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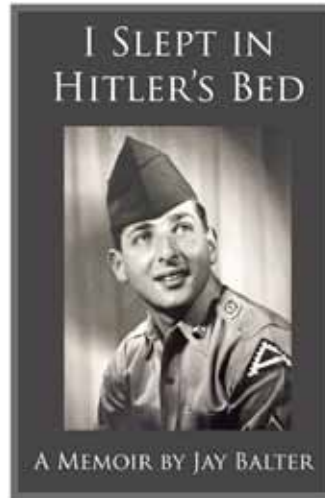
## SPAWN Authors Visiting the Booth this Weekend

**H.G. Balter**  
*The Half*  
Pages: 77



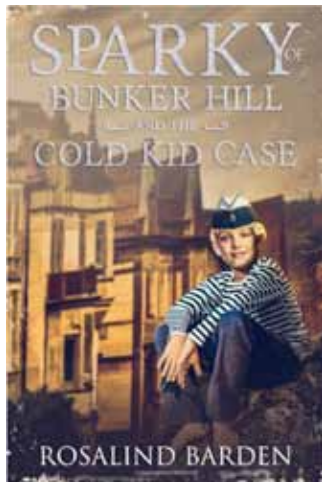
It's a new world. Everyone is born a twin and separated at birth. One is placed on the "good" side and the other on the "bad" side. No one thinks this is wrong until Jade and Riley are born and fight the system.

In her first novel 12-year-old Hannah Balter, the older sibling of twins, and granddaughter of a grandfather twin, tells a compelling story of human connection.



**Jay Balter**  
*I Slept in Hitler's Bed*  
Pages: 121  
[www.isleptinhitlersbed.com](http://www.isleptinhitlersbed.com)

An angry Jewish teen soldier is assigned to the SS Kaserne in post-war Nuremberg, Germany, the former barracks of Hitler's elite storm troopers, sleeping on the very bed where Hitler was rumored to have slept. He was trained as an army medic but begins having dreams of assassinating all Nazi's not convicted in the Nuremberg War Trials and experiences an immense split between the healer and hater within.



**Rosalind Barden**  
*Sparky of Bunker Hill and the Cold Kid Case*  
Pages: 216  
[RosalindBarden.com](http://RosalindBarden.com)

It's 1930s Los Angeles, and 11-year-old Sparky is a girl on the run, framed for murder in this humorous take on noir mystery that's fun for middle-grade, YA, and adult readers. A Critters Readers' Poll top finisher. "Zowie! Make time to hang with Sparky, amateur detective of Bunker Hill. You'll be glad you did!" — Diane Vallere, national bestselling author of the Madison Night Mystery Series.

**Rosalind Barden**  
*Strangely Funny Series*  
Pages: 293  
[RosalindBarden.com](http://RosalindBarden.com)



The original "Strangely Funny" anthology that started the madness. Rosalind Barden's sci-fi short "Indricotherium" ponders deep ethical questions about science, cabbages, and irritated elephants. Because one book wasn't enough to contain the insanity, here's another collection of humorous paranormal short stories. Rosalind Barden's "The Demon of City Hall" is a shocking exposé of what really prances inside the walls of local power.

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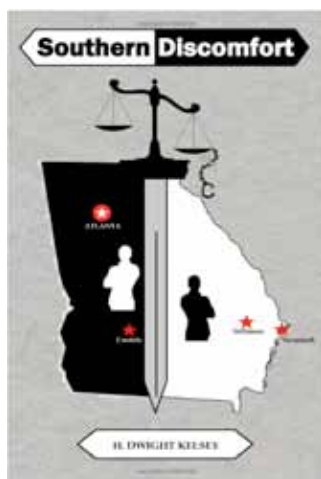
**Kimberly Davis Basso**  
*I'm a Little Brain Dead*  
Pages: 110 pages  
[KimberlyDavisBasso.com](http://KimberlyDavisBasso.com)

“Panicking never helps.” Tuesday’s breakfast was rudely interrupted by a stroke, and the only available help was the author’s second grader. Launched into a medical crisis, award-winning author Kimberly Da-

vis Basso (and her brain) respond with wit, wisdom, and wishful thinking. From surviving a stroke to surviving a zombie apocalypse, “I’m a Little Brain Dead” is alarmingly irreverent. Even Kimberly’s hero, her eight-year-old daughter, adds to the mayhem in the weeks following her stroke.

**H. Dwight Kelsey**  
*Southern Discomfort: One Black Man and One White Man Change Segregation*  
Pages: 402

Two 22-year-old Air Force officers meet at a training program in Biloxi, Mississippi, one black and one white, both from Georgia. The year is 1964. The black man has escaped the sharecropper fate of his family members, but the white man has had racial stereotypes imbedded in his upbringing. These two men are subsequently thrust into circumstances that alter their lives. They become inextricably intertwined facing threatening forces that could overwhelm them both.



**Paul Kleiman**  
*Smoking in Bed: Dreams of Love, Sex and Terrorism*  
Pages: 414  
[www.kleimansays.com](http://www.kleimansays.com)

Dreams are: Stories. Symbolism. Fantasy. Romance. Fear. Death. Some feel real. Some might feature Dick Cheney.

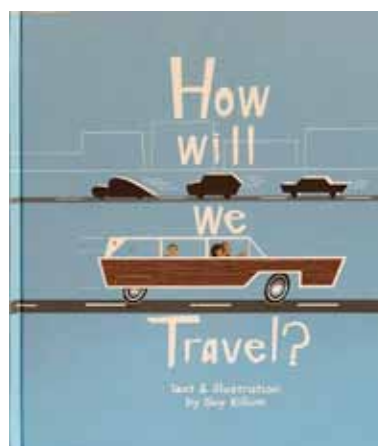
Can you meet someone in a dream? A real, living person you never met? Have an affair? Figure out your life? Work on your relationship... with your dead parents? Do dreams and reality intersect? Or collide? Is death like a permanent dream?

In his debut novel *Smoking in Bed*, Paul Kleiman tackles these question with humor, pathos and a cameo by Dick Cheney.

**Sofia Diana Gabel**  
*War and Money, Book One*  
Pages: 419 pages  
[www.sofidianagabel.com](http://www.sofidianagabel.com)

Dax is only 15 and has been recruited as a soldier to fight aliens on the moon, but everyone knows the lunar squad is the sacrificial squadron, doomed to die at the hands of the Katarga aliens. As an outspoken non-conformist, she

won’t go quietly, especially when she discovers there’s a terrible secret about the wars. Are the aliens really innocent victims? Earth must know the truth.



**Guy Killum**  
*How will we Travel?*  
Pages: 44  
[www.howwillwetravel.com](http://www.howwillwetravel.com)

Do you like to travel? Then come on an adventure with a young boy and his family whose imagination is filled with awe and wonder as he travels around the globe!

*How will we Travel?* — is a colorful new children’s book from author/illustrator Guy Killum and is told from the point of view of his son who would always ask this when preparing for a trip. The book highlights the fun and anticipation of travel as well as the importance of family and togetherness.

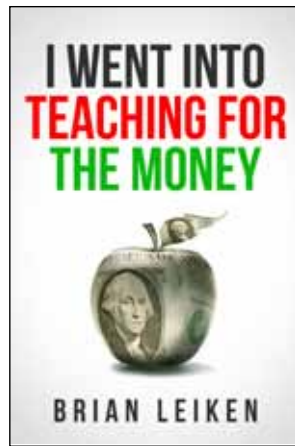


**Brian Leiken**

*I Went into Teaching for the Money*

Pages: 275

He doesn't have a badge, he doesn't have a gun, but who needs them when you got a sense of humor? The true story of how a naïve first year Special Ed teacher learned to surf the madness of an inner-city public school. From facing gum-smacking, surly gang bangers to clueless administrators, he learns the hard way that nothing withstands persistence, compassion and the power of stand-up comedy.



**Wendi Knox**

*From Muck to Magic: an Uplifting Journey*

Pages: 41

wendiknox.com

This book is a balm for the soul of any woman, at any age, who finds herself stuck in the muck of change, growth, worry, loss, fear, grief, overwhelm, inertia, exhaustion or just the mere messiness of life.

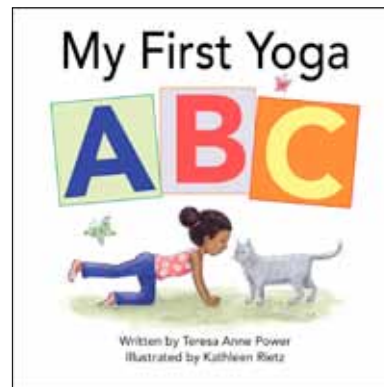
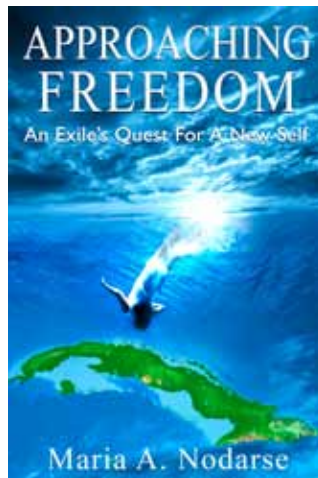
Within its colorful pages is a powerful blueprint for transformation— an invitation for us all to rise up from our personal muck to bring our own unique magic into a world that has never needed it more.

**Maria A. Nodarse**

*Approaching Freedom: An Exile's Quest for a New Self*

Pages: 367

Leaving her country wasn't her decision, but what teenager in post-Castro Cuba had a choice about anything? This memoir follows the writer's journey from her arrival in Miami to her return to her homeland with a left-wing brigade nineteen years later. Had Castro's revolution really changed her homeland? Can she still call her birthplace home? Was she still Cuban, or had the cultural revolutions of 1960's America transformed her into someone else?



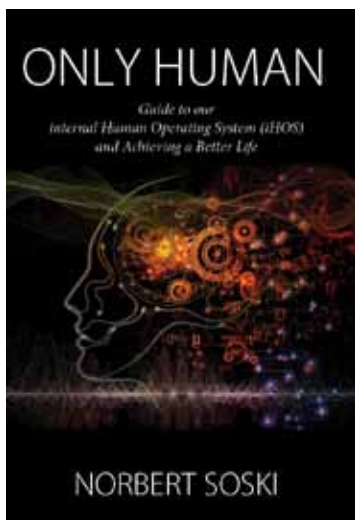
**Teresa Power**

*My First Yoga ABC*

Pages: 30

www.abcyogaforkids.com

My First Yoga ABC is a sturdy, beautifully illustrated board book to help infants and toddlers learn not only the alphabet, but also simple yoga poses. Each page features a block letter of the alphabet, along with a corresponding yoga pose. Little 'readers' will delight in seeing illustrations of children and animal friends demonstrating postures such as "Aa is for Airplane," "Ff is for Frog," and many more. This book is sure to delight the early yoga practitioner!



**Norbert Soski**

*Only Human: Guide to our internal Human Operating System and Achieving a Better Life*

Pages: 240

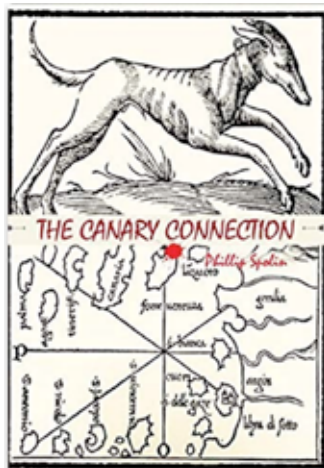
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Only Human is a unique integration of engineering concepts with human spirituality – mind, body, and soul. The book reveals the driving mechanisms behind our human nature - our internal Human Operating System (iHOS), which defines the specifics of how our human nature operates. By better understanding our iHOS we open up to greater potential and opportunities to improve and better our life. Not understanding is our greatest obstacle to change and growth.

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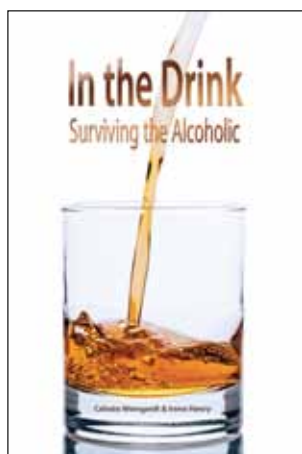
**Phillip Spolin**  
**The Canary Connection**  
Pages: 334  
[phillipspolin.com](http://phillipspolin.com)

It is August 3, 1492. On the Spanish coast Dante's desperate attempt to save his sister, Revela, casts their lives into an adventure of escape. They join a group of Jewish exiles escaping the Inquisition. Christopher Columbus sails to the New World, AND it is the final day to comply with the King of Spain's edict expelling all non-Catholics. Was that a coincidence? Just who was on that boat when it left the Spanish port?



**S.R. Strickland**  
**The Awakening of La Muse**  
Pages: 469  
[www.thepenpanther.com](http://www.thepenpanther.com)

Muse, a sixteen-year-old American slave, is petrified when told she must travel with her owners to Europe. The journey sweeps her from the dirt roads of a Virginia plantation to the elegant avenues of Paris. Even as a captive, the subtle cultural powers of the city force open a new sense of self-determination and vision. When she escapes and carves out a life. When the day of reckoning arrives, she battles for her right to liberty.



**Celeste Weingardt & Irene Henry**  
**IN THE DRINK: Surviving the Alcoholic**  
Pages: 146  
[tinyurl.com/inthedrinkbook](http://tinyurl.com/inthedrinkbook)

Where is the line between helping and enabling? How do you walk away when the lies, manipulation and betrayal become too much to bear? You can't force an alcoholic to stop drinking, but you can take steps to protect yourself from the fallout. Through stories of individuals who have experienced the pain, frustration and heart-break firsthand, In the Drink offers insight into alcoholic behavior and recommends positive steps to reduce the alcoholic's impact on your life.

## **Books on Display in the Booth**

Three books by Linda Ballou at  
[LindaBallouAuthor.com](http://LindaBallouAuthor.com)

- **Wai-nani: A Voice from Old Hawai'i**
- **The Cowgirl Jumped Over the Moon**
- **Lost Angel Walkabout-One Traveler's Tales**

**Michelle Connell**  
**Heir Force: A Military Inspirational Romance**  
[michelleconnellwrites.net](http://michelleconnellwrites.net)

**Patricia Cruzan**  
**A Researcher or a Sleuth**  
[www.patriciacruzan.com](http://www.patriciacruzan.com)

**Laura A H Elliott**  
**Transfer Student**  
[www.laurasmagicday.com](http://www.laurasmagicday.com)

**Cynthia Kumanchik**  
**Lake Girl**  
[CynthiaKumanchik.com](http://CynthiaKumanchik.com)

**LA Marler**  
**TypOwriters**  
[www.typewriterstories.com](http://www.typewriterstories.com)

**Mallory M. O'Connor**  
**American River Currents**  
[www.malorymoconnor.com](http://www.malorymoconnor.com)

**Janet Parmely**  
**At the Butcher Counter of Life: Adventure, Chaos, and Illumination in New Zealand**  
[www.janetparymely.com](http://www.janetparymely.com)

**Showandah S. Terrill**  
**GLORY DAYS**  
[www.peteraarons.com](http://www.peteraarons.com)