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Happy September!

If you are in Toronto, later this month there is the free [Word on the Street](#) festival downtown where there will be lots of authors, publishers and literary organizations gathered in one place. I'll be at the [Asian Canadian Workshop](#) table promoting our literary works and helping out at the [Canadian Authors Association table](#). Word on the Street also has a podcast featuring interviews with Canadian authors and occasionally they have free online events.

I was busy last weekend doing a lot of cooking as I'm doing a few cookbook reviews. When the articles are published, I'll include them in upcoming newsletters.

- JF Garrard

President, Dark Helix Press Podcast Host, *The Artsy Raven* Literary Podcast

Latest Artsy Raven Podcast Episodes

JF Garrard (writer, editor and publisher) has frank conversations with writers, editors, publishers, artists, actors, directors and other art professionals about what inspires them to create and what led to their success. Writers on the podcast will showcase their work by reading from their book.



Ep 84 The Accountant Who Became a Crime Writer with Anthony Bidulka

Anthony Bidulka shares how he transitioned from an accountant to acclaimed author, breaks down the importance of a character bible, and reveals why the crime genre keeps him coming back for more.



Ep 85 Monetizing Memories with Yiming Ma

Yiming Ma shares why he transitioned from the tech and finance world into writing, what inspired his dystopian novel *These Memories Do Not Belong to Us*, and why he sees his memories in monochrome.

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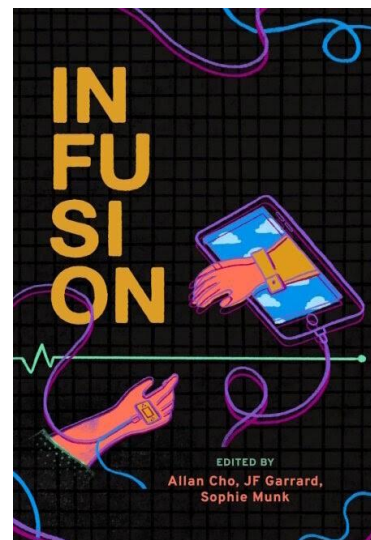
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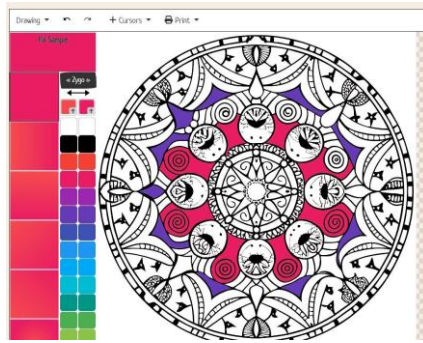
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Books released in March 2025 we'll be selling for rest of the year!



Artsy Fun - Online Colouring



There has been a trend of colouring books for relaxation and meditation lately. But what if you don't want to buy any supplies?

Well, the free and cheap solution is online colouring! As long as you keep the web browser open, you can keep colouring. Alternatively you can save a copy for later or print it out after you are done! There are many pages available, ranging from mandalas to buildings to cartoons.

Site - <https://www.coloringonline.com/>

Story Origin Group Book Promos



The Darker Side of Speculative Fiction. Get these books fast! This promotion ends October 4th!
([click to download](#))

SUPER HEROES AND VILLAINS



Superheroes and Villains. Get these books fast! This promotion ends October 1st! ([click to download](#))

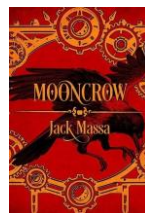


How Many Days Till Halloween?: An All-Genre Halloween Giveaway. Get these books fast! This promotion ends September 30th! ([click to download](#))

Story Origin Fellow Author Promos



The Survivors by Richard Rimington ([click to download](#)). In this tale of space opera and cosmic adventure, the Ambassador of a mysterious and ancient family must forge a path through chaos to overcome the terrible enemies that desire humanity's destruction. Her plan to avert galactic catastrophe will unite a band of survivors who have faced every imaginable danger and disaster.



Mooncrow by Jack Massa ([click for preview](#)). In the distant future, a masked magician wages a one-man war against a merciless empire. With airships and firebombs, the Moldorns have conquered all in their path. After barely escaping a sneak attack, Teron, a fledgling wizard, returns to his northern homeland. At night, he becomes the Mooncrow, a masked swordsman terrorizing the Moldorn lords in their towering citadel. But how long can he keep up the masquerade?



The Shadow Thief by Phoebe Ravencraft ([click to download](#)). Wren Xavier is running out of time. After discovering a power-hungry baron is building a doomsday machine, the highly trained secret agent is determined to make certain it is never deployed. But now, the twisted noble threatens to use it on his own daughter the same woman with whom Wren is in love....



Dropnauts by J. Scott Coatsworth ([click to download](#)). Twenty brave dropnauts from the moon set off on a mission to explore the empty planet of Earth. Four of them—Rai, Hera, Ghost and Tien—have trained for two-and-a-half years for the Return. They're bound for Martinez Base, just outside the Old Earth city of San Francisco. But what awaits them there will turn their assumptions upside down—and in the process, either save or destroy what's left of humanity.



Loss of the Unbound: Ordeal of the Dracomancer by Luna Fox (Author) and F. Lowberry ([click for preview](#)). One year has passed since the terrible events at Eldenhaven—one year since the bond shared between Kalindra and Rina was severed. One year since war was declared by Lundell upon Dracomancers, and one year since Parthenis has known nothing but war... What will become of them as they learn who's behind the Final War?



Poisoned Splinter by A.J. Park ([click to download](#)). Dia never wanted a throne, until she accidentally falls for Sam, the man destined to sit on it. Their happiness is interrupted by sightings of a colossal black bird, the omen of evil, bringing illness and death to their people. Desperate for a solution, they hunt the dark sorcerer responsible. Just as they uncover the final clue, they are banished to the savage jungle.



Offset by Lynn M. Kristopher ([click to download](#)). Sixteen-year-old Rachel Quinn just wants to disappear for the summer. Keep her head down. Stay unnoticed. But then she sees him. Same man. Same café. Same time. When she takes his usual seat, the world shifts — just slightly. A memory misplaced. A moment misaligned. Reality is cracking at the edges. And Rachel is the only one who sees it.



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