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Happy lunar new year! It's February and right now the Asian supermarkets are full of red festive decorations in preparation for celebrations. This is the year of the dragon, the only mythical creature within the Chinese Zodiac animal wheel. My husband makes fun of me believing in the zodiac, but whenever we fight I find it helps to think we are fighting because our animal signs are in conflict. Best of luck this year to you and your family!

Best,  
-JF Garrard

### ***The Artsy Raven* Podcast Updates**

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On *The Artsy Raven* episode 50, M.A.C. Farrant describes her journey of becoming a prize-winning writer, the Zenlike process of discovery when she writes and how cows inspired her latest Jigsaw Puzzle book.



Writer and editor Matthew Gordon shares how he juggles editing eight books at once while writing, researching and working; advice for surviving writing as a marathon and how he manages his time.

## Artsy Fun - Chinese Zodiac Horoscopes



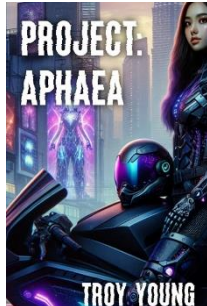
In Chinese culture, the Dragon holds a significant place as an auspicious and extraordinary creature, unparalleled in talent and excellence. The Dragon symbolizes power, nobility, honor, luck, and success.

Depending on what animal you are in the zodiac, 2024 will bring you luck or there will be more obstacles than usual to achieving your goals!

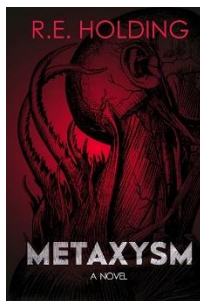
[Check out your horoscope at the China Highlights website \(click here\).](#)

## Free Book Giveaways and Promos

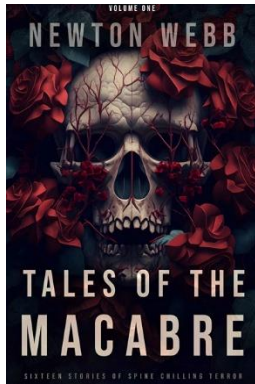
(click book title to access free ebook download link or book preview)



**[Project: Aphaea by Troy Young \(click for preview\)](#)**. Twins Kaden and Olivia find their lives irrevocably changed after the mysterious death of their mother, a cop investigating the formidable Jishu Corporation. Together with their friends Todd and Molly, they delve into a world of corporate espionage and hidden agendas. Each member of this tight-knit group brings their unique strengths and perspectives to the team, creating a diverse and dynamic force.



**[Metaxysm: A Creature Feature Horror by RE Holding \(click for preview\)](#)**. Abby is an underground inventor in the suburbs of a mid-size city where what you know doesn't carry as much weight as who you know. Struggling in her new role at Soto Labs, she tries time and again to create a gadget that will earn her acclaim within the scientific community and, more importantly, among her peers. Her colleague, Ben, a senior inventor with his own struggles, takes Abby under his wing. But in a devastating blow to both of their egos, a careless mistake is made that immediately threatens the life of another employee, puts a target on Abby's back, and sets the world at risk.



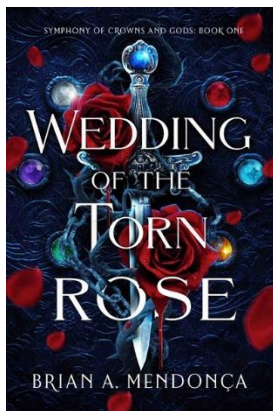
***Tales of the Macabre, Vol. 1: Sixteen Stories of Creeping Horror by Newton Webb (Click for preview).*** Newton's macabre tales span continents, with sixteen stories from the 17th century to the distant future, from Nepal, through Europe and South Africa. Some stories contain elements of humour, love, and passion, but all are imbued with soul shattering terror.



***Love in an Undead Age: A Zombie Apocalypse Survival Adventure 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.



**[Stone & Sky: Prelude Stories - Series by Z.S. Diamanti \(Click to download\)](#)**. The Stone & Sky: Prelude Stories are a series of 7 Fantasy stories about characters from the world of Stone & Sky, written by Z.S. Diamanti. Each story follows a different character that takes place right before they make their appearance in the first Stone & Sky book.



**[Wedding of the Torn Rose by Brian Mendonca \(Click to download\)](#)**. As the rehearsal dinner for Lydia's arranged wedding unfolds, tension simmers amidst foreign customs and whispered conversations. The Throatian Royal family, draped in magic, is keen to forge an alliance with the Darian Kingdom. Meanwhile, Lydia, now fully aware of her royal responsibilities, summons Kaine for a private meeting in the chilling stillness of the graveyard. Her impending wedding signifies more than a pact of sword and sorcery, and something else—dark and twisted—stirs in the shadows. With time dwindling short, and the ceremony happening the next day, will Kaine unshackle himself from his past to embrace the guardian he is destined to become? Or will the ties binding him to Lydia be torn apart like petals in the wind?

## Group book promos



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