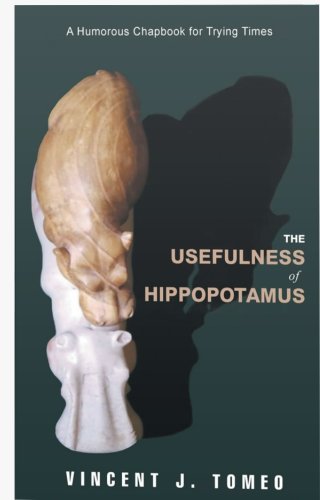


Five Captivating Books Shine at the London Book Fair 2025

Explore Humor, Fantasy, Mystery, and the Depths of Human Imagination at this year's London Book Fair

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, February 28, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- LONDON, UK – The literary world is set to converge at the eagerly awaited [London Book Fair 2025](#), taking place from March 11 to 13 at Olympia London. Among the many remarkable titles featured at this premier event, [The Maple Staple](#) proudly presents five standout books that explore humor, friendship, adventure, mystery, and self-discovery. Be sure to visit The Maple Staple's exhibitor profile on the official London Book Fair website, explore the Spotlight Shelf, and browse these books on Amazon and other top online retailers worldwide.

In times of uncertainty and struggle, humor becomes a beacon of hope, and Vincent J. Tomeo masterfully captures this essence in *The Usefulness of Hippopotamus: A Humorous Chapbook for Trying Times*. Drawing inspiration from a blank page, a wandering mind, and a memory of Disney's *Fantasia*, Tomeo spins a delightful and uplifting collection of poetry. He proves that laughter is a powerful medicine, capable of



The Usefulness of Hippopotamus: A Humorous Chapbook for Trying Times



Can Dragons and Frogs Ever be Friends?

alleviating stress, illness, and the weight of the world. His personal battle with bladder cancer during the pandemic further strengthens the book's underlying message—humor can be a saving grace, a bridge to joy in even the darkest moments.

Through charming, Twain-like wit, Tomeo's poetry invites readers into a world where hippopotami become symbols of resilience, and everyday struggles transform into moments of inspiration. His words splash across the pages with warmth, offering a golden light to those seeking solace. Whether reminiscing about a bustling movie theatre or reflecting on human creativity and endurance, *The Usefulness of Hippopotamus* is a heartfelt celebration of life, joy, and the enduring power of humor.

In the enchanting world of Trudi Carter's *Can Dragons and Frogs Ever Be Friends?*, an age-old rhyme warns of an eternal rift between these two species: "Dragons eat frogs wherever they can. They will never ever be friends!" But when a dragon's broken promise sends a red-and-gold egg to the bottom of Deep Pond—the very home of the frogs—the possibility of an unlikely friendship emerges. Told through a series of twenty charming letters penned by the wise and observant Forest Squirrel and Beach Bird, this heartwarming tale examines themes of trust, understanding, and unity.

As the frogs face the aftermath of a ravaged Great Forest, their fear and uncertainty challenge them to either embrace change or cling to old prejudices. Carter's beautifully woven narrative gently asks whether kindness and cooperation can transcend generations of distrust. With its delightful storytelling and whimsical yet profound lessons, *Can Dragons and Frogs Ever Be Friends?* is a timeless exploration of empathy and the courage to rewrite destiny.



M7



Quinn's Light: Dreams Before Dawn

A surreal and mind-expanding journey awaits in Mark Katzman's M7, a genre-defying novel that continues to gain recognition on the literary stage. Currently nominated for both the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the Hugo Award for Fantasy, M7 is a prime candidate for foreign translation rights, making it a standout title for European publishing professionals at the London Book Fair. The novel follows a nameless fugitive who finds refuge in U-City's legendary Library—a sanctuary of all written knowledge since time immemorial. Within its vast, labyrinthine corridors, Messengers float through the air, Finders navigate endless Stacks, and Psychedelic Light Clusters offer hypnotic solace. But lurking in the shadows is a sinister force: the Shadowheen, a cult hellbent on erasing the last remnants of human history, including the sacred Ten Commandments.

As the protagonist, now called M7, becomes entangled in this transcendental battle, he must unravel cryptic messages and navigate a kaleidoscopic world where punctuation alone can shift reality. With humor, wit, and a touch of the absurd, M7 blends elements of steampunk, satire, and philosophical intrigue into a wildly imaginative narrative. Critics have praised Katzman's work as a bold, irreverent exploration of order, chaos, and the very fabric of language itself. As it continues to gain momentum on the literary circuit, M7 is poised for global reach, offering a compelling opportunity for translation and international publication.

Marleta Black's Quinn's Light: Dreams Before Dawn is a luminous tale of self-discovery, weaving together elements of introspection, imagination, and the search for purpose. Quinn, the novel's radiant protagonist, embarks on a profound journey through both the ordinary and the mystical. Along the way, she encounters special characters who illuminate her path, each bearing wisdom about gratitude, self-reflection, playfulness, and the courage to embrace the unknown. As Quinn's quest unfolds, she learns the transformative power of vulnerability and the magic of reconnecting with one's inner child.

Richly layered and deeply moving, Quinn's Light is a celebration of self-acceptance and the beauty of life's continuous evolution. With poetic storytelling and a heartfelt narrative, Black offers readers a guiding light—reminding them that the answers they seek often reside within. The novel is an invitation to embrace personal growth, appreciate the magic in everyday moments, and honor the brilliance of one's own unique light.

From humor and adventure to surreal mystery and profound self-exploration, these five extraordinary books will captivate readers of all backgrounds. Join the literary community at Olympia London and discover these compelling stories firsthand. Explore The Maple Staple's exhibitor profile, check out the Spotlight Shelf, and browse all titles on Amazon and other major online retailers to stay updated on the latest featured books from The Maple Staple Bookstore.

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