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A Gathering OF AUTHORS

OCTOBER 24, 2019
RIVERSIDE LANDING, OAKMONT, PA



A BOOK AND AUTHOR EVENT LIKE NO OTHER

The most fun-filled book event of the year—*A Gathering of Authors*—opens its doors on **October 24th at Riverside Landing, Oakmont** with a line-up of more than one dozen local authors pitching their newly-released books. Each of the authors has five minutes to engage the audience, which always makes for lively and memorable presentations that are at once succinct, compelling and utterly entertaining.

Again, we are proud to present a diverse range of genres and subjects—a first-time bio of one of Pittsburgh's most colorful and beloved mayors, an honest-to-goodness way to cut your workouts down to 15 seconds, the true story of a man who walked 40-thousand miles to spread the love of God, a wry look at how pockets can change the world from a Tree of Life shooting survivor. Book lovers will meet a pastor who, against all odds, brought his one-hundred year old congregation into the Twenty-first Century. There are four new heart-stopping thrillers, a real-life conspiracy—orchestrated by the White House—that destroyed an American hero from Western PA, and an inspirational memoir about a journey through the wilderness and the signs that pointed the way back from grief to redemption and love. As for the young and young at heart, there are three cool Pittsburgh cats who long to find their special sound, one French-fry-loving Allegheny Valley Police Department K-9 officer—a

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teenage author and her fantasy thriller about two dragons and—if you can handle the lovely commotion—all the birds in your backyard.

Doors open at 5:00 pm with the Word Association Pop-Up Bookstore stocked and ready to serve book buyers. There will be a grab n'go sandwich table next to the cash bar with live music and a roving photographer adding to the festivities. And if guests are still hungry, we'll be doing our traditional snack toss into the audience just before the authors take center stage to pitch their books.

In addition to the newly-released titles by the presenting local authors, the Pop-Up Bookstore will also feature titles by twelve Word Association Backlist Best-Selling authors who will be on hand in the bookstore to sign books and talk with guests.

Author presentations begin at 6:30, followed by a question and answer session with the authors, shopping in the bookstore, book signings and our annual raffle. And if all this isn't enough, authors and guests will be treated to a good, old-fashioned Pittsburgh cookie table and fresh hot coffee to round off the evening.

Admission and Parking is free.

For More Information, Contact Francine Costello at 800 827 7903

PRESENTING AUTHORS

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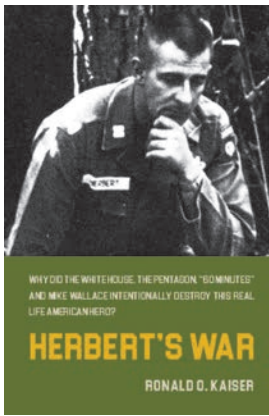
Sophie, The Incomparable Mayor Masloff by Barbara Burstin.

Barbara Burstin, who teaches history at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University, has written the first biography of the late Mayor Masloff—the first woman, the first Jew and the first grandmother to hold the position. Sophie inherited the office following the untimely death of Mayor Richard Caliguiri. “I’m frantic beyond recall,” said the always forthright Sophie, who not only completed Mr. Caliguiri’s mayoral term but astonished political experts the next year by winning her own four-year term in one of the hardest-fought mayoral elections in Pittsburgh.



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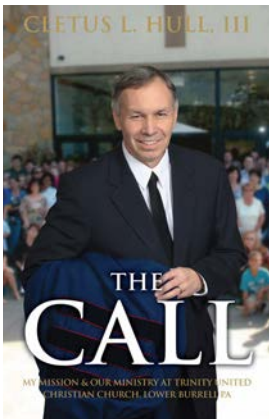
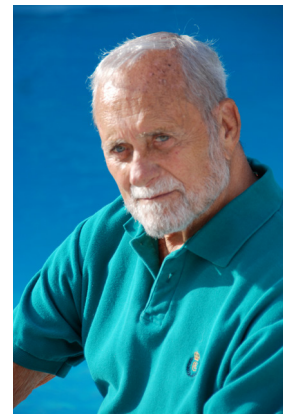
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Herbert's War by Ronald O. Kaiser.

When Western Pennsylvania war hero Tony Herbert refused to stop speaking out against the Vietnam War, the Pentagon set out to stop him. Herbert, a coal miner's son from Herminie, named the most decorated soldier of the Korean War by President Truman, launched a one-man campaign to right a wrong war. When the Army and Pentagon failed to silence him, Mike Wallace and 60 Minutes stepped in to aid the Nixon White House in discrediting this outstanding soldier. Herbert's War uses actual documents and sworn court testimony to demonstrate how they brought down one of America's great heroes because he refused to be part of their lies and deceit. Author Ronald Kaiser lives in Pittsburgh

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The Call by Cletus L. Hull, III, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Christian Church in Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania

Trinity United Christian Church evolved out of a 110 year old congregation situated in the center of old New Kensington and this story tells of their vision, their journey, and the risks taken to touch a new generation, fulfilling the Biblical mandate to "...make disciples of all nations..." The author shares with readers the adventure he undertook in leading a traditional 1950s style congregation to a Twenty-first Century missions-minded contemporary congregation. It is Pastor Hull's hope that this story will encourage others to build their church on the foundations of scripture and watch as God Himself brings more people to share in His Great Commission.

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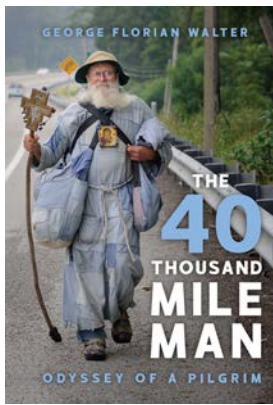
Fifteen Seconds to Fitness by Steven T. Gough, DPT, PT, OCS and Mijung Park, PhD, MPH, RN.

What if you could use that fraction of time to improve your health? This book shows readers how fifteen seconds of exercise, beginning with as few as six repetitions a day, can improve a person's health dramatically. In their book, the authors explain that the idea is to start small and stay small for as long as necessary. "Eventually, you'll recognize that your capacity, stamina and strength will increase. And you'll be chomping at the bit to do a little bit more." Authors Gough and Park offer proof with fascinating studies as well as their own research revealing that this kind of workout, combining time, habit and effort in new ways, not only helps you succeed at fitness and health but also enhances academic and work performance. Steven T. Gough makes his home in Pittsburgh and Mijung Park resides in San Francisco.

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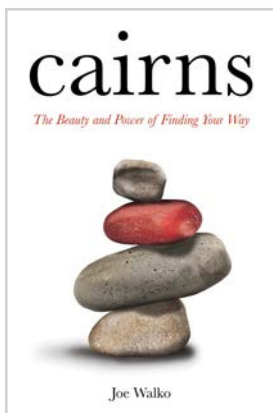
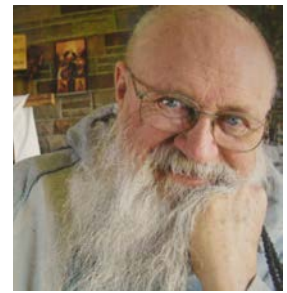
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The Forty-Thousand Mile Man: Odyssey of a Pilgrim by George Florian Walter

A native of suburban Pittsburgh—Pilgrim George—as he is known, was studying for the priesthood at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe during the cultural revolutions in the late 60s. George was never ordained to the priesthood. Instead he began a pilgrimage of faith that eventually became a way of proclaiming God’s love. In his memoir, the author shares the inspiring story of his subsequent, astonishing 40,000 mile journey on foot, alone, with little money, depending upon the kindness and generosity of people he met as he walked through forty-one countries on three continents to proclaim Jesus as “the Way the Truth and the Life.”

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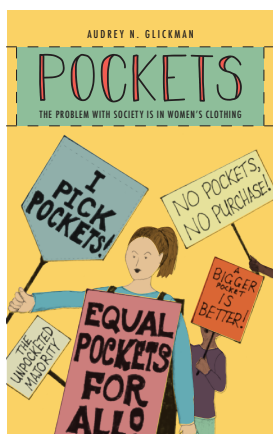
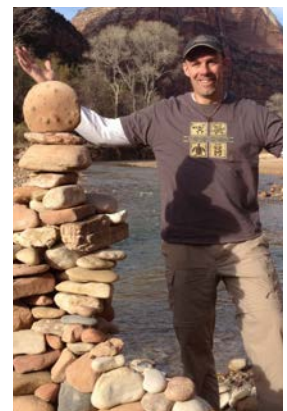
Cairns by Joe Walko

Do we need the challenges that life inevitably throws at us to strip us down to our true selves, so that we may finally find the courage necessary to follow our authentic path? I now believe so. But how do you pick yourself up from the depths and move forward? Now I know. One day at a time. Following your cairns. (Cairn. Pronounced karen. An orderly tower of stones set up as a marker, clearly not natural, perhaps manmade, perhaps divined.)

Life is crashing down, the author’s wife is battling cancer, he is fighting for his job as alcohol tightens its grip. He needs a sign. Travel this inspiring spiritual journey on a path marked by cairns, through the wilderness of the new American West, the depravity of booze and sex, the fear of death, the mysticism of a new faith, finally arriving at redemption, and ultimately, love again.

Joe Walko resides in Murrysville, Pennsylvania.

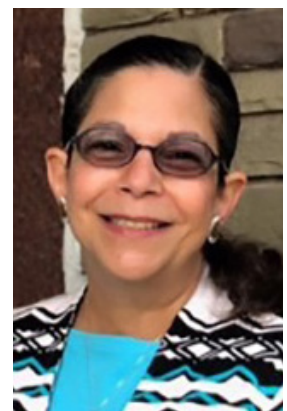
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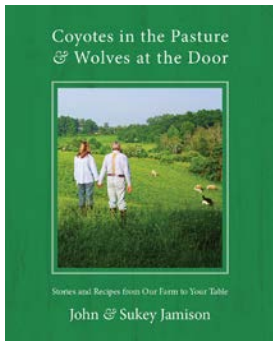
POCKETS—The Problem With Society is in Women's Clothing —written and illustrated by Audrey N. Glickman

“We have a pervasive despair: despair for a pocket, despair about a pocket,” the author proclaims right off the bat. “Seems like everything is affected by pockets. (Or the lack thereof.) And just as we have become a society rife with pocket devices,” she reminds us. Glickman’s astute, angst-filled, quirky observations are cleverly enhanced by her illustrations—smart and spare as a New Yorker Magazine cartoon. This charming book is well-seasoned with spot-on truths. Though her unique wit dominates her book, the author does include a final chapter about her life-changing experience at the Tree of Life Synagogue in the direct line of fire, on the day of the shooting. Audrey N. Glickman resides in Pittsburgh.

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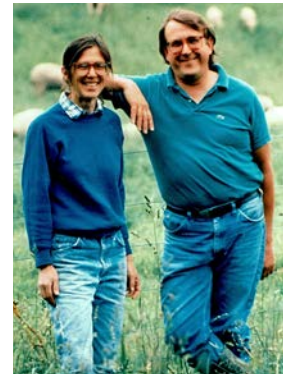
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Coyotes in the Pasture and Wolves at the Door by John and Sukey Jamison of Latrobe

This lovely book is part cookbook, part memoir as it tells of John Jamison's leaving a successful corporate career for a life in the rolling farmland of Westmoreland County with no clue as to how they were going to provide for their family. Their story tells how the couple overcame the financial hardships and their own lack of knowledge to turn Jamison Farm into one of the nation's most sought after producers of fine quality lamb, now served on the menus of the best restaurants in the country.

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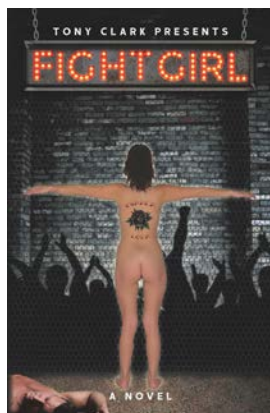
FICTION



All in the Game by Dr. Carl A. Flecker, Jr.

When international mercenary, Crete Sloan sets off for the spectacular port city of Baku, Azerbaijan, it isn't pleasure he has on his mind but finding the kidnapped daughter of oil baron Frank Marcella. Along the way, Sloan encounters the seductive CIA agent Lisa Bender and falls hard for her. Lisa joins Crete in his effort to find the kidnap victim but the couple run headlong into two tough guys who want the lovers off the case and out of the way—permanently. This is the author's sixth book in his popular Crete Sloan series. Dr. Flecker makes his home in O'Hara Township.

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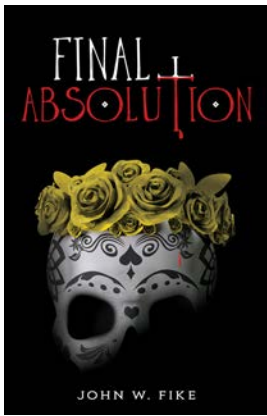
Fight Girl by Tony Clark

Retired judge Tony Clark has based his novel on actual events he witnessed as a politician, lawyer and judge to spin a psychological thriller that takes hold and doesn't let go until the last sentence. *Fight Girl* is the story of Peggy Devlin, a struggling young lawyer and Jessie Strick, a fearless drifter, who is facing attempted murder charges for nearly beating to death the tyrannical, mob-controlled Mayor of Sharpsburg, Ohio. Peggy Devlin does all she can to refuse taking on Strick as a client but finally has no choice but to defend the strange young woman with apparently limitless amounts of cash and an undying hatred for Sharpsburg's mayor and the mobsters who control him. Tony Clark makes his home in Natrona Heights.

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The Final Absolution by John Fike

John and Dave are high school students, living in a poor neighborhood of Detroit, earning pocket change, working in a bowling alley. Set in the late 1960s, the teens are devastated by the untimely death of Carmen, their boss and father figure. Their need to work and earn money sets the friends on vastly divergent paths. John has been remembered in Carmen's will with money for college, while Dave is quietly dealing drugs. The story turns on a mutual friend accidentally overhearing details of a drug deal that sets off a chain of events that changes the lives of both John and Dave forever. The author makes his home in Eighty-Four, Pennsylvania.



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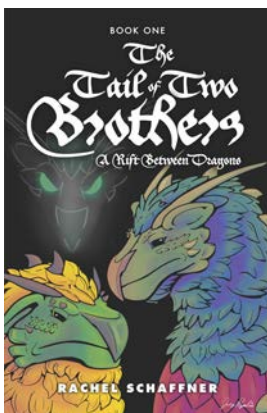


WINTER COMES by Octavia Long

The amazing Table Ladies are back with a new mystery, writing again under the pen name, Octavia Long, following their first success with *WHERE'S LAURA*. The eight authors—all residents of Longwood Retirement Community in Oakmont, have collaborated to bring back their protagonists—also residents of an upscale retirement community—this one on the banks of the Chesapeake in Maryland—who again come upon a mystery that begins when one neighbor is robbed of her jewels and another—a former U.S. State Department official who is writing a memoir—discovers that his private files are missing.



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THE TAIL OF TWO BROTHERS by Rachael Schaffner

Rachael of Avonworth is a young-adult fantasy writer. Though still in her teens, Rachael conjures up adventure and danger-enough to offer readers a heart-stopping ride all the way to the end. The story takes place in a far-away land known as Dragon Landia as four young dragons find themselves tasked with saving their world from falling into a devastating war.

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS

HOT CHOCOLATE BOOKS, A DIVISION OF WORD ASSOCIATION PUBLISHERS



How the Cat Got Its Sound: The Story of Three Pittsburgh Cats and One Windy Night in Bellvue by James Turner, Illustrated by Joseph Papalia

This story offers plenty of read-aloud fun as three cats, out for a walk through their Pittsburgh neighborhood on a windy evening, decide to ask some of their animal friends if they can help the cats create a sound that will be uniquely their own. Author James Turner, who originally made up the tale as a bedtime story for his daughters, knew how important it was to mix drama and silliness with the lessons of kindness, generosity, and graciousness in the face of frustration and disappointment. James Turner lives in Pittsburgh's Bellvue neighborhood.

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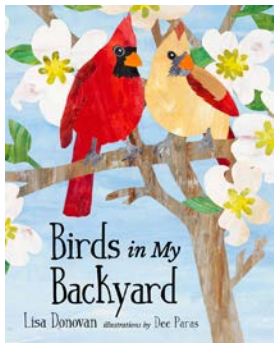
K-9 Merlyn—Police Dog Extraordinaire by Leslee Green and Dr. Jennifer Callen-Naviglia.

A true-to-life story of Allegheny Valley Regional Police Chief Mike Naviglia, and his beloved K-9 partner, Merlyn. The story, illustrated by Felix Eddy, is told from Merlyn's point of view. It invites children (pre-school through early middle school) into the life of a dog who graduates from the rigors of official K-9 training to become an actual Police K-9 Officer who patrols alongside his friend and partner. Together their mission is to defend and protect the community. The goal of the book is to inspire the love of reading through a captivating narrative accompanied by enlightening illustrations. Leslee Green resides in Austintown, Ohio and Dr. Jennifer Callen-Naviglia makes her home in Fawn Township, Pennsylvania.

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Birds in My Backyard by Lisa Donovan, Illustrated by Dee Paras.

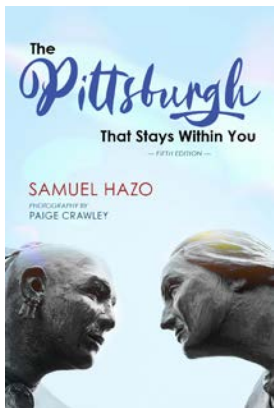
This delightfully written and ingeniously illustrated book is sure to entice youngsters away from their electronics to step outside and enjoy the birds in their own backyards. Both author and illustrator sought the counsel of an ornithologist from Pittsburgh's National Aviary to ensure the authenticity of details in verse and visuals. The result is an engaging merger of the natural world and the wonders of the imagination for a read that is both educational and whimsical. Starting with the Dawn Chorus and ending in a dreamy nightscape, the book takes young readers on a journey that adults will also enjoy. Lisa Donovan makes her home in Pittsburgh.



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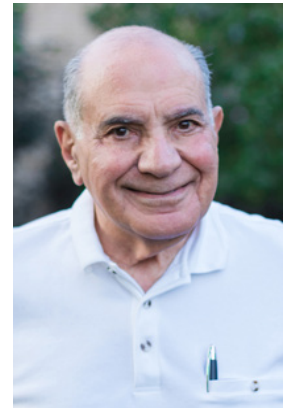
NON FICTION



THE PITTSBURGH THAT STAYS WITHIN YOU by Samuel Hazo of Pittsburgh

(Winner of a 2018 Independent Publishers Association National Book Award)

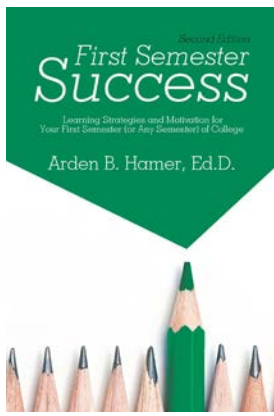
The first edition of this memoir was published thirty-one years ago and in this latest, Mr. Hazo's fifth edition, he holds fast to his contention that each version is a memoir in progress... as it was and is in recollection. The book is composed of five sections written in 1986, 1992, 1998, 2003 and 2017. But for this newest edition, Mr. Hazo chose the photographs of 16-year-old Paige Crawley—a remarkable young artist who gives his memoir a fresh new look.



Sam Hazo has authored books of poetry, fiction, essays and plays. He is the founder and director of Pittsburgh's International Poetry Forum and he is a McAnulty Distinguished Professor of English Emeritus at Duquesne University, where he taught for forty-three years.

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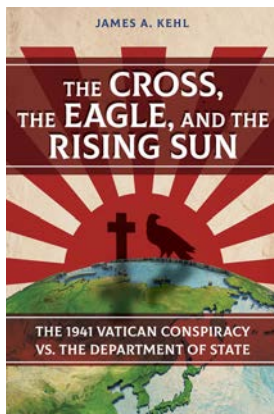
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FIRST SEMESTER SUCCESS, SECOND EDITION by Arden Hamer of Murrysville.

The retired Indiana University Professor has expanded her formula for early success to include the use of technology integrated into her winning strategies to make the most of the college experience from the start. Whether a student is entering for the first time, returning after an unsuccessful initial attempt or entering as an adult, Hamer's book offers easy-to-implement tips that students can use to take control of their learning, studying and testing goals.

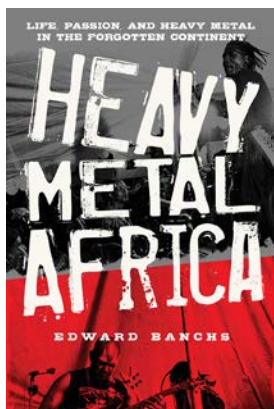
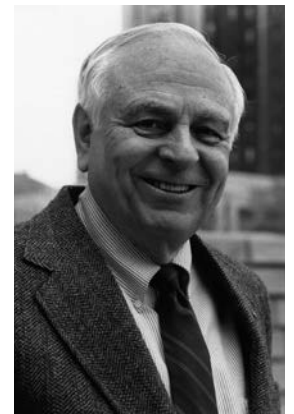
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THE CROSS, THE EAGLE AND THE RISING SON by former Pitt Professor, James Kehl

An untold story that centers on the Vatican's attempt to orchestrate a victory for Japan by keeping the US out of World War II. In his expose', Kehl writes a new chapter in pre-World War II diplomacy, unearthing the role of two Catholic priests who nearly changed the course of history. James Kehl's previously published book is, "The University Remembered: Personal Reflections on Pitt and a Few of its People," also published by Word Association Publishers.

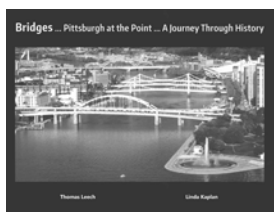
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HEAVY METAL AFRICA by Edward Banchs

An African Studies scholar and Heavy Metal aficionado from Oakmont, shares his extensive travel experiences as he crisscrosses the continent of Africa where he discovers how young men in remote villages are forming Rock and Heavy Metal bands to bring about a bloodless revolution on their war-torn continent. Part musical history, part travel log, Banchs describes how his numerous journeys revealed an Africa he never learned about in books.

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BRIDGES, PITTSBURGH at the POINT...A JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY by Thomas Leech and Linda Kaplan of Pittsburgh

(Winner of a 2018 Independent Publishers Book Award for non-fiction)

Leech and Kaplan—both bridge engineers—have written the first and only book to tell the full story of every one of the 34 bridges that ever spanned the three great rivers at The Point. The authors take readers back to the daring construction of the first wooden bridge in 1818 and on to the incredible and brilliant innovations that make up the story of each one of the bridges at The Point.

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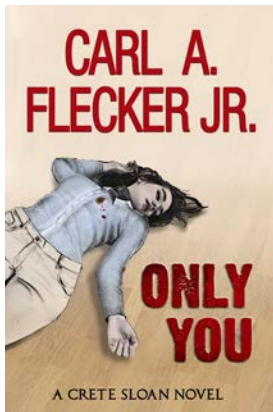
THERESE ROCCO: PITTSBURGH'S FIRST FEMALE POLICE CHIEF by Therese Rocco of Pittsburgh.

The Rock, as she was known, not only broke the glass ceiling but revolutionized the way police all over the country investigate missing children. Because of her innovations, missing child cases that would otherwise have gone cold, ended in success. Her book, details the cases she holds dearest to her heart and reveals a life of dedication to duty and the spirit and will it took for a woman to rise up through the ranks in a big city police department.



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ONLY YOU by Dr. Carl Flecker of O'Hara Township

This story is about a shocking double murder that takes place in Pittsburgh. It is the fifth in Flecker's Crete Sloan Series and this time, the dead are Sloan's police partner and his lover. As the protagonist races to find the killers, he is pulled into the dark world internet fraud and mob hit men. Oh, and if the title, "Only You," sounds familiar to you, this author likes to choose titles for his books based on his favorite oldies.

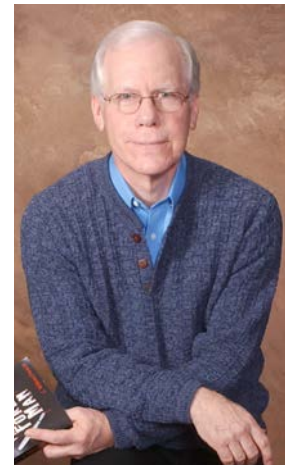


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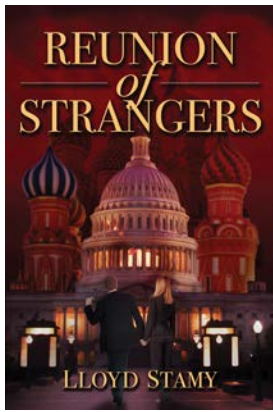
WHISPERS, ECHOES AND WISPS OF THE WIND by C. William Davis III of Brackenridge

Bill takes readers on a journey to those ordinary places that are somehow familiar yet strange, wonderful and mysterious. Each of the stand-alone stories, in his book, present a new adventure into the unknown. Davis is the author of three previously published mysteries that comprise "The Clive Aliston Series," which includes "The Foreverman," "Tail of the Scorpion," and "The Ticket Master-Return of the Foreverman." Coming in 2020 is his latest in the series, "Lady Lethal."



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REUNION OF STRANGERS by Lloyd Stamy of Fox Chapel

This book is a thriller that unfolds at a meeting to plan a high school reunion that brings together two classmates, Hap Franklin and Louise Porter, who had had an unfulfilled teenage flirtation. When the couple, now both successful professionals, reunite, they quickly fall into a passionate romance. But when Franklin, who is a CIA operative, attracts the attention of a Russian oligarch with his newfound love, both the affair and the lives of the lovers are put in peril.

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MORE BACKLIST BEST SELLERS

THE BIG SNEEZE Storybook and THE BIG SNEEZE COLORING & ACTIVITY BOOK, by Linda Medwig of Wexford

NEW KENSINGTON: A Photographic History, by George Guido of Lower Burrell

AIRFORCE ONE, by John Haigh of Latrobe

WRITE IF YOU LIVE TO GET THERE, by Mary Jo Sonntag, Pittsburgh

