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THE OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL: A TIME TO CELEBRATE!

It's finally here! The 15th anniversary Ohioana Book Festival takes place this week. We'll be celebrating virtually from April 22 through April 25 . . . and we'd love to have you join us for this special occasion!

As we did last August, going virtual means we can keep everyone safe while at the same time bringing all the things festival-goers love about our event. Nearly 140 Ohio authors and illustrators will be taking part in panel discussions and conversations. There will be author readings and a fun contest for children (see p. 11). Books will be available to purchase through www.bookloft.com.

With something for every reader, the festival is a book lover's dream. And with the virtual format, now everyone can join in, no matter where they live!

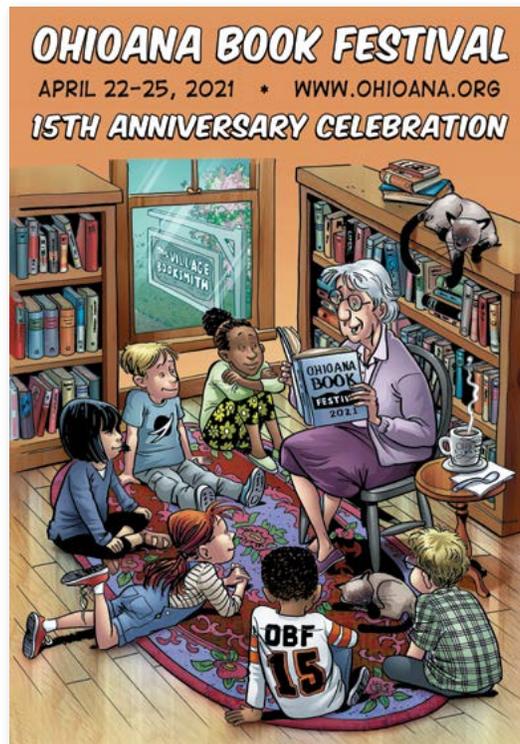
You'll find all the information here: <http://www.ohioana.org/programs/ohioana-book-festival/schedule/>, including the listing of all the live and pre-recorded programs on the schedule, complete with their online links. And importantly, with the entire festival being recorded, once it's over, you'll be able to go back and watch any program whenever you like by selecting from the playlist on our website or visiting Ohioana's YouTube channel.

The very first Ohioana Book Festival in 2007 had ten authors and a few hundred attendees. Today, the Ohioana Book Festival is the largest event in Ohio celebrating Ohio authors, reaching an audience of

avid fans that expands with every passing year. With a new digital viewership that began with our first virtual festival events in 2020, we're thrilled to introduce Ohio's literary talent to readers all over the world!

No one ever imagined how much the festival would grow and evolve since that first event in 2007. We're so grateful for the authors, sponsors, donors, partners, staff, and volunteers who have joined us on this journey for a decade and a half.

We hope you enjoy celebrating this milestone with us from the comfort of your own home. You can find complete details regarding the 2021 schedule and programs by visiting our website, www.ohioana.org, and also by checking us out on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

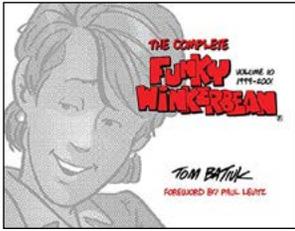


2021 Ohioana Book Festival poster designed by Tom Batiuk

Connecting readers and Ohio writers. Nothing embodies our tagline better than the Ohioana Book Festival. We'll see you there!

Festival Authors

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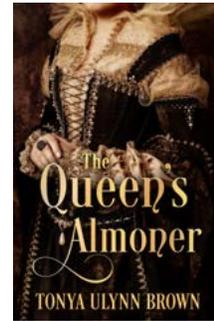
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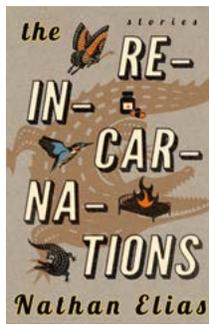
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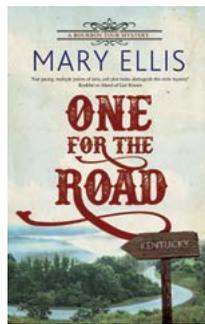
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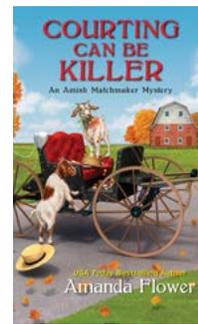
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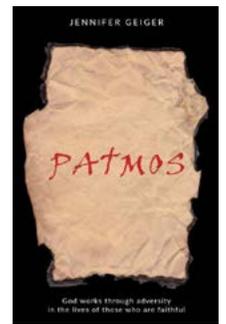
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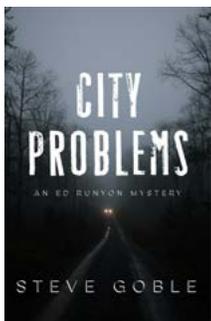
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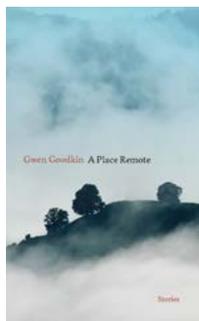
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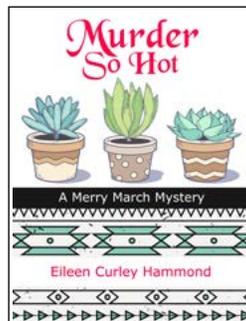
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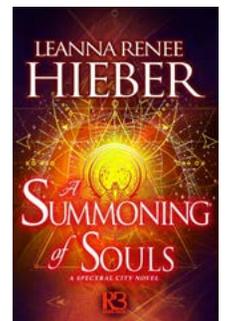
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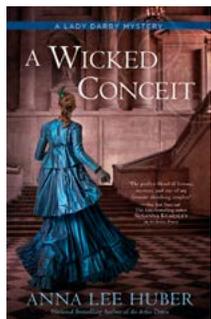
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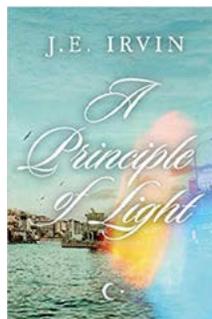
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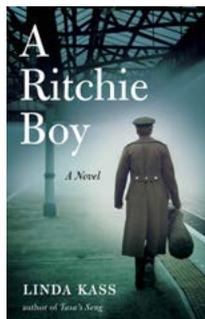
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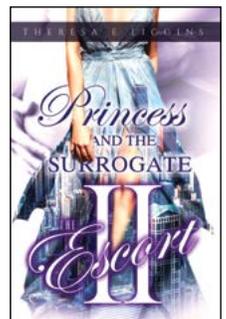
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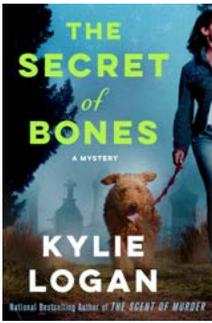


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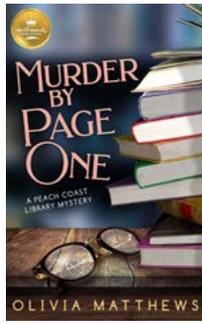


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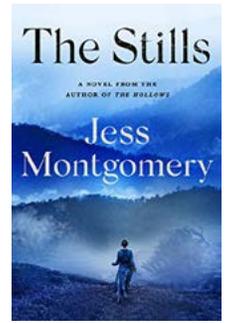
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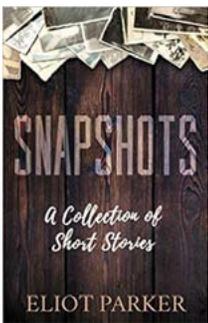
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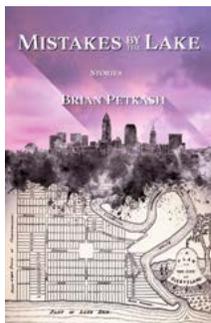
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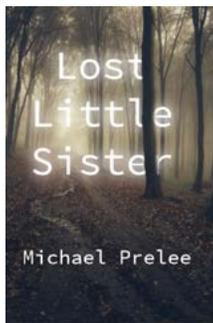
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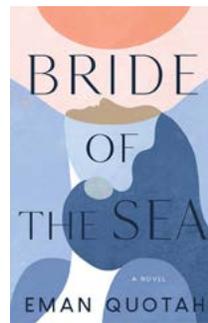
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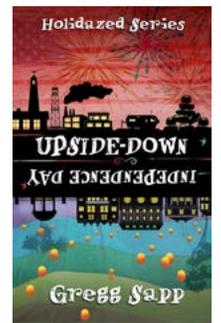
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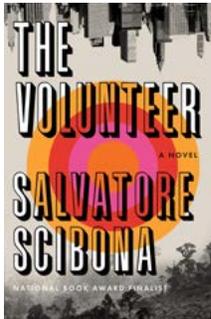
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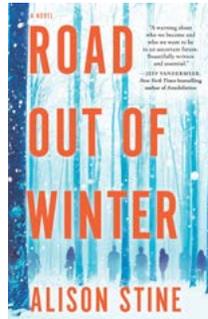
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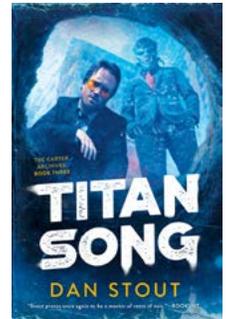
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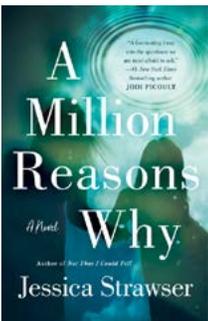
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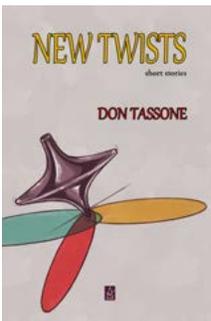
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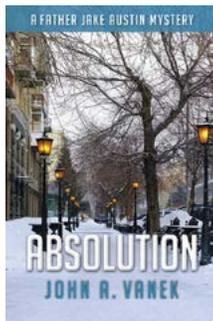
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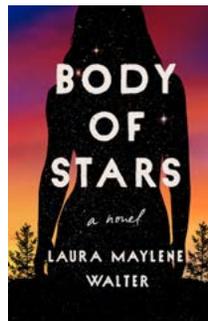
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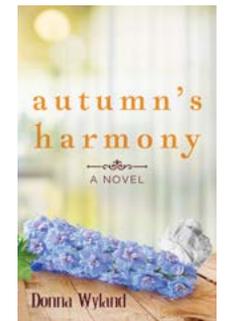
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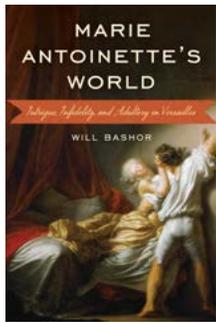
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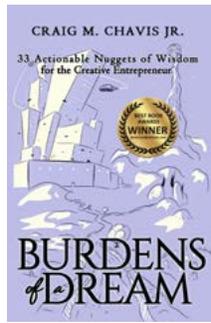
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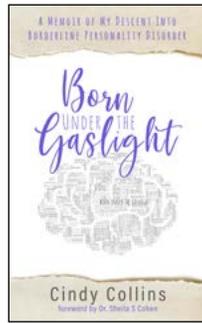
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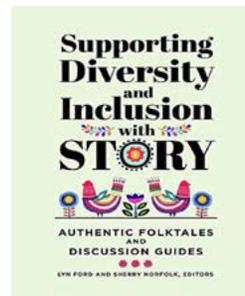
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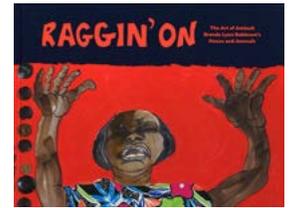
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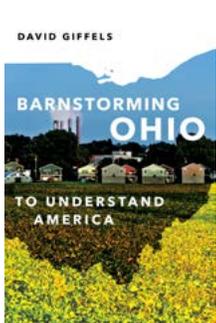
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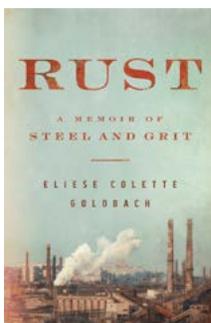
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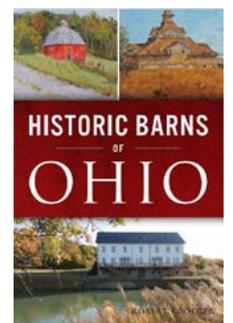
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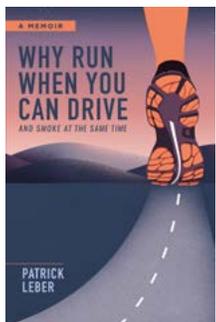
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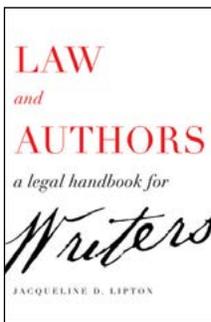
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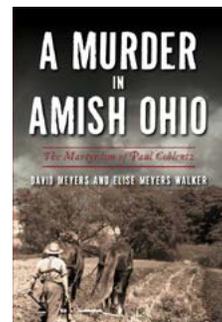
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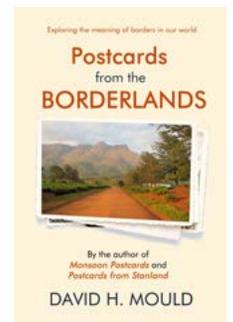
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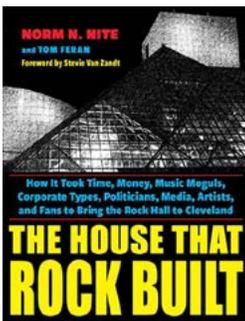
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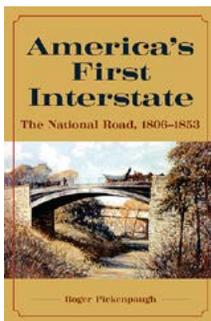
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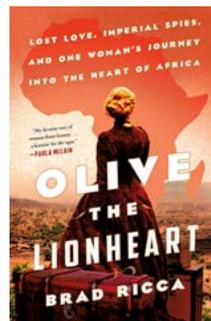
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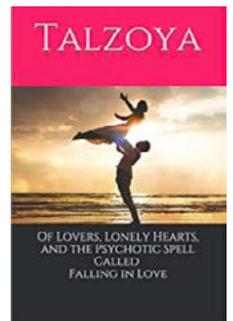
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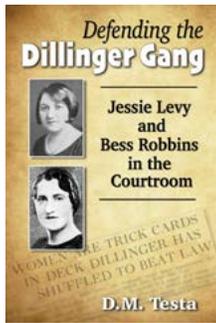


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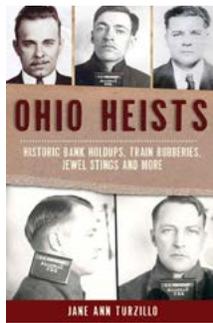


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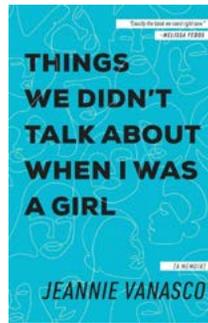
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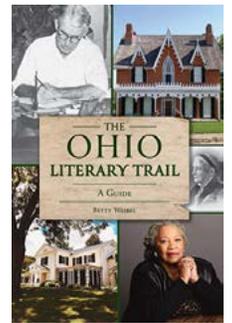
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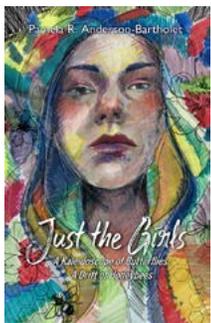


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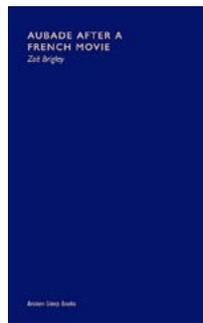


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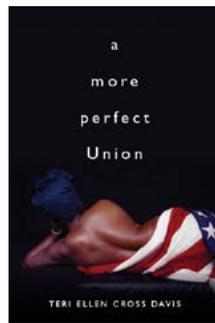
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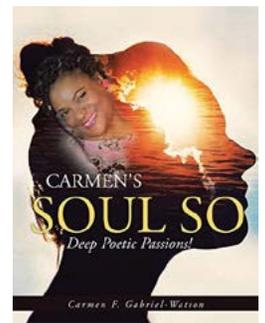
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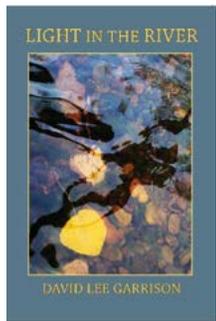
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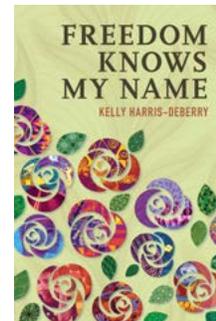
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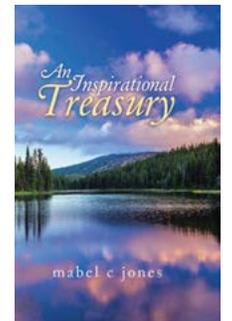
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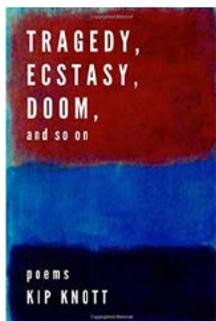
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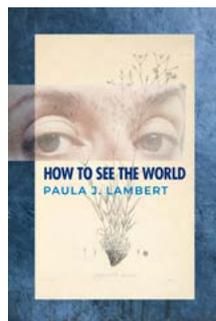
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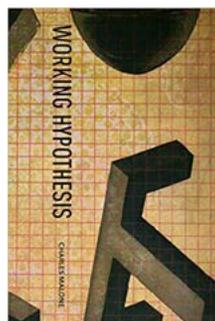
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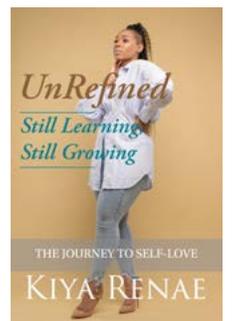
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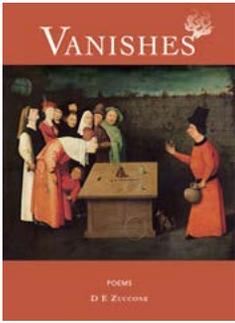


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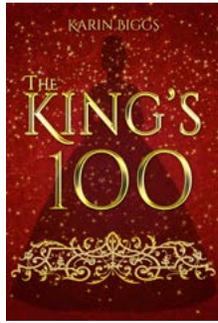
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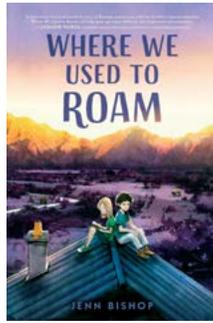
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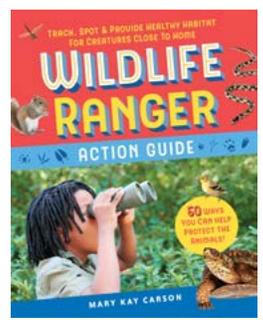
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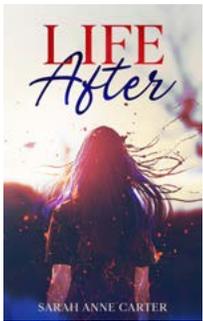
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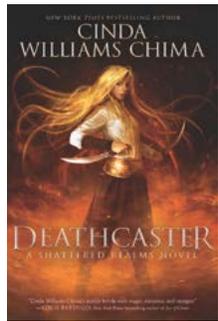
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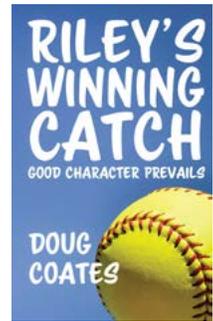
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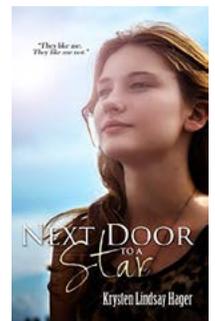
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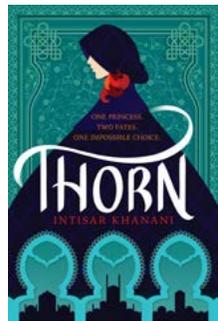
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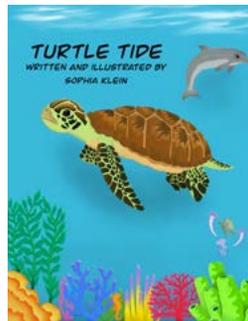
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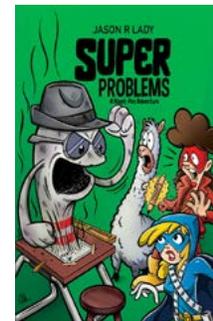
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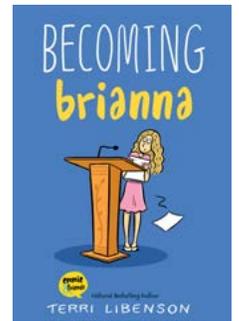
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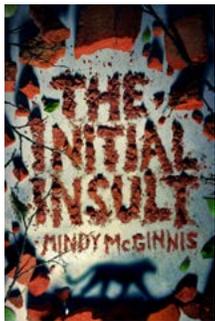
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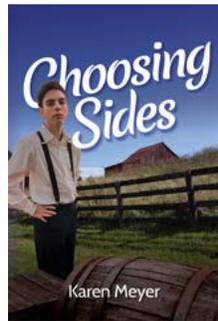
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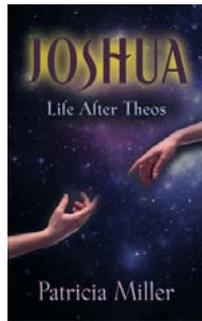
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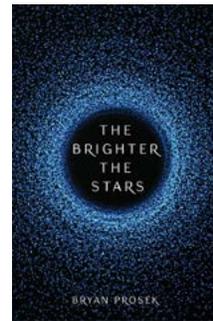
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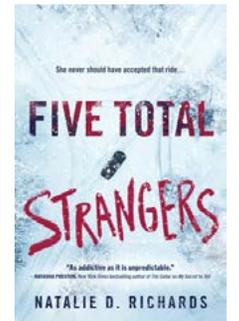
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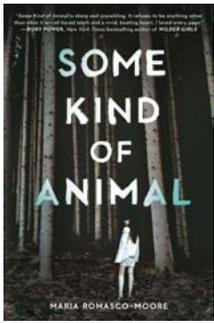


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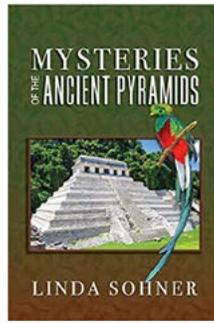
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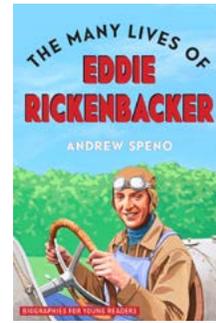
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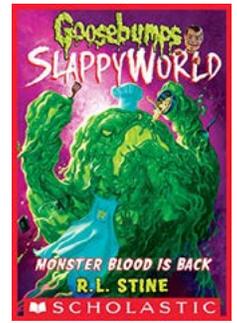
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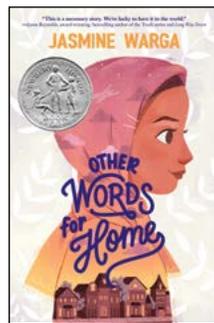
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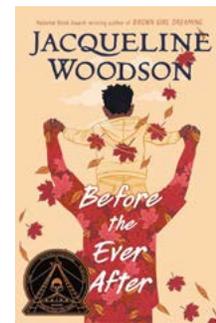
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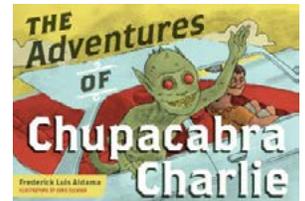
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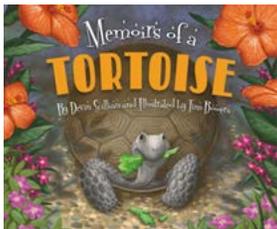
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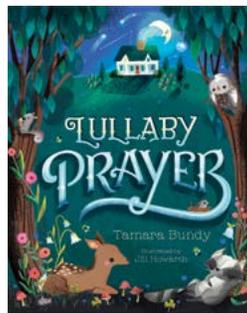
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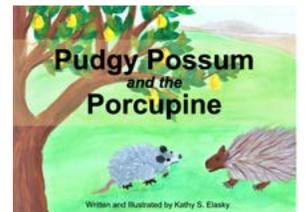
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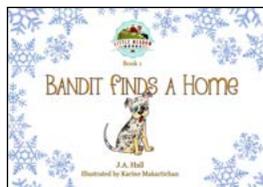
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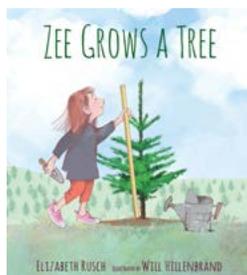
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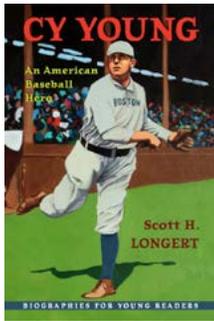
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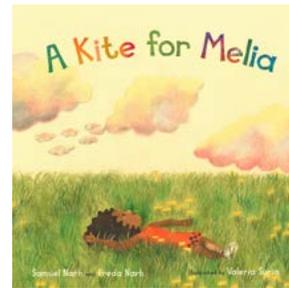
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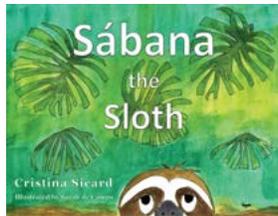
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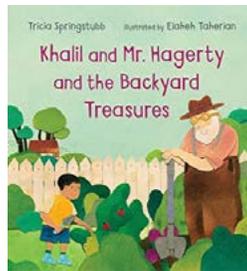
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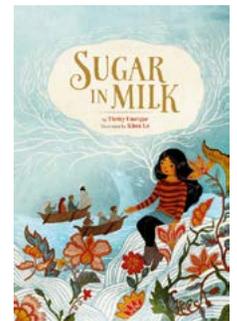
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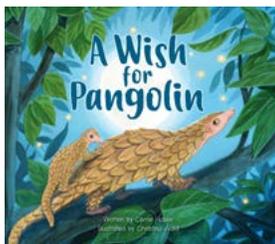
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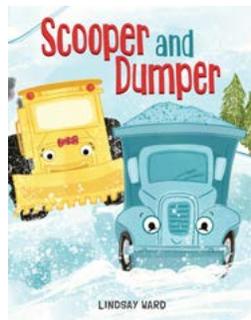
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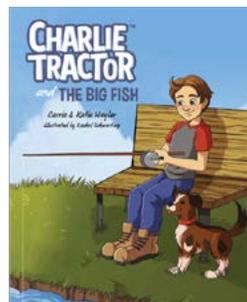
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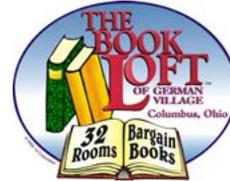
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Join us for a kick-off event **April 24th & 25th** at noon with Author/Illustrator/Paper Engineer Merrill Rainey to learn more about the Color, Cut, Create Contest! and pick up some tips & tricks on how to add that WOW factor to your submissions!

A contest Q&A will follow the April 25th session.



The first 10 registrants on both **April 24th and April 25th** will receive a **FREE** copy of either Color, Cut, Create • Dinosaur World, or Horse Ranch.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- April 24th** • Kick-off event for Kids ages: 5-8
- April 24th** • Registration Opens
- April 25th** • Kick-off event for Kids ages: 8-12
- April 25th** • Q&A
- June 11th** • Submission Deadline
- June 14th - 18th** • People's Choice Awards Voting
- June 28th** • Color, Cut, Create awards LIVE!

 Please check festival schedule for times.

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categories to enter!

1 Color, Cut, Create, and Photograph • For Kids ages: 5-8

2 Color, Cut, Create, and Animate • For Kids ages: 8-12

To find out more about the contest & rules visit:

www.color-cut-create.com

WINNING CATEGORIES & PRIZES!

Our **GRAND PRIZE** winners (1 per category) will be chosen by Merrill Rainey. Winners will be announced live on **June 28th** and will receive:

- \$50 credit to The Book Loft of German Village.
- An Odd Dot book bundle.
- An Endurax iPad Tripod for iPhone/Tablets.
- Each winning entrant's work will be displayed on the Ohioana website and shared on our social media channels.

Our **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD** entries for each category will be posted to an online gallery to be voted on by the public the week of **June 14th**. Winners (1 per category) will be announced live on **June 28th** and will receive the following:

- \$25 credit to The Book Loft of German Village.
- An Odd Dot book bundle.
- Each winning entrant's work will also be displayed on the Ohioana website and shared on our social media channels.



COMING SOON

Author Event: Paula McLain in Conversation with Connie Schultz

May 20, 2021, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Gramercy Books Bexley, online event

Ohioana is pleased to be a Community Partner with Gramercy Books as it presents best-selling and Ohioana Award-winning novelist Paula McLain (*The Paris Wife*) in the launch of her highly-lauded crime novel, *When the Stars Go Dark*. Paula will be in conversation with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Connie Schultz, author of *The Daughters of Erietown*. For more information visit

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paula-mclain-in-conversation-with-connie-schultz-tickets-143246938449?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=247491d5fa&mc_eid=59d5c3bf6f.

Thurber Prize in American Humor

May 21, 2021, 7:00 p.m., Thurber House, online event

The Thurber Prize for American Humor event is a night that shines a spotlight on writing, humor, James Thurber, and the city of Columbus itself. Join finalists Dave Barry, Kira Jane Buxton, and Damon Young for this free virtual celebration to see which of them will claim the 2020 prize. For more information visit

<https://www.thurberhouse.org/thurber-prize-for-american-humor>.

Ohioana Virtual Book Club: The Daughters of Erietown

June 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – noon, online event

The book club's spring pick is *The Daughters of Erietown* by author and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Connie Schultz. Free. If you would like to attend, please email us at ohioana@ohioana.org.

Wright Memorial Public Library: Ohio Literary Trail

June 16, 2021, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., online event

Join us for a tour of the Ohio Literary Trail from the comfort of your home and discover Ohio's rich literary heritage through more than 70 sites. This presentation will focus on Southwest Ohio and include highlights from other regions around the state. Whether you are an armchair traveler or a road warrior, you will discover gems for explorers of all ages. For more information visit <https://www.wrightlibrary.org/ohioliterarytrail>.

University of Findlay: Mazza Summer Conference

July 12-14, 2021, online event

The University of Findlay's Mazza Museum celebrates the original art of picture books using education, exhibits, events, and artist events. Join them for the 2021 Mazza Summer Conference, a three-day virtual and interactive conference full of educational and engaging presentations from top authors and illustrators in the picture book industry. For more information visit <https://www.mazzamuseum.org/adults/conferences/summer-conference/>.