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## Editor

Welcome to our Queer Authors Day  
special edition of our free to read e-magazine.

When reading this issue you will see the most  
talented queer authors of our time each  
bringing a different writing style and genre.

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**Rachel Sewell**  
**New Vision Therapy**

Hey! My name is Rachel Sewell and I'm a New Vision Therapy (NVT) Practitioner based in Runcorn, Cheshire. NVT is a non-invasive, hands-on therapy. My aim during an NVT session is to remove restrictions in the body which are negatively impacting the nervous system, i.e. keeping it stuck in fight/flight/freeze.

To help me do this, I use one of my hands to 'listen' to the craniosacral rhythm. The craniosacral rhythm is a wave-like pulse created by the production and reabsorption of cerebrospinal fluid around the brain and spinal cord.

This rhythm can be felt all over the body thanks to the Fascia. If someone has had an injury, trauma or has stored, unprocessed emotions, then these can create 'kinks' in the Fascia.

These 'kinks' disrupt the craniosacral rhythm felt in that area, indicating there is a restriction. I then gently help the body to release these restrictions using the body's guidance. After the session, clients feel calmer, relaxed and more grounded.

It's also not uncommon for clients to fall asleep during a session! Since the nervous system controls all processes and organs in the body, a person's health is likely to improve when it is working as it should. For instance, clients have found NVT sessions helpful for migraines/headaches, sleep issues, anxiety, PTSD, ADHD, pain and musculoskeletal issues.

What I love most about NVT is that the client doesn't need to do anything for the trauma/unprocessed emotions to be released. Instead, they can lie back and trust that the body will release what it is ready to in the session. In addition, NVT is very gentle, unlike other therapies.

There is no pushing into pressure points, cracking joints or manipulating limbs. However, don't let this gentleness fool you; it is still a powerful technique! I'm keen to help anyone regulate their nervous system so they can move out of survival mode and improve health, as everyone deserves to live their life to the fullest.

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# Author Robin Goodfellow would like to introduce you to A Haunting Through Time



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## Buddy

A Tribute to Buddy Holly

Richard "Ricky" Palmer is set to release "Buddy," a tribute to Buddy Holly, in honour of what would have been Holly's 89th birthday. Born on September 7, 1936, in Lubbock, Texas, Buddy Holly's legacy continues to inspire.

The track "Buddy" is a reinterpreted version of Mike Berry's 1961 hit, "A Tribute to Buddy Holly." This new rendition by the Portsmouth-based singer-songwriter revitalizes the classic, introducing it to a fresh audience that may not be familiar with the original.



The song "Buddy" features an engaging melody that encompasses a profound significance.

On February 3rd, Buddy Holly tragically lost his life in a plane crash, alongside fellow music icons Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper. This date has since been referred to as "The Day the Music Died," which inspired Don McLean to compose his renowned piece, "American Pie."

Richard "Ricky" Palmer has paid tribute to McLean by incorporating a spoken segment that echoes a lyric from "American Pie."

The song, 'Buddy,' stands as a homage to Buddy

Holly while also honouring Mike Berry, who originally recorded the track, as well as Don McLean's celebrated work.



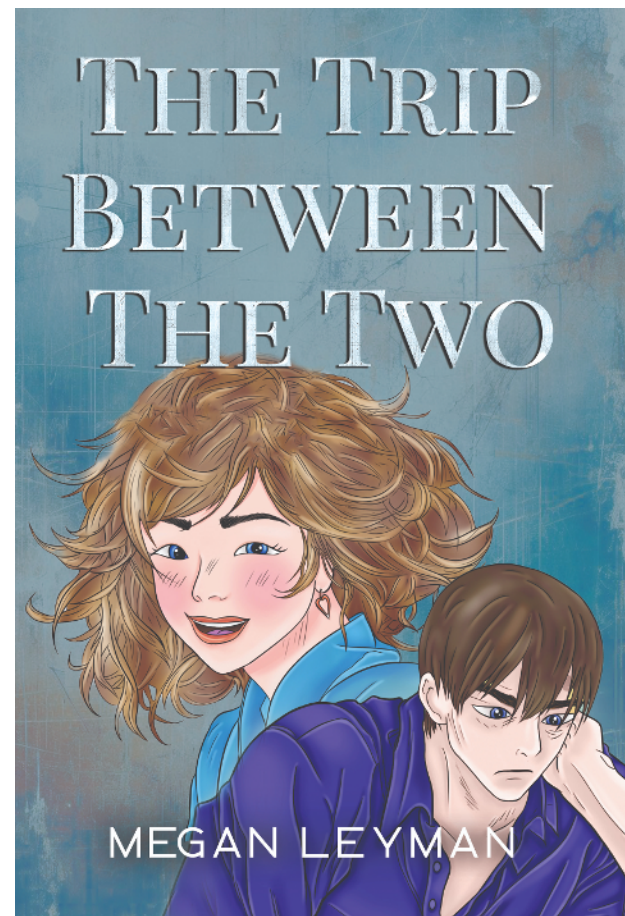
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# Author: Megan Leyman

Hello, I am Megan Leyman, I am a trans woman from Northampton (UK). In Short, I am a very creative person with an arty background, and I love anything Japanese related, heck I've been to Japan twice.

My first ever book, The Trip Between the Two is about Max, a 27-year-old man who doesn't like the body he was born in, has an accident at work waking up as a 33-year-old woman called Luna who is everything Max wanted, but is it too good to be true.....







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The OUT LOUD Queer Music Podcast is presented by The Q LGBTQ Creative Network. Hear great Artist interviews and conversations and discover the latest and greatest new music releases by LGBTQ artists from around the globe. Hosted by The Q founder Kenney Fitzpatrick. LGBTQ artists can submit their music at [curatedbyq.com](http://curatedbyq.com) to be featured on a podcast episode.



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A Haunting Through Time!

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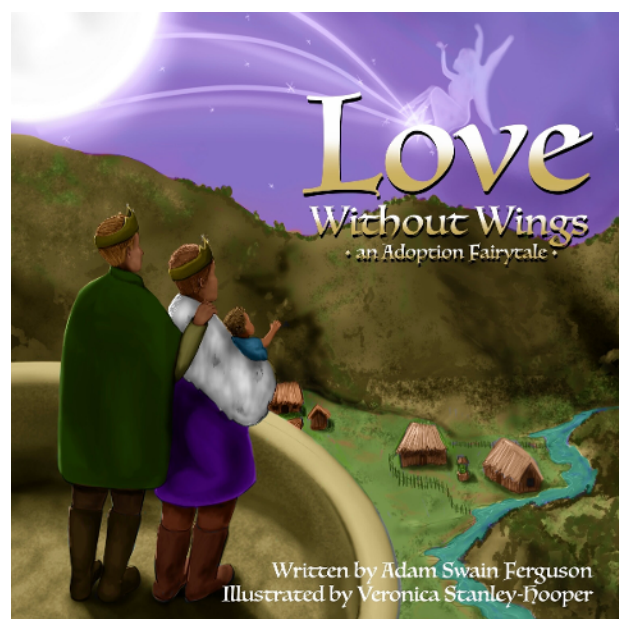
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# Author Adam Swain Ferguson

Adam Swain Ferguson's passion for film and video production began after he moved to Los Angeles in 2017, where he earned a Bachelor's in Entertainment Business and a Master's in Producing for Television. Following the birth of his first son, Adam was inspired to pursue a new creative path. Drawing on his professional experience and personal journey with family growth—including adoption and IVF—he channeled his talents into producing children's content.

In 2025, Adam and his family moved to Scotland, where he began a PhD in Film & Visual Culture at the University of Aberdeen. His research focuses on authentic queer representation in media and how to connect with audiences of all ages through parasocial relationships. He currently lives in Stonehaven with his husband and their two sons.....

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# TRANNNY'S & THE 'TISM

TYLENOL MADE ME A **TRANNNY**.

BUT, IT...

DIDN'T MAKE ME A **TYRANT**.

IF I HAD MY WAY

**MIGRANTS** WOULDN'T NEED LET IN.

SINCE BORDERS ARE **RELIANT**

ON THE COLOR OF YOUR SKIN.

DIDN'T YOU **HEAR**?

CHEM TRAILS TURNED THE **FROGS** GAY!

THEY WANT TO **DESTROY** NATIONAL PARKS.

THEY DON'T CARE

ABOUT POLLUTION OR

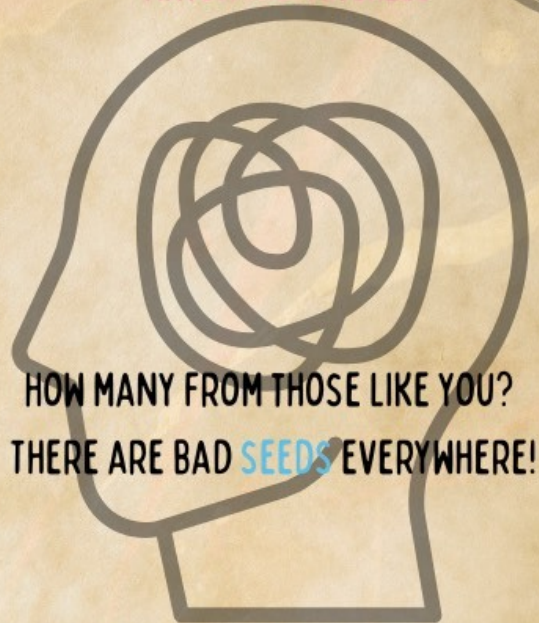
**CORRUPTION**.

RELEASE THE **EPSTEIN** FILES!

5 MASS SHOOTINGS HAVE BEEN

BY TRANS **PEOPLE**

AXTON N.O. MITCHELL



HOW MANY FROM THOSE LIKE YOU?  
THERE ARE BAD **SEEDS** EVERYWHERE!

DOES YOUR **WIFE** KNOW YOU

TOUCH CHILDREN

DOWN THERE?

DOWN **STAIRS**?

AUTISM ISN'T FROM A PILL

OR

**VACCINE**

IT IS NOT A DISEASE

IT IS NOT

SOMETHING

THAT CAN BE

**ERADICATED**

**TRANNNYS** AND THE 'TISM:

ARE HERE TO STAY!

AS LONG AS PEOPLE

LIKE ME HAVE GOT

A **SAY**!

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# London: Let's go from the Palace to the Crypt



## Why have one party ...when you can have two?

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Fang-tastic prizes.

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Poppy the Polaroid Princess

@poppyjasminehawkesLust @lustivlife

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International award winning star King  
Loose Willis

Spooky DJ Ray (Butch Please, Goldie's  
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Doors 21.00

Dapper Dyke the "metrosexual  
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Halloween weekend with Masquerade on  
1st November 2025.

A black-tie ball for lesbians, bisexuals,  
pansexuals, sapphics and FLINTA+  
queers (trans inclusive),

Dapper Dyke celebrates our subcultures  
from high femmes to studs, leather  
dykes to goths.



## Meet Team Halloweekend

@smiffsonio ~ @kingfrankiesinatra ~  
@mrsaintpatrick

The Vintage Princess (@thevintageprincess\_), Operotica (@operotica), and Nossa Senhora (nossa\_senhora) and flash tattoos by BratKing (@bratking\_666).

Masks are mandatory; decorate, trade, or create your own.

Event: @DapperPresents

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Performer: @TheVintagePrincess\_: @Operotica

DJ: @Nossa\_Senhora

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Welcome to  
Alphabetti ~ Amasatine ~  
Miss Serpentina and Lord Skullington





# Author: Robin .S. Goodfellow

The creation of The Noises From The Attic was a labor of love that spanned an entire year, carefully crafted while balancing the demands of a full-time job. This is just the beginning of a thrilling series, with at least three more books set to expand on the original tale. Inspired by real-life events from my youth, this story is rooted in truth, with only the names changed to protect the individuals involved.....



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Hello everyone, my wife, Cas, and I (Tina) are mums to our son, who is now 11 years of age. Becoming a parent is a daunting time, one day you only have to try and keep yourself alive, but then the next day there is this little person that relies on you for everything, from feeding, soothing, and loving them, through to changing those dirty nappies. Then, as they get older, the dirty nappies change to picking up stinky socks from the bedroom floor. But we still love them and always will, no matter how they come into our lives. Our son was adopted, and we will go to the ends of the world to protect them and keep them safe.

This is why Cas and I run Mini First Aid Portsmouth, Chichester, and Bognor. Our classes were designed and taught by a mum after the birth of her first child. It then did not take long for other mums attending the classes to begin training other parents in child and baby first aid. Now Mini First Aid covers most areas of the United Kingdom, with Cas and I covering a little pocket of the southeast. We run 2-hour informal baby and child first aid classes for parents and carers. We also offer first aid classes for our little ones. Early Years classes for children aged 3 to 6 years, Kids classes for those aged 7 to 11 years, and Teens classes for those aged 12 to 16 years.



I initially started out as a Paramedic and have since qualified as a Paramedic Practitioner and am now undertaking my MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner course. So, I have a good understanding of the importance of quality first aid prior to the emergency services arriving or being able to manage the situation without needing to involve any further healthcare

professionals. Cas has worked in a variety of roles that have seen her having to deal with first aid situations and emergencies, so not only does she care for our son like any mum should, she also understands what needs to be done when he is injured, and both of us feel that learning a life-saving skill is the best gift you can ever give your child.

We would love to see you at one of our public classes, but if you would prefer to learn in the comfort of your own home, then why not book a private class, which can always involve other family members, or hold a class for you and the little ones together.

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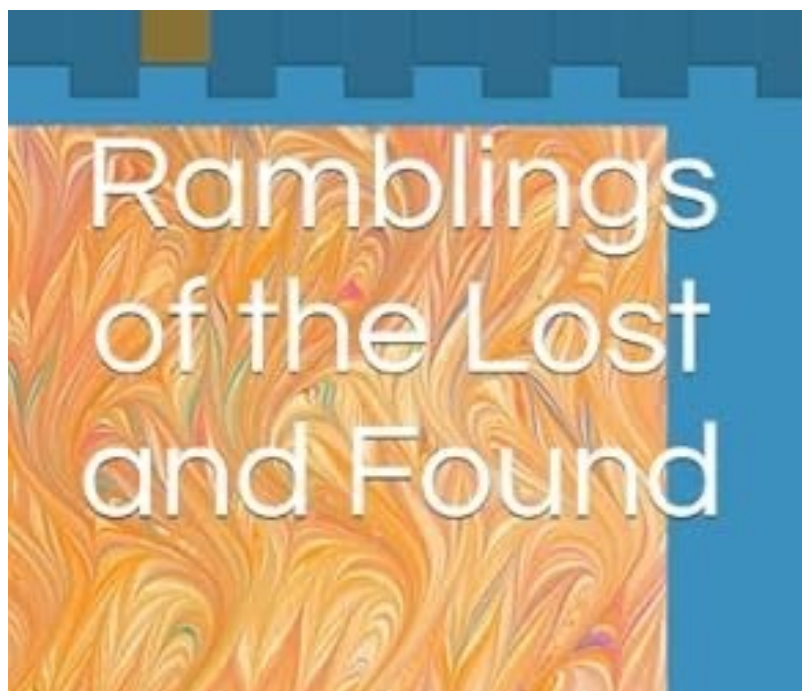
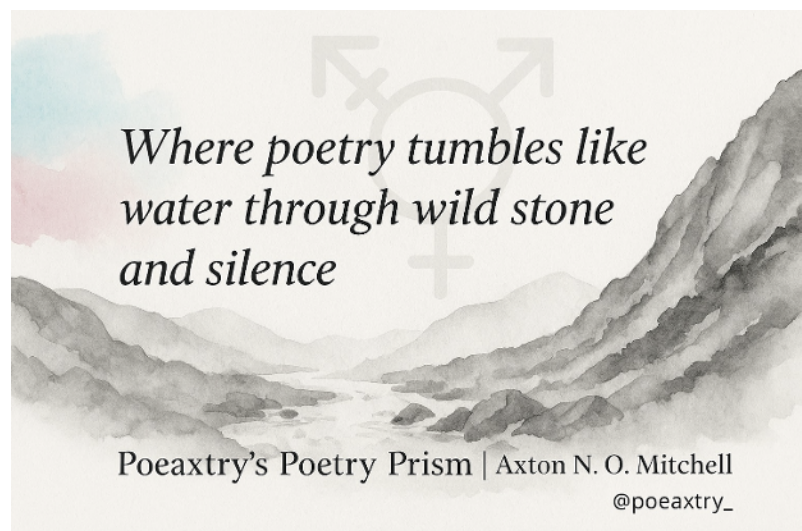
# Author: Axton N.O. Mitchell

Axton N.O. Mitchell, a 33-year-old published poet. He brings a wealth of experience and passion to his multifaceted creative endeavour's. With three self-published poetry collections and contributions to a growing number of literary magazines, Axton is establishing a strong presence in the literary world.

He identifies as a transgender man who uses he/him pronouns, he also identifies with the word term queer. Axton has been medically transitioning through hormones for a decade.

His connection to the natural world deeply informs his artistic spirit. He finds rejuvenation in hiking, camping, rockhounding, and kayaking, often transforming his geological discoveries into unique, hand-polished treasures for his small, witchy shop.

You can usually find his 7 year old dog, Luna where you find him.....





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September has been good for the garden with welcome rain and mild temperatures and so far the outlook is for the mildness to continue so great for Dahlias, Fuchsias and your summer bedding. The soil is warm so great for planting out your winter vegetable plants for harvesting early spring. It's also one of the best times of year to put down turf for a new lawn as it should get plenty of moisture and establish really quickly before the cold weather comes. I've just created a new lawn in my front garden and cut it for the first

time and it is lovely and thick and a good colour. It's important for the roots to get into the soil before the worst of the weather and with turf you get an instant green carpet.

If you haven't already done so you can clear out your greenhouse and in place of your tomatoes and cucumbers in those large pots, you can place vegetable plants for spring harvest and don't need any heat. They should be ready earlier than planting outside so if you do both you will get extended cropping time.

October will be the month to take up your Dahlias and Fuchsias. The first frosts will be mild and will darken the dahlia leaves – it's fine to leave as late as this but then they should be brought into a frost-free place.



Lift them with a fork so as not to damage the tubers. Prune off most of the top but leave some thicker stems to make them easier to handle. Remove the soil and put them on trays in a dry but not a warm place. They need to be cool, too warm and the tubers will dry out too much and shrivel, then they are no good for the spring. Do not add soil, let them have a chance to slowly dry and watch out for any mould that might appear. Remove any mouldy stems or tubers immediately and spray against Botrytis if you think necessary.

Fuchsias are treated differently. Leave them in their pots and remove the leaves. This may seem a bit dramatic but they will lose the leaves anyway and if not cleared away will allow mould to develop so it's easier to do it before you put them in their winter frost free place. They need a small amount of water to stop them completely drying out but too much and they will rot and not survive to the spring. The best thing to do is keep a regular watch of them to see if they need a little moisture.

Your summer bedding plants or at least some of them can be potted up and brought inside if you can't bear to throw them all onto the compost heap. Impatiens both standard and the New Guinea ones are great for indoor pot plants as are of course Pelargoniums.

You will need to pot them up and bring inside before the first frosts else it will be too late. If you put them in a greenhouse you will need some heat to keep off the frost.

Now is a good time to prune roses despite what a lot of books will say about pruning at Easter. You can use the pruning for hardwood cuttings if you want to create some new roses. Select pencil thickness stems that have flowered and are approximately twelve inches long. They don't need rooting powder but it will help if they have some cover say in a cold frame or unheated greenhouse. They will start shooting late winter / early spring.

You still have time to plant prepared indoor bulbs for flowering at Christmas. No need for special compost or expensive bulb fibre. You can use compost you've recycled from large planters.

Plant the bulbs in pots and close to each other but not touching and have the top of the bulb showing above the compost. Keep in a cool place and you can bring them into the living room gradually to get a longer flowering period. You can easily do this with 'Paperwhite' Daffodils and Amaryllis and a lot cheaper than buying them from a garden centre in December. A wire plant support would be a good

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A wire plant support would be a good idea for both sets of bulbs to keep them upright. Use a substantial pot for the Amaryllis as they grow tall and will pull over a small pot.

Don't forget to keep a watch over those assets and don't let them get frosted!

left – Primrose plant plugs that have arrived in the post. Excellent roots and very healthy leaves.

Right – Plant the plugs in individual pots and space them out to allow them to develop. Be careful with the watering and watch out for any botrytis and remove immediately and they will reward you like this!

### **- Plant of the Month - The Paperwhites**

This has to be for the prepared bulbs for indoor flowering around Christmas and for many weeks beyond.

They will save you a lot of money and give you something to discuss and to show off to visitors and other gardeners alike.

The 'Paperwhites' also have a nice scent so act like an air freshener. As the name suggests this is a white variety of Narcissus.

Left – Lots of different varieties of prepared inside bulbs at different stages to extend the flowering period. Don't forget to water them especially when in the house.

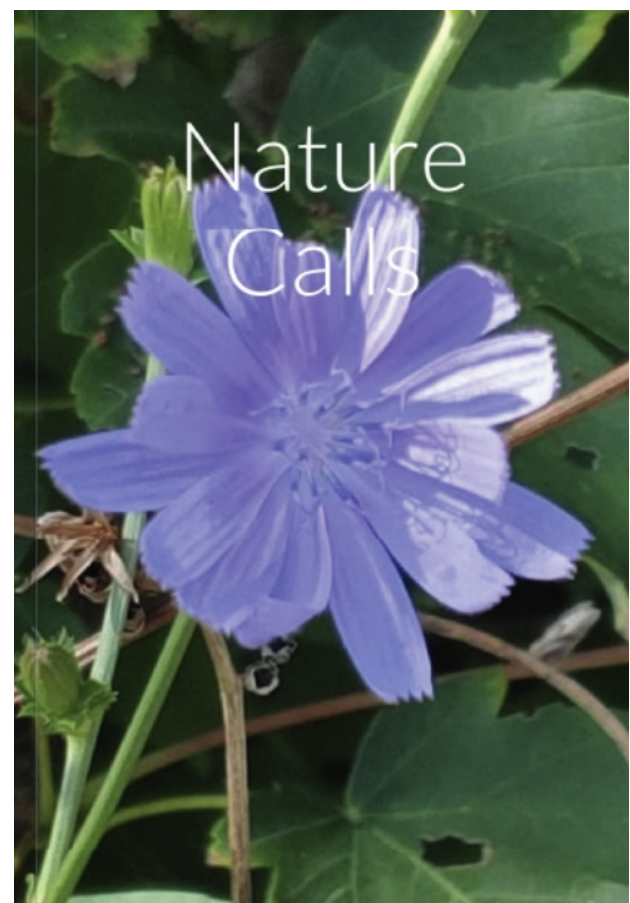
Right – Amaryllis showing several flower heads from each stem. If you can keep them cool it will allow the flowers to last longer. You can add one of the wire plant supports in the pot to keep the flower stem upright.





# Author: Branwen Drew

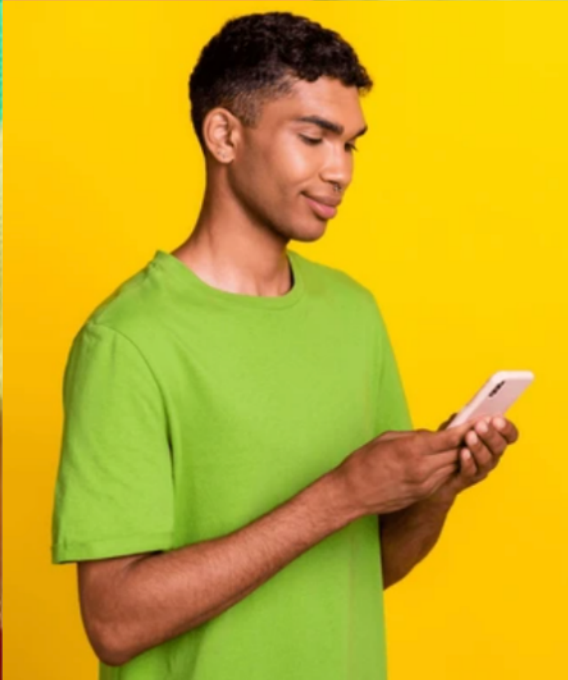
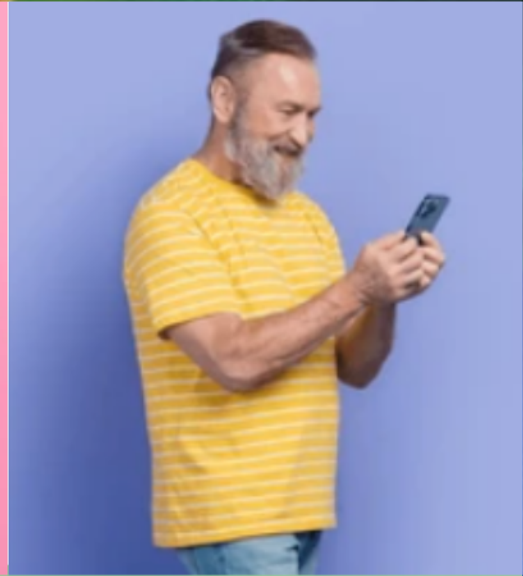
Branwen Drew has been writing poetry since 2018. She has had work published in Spillwords and in New York's Best Emerging Poets 2019: An Anthology. Her poems are inspired by coming out as a transgender woman in 2018. She is also a visual artist, essayist, and community activist. A lifetime resident of Upstate New York, she currently resides in Rome, NY with her spouse, Sarah and their fur babies, Torres the Cat, and Suzy the Chihuahua. She is a research librarian and one of the "New Voices." Pronouns: she/her/hers Poetry.....



Branwen Drew

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Barbara seeks to reclaim her heritage as an Appalachian and claim her space as a queer Appalachian.

Barbara was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia and grew up in neighboring Vienna. When she was fifteen, her family moved to Cadiz, Ohio. Barbara attended Cadiz High School where she was the first chair trombonist in the band and a pitcher on the baseball team. She was pitcher of the year her junior season. After graduation, she enrolled at Ohio Northern University where she was active in the band, student government, wrote a column for the student newspaper, and contributed poetry and short stories to the campus literary magazine, winning a few prizes. She majored in political science and English and graduated with high distinction.

When Barbara was in third grade, she read a book about Abraham Lincoln and declared that she was going to be a lawyer. She attended the University of Dayton School Law and earned her Juris Doctor degree cum laude. Barbara practiced law for the next 36 years and did no creative writing during that period of time. However, she did co-author three books on special education and sports law. She retired in 2014 and started her career as a writer. That's when her life truly began.

Barbara is the author of four poetry collections: *If There's No Heaven* (winner of the 2020 PoetryLife Book Award and an Akron Beacon Journal Best Northeast Ohio Book of 2020), the *Poetic Memoir Chapbook Challenge* (2021), *Dance Naked With God* (2023), and *A Woman in Progress* (winner of

Barbara Marie Minney lived a whole lifetime has someone she wasn't. Barbara, a native of West

Virginia and a seventh generation Appalachian, is a transgender woman, award winning poet and writer, speaker, teaching artist, guest reader/editor, and quiet activist. She writes personal and emotional poetry that describes her feelings, thoughts, and passions while struggling to live her truth as a transgender woman. She began her transition to living authentically as the woman that she now knows she was always meant to be at the age of 63 after repressing her true gender identity for over 60 years. Through her writing,

the 2024 American Fiction Award for Poetry Chapbook and an Eric Hoffer Da Vinci Eye Award Finalist).

Barbara's poetry and essays have also been translated into Spanish and widely published in such

prestigious publication as Politico; The Buckeye Flame; The Gasconade Review; Gargoyle

Magazine; The Pine Cone Review; Women Speak: Women of Appalachia Project ; Wicked Gay Ways; Trash Sandwich Magazine; The Dark Poets Club; Breaking the Silence: An Anthology of Queer Self, Life, and Love in NE Ohio; New Words: a trans\* gender-expansive poetry journal; Inside Out: An Affirming Epiphany; Nat'l & Int'l Goddess Festival Anthology; For A Better World: Poems and Drawings on Peace and Justice; New Generation Beats 2025 Anthology; and I Thought I Heard A Cardinal Sing, Ohio's Appalachian Voices.

Barbara has also extensively performed her poetry and her multimedia performance piece "Queerin the Holler: An Appalachian Journey of Perseverance" throughout the country. She has also done readings and appeared on panels at the Association of Writers and Publishers Writing Programs Conference, the Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Literary Cleveland's Inkubator Conference, Literary Youngstown's Fall Conference, and Heights Arts Ekphrastacy: Artists Talk & Poets Respond, among others.



Barbara has also taught workshops for such organizations as West Virginia Writers, Words in the Hills, new words press and SCRIB Lab, Literary Cleveland, and the Flamingo Writers Guild.

She also gave the keynote speech and taught a workshop at the EDEN festival at the Forest Hills Club in Michigan and has written the introduction and submitted poetry to the Akron Pride Festival Guides. Barbara has served on the Board of Directors of Literary Youngstown and the Aids Network/Akron Pride Initiative (CANAPI).

Barbara has also appeared on the "Life With JEM Podcast," the "Mothman in the Bible Belt Podcast," the "Ohio Poetry Association Poetry Spotlight," the "West Virginia Author" TV program, the "Transpositive" radio program and similar programs and podcasts. Barbara and her wife, Marilyn, also made a video about a "Successful Transgender Marriage," which may be viewed on YouTube.

She lives in Northeast Ohio with her wife of over 44 years and a menagerie of stuffed animals.

You can follow Barbara at [www.barbaramarieminneypoetry.com](http://www.barbaramarieminneypoetry.com)

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# Author: Tom R Lanting

Tom R Lanting is an Australian author from a Dutch/Irish background. As a student, he became passionate about ancient cultures and further took that with him mixing it with his love for travel.

Along with his love of ancient culture, he became a pagan from his early teens realising it more reflected and allowed him to be more nurturing of his real self.

Tom finally settled in Scotland meeting his husband. Together they became the first legal gay handfasting in the UK. Tom work with the Scottish pagan federation as their lgbtqi+ officer.....

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## Book Review: The Haunting Of Philip Tremaine

Author Robin .S. Goodfellow



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Not only did this book seize my attention, but it left me ravenous for more; with each turned page, I was immersed deeper into the intricate lives of the characters and the rich tapestry of local geography and its captivating history.

By honing in on a specific locale, the story pulsed with life, and I must say, it takes a masterful writer to envelop you so swiftly without the sensation of being hurried through the narrative. Robin has truly captured the essence of classic horror and breathed new life into it, masterfully blending the old with the contemporary.

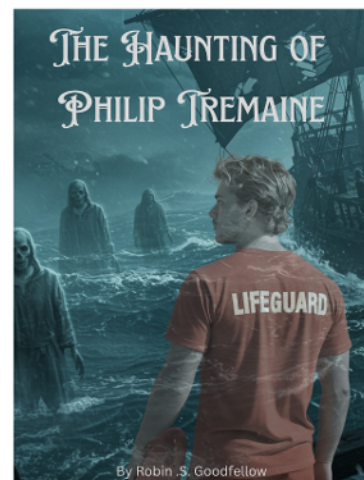
In this first instalment of what promises to be a thrilling series featuring Philip Tremaine, you genuinely sense that Philip is an old soul vibrantly inhabiting a modern young body. These captivating books are ideal for anyone, male or female, aged 16 and up.

With such a rich Cornish maritime heritage to draw from and countless other sites and shipwrecks to explore, I foresee numerous more Philip Tremaine adventures on the horizon, and I wholeheartedly wish Robin the very best with this extraordinary series.

Book two is already out, eagerly awaiting my eager eyes, yet my heart is already racing at the thought of book three!

To delve into this book and the entire collection by Robin S. Goodfellow, simply visit his website [www.robingoodfellow.uk](http://www.robingoodfellow.uk) or search for Robin S. Goodfellow on Amazon; his masterpieces are available in Paperback, Hardback, and Kindle formats.

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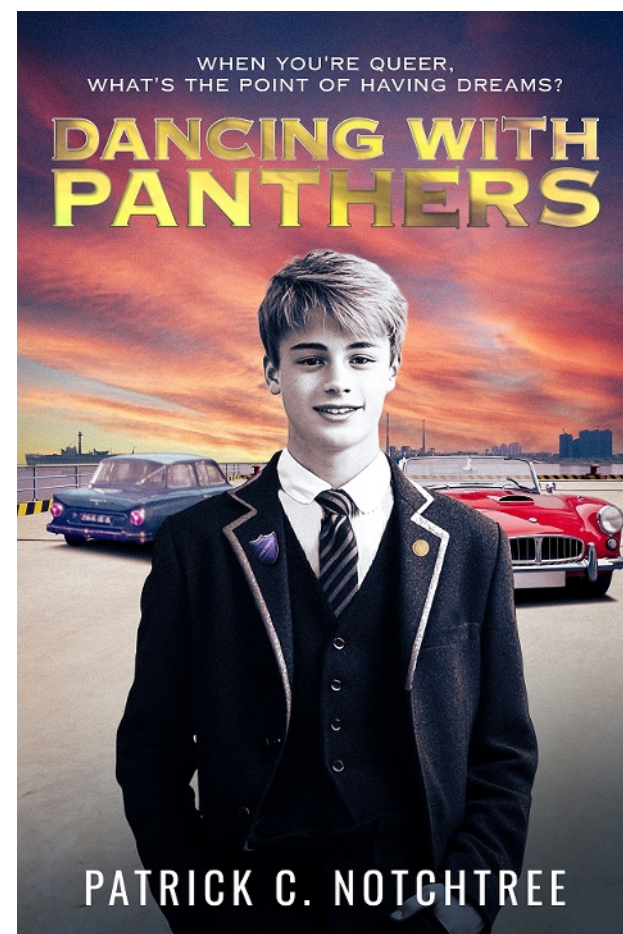
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# Author: Patrick C. Notchtree

Patrick now lives in the north of England with his wife and has his son and granddaughters nearby. Much of his life is reflected in the biographical trilogy "The Clouds Still Hang", so to repeat too many biographical details here would be something of a.....



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# Tales of the Second City

## Misadventures on Birmingham's Gay Scene

### The Boy with Hearts in His Eyes

Many a middle-aged man has gazed into his eyes and seen their feelings reflected... then been flicked in the bollocks and called, "Dirty Bitch!"

Meet Ruru... the Marmite of Birmingham's gay scene. Love or hate him, you can't ignore him. A beguiling Yemini, capable of going from sweet boy to sassy bitch in just one of his faint heartbeats.

To misquote the Sisters of Nonnberg Abbey from *The Sound of Music*:

'Unpredictable as weather

He's as flighty as a feather

He's a darling! He's a demon! He's a laaaamb!

I originally met Ruru on a popular gay networking app. He came over several times, then spent one long sunny afternoon sitting in my back garden... and stayed... and stayed... and stayed. He wouldn't leave! He stayed so long that I started to wonder if as he moved in but failed to mention it.

He entertained himself playing on his phone, forcing me 'go live' on social media and trying to take photos selfies with my ageing dog.

I had a bottle of wine cooling in the fridge, which I wouldn't open as Ru was Muslim, but after several parched hours of Twitter and TikTok hell, I really needed a drink!

Finally, I asked, "Would you mind if I had a glass of wine?"

"Just a small one," he replied.

"No, no, no," I blathered apologetically, "I wouldn't get drunk in front of you!"

He gave a coy look, "I meant, I'll just have a small one."

You drink?!" I spluttered. "I've been gasping for hours but didn't want to offend you!"

We polished off the bottle of wine (admittedly, I had most of it, as he was a lightweight), then reached for a bottle of Prosecco. Midway through releasing the cork, I got particularly animated whilst telling a story, so set the bottle on the kitchen counter. The bottle suddenly erupted in a geyser of sweet effervescence, when the cork unexpectedly worked itself loose, dramatically ricocheting from ceiling to tiled floor with startling fury. I screamed, and Ruru dropped into a lithe Spiderman crouch Ru subsequently discovered he has a fluttery heart condition. It could have killed him!

Several weeks later, I was strolling passed the expansive windows of one gay scene hangout, when I was attracted by Ruru's frantic waving. He was sat inside on a sofa and motioning me to join him.

He had an untouched glass of red wine and three beer bottles in front of him, two of which were empty. It turned out that he had only wanted the wine but had bought a beer to take him over the £5 card limit at the bar. He had never drunk beer before and necked it. Now having acquired the taste, he immediately returned to the bar to buy another. Of course, the card limit meant he bought two more to bring him up to the required amount (Why he didn't just buy a bag of crisps, like a normal person, I will never know?!).

By the time I walked in, Ruru was absolutely spannered!

He just sat, consumed by an oversized sofa, gazing around in dazed contentment, occasional blowing out of his mouth, like a gently neighing horse.

Whenever his eyes met mine, a dopey smile spread across his face, and he emphatically poked me in my chest with a fickle finger, exclaiming a meaningless, "YOU! You... You... Yooooooooooooou!"

He was in a right pickle!!

I had been on my way to meet a friend, so had to leave. It was all a bit of a rush.

"I've got to go. Are you going to be OK?"

Ruru rolled his eyes in indignation and harrumphed, "Offff courssse!"

I left him basking in his newfound love of beer and staring around the bar like a fresh-born calf, trying to make sense of this strange new world it found itself in.

Missing Bar on Hurst Street is now his second home, where he equally flirts with and winds-up the other regulars, broadcasts live karaoke on social media and once got so drunk that he came out to his family in a text message, then promptly ran away to Scotland to hide... but that is a whole other story.

One night, I was describing Ruru to someone when they asked, "Is he petite, really cute... and a nightmare after three pints?"

"That's him!"

The radiant Ruru!

How do you hold a moonbeam in your hand?

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# THE PARANORMAL

A Haunting Through Time!

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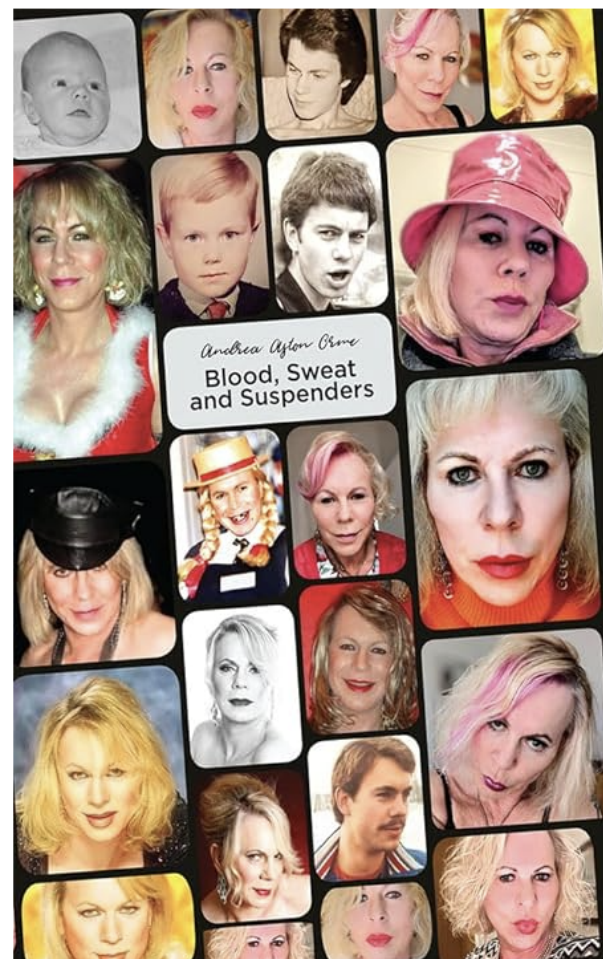


# Author: Andrea Orme

Born in Harrow in 1959 into a somewhat dysfunctional family, Andrea's early life was marked by academic challenges. Despite leaving school with a few CSEs, including a B in biology and a B+ in art, a subsequent stint at Harrow Technical College yielded credits and a distinction in hairdressing. This skill would sustain them through many years in England and abroad.

After leaving the hairdressing industry, Andrea embarked on a varied career path, predominantly within the service sector.....

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## 'The Producers

If you've never seen the stage version of 'The Producers', now's your chance to see it, and it is a must see!

If you're a theatre seasoned pro (like me) and have seen it before (like I have), I urge you to go see it again. And if you're not, trust me, you will thoroughly enjoy it, with more than plenty of belly laughs.

And yes it's still as funny as the first time I saw it (on Broadway in 2001 with Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick).

Written by comedy legend Mel Brooks (who is now 99!), 'The Producers' is about unsuccessful Broadway producer Max Bialystock (Andy Nyman) whose last show - Funny Boy - was a flop, and he is broke as per his accountant Leo Bloom (Marc Antolin). But together they concoct a plan to produce the worst musical ever - Springtime for Hitler - and swindle their investors money (said investors are rich little old ladies who Bialystock has to pleasure to get their money).

Bloom also decides to maintain two separate accounting books. Well it turns out that Springtime for Hitler is a huge hit - thanks to the direction of campy Roger DeBris (Trevor Ashley), and the catchy songs and costumes (the most hilarious part of the show - the second half).

But when the two sets of books are discovered, could it be Broadway or bust for the two?

From start to finish, you'll laugh your head off, with the quick witty dialogue, hilarious songs (especially 'Keep it Gay' in the first half and of course 'Springtime for Hitler' in the second half) and the fantastic performances of the entire cast (including Joanna Woodward as the Swedish secretary). I don't remember this show being so over the top when I saw it over 20 years ago, but as mentioned before, it is a must see, and I plan to see it again.

'The Producers' is currently playing in London at The Garrick Theatre until February 21st, 2026 - so there's plenty of time to get your tickets.

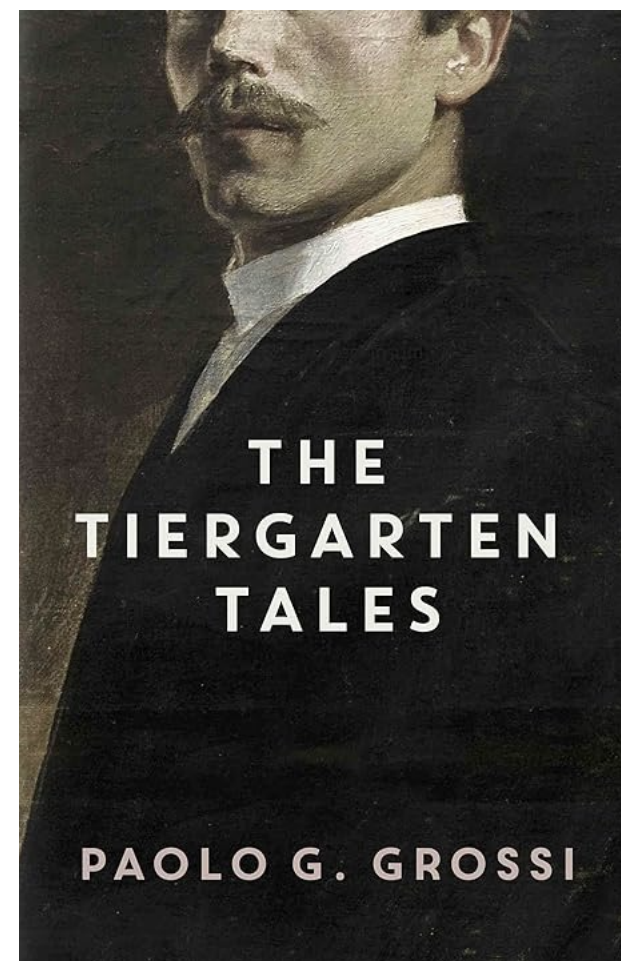
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# Author: Paolo G. Grossi

Paolo G. Grossi was born and raised in Milan. Thirty years ago he spent a weekend in London and decided to stay. Like most Italians, opera and the visual arts are his main passions. When not writing you will surely find him attending a performance, visiting a museum and, of course, spending some time cycling in Berlin or around the Wannsee. He lives in London with his partner.....







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me what amazing work they do, and after researching and seeing the work they do myself, and after speaking to them, I knew I wanted to raise money for them too, so the Red Ribbon Calendar was created, again with the help and support of Mwordsphotography and Trojan Fitness, along with 17 stunning and amazing models!

You can find out more about these amazing charities by checking out their socials on the links below!

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Hi I'm Jordan Chan, a Multi award winning LGBTQ+ activist and Charity Fund Raiser.

I'm a director for my local pride and I'm extremely passionate about looking after and supporting my local and wider LGBTQ+ community, and raising money for amazing charities.

Last year I organised a calendar to raise money for my local pride, and to raise money and awareness around testicular cancer. The charity I raised money for was The Odd Balls Foundation, and I sold over 200 copies, with the help and support of Trojan Fitness and the incredibly talented Mwordsphotography.

I wanted to do another calendar this year, and wanted to support the Terrance Higgins Trust as I've seen the amazing work they do in person and over social media, my good friend also mentioned the Sussex Beacon, and after him telling

The calendar features implied nudes (think calendar girl style) and underwear, which our friends at Addicted UK provided for the shoot. We also incorporated the iconic red ribbon into the photos in honour of world aids day.

I didn't just want to raise money for these two fantastic charities, but I wanted the calendar to spark conversations around the stigma and misinformation we sadly still see today around HIV, with resources and information leaflets, provided by the charities, that will be included in all our postal orders.

We have calendar launch and signing parties in Brighton, Margate Kent, and London over the coming months and you can follow our journey on my socials to keep updated with our progress!

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the models, who travelled from all over  
the UK to be part of the calendar shoot  
and supporting this great cause! You can  
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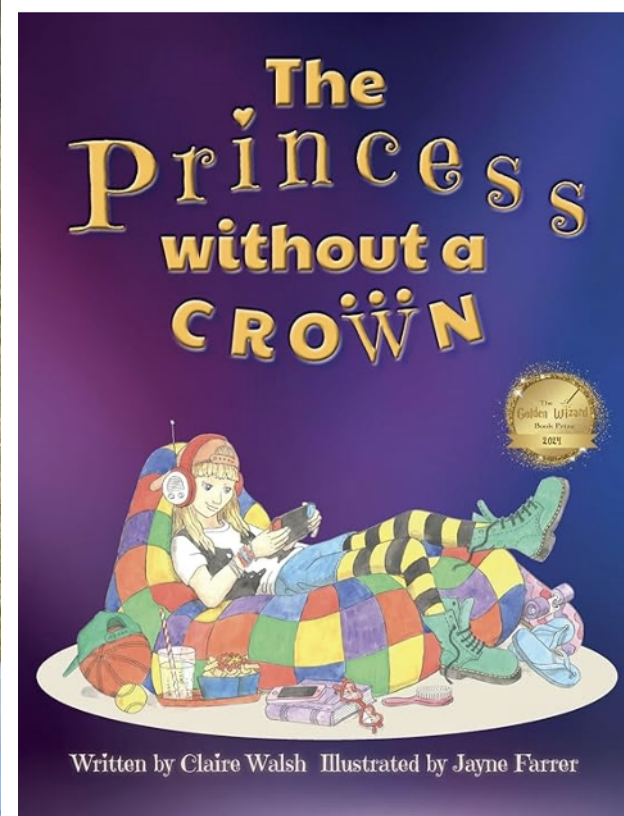
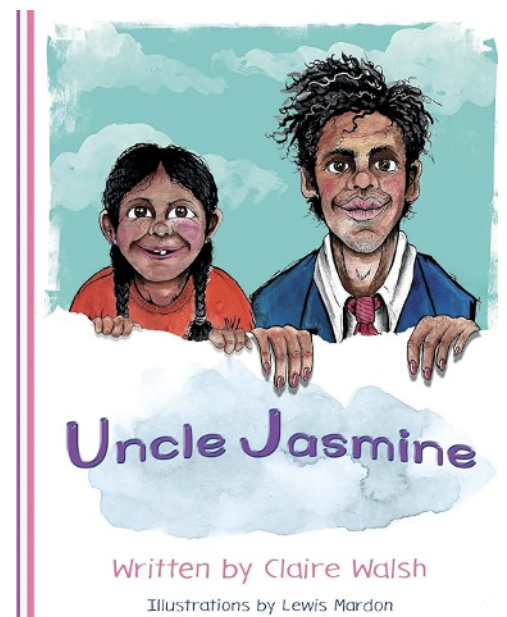
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# Author: Clair Walsh

There was a little girl who loved to read.

She had a tricky time growing up, she loved reading books and dreamed of one day writing books. She eventually became a teacher. Over 20 years as a teacher, she read many, many books to many, many children. With each book she read, she remembered her old dream of writing her own stories, stories to help little people believe that they can be who they want to be.....







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