

The Village Squires Tales Of Mayhem And Revenge

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Delve into the chaotic world of 'The Village Squires: Tales of Mayhem and Revenge,' a captivating narrative filled with thrilling escapades and compelling characters. Experience a whirlwind of plots and counterplots as the squires navigate dangerous situations, seeking retribution and justice in a world riddled with betrayal and conflict. This is a thrilling journey into a world where honor, loyalty, and the pursuit of vengeance collide, offering a rich and unforgettable reading experience.

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The Village Squires - Tales of Mayhem and Revenge

The Village Squires – Tales of Mayhem and Revenge is an exciting and eye-opening story about a young and extremely talented rock and roll band's path to professional status and acclaim. Yet, its members' underlying sense of justice and retribution, resulting from several childhood and young-adult traumas, presents the band with a collective and debilitating dichotomy...in that they sometimes, very purposefully, become vigilantes, creating a shared alter-ego/lifestyle; and, while unique and noble with intent, eventually sabotage themselves in terms of greater career success. The main characters, Paulie Bayonne/lead vocals, Johnny Wilson/drums, Rocky Reeves/bass, and Mickey Franz/guitar, have all been best friends since junior high, growing up in a small city of Northern Virginia. Paul and John are one year older than Mickey and Rocky, and, by design, take on the roles of big brothers to each, respectively. These four experience the intoxicating highs and anguishing lows of flirting with stardom, as well as all the trappings of the music business, good and bad; but, it's the ubiquitous enigma of righteous decision and dilemma of consequence that gives this story its underlying and psychological foundation, ending, quite possibly, with reasonable proof of the concept of "guardian angels", after all.

Arc of a Squire

Arc of a Squire is the sequel to The Village Squires – Tales of Mayhem and Revenge, which was a story of rock and roll and redemption. Arc of a Squire takes place 30+ years later, with the original characters all re-appearing and focuses on the revenge of a tragic incident and the repercussions resulting, affecting everyone involved.

Aesthetic Divine

This is author Michael André Fath's fifth book of verse. His previous five novels and one motivational treatise, along with his poetry, have all been very well received and critically acclaimed. Michael's inspirations are vast, but his three daughters are all the motivation he needs. Internationally acclaimed

guitarist, martial artist, and key-note speaker contribute to the vast array of themes and topics, not to mention the many magnificent women in his life.

Jesica

Jesica – Sanctified Daughter of God is about an American rebirth of cultural faith, particularly with America's youth. Jesica, even as a baby, exhibits an aptitude and intelligence far beyond her years. This coupled with specific and divine actions gives one the belief that angels do exist, even in the flesh. Jesica – Sanctified Daughter of God is the sixth novel from Michael André Fath. His previous: The Girls of Yesterday; The Village Squires – Tales of Mayhem and Revenge; The Conversion of Ronnie Vee; Symphony for the Angels; and Arc of a Squire continue to gain new fans and praise everywhere. Michael is also the author of five volumes of poetry: Aesthetic Divine; Life Changes, Yet Never Ends; 28 Benedizioni di Rita; Amor est Conceptualis; and, Reflections of Darkness and Light. In addition, he has written a motivational treatise on finding one's inner creative genius: Faces Are Three of Virtuosity. As with all of his creative writing, Michael passionately recognizes his Southern heritage, spirituality and philosophy—faithfully embracing the provincial nature, heart and soul found there in all its marvelous guises. He is clearly defined and inspired by his three beautiful daughters, Jade, Sierra and Paris. All are professionally successful and happy young women with whom he continues to fall in love on a daily basis. Proof positive of God's existence.

Faces Are Three of Virtuosity

Without getting into too much detail, my professional life has unfolded thusly. There will be many omissions. No matter, though, as the decades have literally melded this authors recollections into a real but vast nostalgia. There are enough memories left over to give you a truthful picture. How does one recall everything? Its accurately impossible, but I can assure you that my vocational voyage has been the greatest of rides. And I anticipate, with boundless enthusiasm, the entire rest of my life here on earth. Remember to use the things you love in your life, whatever they may be, and touch them with your mind, body, and soul. Literally, believe in the connection of thought and process. Search for your creative genius. Its waiting with open arms!

The Conversion of Ronnie Vee

The Conversion of Ronnie Vee is about psychology professor Ronin Maximus Van Valkenburg, who left his idyllic college position, due to a tragic event with a student/protg of his, to return to high school as a guidance counselor for the senior class students. His absolute intention being to try and reach kids earlier in their adolescence to help prevent future suicides, he discovers that this was indeed his true calling. The main characters remind you of what many have experienced, especially in similar stressful situations, of coping with life during those so important and formative years of late high school, college and beyond. The Conversion of Ronnie Vee is actually two very separate stories that more or less parallel each other, ultimately converging into an unexpected climax. The age-old philosophical dilemma of right and wrong is front and center here, specifically paying attention to the resulting boundaries of ethical, legal and even spiritual behavior. As well, the "parallel narrative" will hopefully convey Gods intention and design for man and animal, with their connections (some obvious, some not so) and those compelling, characteristic traits that are truly one and the same. Lastly, this author is Southern, and infused are the usual suspects: romanticism, humor, tragedy and retribution, all requisite characteristics of any Southern story.

Life Changes, yet Never Ends

Life Changes, Yet Never Ends is Michael André Fath's fourth published book of verse. His first three, Reflections of Darkness and Light, Amor est Conceptualis, and 28 Benedizioni di Rita, continue to gather fans and praise.

Symphony for the Angels

Symphony for the Angels is a collection of four novellas, with two stories depicting pathos, courage, and resolve and the other two stories illustrating the complete opposite side of the spectrum—that of humor in the numerous guises that life continuously presents us. The diverse range of myriad characters gives each story its own identity, conceptual spirit, and philosophical purpose. Diary of a Navy Corpsman (My Final Ten Months) is as tragic as it sounds. Its main character, Eric France, writing his (eventual)

ten-month diary, tries to make sense of his own impending death while trying to validate his entire life as a WWII Navy corpsman, artist, athlete, general wild-ass, husband, and father of three boys. Lecroix and Parsell is about two South Carolina police officers who, in spite of Murphy's Law, seem to have enough street smarts and experience to survive their often-deadly profession all the while recognizing and appreciating the humor and unbelievable predicaments of the local people presented to them on a daily basis. Eternally Yours, the Moon portrays a young man's fight for survival in coping with the death of his wife. His only salvation being a cosmic trip down insanity lane—that of his soulmate's eventual transforming into the moon. Business Class Limousine takes a comical look into the life of two brothers, former rock-and-roll professionals, who had to come to grips with not succeeding at a high enough level in the music business to take care of their families and children. They start a limousine service and discover that the years of their beloved vocation taught them lessons not to be found in any higher education. Lastly, this author makes no pretense of his love and appreciation for his Southern heritage and philosophy. The very nature of the human spirit found there: passion, humor, heartbreak, and revenge are all purposefully represented—it's just our way!

28 Benedizioni Di Rita

Michael Andr Fath is an internationally acclaimed rock and fusion guitarist and producer, with hundreds of recordings to his credit, and is currently playing with two national acts: Here, Now and Forever and RavenSong. He has also gathered considerable critical success with his two recent novels, The Girls of Yesterday and The Village Squires Tales of Mayhem and Revenge. Similarly, his previous books of verse, Reflections of Darkness and Light and Amor est Conceptualis, have been equally regarded. Michaels extensive martial arts resume is greatly reflected in related professional endeavors, including owning and operating The Blue Chip Academy, as well as training numerous military, police and civilian clients. As well, he is in the beginning stages of another career phase, that of motivational speaking, being accepted into the rosters of prestigious American and international companies. Michael is clearly, though, defined and motivated by his two daughters Jade and Sierra, who have grown into happy, beautiful and professional young women that are clearly his soul mates, friends, confidants and proof positive of Gods existence. Lastly, Rita Conestabile is now here, and apparently always has been, to love for all of eternity.

Amor Est Conceptualis

Amor est Conceptualis, is novelist Michael Andr Faths second book of verse. His debut effort, Reflections of Darkness and Light, gathered many wonderful reviews: Simply brilliant, but brilliantly simple... will bring a smile to your face and a tear to your eye... - Thomas L. Bateman Jr. His ability to translate a keen power of observation into prose is uncanny... - J. Gilman ...Michael's sensitive poems reveal genuine pieces of his soul, an inspirational journey from start to finish...Guaranteed to evoke emotions throughout... - Stacy Carroll With brilliant execution, Michael Andr Fath manages to take his readers on a soulful journey of tragedy and despair, spiritual cleansing, and creative inspiration... - Bonnie Abbott As with Reflections of Darkness and Light, his choice of 51 single-page entries were designed and crafted to concisely portray some of the various and numerous meanings of Love from a conceptual basis; hence its title. This was no easy task, as the possibilities, once reflected upon, were seemingly endless. Lastly, Love is joy, Love is heartbreak, and everything in between. May we all be fortunate enough to experience this array, as from sorrow we gain strength and from elation we evolve...Gods plan, plainly and simply!

The Squire's Tale

Life for the young orphan Terence has been peaceful, living with Trevecent the old Hermit in a quiet, isolated wood. That is, until the day a strange green sprite leads him to Gawain, King Arthur's nephew, who is on his way to Camelot hoping to be knighted. Trevecent can see the future and knows that Terence must leave to serve as Gawain's squire. From that moment on, Terence's life is filled with heartstopping adventure as he helps damsels-in-distress, fights battles with devious men, and protects King Arthur from his many enemies. Along the way, Terence is amazed at his skills and newfound magical abilities. Were these a gift from his unknown parents? As Gawain continues his quest for knighthood, Terence searches for answers to the riddles in his own past.

Frogspell

Max Pendragon is probably the worst squire in King Arthur's kingdom - he'd much rather train to be a wizard instead. So when he accidentally invents a spell that turns people into frogs, it seems his wish might come true. But events take an unexpected turn when Max enters the Novices' Spell-Making Competition and finds himself helping Merlin fight an evil sorceress. There's no way Max's unpredictable frogspell could be of any use. Or is there?

Exploring the Facets of Revenge

The present book assesses the multifaceted phenomenon of revenge and tries to open a hatch to the human comprehension of vengeance, its roots, role and functions in philosophy, history, societies and literature. It introduces studies as they were presented at the Inter-Disciplinary.Net's 2nd Global Conference on Revenge.

Revenge of the Mooncake Vixen

Moonie and Mei Ling are looked after by their grandmother, an indomitable matriarch, ruthless manager of 'The Double Happiness' restaurant and fount of endless titbits of Chinese mythology. Feared and renowned in the neighbourhood - and stubbornly attached to the giant meat cleaver she keeps in her handbag - eccentric Grandma Wong weaves a magical world of surreal stories and ancient wisdom around her two wayward granddaughters. However, the girls' lives are also being drawn forward by the inexorable pace of assimilation and the ever-beckoning American dream, and as fascinated as they might be by Buddhist philosophy, they are also cool, hip American girls with straight-A grades and scores to settle - with the neighbourhood boys who tease them and with the unforgiving media, which tells them that they should look like Barbie dolls and not like Chinese girls.

Reflections of Darkness and Light

"Reflections of Darkness and Light" is novelist Michael André Fath's debut volume of verse. These 51 poems transcend the gamut of human emotion and experience, whether physical, mental or spiritual, and sometimes everything, wrapped into a single offering. The splendor of daughters, our Chesapeake Bay's sheer majesty, the sublime brilliance of sport and luminosity of music, etc., are included themes giving way to those feelings of grandeur; with even the devoted care of one's 1950's Chevrolet, and the intoxicating visual seduction of a simple sundress! Yet to counterbalance while being faithful to the more somber and tragic aspects of life, entries also portray the loneliness of being a single father, sibling and parent loss, fall from grace, a beloved pet's transition, a Marine Vietnam veteran's catharsis and much more. These will hopefully, at the very least, entice reflection and appreciation of surviving life's numerous and many times seemingly insurmountable and impossible challenges.

Masks of Mayhem

Named Book of the Month Club's Book of the Year, 2017 Selected one of New York Times Readers' Favorite Books of 2017 Winner of the 2018 Goldsboro Books Glass Bell Award From the beloved New York Times bestselling author of *The Boy In the Striped Pajamas*, a sweeping, heartfelt saga about the course of one man's life, beginning and ending in post-war Ireland Cyril Avery is not a real Avery -- or at least, that's what his adoptive parents tell him. And he never will be. But if he isn't a real Avery, then who is he? Born out of wedlock to a teenage girl cast out from her rural Irish community and adopted by a well-to-do if eccentric Dublin couple via the intervention of a hunchbacked Redemptorist nun, Cyril is adrift in the world, anchored only tenuously by his heartfelt friendship with the infinitely more glamorous and dangerous Julian Woodbead. At the mercy of fortune and coincidence, he will spend a lifetime coming to know himself and where he came from - and over his many years, will struggle to discover an identity, a home, a country, and much more. In this, Boyne's most transcendent work to date, we are shown the story of Ireland from the 1940s to today through the eyes of one ordinary man. *The Heart's Invisible Furies* is a novel to make you laugh and cry while reminding us all of the redemptive power of the human spirit.

The Heart's Invisible Furies

Systematic reprint of the periodical that began in Fall 1948.

Adventures Into the Unknown!

Judge Crowdy Lobbett has found evidence pointing to the identity of the criminal mastermind behind the deadly Simister gang. After four attempts on his life, he ends up seeking the help of the enigmatic and unorthodox amateur sleuth, Albert Campion. After Campion bundles Lobbett off to a country house in Mystery Mile, deep in the Suffolk countryside, all manner of adventures ensue.

Mystery Mile

Repeating the winning formula established by "Let the Galaxy Burn," this bumper anthology unites classic short stories with brand-new tales. An attractive package that will appeal to Warhammer fans and all lovers of great fantasy fiction.

Tales of the Old World

"The Girls of Yesterday" is a testimonial, in general, to women's intuition, strength and intelligence; and, in particular, the "Southern coming of age" story of a brother and sister's shared and profound love for each other growing up. Jesse, the main character, headed to college in the deeper south to play basketball, feels great separation anxiety from Loretta, his one year younger sibling who all through their life exhibited physical, mental and even spiritual skills beyond the norm. Their love is unique in that Jesse always looks to Loretta for intuitive guidance, while she never fails to acknowledge her older brother's gifted sense of right and wrong. Another important theme in "Girls" is the development of an endearing friendship with Jesse and Jess, a multi-talented young black football sensation, that brings to their relationship his racial perspective of growing up in the rural south, as opposed to Jesse's more sheltered childhood, and together they formulate maybe the very best of educations possible; that of two intense souls being truthful while loving each other. These themes play constantly; with laughter, sorrow, horror, tragedy, and romance found in abundance, and infused throughout with this story's main and other very colorful characters, finishing with an integrated and surprise conclusion!

The Girls of Yesterday

Why have so many central and inner cities in Europe, North America and Australia been so radically revamped in the last three decades, converting urban decay into new chic? Will the process continue in the twenty-first century or has it ended? What does this mean for the people who live there? Can they do anything about it? This book challenges conventional wisdom, which holds gentrification to be the simple outcome of new middle-class tastes and a demand for urban living. It reveals gentrification as part of a much larger shift in the political economy and culture of the late twentieth century. Documenting in gritty detail the conflicts that gentrification brings to the new urban 'frontiers', the author explores the interconnections of urban policy, patterns of investment, eviction, and homelessness. The failure of liberal urban policy and the end of the 1980s financial boom have made the end-of-the-century city a darker and more dangerous place. Public policy and the private market are conspiring against minorities, working people, the poor, and the homeless as never before. In the emerging revanchist city, gentrification has become part of this policy of revenge.

The New Urban Frontier

A world of gods and monsters. An elemental power, rising. This is Robin Hood, reborn, as he has never been seen before . . . Robin Loxley is seven years old when his parents disappear without trace. Years later the great love of his life, Marian, is also taken from him. Driven by these mysteries, and this anguish, Robin follows a darkening path into the ancient heart of Sherwood Forest. What he encounters there will leave him transformed, and will alter forever the legend of Robin Hood . . .

Caxton's Book

"Stott finds that male behavior could be strikingly similar in diverse locales, from taverns and boarding-houses to college campuses and sporting events. He explores the permissive attitudes that thrived in such male domains as the streets of New York City, California during the gold rush, and the Pennsylvania oil fields, arguing that such places had an important influence on American society and culture. Stott recounts how the cattle and mining towns of the American West emerged as centers of resistance to Victorian propriety. It was here that unrestrained male behavior lasted the longest, before being replaced with a new convention that equated manliness with sobriety and self-control."

Shadow of the Wolf

The first ongoing horror comics anthology, *Adventures into the Unknown!* is finally collected into a series of deluxe hardcovers! The pre-Code delights found in this debut volume include inventive, exciting tales like "The Living Ghost," "Kill, Puppets, Kill," "The Affair of Room 1313," and the ongoing "True Ghosts of History" feature—and contributions from Golden Age greats Fred Guardineer, Al Feldstein, Leonard Starr, Edvard Moritz, and others! *Adventures into the Unknown! Archives Volume 1* reprints the first four issues of the popular, long-running horror anthology, which ran from 1948 to 1967. * Foreword by Bruce Jones!

Jolly Fellows

In this first book of a trilogy, Konrad's life is shattered when his home is destroyed and his true love is slain by daemonic forces. Saved from certain death by the enigmatic mercenary known as Wolf, Konrad sets out on a quest for vengeance and the secret of his destiny. It is an adventure that will take him to the dark edge of the world where Chaos waits.

Tom Brown at Oxford

Third in the medieval fantasy series. "A perfectly delicious, not entirely serious, reimagining of part of Thomas Malory's *Le Morte d'Arthur*."—Booklist Her castle under siege by an evil knight who keeps beheading all her would-be rescuers, Lady Lynet realizes the only way to get help is to get it herself. So one night she slips away and strikes out for King Arthur's court where she hopes to find a gallant knight to vanquish the Knight of the Red Lands and free her castle. Gerald Morris's Arthurian novel is a highly comic tale of hidden identities, mysterious knights, faeries and enchantments, damsels-in-distress, and true love. "In Morris's third wry, sometimes hilarious, take on an Arthurian legend, a sharp-tongued young damosel gets an education in sorcery, intrigue and what true knighthood is all about . . . Fans of Gail Carson Levine's *Ella Enchanted*, Patricia Wrede's *Enchanted Forest Chronicles* and similarly lighthearted fantasy will be delighted."—Kirkus Reviews "A rollicking treatment of a lesser-known episode from Sir Thomas Malory's *Le Morte d'Arthur* . . . The novel is also enjoyable for its good-natured spoofing of the conventions of its medieval setting."—School Library Journal "A rare action-fantasy that crosses age and gender lines."—The Bulletin

Adventures into the Unknown Archives Volume 1

Thomas Mann predicted that no manner or mode in literature would be so typical or so pervasive in the twentieth century as the grotesque. Assuredly he was correct. The subjects and methods of our comic literature (and much of our other literature) are regularly disturbing and often repulsive -- no laughing matter. In this ambitious study, John R. Clark seeks to elucidate the major tactics and topics deployed in modern literary dark humor. In Part I he explores the satiric strategies of authors of the grotesque, strategies that undercut conventional usage and form: the de-basement of heroes, the denigration of language and style, the disruption of normative narrative technique, and even the debunking of authors themselves. Part II surveys major recurrent themes of grotesquerie: tedium, scatology, cannibalism, dystopia, and Armageddon or the end of the world. Clearly the literature of the grotesque is obtrusive and ugly, its effect morbid and disquieting -- and deliberately meant to be so. Grotesque literature may be unpleasant, but it is patently insightful. Indeed, as Clark shows, all of the strategies and topics employed by this literature stem from age-old and spirited traditions. Critics have complained about this grim satiric literature, asserting that it is dank, cheerless, unsavory, and negative. But such an interpretation is far too simplistic. On the contrary, as Clark demonstrates, such grotesque writing, in its power and its prevalence in the past and present, is in fact conventional, controlled, imaginative, and vigorous -- no mean achievements for any body of art.

Konrad

" Among the darkest corners of Kentucky's past are the grisly feuds that tore apart the hills of Eastern Kentucky from the late nineteenth century until well into the twentieth. Now, from the tangled threads of conflicting testimony, John Ed Pearce, Kentucky's best known journalist, weaves engrossing accounts of six of the most notorious accounts to uncover what really happened and why. His story of those days of darkness brings to light new evidence, questions commonly held beliefs about the feuds, and us and long-running feuds—those in Breathitt, Clay Harlan, Perry, Pike, and Rowan counties. What caused the feuds that left Kentucky with its lingering reputation for violence? Who were the feudists, and what forces—social, political, financial—hurled them at each other? Did Big Jim Howard really kill Governor William Goebel? Did Joe Eversole die trying to protect small mountain landowners from

ruthless Eastern mineral exploiters? Did the Hatfield-McCoy fight start over a hog? For years, Pearce has interviewed descendants of feuding families and examined skimpy court records and often fictional newspaper puts to rest some of the more popular legends.

The Savage Damsel and the Dwarf

'Wonderful...completely transporting' Madeline Miller, bestselling author of Circe **SHORTLISTED FOR THE WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION 2018** One September evening in 1785, the merchant Jonah Hancock finds one of his captains waiting eagerly on his doorstep. He has sold Jonah's ship for what appears to be a mermaid. As gossip spreads through the docks, coffee shops, parlours and brothels, everyone wants to see Mr Hancock's marvel. Its arrival spins him out of his ordinary existence and through the doors of high society, where he meets Angelica Neal, the most desirable woman he has ever laid eyes on... What will be the cost of their ambitions? And will they be able to escape the legendary destructive power a mermaid is said to possess? **PRAISE FOR THE MERMAID AND MRS HANCOCK:** 'Full of rich detail' Stylist 'A gloriously assured debut, set in a beautifully drawn London' Red Magazine 'A deliciously salty slab of historical fiction' Daily Telegraph 'A wonderful read' Nina Stibbe 'A dizzyingly good debut' The Times 'Imogen Hermes Gowar delights in the feminine fakery of mermaids, but as a writer she is the real deal' Hermione Eyre, author of Viper Wine

Where a River Bends

This book will tell all you need to know about British English spelling. It's a reference work intended for anyone interested in the English language, especially those who teach it, whatever the age or mother tongue of their students. It will be particularly useful to those wishing to produce well-designed materials for teaching initial literacy via phonics, for teaching English as a foreign or second language, and for teacher training. English spelling is notoriously complicated and difficult to learn; it is correctly described as much less regular and predictable than any other alphabetic orthography. However, there is more regularity in the English spelling system than is generally appreciated. This book provides, for the first time, a thorough account of the whole complex system. It does so by describing how phonemes relate to graphemes and vice versa. It enables searches for particular words, so that one can easily find, not the meanings or pronunciations of words, but the other words with which those with unusual phoneme-grapheme/grapheme-phoneme correspondences keep company. Other unique features of this book include teacher-friendly lists of correspondences and various regularities not described by previous authorities, for example the strong tendency for the letter-name vowel phonemes (the names of the letters) to be spelt with those single letters in non-final syllables.

The Modern Satiric Grotesque and Its Traditions

Building on *A People's History of the United States*, this radical world history captures the broad sweep of human history from the perspective of struggling classes. An “indispensable volume” on class and capitalism throughout the ages—for readers reckoning with the history they were taught and history as it truly was (Howard Zinn) From the earliest human societies to the Holy Roman Empire, from the Middle Ages to the Enlightenment, from the Industrial Revolution to the end of the twentieth century, Chris Harman provides a brilliant and comprehensive history of the human race. Eschewing the standard accounts of “Great Men,” of dates and kings, Harman offers a groundbreaking counter-history, a breathtaking sweep across the centuries in the tradition of “history from below.” In a fiery narrative, he shows how ordinary men and women were involved in creating and changing society and how conflict between classes was often at the core of these developments. While many scholars see the victory of capitalism as now safely secured, Harman explains the rise and fall of societies and civilizations throughout the ages and demonstrates that history moves ever onward in every age. A vital corrective to traditional history, *A People's History of the World* is essential reading for anyone interested in how society has changed and developed and the possibilities for further radical progress.

Days of Darkness

The first collection to address the collective transformation happening in response to the rise of social media With the rise of web 2.0 and social media platforms taking over vast tracts of territory on the internet, the media landscape has shifted drastically in the past 20 years, transforming previously stable relationships between media creators and consumers. The Social Media Reader is the first collection to address the collective transformation with pieces on social media, peer production, copyright politics, and other aspects of contemporary internet culture from all the major thinkers in the field. Culling a

broad range and incorporating different styles of scholarship from foundational pieces and published articles to unpublished pieces, journalistic accounts, personal narratives from blogs, and whitepapers. The Social Media Reader promises to be an essential text, with contributions from Lawrence Lessig, Henry Jenkins, Clay Shirky, Tim O'Reilly, Chris Anderson, Yochai Benkler, danah boyd, and Fred von Loehmann, to name a few. It covers a wide-ranging topical terrain, much like the internet itself, with particular emphasis on collaboration and sharing, the politics of social media and social networking, Free Culture and copyright politics, and labor and ownership. Theorizing new models of collaboration, identity, commerce, copyright, ownership, and labor, these essays outline possibilities for cultural democracy that arise when the formerly passive audience becomes active cultural creators, while warning of the dystopian potential of new forms of surveillance and control.

The Mermaid and Mrs Hancock

An ancient evil is stirring in the bowels of the earth, and the land is blighted. After being entombed for one hundred years, the necromancer Razaak has been re-awoken and is poised to fulfill his promises of death and tyranny. His army of undead is at large across Allansia, bringing death and destruction to all who resist. It is up to YOU to find the only weapon to which Razaak is vulnerable: his own magic sword!

Dictionary of the British English Spelling System

A tragedy at the 1868 Oxford-Cambridge boat race puts Mycroft's Holmes reputation on the line. When Mycroft Holmes identifies a drowning victim, he is drawn into a scandal that could destroy not only the deceased's name, but his own reputation as well. Sherlock has only a few days before the coroner's inquest to explain Lord Surminster's demise. If it is ruled a suicide, the his family assets will be returned to the Crown, leaving his mother and siblings destitute. Should that happen, Miss Phillips, the victim's sister, has threatened to drag Mycroft's good name through the mire as well. Will Sherlock be able determine what happened before more than one family is destroyed?

A People's History of the World

Gemma Halliday, NYT Bestselling Author describes The Adventure of the Murdered Midwife as "a vivid picture and transports you back in time, in what I'm sure will become a bestseller....A classic in the making!" Arthur Conan Doyle provided few details on Holmes' boyhood. His ancestors were country squires, his grandmother was the sister of the French artist Vernet, and he had a brother named Mycroft - seven years his senior. Recently, a cache of documents has been discovered detailing, in Sherlock's own hand, his early forays into criminal investigation. The Adventure of the Murdered Midwife is the first of these early cases. Only weeks into his first year at Eton, Sherlock's father calls him and his brother back to Underbyrne, the ancestral estate. The village midwife has been found with a pitchfork in her back in the estate's garden, and Mrs. Holmes has been accused of the murder. Can Sherlock find the true killer in time to save her from the gallows?

The Social Media Reader

NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A modern classic of true crime, set in a most beguiling Southern city—now in a 30th anniversary edition with a new afterword by the author “Elegant and wicked . . . might be the first true-crime book that makes the reader want to book a bed and breakfast for an extended weekend at the scene of the crime.”—The New York Times Book Review Shots rang out in Savannah's grandest mansion in the misty, early morning hours of May 2, 1981. Was it murder or self-defense? For nearly a decade, the shooting and its aftermath reverberated throughout this hauntingly beautiful city of moss-hung oaks and shaded squares. In this sharply observed, suspenseful, and witty narrative, John Berendt skillfully interweaves a hugely entertaining first-person account of life in this isolated remnant of the Old South with the unpredictable twists and turns of a landmark murder case. It is a spellbinding story peopled by a gallery of remarkable characters: the well-bred society ladies of the Married Woman's Card Club; the turbulent young gigolo; the hapless recluse who owns a bottle of poison so powerful it could kill every man, woman, and child in Savannah; the aging and profane Southern belle who is the “soul of pampered self-absorption”; the uproariously funny drag queen; the acerbic and arrogant antiques dealer; the sweet-talking, piano-playing con artist; young people dancing the minuet at the black debutante ball; and Minerva, the voodoo priestess who works her magic in the graveyard at midnight. These and other Savannahians act as a Greek chorus, with Berendt revealing the alliances, hostilities, and intrigues that thrive in a town where everyone knows everyone else. Brilliantly

conceived and masterfully written, Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil is a sublime and seductive reading experience.

Crypt of the Sorcerer

The Adventure of the Deceased Scholar