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Welcome to the Artsy Raven Club newsletter! We decided to merge Dark Helix Press newsletter subscribers with the Artsy Raven Club because we were sending out the same content to different lists. Putting everyone together makes it more efficient for us to disseminate content. I'm sure there are marketing experts who think I'm doing this all wrong, but I am a very tired writer/publisher trying to do everything all at once!

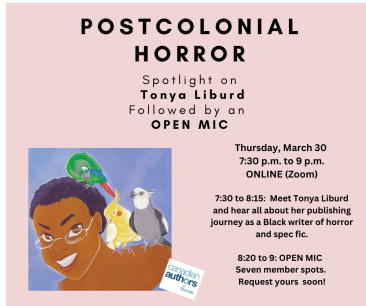
Important content such as events, new podcast episodes, interviews and artsy stuff is at the top. The bottom is reserved for a long list of free eBooks and promos to help readers discover new authors.

This month, a group I serve as Co-President of, [CAA-Toronto](#), has invited Tonya Liburd to speak about her work as a postcolonial horror writer. I don't know much about this subject, so it'll be interesting to find out!

I'm revamping [the Artsy Raven podcast](#) and will be relaunching in April with my first guest being Lindsay Wong of Woo-Woo fame! So I need to get a move on!

Best,

Event updates - Free talk by a Postcolonial Horror Writer



On March 30, 2023, [CAA-Toronto](#) will be hosting a free event featuring writer Tonya Liburd. She will be speaking about her experience as a magazine editor, thoughts about code switching, Black horror, and postcolonial horror along with updates about her work in progress. [Click this link to register on Zoom.](#)



Recently I was a guest at Strong Women Strange World's (SWSW) birthday bash! SWSW is a group that promotes women writers and they have free virtual readings every month. [Check out this link for the latest author readings.](#)

Design - Emotional Damage



Recently my child started telling me that I caused them "emotional damage" while pointing and laughing at me. So I made a t-shirt/notebook/art print design in response! They are quite horrified at this, which makes me feel satisfied. [Click here to see all the designs for sale on Threadless, all proceeds go towards Dark Helix Press](#) to make more books!

Artsy Fun - Making Rose Cupcakes

Recently I was asked to demonstrate how to make "rose cupcakes" which is a technique using an icing tip to squeeze icing onto a cupcake. It takes about five seconds and looks like you spent hours doing this! I used boxed cake mix and store bought buttercream. Ideally making your own buttercream would be good because you still have to add things (cornstarch, icing sugar, etc) to thicken up the store bought icing. [Click here to access the video for the secret of rose cupcakes!](#)

Also this graphic was a finalist in the Canva design challenge for video screen captures!



Free Book Giveaways and Promos

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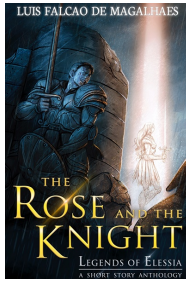
[Strands of Time by Kris Ruhler \(click for free review copy\).](#)

An invasion threat. A guardian in peril. A seventeen-year-old boy to save them all...even as he questions his origins and sanity. All Kallum wants is a peaceful life in Levitor city with the girl of his dreams. He has life all planned out. But after a simulation test unexpectedly leaves him reeling, normal takes a whole different meaning. He loses his guardian and fears he's turning into his worst nightmare—a Crazy.



[The Second Son by Lindsay N. Lawton \(click for free eBook\).](#)

What's better than being the future King? Being the second so, no rules or regulations. Nothing to live up to. A spin-off prologue short story The Second Son, is about Prince Nikolai who was the second in line to the throne and lived a carefree life of teaching and travel but but an event will bring his life to an abrupt stop.



***The Rose and The Knight* by Luis Falcao de Magalhaes (click for free eBook).** A guilt-ridden knight seeking redemption at the edge of a blade. A would-be emperor on a quest for prophecy. A young cleric finding purpose amidst the deepest darkness. Their stories will shape the future of Elessia for ages to come.



***The Binding* by David Phifer (click for free eBook).** What if Deadpool was a Sassy Witch? Serena is a world class necromancer, a self-proclaimed master of the undead. But when someone starts killing the remaining witches, she must fight for her life against an enemy that is immune to the dark arts.



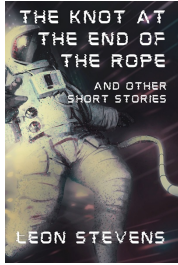
***The Silent Raven* by OT Goldman (click for free preview).** Raven is tasked with the elimination of an unknown target of unknown capabilities at an unknown location. The client? Equally enigmatic with the means to pay triple the Bloody Murder's exorbitant fee. In this tale of deadly knives and high alchemy, Raven must set out across the unforgiving Djudeni desert alone, infiltrate the reclusive nation of Sai'ja without detection, and eliminate his target by any of the considerable means at his disposal.



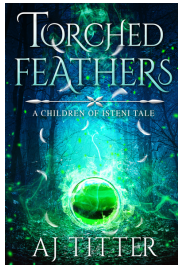
***Dawn of Assassins* by Jon Cronshaw (click for free preview).** Fedor is a thief...not a killer. But when a master assassin recruits him as his next apprentice, he is forced into a life he does not want and cannot escape. If he leaves, he will die. But if he stays, he must kill. Can he survive the master's relentless evaluation?



***Withdrawal* by Bradley Lejeune (click to download free eBook).** When the enigmatic but powerful Koru unexpectedly abandon their embassy on Proxima Centauri, Vik—a one-time activist and war hero—and his shadowy friend Copeland attempt to find out if this is a prelude to a war that would prove disastrous for humanity. Their search for answers leads to dangerous discoveries. Will Vik now risk his marriage and comfortable life if it means a chance to finally find out the truth?



***The Knot at the End of the Rope and Other Short Stories* by Leon Stevens (click for free eBook).** A journey to the center of the universe. Humanity's final days. A strange midnight visitor. A faster than light test with unforeseen results. Writings found in a desolate world. These are just some of the short stories in this collection along with some short post-apocalyptic tales and poems, which are sure to kickstart your imagination.



***Torched Feathers* by AJ Titter (click for free eBook).** Fledgling is timid, insecure, and apprehensive. She is also the next Kana, matriarch of the Sky clan. At only eight summers, Fledgling feels the clan scrutinizing her every move. And not just her clan, but the Sea and Earth clans as well. Soldiers arrive at the edge of the clans' wood, interrupting their peaceful life. And animosity turns to hatred.

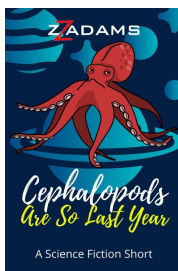


***Hooked: Peter Pan falls for Captain Hook's daughter (Rakes and Ruin)* by M.C. Frank (click for more info).** Peter Pan falls for Captain Hook's daughter..."Promise me you won't forget me." "Are you daft? I'd sooner forget my own name."nBut he did forget. And she didn't see him again for years. When she finally met him, he wasn't her Peter any longer: he was a stranger. A pirate. An

enemy.



***The Enigmatic Skeleton* by Newton Webb (click for free eBook).** The contents of an Anglo-Saxon museum incur an investigation with deadly consequences.



***Cephalopods Are So Last Year: A Humorous Science Fiction Short (ZZ Adams Shorts)* by ZZ Adams (click for free preview).** For Jasper Hughes, online dating is a final last attempt at being a human in an octopod world. The only other option is to give up and he's not quite willing to do that just yet. He might have planned the perfect evening with a young, professional woman of the right species. The only problem is, he's not alone.

Norman—his octopod symbiote—always has his tentacles wrapped around Jasper’s throat and isn’t afraid to steer the ship.



[Beauty is a Blade by Justin Bourne Boring \(click for free eBook\)](#). There is no force more compelling on Earth or in the parallel realms than forbidden love. A Dark Fantasy Romance. Do you love strong, female shifters and sexy, savage male sorcerers?

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