

AR Club News #26 Solar Eclipse pictures and how to create a Gagnam Project show



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On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse crossed North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. If you live in North America, I hope you had the time to watch some of it or experience the eerie brief dark night in the middle of the day! Below are some great sites with beautiful pictures. As usual, we hope you enjoy our latest *Artsy Raven* podcast episodes and have time to read some great books!

Best,
-JF Garrard

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Ep 53 How Fantasy Inspires this Writer with Jesse Zimmerman - Writer Jesse Zimmerman discusses what inspired him to write, the difficulties of publishing and how he created his main character, "the Challenger" in his first book, Our Adventures with the Challenger.



Ep 54 Creating a Canadian Kpop Drama with Sarah Haasz - Sarah Haasz shares her career journey, how she ended up creating "Gangnam Project" and what inspires her work.

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Artsy Fun - Free Author Reading event



Spring Open Mic Night and CAA National Writing Contest Winners Announcement!

Thursday, April 25, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST

Spring is upon us and hopefully some of us have had a chance to spend some time on writing! Fiction, non-fiction, and poetry writers are all welcomed to share a published piece or work-in-progress.

There are reading spots for 8 Canadian Authors–Toronto members and 2 non-members. Each person will read for 4 minutes.

After the readings, we will be announcing the winners (top 3 fiction and top 3 poetry) of our 2023 National Canadian Authors Association Writing Competition! To reserve your spot as a reader, please email CAA-Toronto branch President JF Garrard with subject line "April open mic and your name." Her email address is "hello at jfgarrard.com."

For more details and to register for this event visit the CAA Toronto webpage: <https://canadianauthors.org/toronto/events/>

Artsy Fun - Solar Eclipse pictures



If you missed seeing the solar eclipse, there are tons of pictures available. The one on the left was taken in Jonesboro, Arkansas by Graphic designer Kendall Rust and featured in New Scientist magazine.

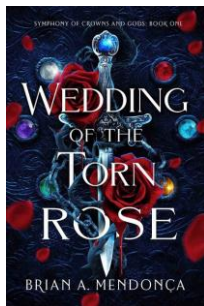
- [Wired magazine solar eclipse pictures](#)
- [Washington Post pictures](#)
- [New Scientist Magazine pictures](#)
- [NASA site with explanation of what is a solar eclipse](#)

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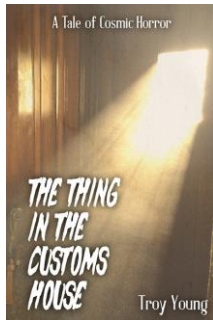


[Rachael's Apocalypse Diary](#) by Len M. Ruth ([click to download](#)). She was a sophomore nuclear physics student before the shit hit the fan. She has no survival skills. No special training. And no one to help her. Now discover the reality of survival in a post-apocalyptic world through Rachael's eyes. From the pages of her diary, learn the truth behind the end of the world and the struggles of those who remain.

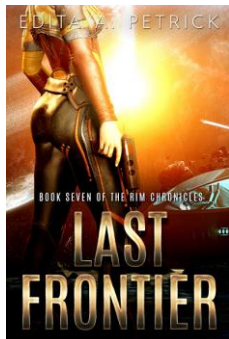


[Wedding of the Torn Rose](#) by Brian Mendonca ([click to download](#)). After the downtrodden merchant Kaine saves the runaway Princess Lydia from an unexpected monster, he feels inexplicably drawn to her. Lydia's uncanny knowledge of his deepest secrets looms over him, suggesting she knows more about him than he has revealed.

Journey with Kaine and Lydia as they attempt to prevent a war and save a kingdom in the first volume of the Symphony of Crowns and Gods series.



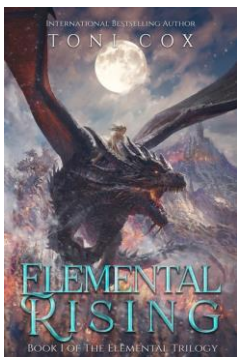
[The Thing In The Customs House](#) by Troy Young ([click to download](#)). Old Montreal, 1928. A mysterious package from Louisiana arrives at the Customs House. Workers start hearing voices, and tensions spill over. Someone decides to open the package...This leads to an investigation, an attempted murder, and the discovery of things better left in the shadows. A short story of cosmic horror and the origin of the secret department investigating eldritch horrors in The Other series of books.



[Last Frontier: Book Seven of the Rim Chronicles](#) by Edita A. Petrick ([click for preview](#)). In the twelfth millennium anniversary of the Confederation Alliance of Planets and Star Systems, tensions with their long-time enemy, the Shoultain Warlords, are at an all-time high. But when Captain Gallen DeWynter is given questionable orders to capture and torture enemy prisoners, second navigator Kitaya and Chief Medical Officer Karin must navigate their own personal histories with the captain while trying to stop the mission from going forward. For fans of sci-fi thrillers like "Divergent" and "The Hunger Games," "Last Frontier" is a gripping tale of loyalty, betrayal, and the fight for justice. Buy now before the price changes.



In The Year 2129 by Bill DeFoor ([click to download](#)). The 2129 Series begins IN THE YEAR 2129 (Series prequel). The Series follows a man from 2017 who is awakened in 2129 to work with the most advanced Android ever built. Together, their initial discoveries: advancing AI in Androids, telepathic communications, and the ability to read memories improve the lives of millions and provide a glimpse of after-death memories.



Elemental Rising (The Elemental Trilogy Book 1) by Toni Cox ([click for preview](#)). Maia, Elf Princess of Gildor, has trained her entire life to be the Elemental of her people. Yet, when she returns home to Elveron after her final test, disaster strikes. She has brought with her the very thing she tried to leave behind. Faced with responsibilities she thinks she is not ready for, a love she does not reciprocate, and a threat to her people that might kill them all, she is suddenly forced to become what she is meant to be—a Prime.



[Flash Flood](#) by Melissa Gunn ([click to download](#)). Tammy hates rain with a passion, even more so since her powers started to manifest in unexpected ways. But on a walk home from school everything changes when she encounters a teenage werewolf. It's not what you might think...



[Origins \(Cloned Evil\)](#) by Tanya Lisle ([click for preview](#)). Magdalene wanted a daughter and she was ready to do whatever she needed to do to get one. Well, anything besides actually getting pregnant or kidnapping someone else's. As difficult as that might be, Magdalene is a villain. Villains don't need to wait around for opportunities to open up. With a little help from her best friend, the freelancer Jezebel, Magdalene will take all the resources she needs and she will get what she wants in triplicate, no matter who she has to force into her servitude to do it.

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