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Nonfiction:

SELFIES FROM MARS: THE TRUE STORY OF MARS ROVER OPPORTUNITY

(Hardcover ISBN 978-1-958575-01-7, eBook ISBN 978-1-958575-00-0, [LCCN 2022923896](#))

From evidence of water to stunning images,
Mars rover Opportunity allowed humans to
experience the Red Planet as never before.
Ride along on the 15-year mission
that captured hearts a world away!

SELFIES FROM MARS: THE TRUE STORY OF MARS ROVER OPPORTUNITY is a heartfelt narrative of the Mars Exploration Rover mission that explores the scientific findings of Opportunity and Spirit and the team of scientists and engineers behind the robot rovers. Perfect for STEM education topics, the pages feature full-color photographs from the NASA mission and text features with bonus factual information, including Fact Files presented by the adorable cartoon rover Oppy.

THE GREAT VOYAGERS: EARTH'S INTERGALACTIC AMBASSADORS

(Hardcover ISBN 978-1-958575-11-6, eBook ISBN 978-1-958575-12-3, LCCN 2024914194)

Take a grand tour through the outer planets and beyond the solar system with the NASA Voyager space probes. Launched in 1977, Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 were the first spacecraft to explore all the outer planets and the first human-made objects to reach interstellar space. They each hold a golden record with the sights, sounds, music, and languages of Earth. These great Voyagers continue to reach for the stars as Earth's intergalactic ambassadors.

Picture Books:

MOMMY'S NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS (Hardcover ISBN 978-1-958575-90-1, eBook ISBN 978-1-958575-91-8), illustrated by Phoebe Cho

'Twas the night before Christmas...

In this humorous take on the classic Christmas poem by Clement C. Moore, the concept of the serene night before Christmas is turned on its head. Instead of visions of sugar plums, the children are teething and playing loudly. There are presents to be wrapped and ornaments to be mended. Just when Mommy and Daddy take a moment to relax, a noise outside alerts them to a surprise visitor. But Mommy's determined not to let anyone-not even Santa Claus himself-disturb the sleeping children on Christmas Eve.

Children and parents alike will be entertained and delighted by this new classic Christmas story!
The perfect gift for all the moms who make Christmas so special.

DADDY'S 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS (Hardcover ISBN 978-1-958575-05-5, eBook ISBN 978-1-958575-06-2), illustrated by Phoebe Cho

*On the first day of Christmas,
My children gave to me
A gift waiting under the tree...*

In this heartfelt take on the classic Christmas carol “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” Daddy receives a special gift from his children. But that’s not all he gets! From sweet Christmas cookies to frozen fingers while sledding, the kids “gift” Daddy twelve days of Christmas he will never forget.

Sing along with this family of two dads and five kids as they create special Christmas memories. A celebration of love and families of all kinds, DADDY’S 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS is the perfect holiday gift or stocking stuffer.

GRAMMY’S HALLOWEEN SCARE (Hardcover ISBN: 978-1-958575-07-9, Ebook ISBN: 978-1-958575-08-6), illustrated by Phoebe Cho

Grammy and her cat Jellybean are in for a scare on Halloween night. While ghosts and ghouls roam the street, Grammy is on the lookout for a certain creepy crew. And everyone gets a surprise on this night of tricks and treats in *Grammy’s Halloween Scare!*

Sing along to the tune of the folk song "Skin and Bones" in this fiendishly fun rhyming picture book.

THE BEDTIME KNIGHT (Paperback ISBN 978-0-998925-46-2, eBook ISBN 978-0-9989254-7-9, Audiobook ISBN 978-1-958575-02-4), illustrated by Erika Baird

When the lights turn off at bedtime, a young mouse's imagination runs wild. Daddy Knight charges in to the rescue and sheds light on what the shadows really are. Then he empowers his daughter to turn the scary shadows into fun imaginings.

Middle Grade:

WITCH TEST (Paperback ISBN 978-0-9989254-8-6, eBook ISBN 978-0-9989254-9-3)

Liza is sinking in a bubbling cauldron of middle school rumors.

When the entire eighth grade begins studying the Salem witch trials, it seems everyone is on a witch hunt...with Liza as target number one. Worst of all, her ex-best friend is the one who started a rumor that Liza bewitched a boy with a love potion.

As the bullying intensifies, Liza’s loneliness grows. More than ever, she wishes her mother were still alive. A glimmer of hope arrives when Liza finds her mother’s diary...until she actually reads it. Turns out Liza’s family connection to witches goes back for centuries. So much for the witch stuff being rumors!

If Liza can channel her inner witch at the Halloween night corn maze, she might find the strength to stand up for herself. If not, she risks losing a piece of herself to a growing depression and any hope of happiness.

WITCH TEST is an upper middle grade *Mean Girls* meets *The Craft* novel for pre-teens and young teens.

PIRATE ISLAND (Paperback ISBN 978-0-998925-40-0, eBook ISBN 978-0-998925-41-7)

A thrice cursed island, a legendary pirate treasure, and one not-so-brave boy. What could possibly go wrong?

For centuries, the whereabouts of Captain William Kidd's lost pirate treasure has remained a mystery. When Billy's best friend, Andy, proposes they look for it on nearby Pirate Island, Billy thinks it's just another one of their crazy adventures. It's usually Billy who ends up in trouble as a result, but he goes along for the ride...like always. The more he delves into the life and death of Kidd, the more he thinks the treasure is real and that it might be buried on the small island in Long Island Sound. Billy--nope, call him William--becomes obsessed with the captain of the same first name. He even believes he's possessed by Kidd's restless soul. Now he and the spirit of a long-dead pirate are leading the crazy adventure on Pirate Island. And what they find is far bigger than the treasure they imagined.

Young Adult:

ELIXIR BOUND (Paperback ISBN 978-0-998925-42-4, eBook ISBN 978-0-998925-43-1)

Take an epic journey in this award-winning young adult fantasy, winner of Best YA Book for the 2019 Connecticut Author Project! A young woman's quest to become the next guardian of a secret healing Elixir is perfect for fans of *Shadow and Bone* and Sarah J. Maas.

Katora Kase isn't the firstborn son nor does she possess the type of magic that can conjure spells or bewitch others. In the land of the Great Peninsula—an epic fantasy world ruled by the Great Mother Nature and her offspring—those things aren't a measure of one's worth. And what Katora does possess is the subtle magic running through her blood that marks her as the next guardian of a secret healing Elixir that is her family's legacy. It is such a highly guarded secret that Katora doesn't know of its existence until a rare snowstorm blows through with a message for her father, the current guardian.

Katora sets off on a quest into the wilds of Faway Forest to find the flowers that give the Elixir its potency. Even though she is accompanied by her sister, her brother, an old family friend, and the handsome son of a mapmaker, she feels alone. For it is her decision alone whether or not to bind herself to the Elixir's magic to serve and protect it until a new guardian is chosen. The forest hosts many dangers, including wicked beings that will stop at nothing to gain power, but the biggest danger Katora may face is whether or not to open up her heart to love.

ELIXIR SAVED (Paperback ISBN 978-0-998925-44-8, eBook ISBN 978-0-998925-45-5)

Three lives saved by the Elixir; three lives bound by it.

The Elixir entwines the lives of those it touches. Once upon a time, Kylene, Zelenka, and Devon tasted it and escaped death. None were left without scars. Now, a shocking message from the Ice Queen—one of Mother Nature’s higher beings—sends each survivor on a quest. Kylene travels to the frozen depths of Blanchardwood, Zelenka heads back to the wilds of Faway Forest, and Devon journeys to a reclusive mountain temple. The three paths converge in a war against an ancient and tricky foe. And even the Elixir cannot save everyone. The fate of the world balances on the edge of a sword, and the outcome depends on whether the survivors will sacrifice their second chances.

Escape back into the world of the Great Peninsula in this much-anticipated sequel to the award-winning ELIXIR BOUND. Perfect for fans of the Thrones of Glass series by Sarah J. Maas and Grisha Trilogy by Leigh Bardugo.

ONLY DARK EDGES (Paperback ISBN 978-1-958575-03-1, eBook ISBN 978-1-958575-04-8)

Hamlet meets *Six Feet Under* in this YA psychological thriller that is both heart-pounding and heart-wrenching.

Delta’s spent the summer navigating the treacherous waters of losing her older sister, Gemma. Determined to brave junior year of high school without her sister, Delta finds solace in the arms of a new girlfriend. But grief takes a twisted turn when Gemma’s tortured ghost appears with a dire warning.

Beware the storm.

Plagued by the haunting suspicion that Gemma’s death involved foul play, Delta is plunged into a downward spiral of grief and paranoia. No one can be trusted—not her girlfriend, their friends, or her sister’s once-loyal boyfriend. Not even Delta’s own mind.

With a hurricane bearing down, two tempests collide at the abandoned Sea Glass Lodge. Accusations fly. Secrets unravel. And everyone is a target of the storm.

BLACK BUTTERFLY: SPY AGENTS, BOOK ONE (paperback ISBN 978-1-958575-09-3, ebook ISBN 978-1-958575-10-9)

Is she the hero or the villain?

Black Butterfly wakes to a country devastated by terrorist attacks, supposedly at the hands of the Chinese government. She remembers nothing of her personal life—not even her name. All she knows is that she was in New York City on the day of the attacks. Though, she soon discovers she has an unsettling repertoire of violent talents.

Elijah and his found family of off-gridders from upstate New York take in Black Butterfly and mend her wounds. With nowhere else to go, she joins them as they head to a rally in Washington D.C. The eclectic group begins to feel like the family she can't remember—or never had. An encounter with Luca, a spy for a shadowy government agency, confirms Black Butterfly's worst suspicions about who she was in the life she can't remember. As more memories surface, Black Butterfly heads to the agency's headquarters to find out who's behind the terrorist attacks. It's unclear whether she intends to reveal the truth or go back to her villainous way. And it's more than her life she's putting at risk.