

## NEW FIVE-BOOK SELECTION PLUNGES READERS INTO DIVERSE THE WORLDS OF ADVENTURE AND ILLUMINATION

Inks and Bindings unveils its latest literary gathering, promising to enthrall readership of all genres

YORBA LINDA, CA, UNITED STATES, August 27, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- From enchanting young minds with whimsical journeys and pulse-stopping quests to transporting readers to vibrant historical eras and inspiring deep personal reflections, writers Elliott Gilbert, W. Michael Whaley, Karl Berger, and Jean Noah craft memorable narratives across diverse genres. Penned to captivate and reveal timeless insights, this literary collection will be at the spotlight of Inks and Binding's prominent shelves.

Author Elliott Gilbert enchants young audiences with his delightful and meaningful picture book, "Rudy Rabbit Tried," which follows the touching adventure of a young rabbit on a significant quest. Rudy, the story's courageous and introspective protagonist, grapples with the increasing duty of caring for his swiftly growing family. Driven by a strong desire to assist, he ventures into the forest, seeking food and opportunities, confronting unknown obstacles and unpredictability on his journey.



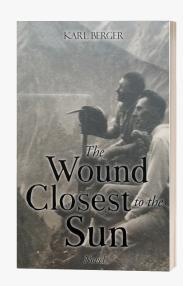
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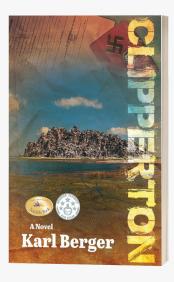
The Forgotten One

Rudy's journey is brimming with valuable insights for young readers, highlighting the significance of bravery, perseverance, and the necessity of pushing through challenges, particularly when others are relying on oneself. Every page unveils a fresh challenge that Rudy must confront, infusing the narrative with excitement and emotional depth for both children and their parents. With lively and captivating illustrations, "Rudy Rabbit Tried" draws in young readers while conveying a timeless message: even the tiniest individuals can create a significant impact through love and determination. This wonderfully crafted and illustrated book by Elliott Gilbert is perfect for bedtime reading or classroom discussions, providing young audiences with a delightful illustration of how confronting fears and assisting others are interconnected.

Beckoning readers into a vividly crafted fantasy realm teetering on the edge of ruin, W. Michael Whaley presents "The Forgotten One." A story of a young man named Alluvian who triumphs over one of the legendary Great Oracles in a game of strategy, only for



The Wound Closest to the Sun



Clipperton

a prophecy to surface that sets his quest in motion. Unveiled as the final descendant of the legendary Yaga house, one of the nine original Pact Families that first introduced magic to existence, Alluvian is suddenly catapulted into an impending clash against a shadow that has slumbered for 800 years.

Charged with bringing together the divided Pact Families to confront the looming danger, Alluvian is directed to find an enigmatic ally known as Eli Javora. Upon reaching the city where Eli was last seen, he finds that no one recalls the name at all. Eli seems to have disappeared not just from view, but from the very fabric of recollection. From the majestic peaks of the Dragon Isles to the bustling avenues of Jhaedra, "The Forgotten One" unfolds a narrative rich with dragons,

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A tribute to his literary prowess, Karl Berger continues to make waves with two celebrated novels: "The Wound Closest to the Sun" and "Clipperton," both honored with a distinguished 5-star rating from the Readers' Favorite Book Review Awards, recognized for their emotional richness, intricate storytelling, and profound themes.

In his moving historical fiction, "The Wound Closest to the Sun," Karl Berger examines how the effects of war and individual decisions continue to influence people's lives for decades after the conflicts have ended. The narrative centers on Yann, a Camus scholar and journalist from France in the 1960s. Now semi-retired and burdened by regrets, Yann finds himself unexpectedly pulled into a life-changing friendship with Klaus, a young German man grappling with his own troubles. Klaus, the offspring of Karl, a German soldier, heroically rescued Yann's life amidst the tumultuous aftermath of war in Bayaria back in 1919.

Their deepening connection prompts Yann to reflect on memories from World War II, where he crossed paths once more with both Karl and Madeleine—a remarkable French engineer and Resistance fighter. Yann's internal struggle about joining the Resistance ultimately leads to Madeleine's tragic demise, a haunting loss that has lingered with him for decades. Karl Berger's novel reveals itself through three significant epochs in European history—post-WWI Germany, occupied France during WWII, and post-colonial France in 1960. With vividly crafted characters and intricately connected timelines, "The Wound Closest to the Sun" explores the emotional toll of inaction, the weight of guilt, and the persistent yearning for redemption.

Meanwhile in "Clipperton," Karl Berger weaves together family secrets, historical trauma, and the

struggle for survival in a captivating narrative. As Frank Herrmann uncovers enigmatic documents that connect his deceased German father to Clipperton Island, he sets off on a quest that intertwines profound personal revelations with perilous adventures. Still grieving the loss of his wife, Frank finds himself unexpectedly captivated by Leila, his wife's sister, who is entangled with Frank's cousin, Jim. The emotional entanglement deepens as the trio journeys to Clipperton Island, a secluded Pacific outpost cloaked in intrigue. A journey for truth swiftly transforms into a fight for existence as the team faces an assault from drug traffickers, finding themselves marooned amidst a raging storm.

As Frank navigates the island's rugged terrain, he is also compelled to face some harsh realities. New findings reveal that his father held a prominent position within the Nazi regime and continued to uphold Nazi beliefs well beyond the conclusion of the war. Karl Berger skillfully delves into the intricacies of inherited guilt, broken connections, and the challenging journey toward self-discovery. "Clipperton" weaves a rich tapestry of family dynamics and thrilling escapades, offering a gripping blend of tension and profound psychological insight with exquisite craftsmanship.

Unveiling a poignant collection of poetry that beautifully encapsulates the rich tapestry of human emotions and experiences, poet Jean Noah reveals "Legacy." Crafted over the years, the poems intertwine themes of hope, love, loss, faith, and struggle, providing readers with a profoundly relatable and uplifting exploration of life's intricacies.

Noah's work shines with a remarkable sense of authenticity and clarity. In this anthology, she candidly delves into her personal relationship with God and those in her life, showcasing faith as a vibrant, evolving connection rather than a collection of strict guidelines. Her poems highlight that Christianity is about a connection with a flawless God who cherishes flawed individuals, celebrating the genuine challenges and victories that define a believer's path. It also offers a wellspring of inspiration and solace, as the poems resonate with shared experiences of both sorrow and joy. Jean Noah's genuine voice resonates deeply, inviting readers to embrace the complexities and joys of life, encouraging both contemplation and appreciation. "Legacy" intertwines spirituality with deep human emotion, striking a chord with readers and offering a captivating experience for poetry enthusiasts and those in search of inspiration.

In a celebration of the profound impact of literature to touch souls, spark creativity, and provoke thought, Inks & Bindings is thrilled to present five enchanting literary gems. Discover a variety of worlds and timeless themes by delving into this remarkable collection. Currently available in every format on Amazon and other top online book sellers, secure copies now!

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