complexities of translation. Drawing inspiration from the timeless works of Nizar Qabbani and the groundbreaking theories of renowned linguists such as Halliday, Nida, Koller, and Gutt, this book underscores the indispensable role of these elements in crafting meaningful translations. Intertextuality, intratextuality, and contratextuality emerge as pivotal concepts, illuminating the interconnectedness of texts across diverse cultural landscapes. With compelling insights and practical wisdom, the author argues persuasively for the essentiality of pragmatics and cultural semiotics in translating poetic and literary masterpieces. Whether you are a seasoned translator or a budding scholar, this book offers invaluable theoretical foundations and actionable guidance to navigate the captivating world of translation in poetry and literature.

**Author:**

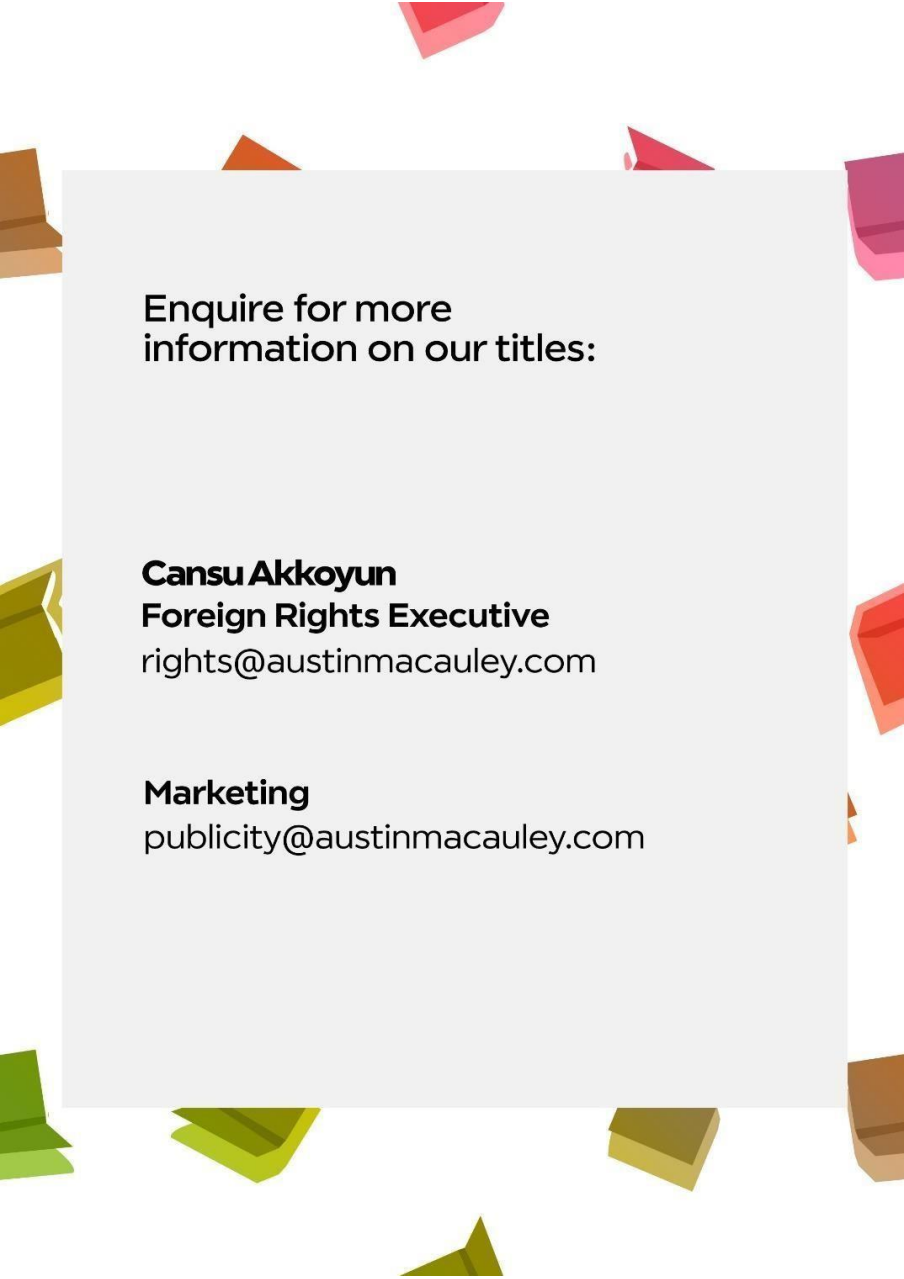
Nabhan Ahmad, currently pursuing a PhD in language, literacies and translation, originates from Syria and has made a name for himself as an educator across several universities in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He has notably left his mark on several academic institutions in the Middle East. His academic path

underscores his dedication to advancing his expertise in his academic field.

Nabhan’s academic interests predominantly revolve around pragmatics and sociopolitical poetry, a facet of linguistics focused on understanding language within its contextual and communicative frameworks. Through both his written works and scholarly articles, he delves deeply into the nuances of pragmatic theory, shedding light on the functional aspects of language in real-world scenarios. Despite the brevity of his bibliography, his contributions offer valuable insights into the realm of pragmatics, providing readers with a richer comprehension of language dynamics and societal interactions.

Nabhan Ahmad’s academic journey epitomizes a steadfast commitment to scholarly exploration and an earnest endeavor to enhance educational endeavors within the UAE and beyond. His body of work serves as a testament to the significance of pragmatic research in unraveling the intricacies of human communication.

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