



The Artsy Raven

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Recently I spoke to my mother-in-law about wanting more art for our home, but I couldn't afford large gallery prices or had time to go to art auctions in person. She told me about a few online places to visit and voilà, I found some awesome art without breaking the piggy bank! The oil painting in the picture above cost me \$5 Cdn + 18% buyers premium which is a fee the seller pays. The availability will depend on the time and place since you would search in your area and drive there to pick up the art.

Summer was really busy this year, had to deal with a lot of family issues, so I am glad September has started because it means a more normal schedule for our household. At the end of September is the Word on the Street festival in Toronto so I will be busy preparing for that. If you are in Toronto between September 28-29, please visit the Asian Canadian Writers' Workshop booth and I will be there!

- JF Garrard

Latest Artsy Raven Podcast Episodes



Ep 60 Navigating the spaces of ethnicity and family as a transnational adoptee

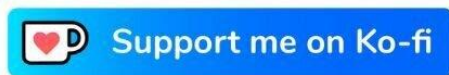
Jenny Heijun Wills shares her childhood experience growing up as a transnational adoptee, how the media chooses to represent Asian cultures and why she writes.

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Artsy Fun - Local Online Art Auctions



Recently I've developed an addiction to a website called [Maxsold](#). Maxsold is a website an online auction platform that connects buyers and sellers. The sellers I've met are either small auction businesses, people who flip estate goods for a hobby or folks who are moving houses and want to get rid of stuff. Maxsold also has staff that can organize and run the auction for sellers. The reason why Maxsold is so attractive to me is because 1) most art items have no min bid or amount that has to be met so you can get some bargains and 2) you can pick up the item locally to save on shipping as well. Check out the website and let me know if you find anything awesome!

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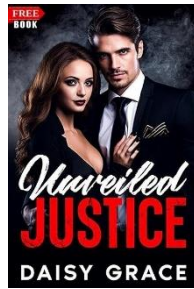


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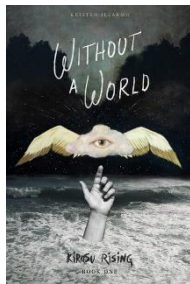
Echoes of Fear by Keyla Damaer (click to download). When the enemy captures its commanding officer and two Augments attack the station, Halazar, the station's second-in-command, finds herself thrust into the most daunting battle of all: the one against her fears. Will she be able to save both the station and its commander without falling prey to the ghosts of her past?



Unveiled Justice : Enemies To Lovers Romantic Suspense by Daisy Grace (click to download). I want a second chance with Rachel but I feel there is something she is hiding from me. I'm thrust into a high-profile murder case with Rachel. A prosecutor and my former flame.



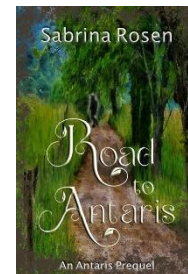
Hometown Space Pirate by C.G. Harris (click to download). Ben hears voices ... alien voices. Aliens, robots, and spaceships all rolled up into one hilarious, page-turning story.



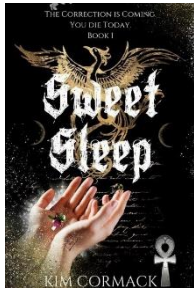
Without A World by Kristen Illarmo (click to download). When Miranda learns her mother was right, Earth will fall into a black hole of their own making; she must find the strength to save her family. YA Sci-Fi adventure with a dose of magic and a bonus soundtrack.



The Obstructed Engine by Jonathan Fesmire (click to download). This prequel short story to "The Adventures of Bodacious Creed" reveals how Anna Lynn Boyd, young brothel madam and secret inventor, resurrected her pet cat, met her partner Jonny, and how Jonny became mute. Honorable mention in the Writers of the Future Contest.



Road to Antaris by Sabrina Rosen (click to download). All Aliexos wants is a family. But time has run out. His people don't reward curiosity, and that's only one of his problems with finding partners. Without mates, he is outcast from society and homeless.



Sweet Sleep by Kim Cormack ([click to download](#)). Would you live your life differently if you knew you were going to be corrected from this world after your sixteenth birthday? You and your twin sister were never meant to be born. There will be nowhere to run. No place to hide. You won't even know they're coming. Do you have what it takes to survive your Correction? Could you leave your humanity behind?

