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16 authors will read excerpts from their new books during Redwood Writers 2022 Author Launch.

Richard Boyd	<i>Irradiated, An Alien Perspective</i>	Science Fiction
Robbi Sommers Bryant	<i>The Darkness</i>	Horror/Suspense
Nancy Dougherty	<i>Heaven is in Truckee</i>	Poetry
Joan Goodreau	<i>Where to Next</i>	Poetry
Cynthia Gregory	<i>What is Possible From Here</i>	Fiction
Kathy Guthormsen	<i>The Story of Jazz & Vihar</i>	Illustrated children's fiction
Lenore Hirsch	<i>Schooled: Confessions of a Rookie Vice-Principal</i>	Fiction
Karl Kadie	<i>Revenge of Nature</i>	Poetry
Bruce Koepp	<i>Pitfall</i>	Mystery
Karen Misuraca	<i>Secret Sonoma, a Guide to The Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure</i>	Non-Fiction
Joan Prebilich	<i>Some Men Must Live</i>	Fiction
Rebecca Rosenberg	<i>Champagne Widows</i>	Historical Fiction
BK Sweeting	<i>Pearlized</i>	Mystery/Thriller
Steve Trenam	<i>An Affront to Gravity</i>	Poetry
Tommie Whitener	<i>California Vignettes</i>	Short Stories
Natasha Yim	<i>Luna's Yum Yum Dim Sum,</i>	Children's Picture Book

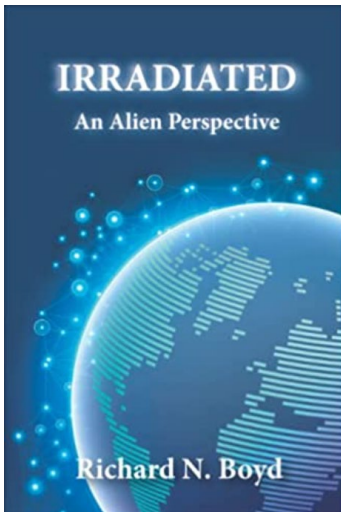
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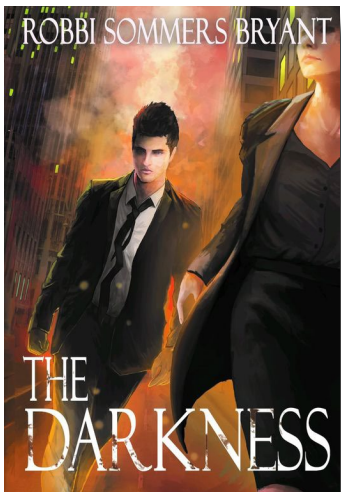
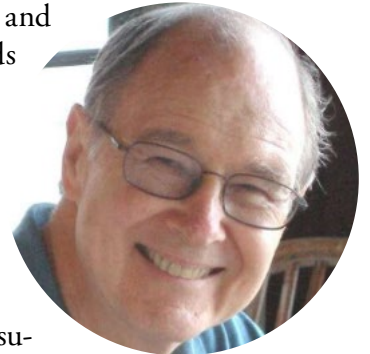
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The world is awash in electromagnetic radiation, and humans are unable to restrain their perceived needs for smartphones and other wi-fi related devices. The watchdog agency of the United States refuses to place meaningful limits on what the telecom industry can do. It takes an alien lady to bring the world to its senses.

Richard Boyd is a retired professor with interests in astrophysics and astrobiology. He now writes novels, usually aimed at issues in modern society, or poems, designed for amusement.

<https://www.amazon.com/Irradiated-Alien-Perspective-RICHARD-BOYD/dp/B09M5KY6TC/>



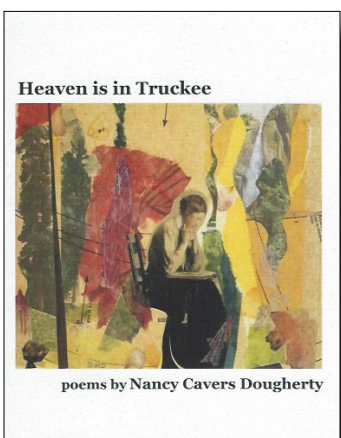
“Bryant has scribbled a “black belt” thriller, showcasing her immense talent, ambition with technique, and wonderfully wild imagination. But more importantly, it’s readable as hell.”

— *Joshua Mohr, Oprah’s Book of the Month author*

Robbi Sommers Bryant’s award-winning books include a novella, seven novels, five story collections, and one book of poetry. Published in Readers Digest, Redbook, Penthouse, college textbooks, and anthologies—Robbi’s work was optioned for TV’s Movie of the Week.

She also appeared on TV’s Jane Whitney Show. Robbi is also an editor. Find her at robbibryant.com

<https://www.amazon.com/Darkness-Robbi-Sommers-Bryant/dp/1949290506/>



Heaven is in Truckee, published by the Orchard Street Press, brings humor to the Post Office and Little League, penetrates through pretentiousness to the deep archeological niches within us. These are poems of quintessential American sounds and seasons; the rustle of Sycamores, the staccato of cleats. Her language is full of music.

Nancy Cavers Dougherty is the author of three chapbooks: *Tape Recorder On*, *Memory In Salt*, and *Levee Town*, as well as the collaborative work, *Silk*. Her poetry has appeared in many journals and anthologies including *Westview*, *The Pinch*, *California Quarterly*, *West Marin Review*, and more publications. Nancy lives in Sebastopol, California.

<https://orchpress.com/index.php/en/new-publications2-2/184-heaven-is-in-truckee>





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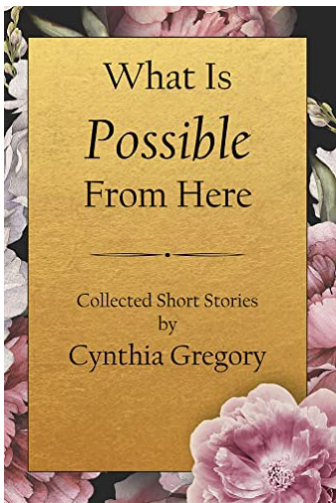


“From the very first word to the very last in Joan Goodreau’s *Where to Next*, she expresses how to transit directly to the heart of all things human. These are poems of dynamic honesty and profound tenderness. This is a book to cherish.”

— Les Bernstein, author of *Loose Magic*

Joan Goodreau’s books are *Where to Now? Strangers Together: How My Son’s Autism Changed My Life*, and *Another Secret Shared*. Her poems, stories, and articles have appeared in numerous periodicals and anthologies in North America. Joan’s plays have appeared at local festivals. A Pushcart nominee, she has been awarded a Hedgebrook Writing Residency.

<https://www.amazon.com/Where-Next-Joan-Goodreau/dp/B08WSC5BVB/>

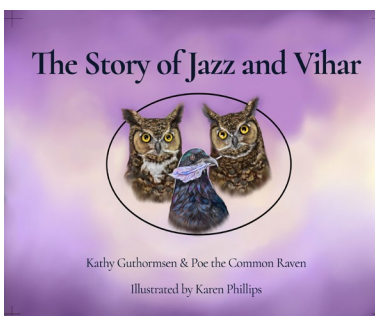


What is Possible From Here, explores the relationships that form meaning in our lives. Set in wildly different locations, stories unfold that connect us all.

Gregory’s prose opens doors into strange and compelling worlds that tease us forward, inevitably, toward possibilities.

Cynthia Gregory is an award-winning author of literary fiction. Her work has been published in *The Sun*, *Glimmer Train*, and other notable journals. Her collected short stories were published in 2021, following her first book, *Journaling As Sacred Practice*, in 2017. Cynthia lives in the Sonoma Valley with her two rescue pups, Winston and Mr. Blue.

<https://www.amazon.com/What-Possible-Here-Collected-Stories/dp/1737574918/>



The Story of Jazz and Vihar is an educational tale sure to delight children and adults alike. Learn the important role that birds play in our ecology and how to best help them when you find one lost or injured in the wild.

Kathy Guthormsen’s writing has been published in *The Write Spot: Memories* and *The Write Spot: Possibilities*, *The Write Spot: Writing as a Path to Healing*, and *The Write Spot: Musings and Ravings from a Pandemic Year*. Her story, “Come, Calls the Demon,” won the 2021 Petaluma Argus Courier’s Halloween story contest.

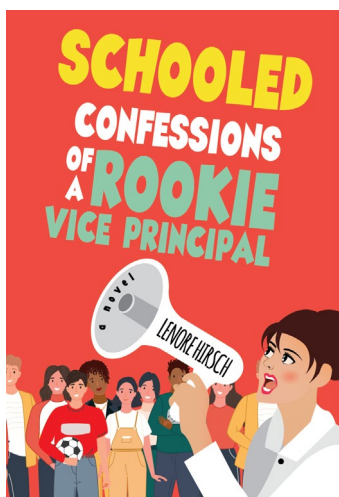
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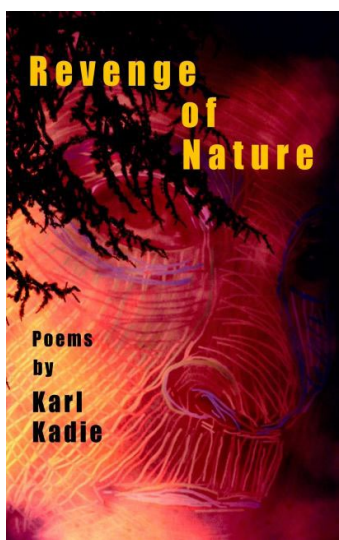


An obnoxious boss, troubled middle schoolers, angry parents, a few clueless teachers, and a little romance. What could go wrong for a new female vice principal? Remember your own school days, and laugh and cry as you watch Cynthia Walker stumble, find her way, stand up for what she believes, and perhaps find lasting love.

Lenore Hirsch enjoyed thirty-one years as a teacher and school administrator at elementary and middle schools. Her books include *My Leash on Life*, *Foxy's View of the World from a Foot Off the Ground*, a collection of poetry, *Leavings*; and *Laugh and Live*, *Advice for Aging Boomers*; humorous essays about aging.

LenoreHirsch.com

<https://www.amazon.com/Schooled-Confessions-Rookie-Vice-Principal/dp/B09LZSLC42/>



The poems in *Revenge of Nature* depict the powerful changes shaping our climate and planet. They highlight how people, animals, and other life forms are coping with nature and climate change. The key message is to rescue ourselves from climate change, we must personally experience it, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Karl Kadie is the author of two previous books of poetry, *The Burning House* and *Singing with the Storm*. His work has been published or accepted for publication in *Train River*, 2021 Redwood Writers anthologies *Beyond Distance* and *Remember When*, *The Santa Clara Review*, *The New Verse News*, and *Haiku Headlines*. He lives in Santa Rosa, California.

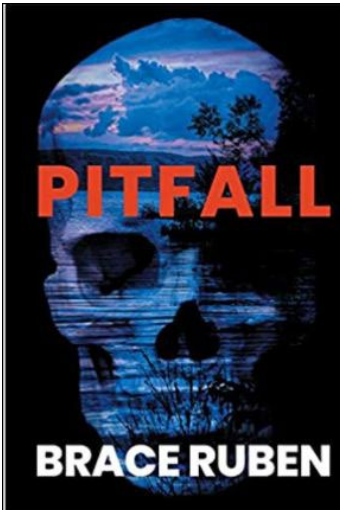
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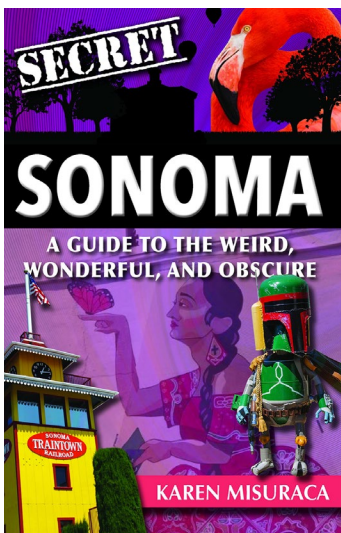


Pitfall is a romantic thriller set in the Minnesota north woods. The protagonist is a private forensic pathologist who serves families needing support and questions answered when it seems no one else cares. By coincidence, he finds himself caught up in a cold case of a young woman he once knew well in this rural lake country.

Bruce Koepp (pen name: Brace Ruben) is a retired medical professional who is finally embracing a fictional writing career after forty years of teaching, publishing in journals, seminars, and pathology. He prefers descriptive narratives of the midwestern culture, the colorful characters, and the psychological interaction of the past and present.



<https://www.amazon.com/Pitfall-Brace-Ruben/dp/1953910262/>



Secret Sonoma; A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure reveals 84 of the quirkiest, strangest, and least-known places and people to discover in the county, from fighter jets to Star Wars and hidden museums, roadhouses, totems, ghosts, and a Field of Dreams. Purchase *Secret Sonoma* at your local bookseller, on Amazon, or a [ReedyPress.com](https://www.reedy.com) (free shipping).

Karen Misuraca is an award-winning travel journalist and author of 10 guidebooks. Also a ghostwriter and book publicist, she contributes to the updates and rewrites of popular travel books about California, and she is the founder of [DeepCultureTravel.com](https://www.deepculturetravel.com).



<https://www.reedy.com/shop/secret-sonoma-a-guide-to-the-weird-wonderful-and-obscure/> or <https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B09NDWZDQ1/>



Returned from the war as a survivor of the Burma-Thai death railroad, Michale Paxton resumes his civilian life as a reporter for the Sydney Times. When the Australian political climate turns against a free and open press, he's determined to do the right thing. The question is: can he do it?

Joan Prebilich has been writing steadily since her retirement from language teaching in 2010. Having lived in post-war Germany and Vietnam-era Japan, she has maintained a lifelong interest in other cultures that is reflected in her novels and short stories.

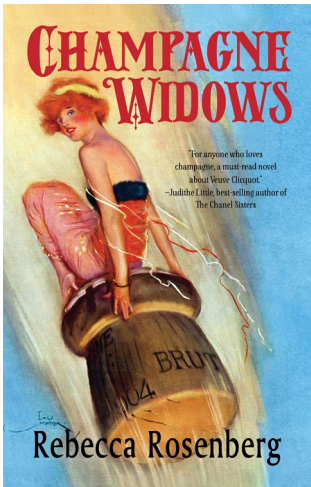
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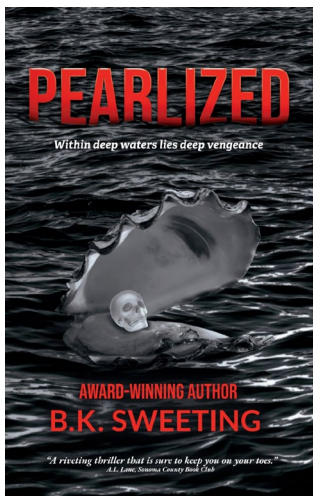
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2022 Historical Novel Society's Editors' Choice. *Champagne Widows*, first woman of champagne battled pandemics, mental illness, wars, sexist laws, and even Napoleon to forge a champagne empire.

Rebecca Rosenberg is a champagne historian, tour guide, and champagne cocktail creator for Breathless Wines. Her other award-winning novels include *The Secret Life of Mrs. London*, *Gold Digger: The Remarkable Baby Doe Tabor*, *Lavender Fields of America*.

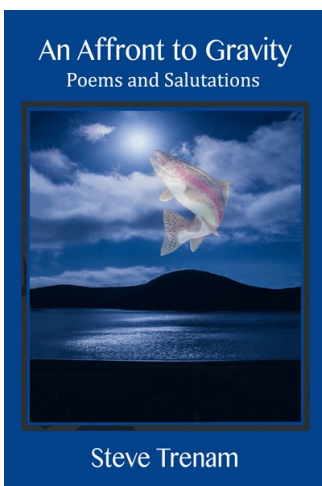
Follow Rebecca at Rebecca-Rosenberg.com or Facebook at rebeccarosenbergnovels.



Pearlized is filled with mystery, thrill, and unexpected twists and turns. Throughout his life, Oisín Murphy questions his mother's disappearance. A deadly adventure ensues, across East and West coastal waters, intertwining the ones closest to Oisín and bringing him to a climax that you won't see coming.

B. K. Sweeting is the author and illustrator of *Bubbly By The Sea*, a 2021 International Book Award-winner. She's a thriller enthusiast, wine connoisseur, and loves the sea. She currently lives in Northern California. Learn more at BKSweeting.com

<https://www.amazon.com/Pearlized-B-K-Sweeting/dp/1098397800/>



"As the initial poem, Full Circle, suggests, the reader will want to return to these pages again and again, meeting different versions of themselves, but also knowing that both the questions these poems elicit and the beauty they curate have no real end." *Megan Merchant*, author of *Before the Fevered Snow* (Stillhouse Press, 2020)

Steve Trenam teaches poetry writing for Santa Rosa Junior College. As a poet, he is neither sure-footed nor clear. Metaphorically speaking, Steve is out on a leafless limb with just spider webs and moss, listening to the silken slip of water over stone.

Pandemic Puzzle Poems and Canyon, River, Stone and Light, Nov. 2021.

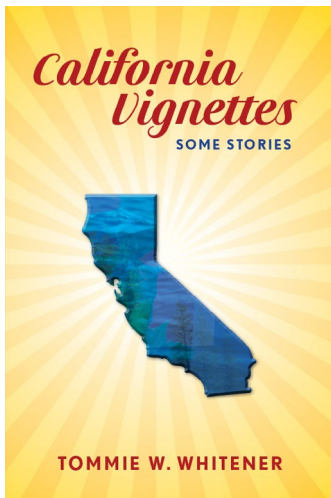
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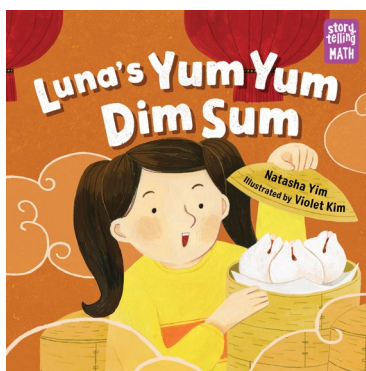
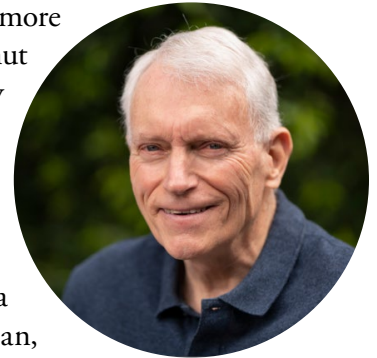


A collection of twelve short stories mainly about us more mature folks and running the subject matter gamut from a man coming to grips with a different sexuality after his wife dies, to grandparents second-guessing a planned move to another city to be closer to their grandchildren, to the eponymously named "The Asshole."

Often drawing material and ideas from his California upbringing and his long-term interest in things Russian, this is **Tommie Whitener's** second collection of short stories.

He also published a historical novel based on his Arkansas grandparents, as well as another novel about couples attending a personal development retreat.

<https://www.amazon.com/California-Vignettes-Tommie-W-Whitener/dp/0998681555/>



Luna and her family are celebrating her birthday with a dim sum lunch—Luna's favorite. But when Luna drops a pork bun, she and her two brothers must figure out how to share five buns fairly. Should some siblings get more? Or should they cut the buns into smaller and smaller pieces? An introduction to simple division and fractions.

Natasha Yim is a children's author, and freelance writer.

She has published seven picture books and written for the children's magazines *Highlights for Children*, *Appleseeds*,

Faces, and *Muse* as well as various adult magazines. Her two book projects with Disney/Pixar based on upcoming Pixar movies will be released on February 8 and May 3, 2022.

<https://www.amazon.com/Lunas-Yum-Dim-Storytelling-Math-ebook/dp/B086SCJHXX/>

