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Summer is almost over and finally the children can go back to school to give parents some peace during the day! Time passes by so quickly, I have to remind myself to slow down and enjoy the moment, whether it's just looking at the floating clouds in the sky or the tasting the sweetness of melting ice cream in the sun. May you find some moments to enjoy before summer ends!

Best,
-JF Garrard

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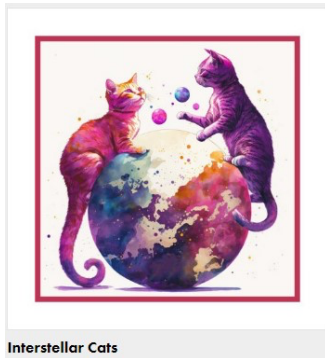


On episode 38 of the Artsy Raven, Akemi C. Brodsky shares with us her views on switching from engineering and academia to becoming a full time novelist! A brave move and we hope her debut novel does well.



On episode 39 of the Artsy Raven, Wattpad Star, book reviewer and sensitivity reader Idris Grey shares how she gained success and reads from a work in progress!

Design - Interstellar Cats



With all the happy and sad things happening to me, sometimes I think we are just being played around with by interstellar cats. Hence this design and us poor souls on Earth being cat toys!

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Artsy Fun - Winchester Mystery House



The Winchester Mystery House is a historical landmark in San Jose, California, built by Sarah Lockwood Pardee Winchester, the widow of William Wirt Winchester and heiress to the Winchester fortune. There is a story that she began building this house and never stopped building it

(until the day she died) because she was worried about being chased by spirits killed by Winchester guns. The 160 room house is an architectural marvel, full of mysterious structures such as stairways that lead to nowhere, doors opening to walls and escape hatches that lead to the floor below. There are plenty of articles/videos of people doing tours of this 24K square foot house, looking for ghosts and no one really sure about why the house has such an odd design. Fascinating for those who love architecture or a good ghost story!

[Official Winchester Mystery House website \(picture above from website\)](#)

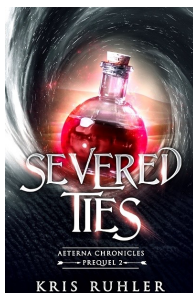
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[Errant Gods: A Dark Fantasy Novel \(Blood of the Isir Book 1\) by Erik Henry Vick \(Click for preview\)](#). Winner of the 2018

Readers' Favorite International Book Awards Silver Medal for Fantasy. The skein of Hank Jensen's fate seemed fixed, riddled with pain, deceit, and loneliness. Two monsters wrapped in human flesh took everything he cared about, warping his life's tapestry with a dark curse, abducting his family in the dead of night. Compelled by love, Hank must follow them across a shimmering portal into an unknown land. Unprepared for what awaits him there, he flounders...until he meets a figure straight out of Norse mythology who offers to help. His quest is simple: overcome all the obstacles in his path—his disability, his lack of knowledge, demons, dragons, and dark vengeful gods. If he succeeds, the war will have just begun. If he fails, he will never see his wife or son again.



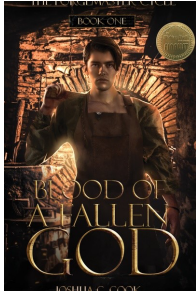
[Severed Ties by Kris Ruhler \(click to download\)](#). For Belor,

life in Cerulis City provides a myriad of comforts: endless food, a nice and warm home, and his dream job. He has life all planned out. But when four-year-old Saya is about to be executed, Belor makes an irreversible decision that upheaves his entire life. Soon, the pair find themselves on the run, fighting for survival. Saya is no ordinary four-year-old. She is a half Aeterna, a race of beings banned from Cerulis City. Will Belor be able to keep Saya alive?



[Withdrawal by Bradley Lejeune \(click to download\)](#). 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?



Blood of a Fallen God by Joshua C. Cook (click to download). Stealing a shard of a dead god's blood was only the start. The land lies split in two, broken in the Godsfall many years in the past. William Reis wants nothing more than to be a Guild blacksmith. Being from the Reach means he can never make that dream real, as he will soon discover. Duncan Reis revels in his risky and dangerous life, never admitting he is running from his own sadness and grief. He cares deeply for his cousin William, but hates the dream of joining the Guild. The path they take, both together and apart, will change the face of Alos. Dead gods are stirring, and both men will find themselves thrust into a conflict that never truly ended. From the prestigious halls of the Guild, to the blasted and cursed Mistlands, the last two of the Reis line will decide the fate of all.



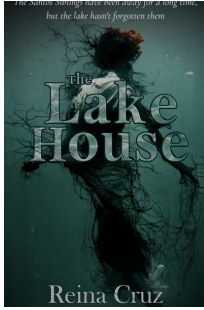
Infernal Fall by Bryan Mitchell (click for preview). 2023 The Realm Award winner, 2023 The Bookfest Award winner. Embark on a harrowing journey through Hell in "Infernal Fall" and discover if there truly is only one way out. Join Daniel Strong, a troubled young man, whose proposal plans are shattered when he stumbles upon a mysterious artifact in a dark cavern. Plunged into the depths of Hell, Daniel must navigate its treacherous levels to reunite with his girlfriend, Kristine. As Daniel faces soul-harvesting demons and contends with a shadowy figure tempting him with an alternative path, he must decide between bargaining with Satan for his freedom or seeking another means of escape. Fueled by hurt, anger, and fear, Daniel's relentless pursuit is driven by his love for Kristine. Can he resist the lies that threaten to consume him at every turn?

Love in an Undead Age: A Zombie Apocalypse Survival Adventure (The Undead Age Series Book 1) by A.M. Geever (click for preview). Urban



farmer Miranda Tucci is lucky to be alive in what's left of California's Silicon Valley, despite a love life that's dead on arrival. Then an old flame turns up and she wonders...does her DOA love life have a pulse? A ruthless governing council controls the cure for the zombie virus. If Miranda joins a plot to steal it, will the vaccine be used for political advantage, or can she survive long enough to usher in a new age of civilization?

It's only the fate of humanity suddenly resting on her shoulders. If she can bring her love life back from the dead how tough can saving the world be?



The Lake House by Reina Cruz (click to download). After a tragic accident, Aleksa and Luca Santos hope a trip to the lake they visited as children will help their oldest sister heal. But the house is not how they remembered. The siblings discover their childhood vacations were not as happy as their memories. None of the siblings want to go in the attic and why does the thought of swimming in the lake make Aleksa's skin crawl? The siblings had been away a long time, but the lake has not forgotten them. Tragedy strikes again at the Lake House as the siblings fight to get home.



I Found Puppets Living In My Apartment Walls (I Found Horror) by Ben Farthing (click for preview). Johnny awakes. A puppet looms over his bed. He recognizes the furry monster: Grandpa was its puppeteer on the children's television show RCity Street. But Grandpa went missing a year ago. He disappeared from this very apartment building, which was converted from the old R-City Street studio. Desperate to see Grandpa again, Johnny follows the puppet inside the building's walls, ever deeper into a puppet-infested labyrinth...

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