

John Nieman Launches "ART WITH A STORY", a Creative Meeting of Art and Fiction

John Nieman's collection pairs more than 68 short stories with original artwork in an imaginative exploration of visual art and fiction.

WHITE PLAINS, NY, UNITED STATES, October 13, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK, USA — October 9, 2026 — Artist and author [John Nieman](#) brings together two creative disciplines in ART

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I wanted to bring original paintings and original fiction together in a way that invites readers to look closer, imagine more, and discover the unexpected stories that can emerge from a single image.”

John Nieman, author of ART WITH A STORY

WITH A STORY: Original Paintings. Original Fiction, a collection published by West Harmony Productions on September 18, 2026. Featuring original paintings alongside more than 68 brief works of fiction, the book explores the imaginative possibilities that arise when visual art and storytelling share the same creative source.

The collection begins with Nieman's original artwork, followed by short fictional pieces inspired by each painting. Pop-culture references, unexpected turns, irony, and unconventional perspectives give the stories their

distinctive character. Together, the paintings and accompanying fiction move across a broad emotional landscape, from humorous and heroic to sad, surprising, whimsical, and wonderful.

Rather than simply illustrating existing stories, Nieman creates both the artwork and the fiction, allowing each discipline to inform the other. The result is a collection that encourages readers to look more closely at paintings and consider the many narratives that may exist beyond the canvas.

WHERE ORIGINAL ART MEETS IMAGINATIVE STORYTELLING

The familiar idea that every picture tells a story takes on a new dimension in ART WITH A STORY. Nieman approaches the concept from both directions: the paintings inspire the fiction, while the stories offer readers another way to experience the images.

The book's short-form structure makes it possible to encounter numerous independent narratives, each connected to a visual work. With more than 68 stories, readers can move

through a variety of imaginative situations without committing to a single extended narrative.

The stories are intentionally brief, but their subjects and tones vary widely. Some draw on humor or heroism; others explore sadness, surprise, whimsy, or unexpected twists. Pop-culture influences appear throughout the artwork, while the accompanying fiction often takes an ironic or unconventional direction.

This interplay between image and text gives the collection its central appeal: readers are invited not only to experience the artist's interpretations but also to consider how their own imaginations might respond to the same paintings.

A COLLECTION FOR ART LOVERS AND FICTION READERS

ART WITH A STORY offers an entry point for readers with interests in visual art, flash fiction, and creative expression. Art enthusiasts can explore the relationship between an image and its accompanying narrative, while fiction readers can discover how a painting can serve as the starting point for an unexpected story.

The collection may also interest young adult readers, educators, and those exploring the relationship between visual communication and written storytelling. Its combination of original artwork and concise fiction creates opportunities to discuss interpretation, imagination, tone, and the different ways a single image can inspire a narrative.

By placing paintings and stories together, Nieman invites readers to approach art as an active experience—one in which observation and imagination work together.

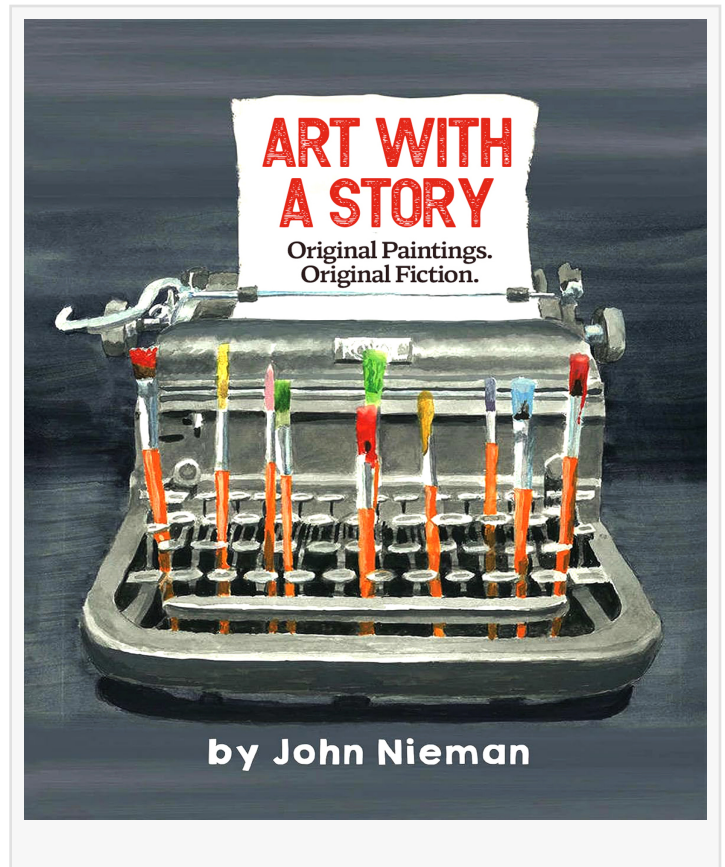
Original paintings: Artwork created by John Nieman forms the visual foundation of the collection.

More than 68 short stories: The book presents a substantial range of brief fictional works inspired by the paintings.

Art and fiction in conversation: Each pairing offers readers an opportunity to explore the connection between visual images and written narratives.

Pop-culture references: Many paintings include nods to popular culture.

Unexpected storytelling: The fiction often incorporates irony, surprising developments, and



unconventional turns.

A broad emotional range: The stories and artwork move between humor, heroism, sadness, surprise, whimsy, and wonder.

Multiple audiences: The collection may appeal to art enthusiasts, fiction readers, young adults, educators, and anyone interested in creative expression.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

John Nieman is an artist and writer whose creative career spans multiple disciplines. According to his official website, his artwork has been exhibited in galleries and museums throughout the United States and internationally. His work has appeared in locations including Florence, Hamburg, Montreal, Paris, Dublin, and Barcelona. He has also received Best of Show recognitions and presented solo exhibitions.

As a writer, Nieman has authored more than two dozen books across a variety of genres, including crime novels, short fiction, and children's books. His creative interests bring together visual composition, storytelling, and imaginative interpretations of everyday subjects.

His art-and-literature projects include ART WITH A STORY, in which original paintings provide the starting point for brief fictional narratives. Through this approach, Nieman explores the ways images can suggest characters, situations, emotions, and unexpected possibilities.

Nieman is a father of five. His work reflects a sustained interest in the relationship between visual art and written expression.

BOOK DETAILS

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AVAILABILITY

ART WITH A STORY: Original Paintings. Original Fiction. was published by West Harmony Productions on September 18, 2026. Readers can find information about the book and Nieman's artwork through his official website.

With ART WITH A STORY, John Nieman presents a collection that brings original visual art and short fiction together in a distinctive format. The book's more than 68 stories offer readers a

range of imaginative perspectives, demonstrating how paintings can inspire narratives that are humorous, moving, ironic, or unexpected.

The collection invites art lovers and fiction readers alike to look beyond the surface of an image and explore the stories that imagination can create.

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