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The weather is getting colder and the "Halloween house" near me on my street is renting a crane again to put up massive decorations! I am happy that Halloween is around the corner, but at the same time, my friends and I are experiencing survivor's guilt.

In the last newsletter I wrote about my missing friend in Nepal who has two young kids and a wife in Canada. It's been over a month and there is no news. His relatives went to Nepal to look for him, but there is still over 4000 people missing and the news cycle has moved on to more recent disasters.

My lovely father-in-law also passed away peacefully in his sleep recently and it is easier to accept his situation because he lived a long and good life before going.

I have been stuck for a while writing and re-writing the first few chapters for the sequel to *Ghost Bride of Gum San*, but finally got some momentum going.

Please check out the latest podcasts and spooky books by my fellow authors below. Happy Future Thanksgiving and Halloween!

- JF Garrard

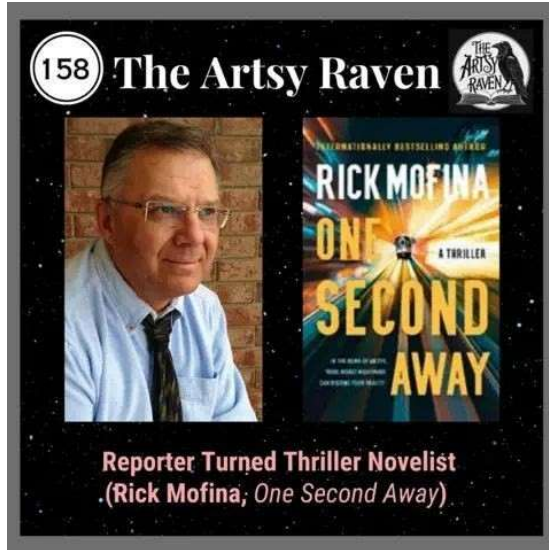
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Latest Artsy Raven Podcast Episodes

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.

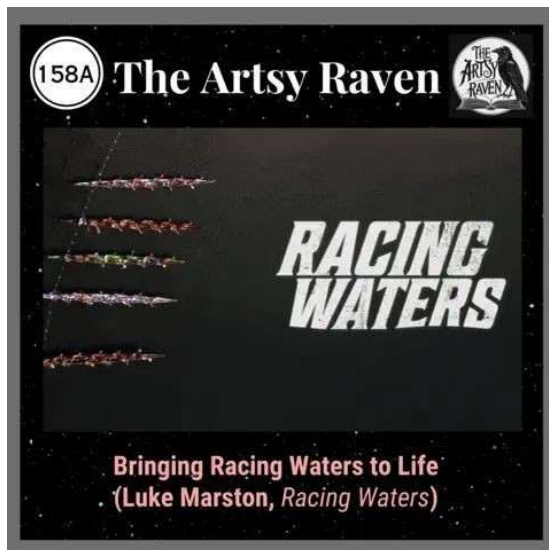
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Ep158 Reporter Turned Thriller Novelist with Rick Mofina

Rick Mofina reflects on his journey from journalist to bestselling thriller novelist, explains why reviewing a publishing contract is the quickest cure for writer's block, and shares how the publishing industry has evolved throughout his career.



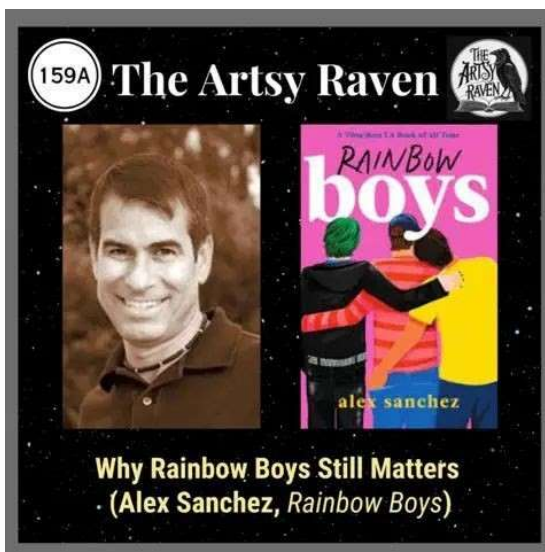
Ep158A Bringing Racing Waters to Life with Luke Marston

Luke Marston explores the origins of Indigenous war canoe racing, the differences between war canoe and outriggerracing, and the challenges of bringing powerful stories to life through a documentary series.



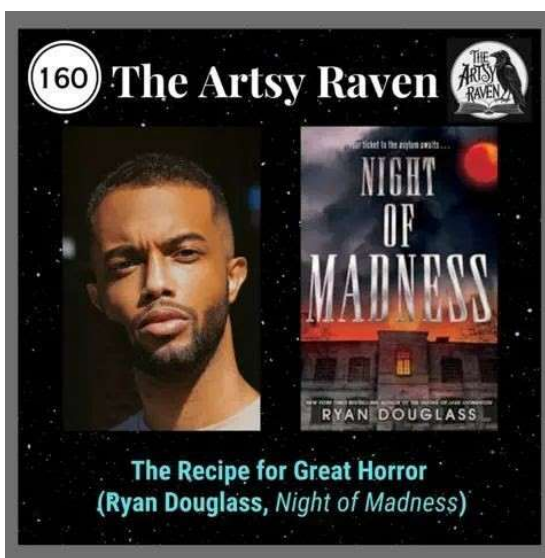
Ep159 Horror Through Women's Eyes with Beck Kubrick

Beck Kubrick shares their path to becoming a graphic novelist, the power of telling horror through women's perspectives, and why aspiring writers should trust their instincts and embrace their authentic voices.



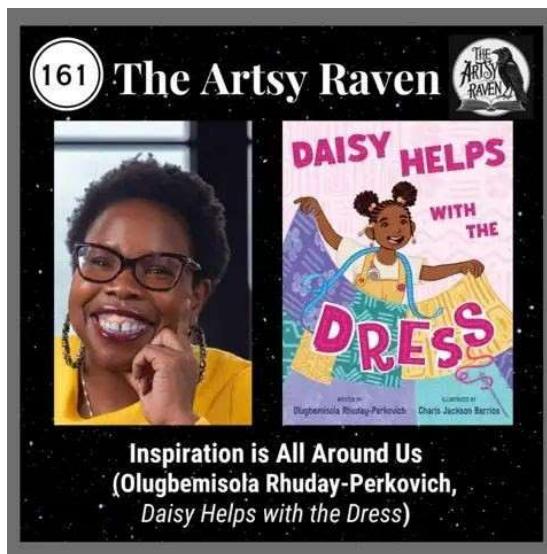
Ep159A Why Rainbow Boys Still Matters with Alex Sanchez

Alex Sanchez discusses how his writing and the LGBTQ+ landscape have evolved over the past 25 years, why he continues to take writing workshops, and the deliberate decision to keep death out of the Rainbow Boys series.



Ep160 The Recipe for Great Horror with Ryan Douglass

Ryan Douglass talks about writing across different genres, the seasonal treats he bakes, and what makes a horror story unforgettable.



Ep161 Inspiration is All Around Us with Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich discusses why diversity is essential in the publishing industry, what draws her to writing for children, and why writers should go outside their homes to find inspiration in the world around them.



Ep162A From Street Dance to Acting with Russell Lee

Russell Lee shares how his journey from street dancing led him to acting, what he learned from his acting debut, and why telling stories that inspire and empower others matters.

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Events - Can Con, Ottawa

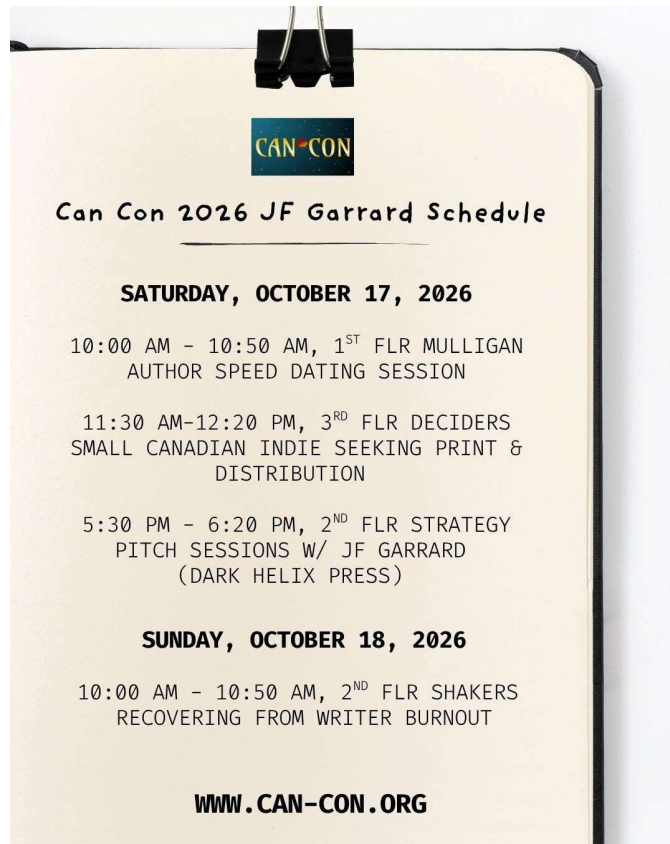


I'll be doing panels and workshops at Can Con in Ottawa, a horror, fantasy, scifi, specific literary convention!

October 16-18, 2026

At the Brookstreet Hotel

525 Legget Dr, Ottawa (Kanata), ON <https://www.can-con.org/>



Artsy Fun - *One Piece*



Recently my child has demanded I watch a live action anime show on Netflix called *One Piece*. I had very low expectations because often such translations don't work that well in real life. But the production of *One Piece* live action did blow me away! The story and costumes were incredibly accurate to the anime/manga and the actors gave off great energy. It helped that there was a big special effects budget too!

The story itself is simple, it's about an optimistic young pirate named Monkey D. Luffy as he gathers a misfit crew to find the legendary "One Piece" treasure and to become the King of the Pirates. Luffy faces a lot of challenges from encountering deadly pirate competitors to marines hunting him down.

Overall the message is one of never giving up on your dreams and hopes!

Wikipedia page: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_Piece_\(2023_TV_series\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_Piece_(2023_TV_series))

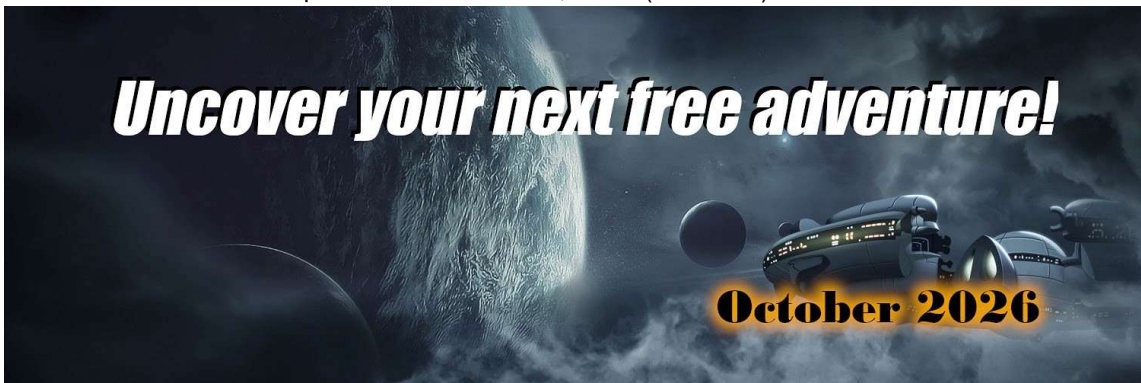
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Fellow Indie Author Promos



The Control Room: Part 1 by Miriam Khan ([click for preview](#)). The Control Room is a clean British mafia romance with U.S AND U.K Italians and a unique soft scifi story about rivalry and revenge with the use of advanced technology and time travel into multidimensional universes. The novel has been described as Romeo and Juliet meets the Matrix and Total Recall, and a pageturning, imaginative story about love in unexpected places, survival, and second chances.



Uncanny & Uncouth by Vanessa Perry ([click to download](#)). Uncanny and Uncouth brings together the best of horror, science fiction, and fantasy with a shared devotion to the gothic. This collection of tales wanders through laboratories and along the decks of ships hurtling through space. They travel across fairy-tale realms and into haunted landscapes. We walk among the beautiful and the grotesque, and the living and the dead. Won't you walk with us?



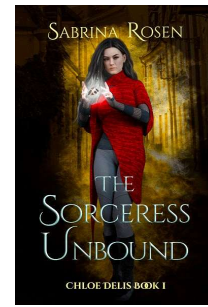
Daphne Mayne and the Hounds of Magic by Kent Silverhill ([click to download](#)). Sick to death of magic, all that Daphne Mayne wants is to forget about it...But when a young female elf called Aleihra comes looking for the Wightstone, which Daphne had thrown away, forgetting she has magic powers isn't an option. A huge army of ogres is threatening the elves' city of Luillan and the only hope the elves have of defeating them lies in the power of the Wightstone.



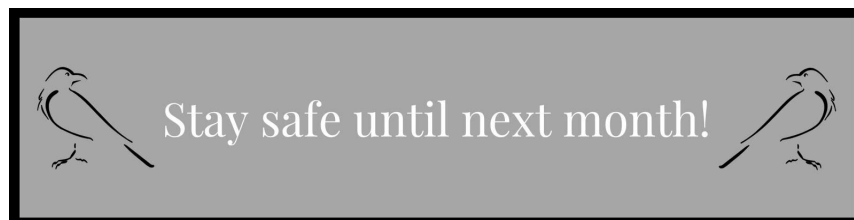
Cosmic Chaos Installment 1 by Graham Burnett ([click to download](#)). This will be the first digital novelisation installment into the seven part cosmic chaos installment series. The justice league and The avengers face off against each other, but this is only the beginning of what this story really is, this is a story of ultimate horror and survival as we all get to see how the events are unfolded that ultimately puts everyone, everything and everywhere to the ultimate test, who will survive, will anyone survive, only the story will tell.



Berikatanyan Dawn by John Beresford ([click to download](#)). On Earth a stranger is convicted of murder, though he has no memory of the crime. A young architect wins his Masters degree, but -- still battling his demons -- he makes a momentous decision. A young woman waits for her father to come home, but her troubles are only just beginning. These three people share a connection they have yet to discover. On the remote world of Berikatanya the people suffer the most cataclysmic failure of Elemental magic in their history. How will they deal with the loss of so many powerful magicians?



The Sorceress Unbound: Chloe Delis Book 1 by Sabrina Rosen ([click to download](#)). Chloe Delis has a new job as the Sorceress for the city of West Rhodes. But her spells are behaving unpredictably, And she has a terrible case of imposter syndrome. The murder of the priestess who might have given her Some insights into her new abilities plunges her in over her head. Then a beastial starts eating its victim's internal organs And it's like nothing Chloe's been trained for. Can she find the creature and kill it before it takes another life?



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