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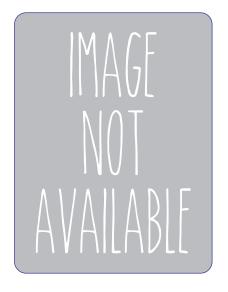
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RUTH AND THE SPARKLY UNICORN: A STORY ABOUT MONEY Dr. Nancy Huynh

When Ruth is challenged by her mom to come up with the funds to buy a Sparkly Unicorn toy she really wants, she embarks on an entrepreneurial journey. As she comes up with an idea to make her unicorn dreams come true, she learns the relationship between earning, spending, saving, and giving.

Ruth and the Sparkly Unicorn is a 750-word picture book that introduces important, essential money concepts to children through a fun, relatable, and whimsical story. This book is entertaining and secretly educational, not only in morals but also in finance management.

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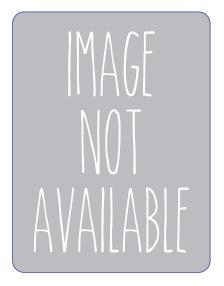


THIS IS NOT SNUGGLING **Stephanie Owen**

Although it's bedtime for Jeniva, she's not feeling sleepy. Her mother agrees to snuggle with her for five minutes, but this short duration gives Jeniva ample time to come up with ways to avoid falling asleep.

THIS IS NOT SNUGGLING is a 270-word picture book for children aged 2-5 that combines the sleep-avoiding storyline of INTERRUPTING CHICKEN by David Ezra Stein with the quick back-and-forth dialogue of PLEASE DON'T EAT ME by Liz Climo





ALLY & OL' GRUMBLE Nika Pronina

Celebrate age diversity with this sweet picture book!

All the neighbors think that Ol' Grumble has a dry pine cone instead of a heart. When Ally fails to learn how to ride a bike, a grumpy neighbor shows her a piece of his real heart and they both learn a valuable life lesson.

ALLY & OL' GRUMBLE RUN THROUGH PIGEONS is book 1 of a picture book series and contains 786-words. When nobody believed in Ol' Grumble, Ally's persistence and resilience shined through. Opposite perspectives are shown and explored through each other's actions.

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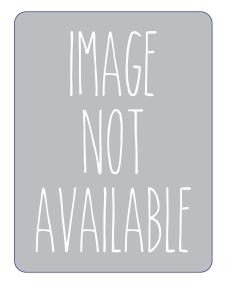


MY STORY MATTERS Stephanie Henson

In this unique, 629-word picture book, Stephanie Henson teaches kids to appreciate their own life story and others' life stories as well, but not validate themselves by comparison. The lessons learned from this book resonate across all religions, cultures, disabilities, and differences.

MY STORY MATTERS takes kids on a journey to find self-worth through beautiful metaphorical comparisons, easily relatable to all children. This teaches children to appreciate their own differences, as well as others.





SKIP DAY **Stephanie Henson**

Ferris Bueller meets Yes Day!

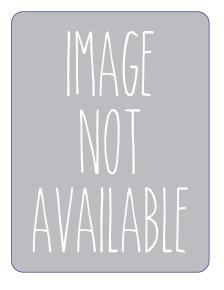
A child wakes up to the alarm, not quite ready to face the day of school. The mom sees the need to give a mental health day, so she lets her child sleep in while she plans a day full of fun activities.

SKIP DAY is a 477-word picture book.

Like Me & Mama (Cozbi Cabrera), Some Day is Not a Day of the Week (Denise Brennan-Nelson), and Days with Dad (Nari Hong), SKIP DAY focuses on the importance of spending time with parents/guardians.

SKIP DAY differs because it teaches children that even though working hard is important, it is also important to take a day off to feed our souls and replenish our minds.

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NOISES IN THE NIGHT Stephanie Owen

Find a twisted ending with mystery along the way. An adventurous boy follows a series of spooky clues when he hears strange noises in the middle of the night. What he discovers is not even close to the image in his mind.

NOISES IN THE NIGHT is a 422-word picture book with a twisted ending, that combines the mystery of THE DETECTIVE DOG with the rhyme and nighttime suspense of AFTER SQUIDNIGHT.

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BANKET FOR OMA Stephanie Owen

Cultural traditions, love, and strength join together to tug at your heartstrings in BANKET FOR OMA.

A young Dutch girl must break her tradition of baking Banket (Bon-KET: a holiday pastry) with her Oma, who is now in a nursing home suffering from memory loss. After making Banket with her Tante (Aunt) they bring the delicious treat to Oma. Will the familiar smell bring back Oma's memories?

A BANKET FOR OMA is a 764-word picture book written to show the joy of the Dutch tradition of making Banket and teach children how love is universal, no matter what part of the world we dwell in.

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NON **FICTION**

FICTION

NICE TO MEET YOU, MONEY! Dr. Nancy Hunyh

Nice to Meet you, Money! is an 807-word nonfiction picture book that introduces important, essential money concepts to children (ages 4-8) through relatable, easy-to-understand definitions and real-life examples.

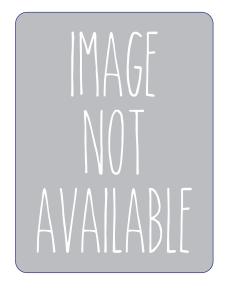
Research has shown that children as early as three can grasp basic money concepts, and most of our financial habits are set by age seven.

COMPS:

With the informative nature of National Geographic's Not So Common Cents and the easy-to-understand aspect of Cinder McLeod's *The Moneybunny Series*, Nice to Meet You Money promotes practical, essential money concepts, and all in a kid-friendly manner, that every child needs to understand.

MIDDLE GRADE

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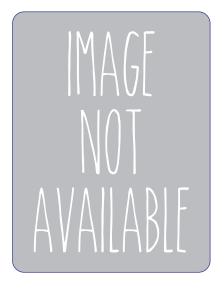
MARCELINE & THE STONELE MONSTER Nika Pronina

Marceline James' bedtime wish to become a superhero comes true when her bed flies her into the campus of Stonele Academy, a superhero training school. Upon landing, Marceline discovers mystical secrets about Stonele Academy, how to believe in herself and the value of friends.

MARCELINE & THE STONELE MONSTER is the first book of the new middle grade chapter book series, MARCELINE, and consists of 24,016 words. Each Marceline Series book will consist of new adventures. Each adventure takes place at Stonele Academy with her 2 best friends, Billy and Annie.

Book 2 is also finished and titled, MARCELINE & THE BLACKBIRD GHOST.

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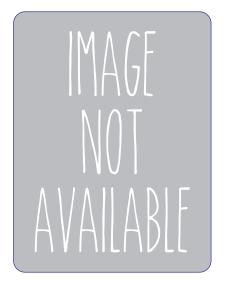
MARCELINE & THE BLACKBIRD GHOST Nika Pronina

The adventures continue with Marceline and her friends Billy and Annie.

MARCELINE & THE BLACKBIRD GHOST is Book 2 of the middle grade chapter book series, MARCELINE, Marceline, Billy and Annie set off to find the mystery behind the ghosts of Stonele Academy. When they come face to face with the ghost, will they survive to tell about it?

MIDDLE GRADE

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SHARE FAIRE FAMOUS Stephanie Henson

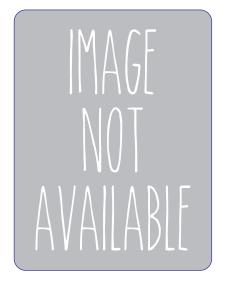
YouTube meets Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret! What happens when a former internet-famous baby grows up and walks the halls of middle school?

When most teens are competing for social media fame, he is sick of it! Throw in a bully, the race for Class President, first love, and finding purpose; all with pre-teen angst. SHARE FAIRE FAMOUS is a 29,257 word, quirky, coming-of-age tale meant for anyone who feels a little lost sometimes.

In SHARE FAIRE FAMOUS, we meet Marshall Hope, who was internet-famous as a baby. He is struggling with an identity crisis. Everyone thinks they know him, but he barely knows himself. Marshall wants his story to be his own and get away from the app that has defined his entire life--Share Faire.

Through various life-changing decisions, Marshall will embark on a journey to be proud of his future, but in order to move forward, he must take a step back from his fame.

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THE NORMAL YOU KNOW Stephanie Henson

Sydney Ellis, an 8th grader and aspiring journalist, has been bullied throughout middle school by former friends. Exclusion and intimidation are their game, but Sydney has a game of her own: keep your friends close but your enemies closer.

Sydney takes an assignment on the sports beat of the renowned school newspaper to gain access to the popular kids and get her revenge. She plans on interviewing them and using the dirt she finds to ruin each and every one of them.

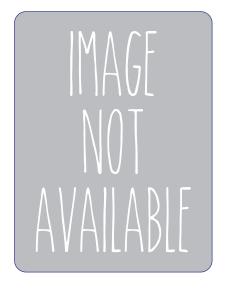
As Sydney gets involved in the lives of many of her fellow students, she begins to open her eyes to not only the reality she never knew about her classmates but many realities about herself as well.

Complications arise in the form of crushes and heartbreak, not to mention seeing her brother's best friend in a whole new light. As she becomes closer to her enemies, she realizes that she no longer wants to get revenge and that everyone has a story and it doesn't make her story any better to ruin others over theirs.

NON FICTION



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SURVIVING LIFE AS A MIRACLE CHILD Brandon C. Gandy

Brandon C. Gandy was born with 15 birth defects and has accumulated over 28 total surgeries throughout his life but never allowed his hardships to define who he is and how he went about pursuing his dreams.

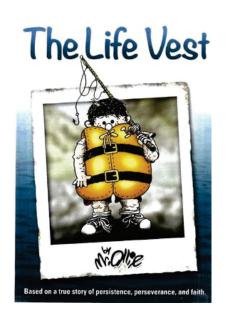
His faith in God and his strength brought him through the many moments his life hung by a thread.

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THE LIFE VEST Tim Oliphant (MR OLLIE)

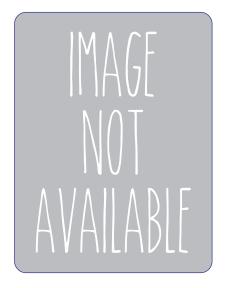
Lynn Johnston (For Better or For Worse Syndicated cartoonist) wrote the forward for The Life Vest.

The lively illustrated Memoir, The Life Vest, covers Tim Oliphant's childhood dream of becoming a cartoonist, his bumpy path that ultimately made his love for cartooning grow stronger, and how a major health problem changed his perspective of life and his life-long dream. What a great read for an adult or child--also a perfect research reference for kids who don't like to read or research!

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21 WEEKS TO (REAL) PROSPERITY Craig Brenton

21 Weeks to (Real) Prosperity is the only book that incorporates the most important biblical values as a guide to live a life of excellence—and it shows how to develop the discipline to achieve that prosperity in every part of life.

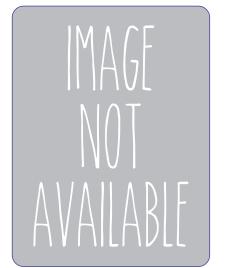
Twenty-one specific principles drawn from scripture constitute the basis for the pursuit of (Real) biblical prosperity. (Real) prosperity equals the pursuit of personal excellence through the application of 21 biblical principles for your physical and emotional health, your family life, your career, your money, and your relationship with God.

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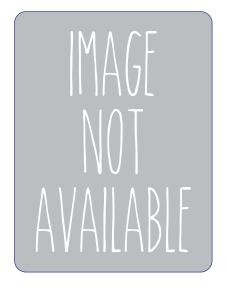
SQUIGGLEVISION! 30 YEARS OF KVETCHING FROM THE COUCH OF DR. KATZ, PROFESSIONAL THERAPIST Mathew Klickstein

Written with the support of Jonathan Katz (star/co-creator), Tom Snyder (co-creator and developer of the unique "Squigglevision" animation software), and Loren Bouchard (who started on the show before moving on to co-create Adult Swim's first series, HOME MOVIES, and then BOB'S BURGERS).

This new project is a deep-dive exploration of not only DR. KATZ, PROFESSIONAL THERAPIST, but also the context and subtext of the unique time in which it was spawned, and why its resonance still runs strong today. 2025 is the sshow's 30th anniversary.



FICTION



PROTECTING FAITH Angela Dewoody-Mitchell

Safe Haven meets To the Moon and Back

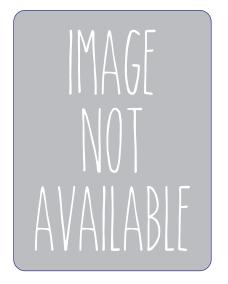
Pre-K teacher Faith Roberts is running away from a sinister past that left her mostly broken, but held together only by her strong faith in God.

Charles Meredith, her abusive ex-fiancé can't accept she is gone. He continues to delusionally believe she still loves him. He found her new hometown and secretly watches her every move.

As Faith fearfully starts her new life, she becomes acquainted with the handsome new officer, named Ryan Madsen, who protects the school she is teaching at. Ryan is hiding behind an emotional wall caused by the pains of his past.

As Faith and Ryan break down their emotional barriers together, Charles, who is only a knife's edge away from insanity, tries to destroy them both--and anyone who gets in his way.

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LOVE AND COFFEE Jennifer Emmert

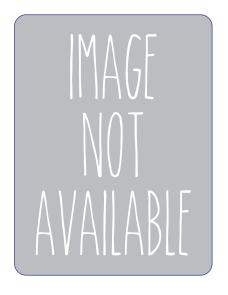
Happy Ever After by Nora Roberts meets The Christmas Café by Eliza Evans

Sarah Lewis and her two single friends started a coffeehouse in central Minnesota, hoping to find their true love while serving great coffee. However, Sarah's blind dates are unsuccessful, and her friends face their own challenges.

The pursuit of happiness is a bumpy road with fuzzy cats, cranky accountants, failed meringue, and regular visits from law enforcement.



FICTION



WHEN THE ACCORDION PLAYER SINGS Phil Percy

The Matrix meets Legion!

The Scar by Sergey Dyachenko meets The Bourne Ultimatum by Robert Ludlum

William Mulroney is a dangerous man. Once the hunter, the former government assassin is now the hunted. He knows he cannot atone for all the killing he has done. Before he can take one final life—his own — he must attempt to set the record straight and tell his story.

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UNRAVELING THE DARK Alejandro Leopardi

The Matrix meets Legion!

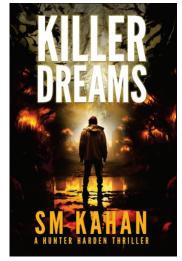
Running for his life, Matt Garcia is cornered in a basement and fearing t he worst. Dark figures draw closer to him, the end just about inevitable. He left Washington, DC a year earlier to escape his old life, but his new life proves more dangerous than he could've ever imagined. Two sinister doctors masquerading as researchers studying how music affects the brain, take Matt on as a research assistant at The Institute of Neuroscience Research (INR) in San Diego. Part of his job involved finding participants for their experiments, but It turns into a nightmare where he's actually the unwitting villain. Disappearances become a common occurrence, some seemingly connected to INR, many, he fears, attributed to him. Now it's up to Matt to uncover the truth behind INR's experiments to save not only himself, but others who've been hurt or soon will be.

Alejandro is an award-winning screenplay writer. WE won 39 awards and 27 nominations Alejandro also wrote a short story, SUNNYVILLE, that was published in the Sci-Fi anthology, Alien Aberrations.



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KILLER SERIES (6-BOOK Hunter Harden Series)



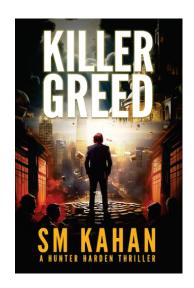
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KILLER DREAMS (book 1) SM Kahan

"He'd never heard such fear in a voice, ever. It sounded as if the man was being attacked by demons from Hell itself." When a disgraced Hollywood celebrity is found dead in his mansion, maverick LAPD detective Hunter Harden is brought onto the case to find answers.

But the questions aren't just impossible – they're terrifying. How can a killer get into a locked room in a well-secured mansion? How can a man die, in panic, without any signs of being attacked? Who is behind this killing, and what are their real motives? When another death follows soon, and a woman is abducted, the chase is on.

Hunter knows he has to unlock the secrets behind these murders and where he needs to start--It's what he doesn't know that could kill him. Spine-chilling and thought-provoking, Killer Dreams will keep you turning pages well into the night. After all, who'd want to sleep after reading this?



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KILLER GREED (book 2) SM Kahan

"If you fail, this will destroy you. If I were you, I'd step away now." Brilliant, maverick LAPD detective Hunter Harden has been assigned a seemingly impossible case. High-profile charity CEOs are being murdered, brutally and untraceably. With a serious injury and an insubordination charge hanging over him, if he can't solve this, it's the nail in the coffin of his career.

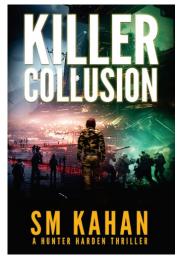
The enigmatic Emma Harper spearheads DonorScale, the go-to software startup for nonprofits, where Hunter discovers a common thread between the victims. But why is Emma's personal life so secretive? Is she supporting two widowed families out of the goodness of her heart – or is there a darker reason?

Jay Edgar is the hotshot young coder powering DonorScale to greater success. Jay's a good guy, apart from the slip-up that landed him in prison for a few years. He's promised himself he'll never commit another crime, though – until he gets an offer that he can't resist. But it'll be okay if nobody else knows about it. Won't it? Killer Greed is a gripping page-turner, packed with shocking twists and turns, and an ending that will leave you gasping



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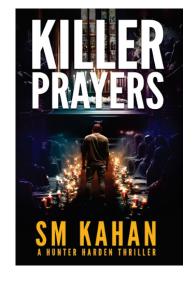
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KILLER COLLUSION (book 3) SM Kahan

Everybody loves the Carl Commando action figure that's sparked a multi-billion dollar spinoff industry. Kids love it because of the thrilling interactive games that make them feel like real superheroes. Parents love it because their kids are outdoors, strategizing, and problem-solving. But other people, moving in the shadows of its success, love the Carl Commando juggernaut for different reasons. Bigger, darker, and much more secret reasons.

When a string of seemingly inexplicable and unrelated murders occurs in Los Angeles, LAPD detective Hunter Harden must use all his skills to unravel the web of deception that links the crimes and catch the killer. But those in the shadows are ready to do whatever it takes to protect their interests. Murder is only the first step.

Killer Collusion is a high-stakes, fast-paced, and frighteningly plausible thriller packed with tense action and shocking twists.



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KILLER PRAYERS (book 4) SM Kahan

"She looks like she's repenting, too late – for something terrible." In a shocking discovery, a woman's body is found, stripped naked, kneeling, and posed in a graveyard. The macabre scene seems to show the world she is repenting for her sins.

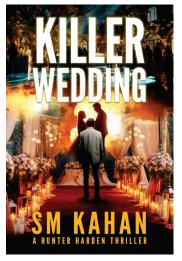
As other bodies are discovered in similar poses, LAPD detective Hunter Harden races to find the killer. The common thread is soon evident – all the victims were part of a charismatic church, Wellspring, that promises to save its members - for a price. But is it a church or a cult? And who is really behind it?

With massive vested interests at stake, Hunter's search for the truth leads him into a tangled web of lies that reaches far into the past. The message is clear – nobody involved with the Wellspring Church should trust anyone close to them.

Perhaps, this time, that includes Hunter himself.

A spellbinding, disturbing thriller with a shocking twist in the tale, Killer Prayers will keep you turning pages long after dark.

KILLER SERIES (6-BOOK Hunter Harden Series)



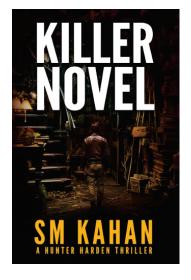
INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND FILM RIGHTS AVAILABLE KILLER WEDDING (book 5) SM Kahan

The first time it happened, people thought it was a shocking accident. The second time, they began to worry.

And when the videos were discovered, panic spread.

Hollywood high-society weddings are grand productions where fairytale fantasies come true. But now, these glorious events end in 'happily never after'. Someone's killing brides at the most dramatic moments of their ceremonies, with chilling videos posted anonymously online just before each death occurs.

When terrified bride-to-be Jessica Adams contacts the LAPD asking for protection at her upcoming wedding, Detective Hunter Harden realizes that Jessica holds crucial secrets that might lead to the murderer. Jessica can help them solve this crime. But her secrets go far beyond the identity of the Wedding Killer. And they're making her a target. Killer Wedding is a fast-paced roller coaster ride, with twists and turns that will leave you gasping.



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KILLER NOVEL (book 6) SM Kahan

'The Bookworm's Citadel,' the largest independent bookstore in the USA, has a vast collection of rare and forbidden murder-mystery books draws readers from all over the world. But is it possible that these tomes hide a malevolent force, driving readers to commit unspeakable acts, just like the killers in the stories they adore?

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