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**The Problem with the Puddles** Simon and Schuster  
Mel Brooks claims that "Tragedy is when I cut my finger. Comedy is when you fall into an open sewer and die." In a snap decision fueled by boredom, Author Pamela Foster and her Vietnam Veteran husband, Jack, sell everything they own and set off for their new home—Bocas del Toro, Panama, a "tropical paradise." Adventure and change are what they're seeking, and it's just what they find when they pick up the leashes of their two 150-pound service dogs and emigrate to a foreign country. Jack is a chronically impulsive former Marine with raging PTSD, and the service dogs, Chesty and Rocca, are mastiffs who are never farther away than the end of a leash. Clueless Gringos in Paradise is as much about escape and adventure as it is companionship, and finding a balance between a wife who is prone to bursts of anxiety, a husband who thinks everything is "just fine," and two giant dogs that are not cut out for long-distance travel proves to be as challenging as making an impromptu move to another country. This story takes readers through a hilarious and harrowing journey on airplanes, boats, and buses, in taxis, high-rise hotels, restaurants, and cat-infested fish markets. Add a liberal dose of high anxiety—how could it not be hilarious?

**Clueless Gringos in Paradise** Bloomsbury Publishing USA  
The murder of a small-time Scottish hoodlum makes big trouble for two Glasgow detectives in a thriller that'll "wake up crime fiction readers everywhere" (Val McDermid). When a neighborhood heroin dealer turns up dead one fine morning in Scotland, no one is too surprised. Sleeping with a major drug trafficker's girlfriend can bring around plenty of enemies. It's no

wonder that Detective Superintendent Catherine McLeod has plenty of early leads. If only out-of-work actress Jasmine Sharp could get a lead. With a career in nosedive, she's learning the ropes at her uncle Jim's PI business. But when Jim goes missing, Sharp is thrown into the deep end. To find him she'll have to solve his most recent case—and do it solo. Following the trail quickly leads Sharp into the crosshairs of an unknown assailant—and headed down the same road as McLeod. When their investigations become intertwined, "Glasgow's mean streets come alive . . . [in] one of the best novels of the year" (John Lutz, New York Times–bestselling and Edgar award–winning author). "[For] fans of Lynda La Plante's Prime Suspect series and HBO's The Wire." —Library Journal "Tough Scottish humor . . . leavened with Elmore Leonard-like flourishes . . . finely controlled yet exuberant mayhem." —The Christian Science Monitor

**Our Frugal Summer in Charente** AuthorHouse  
Mallory Marlowe is ready to turn a corner—one lined with palm trees, plastic pink flamingo lawn ornaments, and snack bars shaped like giant ice cream cones. Thanks to her new job as travel writer for the New York magazine The Good Life, recently widowed Mallory is zipping around Orlando, assigned to rediscover the glory days of "old Florida." It's the first of what she hopes will be many exciting adventures . . . but she's about to discover that the Sunshine State has a dark side. Settled in among the faux volcanoes and tiki torches of the Polynesian Princess Hotel, Mallory is on the lookout for quirky attractions like alligator farms and pirate-themed diners hidden amid the glitzy theme parks. But she's not prepared to find a cranky journalist speared to death in the Bali Ballroom—or to find herself a suspect in his murder. With her trip coming to a close, Mallory has no choice but to figure out if one of her fellow travel writers is a killer. Because if she doesn't get out of Florida soon, her

career—and her life—are about to come to a dead end. Includes Mallory's article for The Good Life, with tips and reviews of real Florida attractions!

**The Ragged Suitcase** Candlewick Press

From the winner of the Nobel Prize hailed as the laureate of life under totalitarianism, a haunting early novel of surveillance and paranoia Romania—the last months of the Ceausescu regime. Adina is a young schoolteacher. Paul is a musician. Clara works in a wire factory. Pavel is Clara's lover. But one of them works for the secret police and is reporting on the rest of the group. One day Adina returns home to discover that her fox fur rug has had its tail cut off. On another occasion it's the hindleg. Then a foreleg. The mutilated fur is a sign that she is being tracked by the secret police—the fox was ever the hunter. Images of photographic precision combine into a kaleidoscope of terror as Adina and her friends struggle to keep mind and body intact in a world pervaded by complicity and permeated with fear, where it's hard to tell victim from perpetrator. And once again, Herta Müller uses language that displays the "concentration of poetry and the frankness of prose"—as the Swedish Academy noted upon awarding her the Nobel Prize—to create a hauntingly cinematic portrayal of the corruption of the soul under totalitarianism.

**Two dogs and a suitcase** Macmillan

With this magnificently assured new novel, John McGahern reminds us why he has been called the Irish Chekhov, as he guides readers into a village in rural Ireland and deftly, compassionately traces its natural rhythms and the inner lives of its people. Here are the Ruttledges, who have forsaken the glitter of London to raise sheep and cattle, gentle Jamesie Murphy, whose appetite for gossip both charms and intimidates his neighbors, handsome John Quinn, perennially on the look-out for a new wife, and the town's richest man, a gruff, self-made magnate

known as "the Shah." Following his characters through the course of a year, through lambing and haying seasons, market days and family visits, McGahern lays bare their passions and regrets, their uneasy relationship with the modern world, their ancient intimacy with death.

Vapour and Trace Detection of Explosives for Anti-Terrorism Purposes Rukia Publishing

Cesare Zavattini: Selected Writings offers, for the first time in English, a substantive selection of the Italian screenwriter's writings across two volumes. Through translation and detailed cultural and contextual commentary, translator and editor David Brancaleone traces not only Zavattini's theory of the screen, but also his experimentation in new film practices, including the flash-film (film lampo), the inquiry film (film inchiesta), cinema as encounter (cinema d'incontro), the diary film (film diario), the confessional film (film-confessione), and the grass-roots community film (cinema insieme or cinema di tanti per tanti). *Selected Speeches and News Releases* Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

The Tania Blanchard Collection features three blockbuster titles from Tania Blanchard, Australia's bestselling author of *The Girl from Munich*! For fans of Fiona McIntosh, Heather Morris and Judy Nunn. *The Girl From Munich 1943* ... The choices she makes will change her life forever. Growing up in Hitler's Germany, Charlotte von Klein has big dreams for the future. Her mind is full of plans for a sumptuous wedding to her childhood sweetheart Heinrich while working for the Luftwaffe, proudly giving her all for the Fatherland. But in 1943, the tide of the war is turning against Germany, and Lotte's life of privilege and comfort begins to collapse around her. As Hitler's Reich abandons Germany and the country falls to the Allied forces, Lotte is forced to flee from the unfolding chaos to the country with the darkly attractive Erich Drescher, her Luftwaffe superior. Amid the danger, pain and heartbreak, Lotte must forge a new life for herself. But as the country struggles to find its future, shadows of the past come rushing back and Lotte finds herself questioning everything she has fought for - love, duty and freedom. *Suitcase of Dreams* After enduring the horror of Nazi Germany and the chaos of postwar occupation, Lotte Drescher and her family arrive in Australia in 1956 full of hope for a new life. It's a land of opportunity, where Lotte and her husband Erich dream of giving their children the

future they have always wanted. After years of struggling to find their feet as New Australians, Erich turns his skill as a wood carver into a successful business and Lotte makes a career out of her lifelong passion, photography. The sacrifices they have made finally seem worth it until Erich's role in the trade union movement threatens to have him branded a communist and endanger their family. Then darker shadows of the past reach out to them from Germany, a world and a lifetime away. As the Vietnam War looms, an unexpected visitor forces Lotte to a turning point. Her decision will change her life forever . . . and will finally show her the true meaning of home. *Letters from Berlin Berlin, 1943* As the Allied forces edge closer, the Third Reich tightens its grip on its people. For eighteen-year-old Susanna Göttmann, this means her adopted family including the man she loves, Leo, are at risk. Desperate to protect her loved ones any way she can, Susie accepts the help of an influential Nazi officer. But it comes at a terrible cost - she must abandon any hope of a future with Leo and enter the frightening world of the Nazi elite. Yet all is not lost as her newfound position offers more than she could have hoped for ... With critical intelligence at her fingertips, Susie seizes a dangerous opportunity to help the Resistance. The decisions she makes could change the course of the war, but what will they mean for her family and her future?

Drug Interdiction Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

An award-winning writer and photographer tells the extraordinary story of a lone black wolf who, showing up on his doorstep, returned again and again to interact with the people and dogs of Juneau, giving humans a rare chance to understand it a little more. 40,000 first printing.

The Fox Was Ever the Hunter Simon and Schuster

At forty-seven, Caroline is hit by fate. Final blow: the loss of her husband and her children's departure, leaving her alone in an empty house with two dogs for only company... A stroke of madness: her sister pushes her to leave France for a job as a housekeeper in a luxury hotel... A stroke of luck: the delay of her flight and the unexpected boarding on a private plane to Saint-Héliér... A crush: her new home, the island of Jersey... What if all that was missing from her rebirth was love at first sight for the enigmatic and seductive Matthew?

In Pursuit of Dreams Springer Science & Business Media

Ages 8-12--Cricket Kelly is no ordinary twelve year-old. Shes

super smart and very observant, and she has one week until her birthday to prove it. Cricket's life transforms when she begins receiving strange clues that require her to solve the mystery of where she will spend her first summer vacation away from home. Enter kookie Aunt Lila, the orchestrator of a complex plot to take Cricket to Lighthouse Cove on Nantucket Island. Lila's work for the travel magazine, *The Ragged Suitcase*, prompts Cricket's investigation into some scary island mysteries. Following the clues to a long-ago disappearance, one of the first people Cricket encounters on Nantucket is Nate Tucker, a scary old man who holds a very old grudge. In an effort to escape Tucker, she meets Michael Adams, a dreamy fourteen year-old boy with sandy-blond hair. Michael accompanies her on her mission to solve the infamous missing persons case of Hattie Mae Bellarose, a children's mystery writer from Savannah, Georgia. Armed with nothing but her courage, her smarts, and some old notebooks left to one of Hattie Mae's relatives, Cricket manages to turn this hundred year-old cold case into one that will go down in the record books. Cricket figures out the clues and just in time. More importantly though, she discovers that you shouldn't judge people before you get to know them.

*Sarah Jane's Travel Memoirs Series Boxset* CRC Press

*MoWuKnuffels* That is the name of the lovingly combined crew of a mobile home, consisting of two devoted dog queens and a lady of an advanced age. Are you talking about a woman alone? In a camping car? With two dogs? About to cover more than ten thousand kilometers of highways and gravel roads? Vancouver, #1 Dream Road, West Coast USA, highlight San Francisco, Baja California, circuit of the Gulf of Mexico, Florida. Follow the *MoWuKnuffels* on their journey from Canada to the Tropic of Cancer in Mexico and back home! A travel report for camper friends, dog lovers and self-sufficient women! In her diary, the author describes her daily experiences in a continuous and comprehensive manner, while reflecting on her thoughts about the host country.

**Ooh Matron!** Author House

*LIFE Magazine* is the treasured photographic magazine that chronicled the 20th Century. It now lives on at LIFE.com, the largest, most amazing collection of professional photography on the internet. Users can browse, search and view photos of today's people and events. They have free access to share, print and post

images for personal use.

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The Amateur Authorpreneur is a beginners' guide for authors who intend to develop their writing into a business, addressing the important task of book promotion and marketing. We look at laying the foundations of the authorpreneur book promotion toolkit, building a fan base on social media and much more. You've written a book or you plan to - what do you need to consider? What does it offer readers? Why will they buy it? Where are your readers? When will you publish it? Who are you? How do you promote it! Find out how to take the business of being an author up a gear to become an authorpreneur. The Amateur Authorpreneur will describe, using the What, Why Where, When, Who & How template, the process of taking the first steps into combining the craft of being an author with the business of marketing your work. Here are some beta reader comments: "Aspiring authors will feel reassured that whatever their age or IT ability all of the skills needed to become an authorpreneur are achievable." A non-author beta reader said, "I have discovered skills and tips that now helps me in both my personal and professional social media interactions" An avid reader who enjoys the work of indie authors was, "amazed at what's involved behind the scenes."

**Glass Half Full** Simon and Schuster

Now with photographs added 28/10/15 The title says it all: what we have and where we are. This book, the sequel to Glass Half Full: Our Australian Adventure, follows our French exploits as we endeavour to rebuild our lives in another new country, after spending four and half years in Australia. Our goal, or hope for the immediate future, is to focus positively on the present, so that we can start a new, optimistic future back in Europe. Our main aim is to be nearer to the children, leaving the dark clouds of the challenges we faced in Australia as a distant memory. Journey with us as we arrive in rural South West France; enjoy my reflections, thoughts, and observations about my family, our new surroundings, and our lifestyle. Follow the journey of my writing career and how we start our renovation project while managing our convoluted family life. Once again, we will laugh, cry, and enjoy life to the fullest with a generous helping of positive spin thrown in for good measure. Newly edited and re-formatted version uploaded 13th July 2015

*Cesare Zavattini* Author House

Is the glass half empty or half full? Sometimes life influences our view, and alters our perception. Life changing events, up to 1997, almost destroyed me. At my lowest point, I met Nigel. He helped me to discover how a positive attitude can change everything. This new positive approach helps me to perceive my glass as half full, together we live life to the full. With good times ahead of us as a family, we made the biggest and most difficult decision of our lives; part of our family would immigrate to Australia. We lived the Australian dream; embracing the adventure until adversity came to test us. A sequence of life changing events including, a close family bereavement, PTSD following a road rage car accident and the shock of losing our home during the Brisbane floods tested us on many levels. Follow our journey into happy, sad and challenging times. What does it takes to survive, when the odds are stacked against you. Do you fight back, and if so at what cost physically and emotionally? Could we maintain our positivity and family values against the odds? A true story.

**Day One** Vintage

As drug trafficking and the abuse of illicit drugs continue to inflict untold harm upon our society, it is clear that a global initiative and an intense domestic strategy are vital to address the sophisticated drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) that are prevalent in many regions. Covering a wide array of domestic interdiction topics, *Drug Interdiction: Partnerships, Legal Principles, and Investigative Methodologies for Law Enforcement, Second Edition* is the most comprehensive drug interdiction book available, providing a "how-to" step-by-step guide for all law enforcement officers. Explores the gamut of interdiction scenarios Drawing on their multiple years of experience, the authors explore a range of issues that confront today's drug interdiction officer. The book explains how to initiate specific domestic drug interdiction programs and discusses how to use business partnerships to assist law enforcement in identifying potential violators who use legitimate businesses to facilitate the drug trade. It examines consensual encounters, the use of drug canines, and interdictions involving trains, buses, airports, and rental vehicles. Wide-ranging in scope, the text also covers interdictions at hotels and those involving storage units and parcel systems. The book includes a chapter on currency seizures as well as chapters on report writing, courtroom testimony, and

the role of the interdiction supervisor. Each chapter includes relevant case law that supports the protocol described. Reliable techniques, tested in the field The techniques presented in this volume are tried and true methods, utilized by the authors as part of many years of successful narcotics investigations. The unbeatable methods are deeply rooted in case law to ensure proper execution of the practices described, and admissibility in court of the evidence seized. What's New in the Second Edition: Updated case law and case studies New information on trends, practices, and investigative techniques Every chapter updated New chapter on cloned vehicles 42 new photos, 12 new figures, increased content Learn more at Samuel Candelaria's website. *That They May Face the Rising Sun* Bloomsbury Publishing USA From the bestselling author of *The Girl from Munich*, a sweeping, dramatic tale of love and identity, inspired by a true story. After enduring the horror of Nazi Germany and the chaos of postwar occupation, Lotte Drescher and her family arrive in Australia in 1956 full of hope for a new life. It's a land of opportunity, where Lotte and her husband Erich dream of giving their children the future they have always wanted. After years of struggling to find their feet as New Australians, Erich turns his skill as a wood carver into a successful business and Lotte makes a career out of her lifelong passion, photography. The sacrifices they have made finally seem worth it until Erich's role in the trade union movement threatens to have him branded a communist and endanger their family. Then darker shadows of the past reach out to them from Germany, a world and a lifetime away. As the Vietnam War looms, an unexpected visitor forces Lotte to a turning point. Her decision will change her life forever . . . and will finally show her the true meaning of home. PRAISE FOR TANIA BLANCHARD 'Captures the intensity of a brutal and unforgiving war, successfully weaving love, loss, desperation and, finally, hope into a gripping journey of self-discovery.' Courier Mail 'An epic tale, grand in scope ... Packs an emotional punch that will reverberate far and wide.' Weekly Times 'A tumultuous journey from order to bedlam, and from naive acceptance of the status quo to the gradual getting of political wisdom.' Sunday Age 'An original and innovative take on the World War II genre that captures the hauntingly desperate essence of the war. Tania Blanchard has written yet another spectacular novel. Don't miss this.' Better Reading 'A sweeping, dramatic tale of love and

identity.' Fraser Coast Chronicle

Two Dogs and a Suitcase  
Faber & Faber

Glass Half Full: Our Australian Adventure Find out what it takes to keep the Glass Half Full, as challenging life events including grief, loss, PTSD and devastating floods, test this expat step-family to their limits. After enduring divorce and numerous child custody battles, Sarah Jane knew that a fresh start in Australia was their only chance of future happiness and that as a family they were making the right decisions. Living the Australian dream in Alice Springs was everything they hoped for until life-changing events started to test the foundations of this resilient family. Using every ounce of positivity they could muster they struggled on and just as they thought the worst was over Mother Nature intervened and washed away the roots to their new life during the Brisbane floods of 2011. This story lets you experience Australian life with an inspirational woman and her courageous family, as they struggle to survive challenging life events and keep their dreams alive. Life is never without its challenges, but how many life-changing events can one family endure before they reach breaking point? Find out in this heart wrenching and touching true story. Two Dogs and a Suitcase: Clueless in Charente Follows the French exploits of Sarah Jane and her family as they endeavour to rebuild their lives in another new country, after spending four and half years in Australia. The title says it all: literally what they have and where they are, but that's only part of the story. Their goal was to focus positively on the present and to start a new, optimistic chapter back in Europe nearer to the children, leaving the dark clouds of the challenges they faced in Australia as a distant memory. Share their experiences as they arrive in rural South West France portrayed through Sarah Jane's reflections, thoughts and observations about her family and their new French lifestyle. Follow Sarah Jane's tentative steps into a writing career as they

start renovating a rustic cottage while managing the ups and downs of family life. Once again, Sarah Jane will make you laugh and cry as she endeavours to live life to the fullest with a generous helping of positive spin thrown in for good measure. Our Frugal Summer in Charente: An Expat's Kitchen Garden Journal Meet Sarah Jane, a woman with a reputation for culinary catastrophe who tries to keep her family fed in challenging circumstances in rural France. Frugal living was not part of the plan when they arrived from Australia to undertake the renovation of a quaint cottage in the Charente. However, when life throws them a curve-ball the challenge was set. How would they survive in France with very little money and two Australian cattle dogs. The answer came in the form of 5 chickens, 4 ducks, a vegetable garden and hedgerow foraging! The frugal plan was to save money by any means possible, to enable any money they could earn to be invested into continuing the renovation of the cottage. In true 'Good Life' style Sarah Jane attacks this challenge head on by keeping some small livestock and converting a garden, that resembled a meadow, into a French 'potager' or kitchen garden. The French tradition of using produce from their 'potagers' is renowned for enabling families to create meals that are healthy, cost effective and simple. There are 31 recipes for a variety of food and drinks, included in a month by month account, of how they transformed a neglected garden into a frugal yet productive expat kitchen garden.

Two Dogs and a Suitcase duopress

After successfully completing his 12,000 mile bus ride around America, Shaun Donovan now embarks on his latest and greatest challenge - to circumnavigate the coastline of Australia, again by bus, but also to ride the famous 'Indian Pacific' and 'Ghan' trains from west to east and south to north of this vast continent - A 20,000 kilometre journey which must be completed in less than 50 days. In a compelling story of determination, desperation and

in some cases deprivation, read how Shaun and his fiancée, Sally are roasted alive in sizzling heat and stifling humidity, get drowned-out in tropical storms and flash-flooding and survive an onslaught of electrifying lightning bolts, devastating cyclones and bone-shaking earthquakes before their journey is finally at an end. Add to this a lethal concoction of shark, stingray, and snake attacks they stumble upon during their trip and mix it up with crocodile, box jelly-fish, blue-ringed octopus and deadly stone-fish encounters and you've got yourself one hell of a story-line to tell. Like his American voyage of discovery, many things were learned and achieved, but there was also despair as his dreams of scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef and visiting Ayres Rock were shattered due to weather conditions and personal circumstances, both of which he swears will be done on his return to one of the most diverse and exciting continents on the planet. For more information please go to [www.taffys-travels.com](http://www.taffys-travels.com)

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This is book 1 in a new series which looks at self-publishing for beginners and the skills needed for ongoing book marketing and promotion. This e-books series is based on the experiences of author Sarah Jane Butfield who writes travel memoirs, non-fiction books and romance short stories. The Accidental Author introduces the author and this series of self-help e-books for new or aspiring self-published authors. The introduction starts with how and why Sarah Jane came to write and self-publish Glass Half Full: Our Australian Adventure. Find out how an aspiring author aims to be discovered while learning on the job how to write, publish and launch a new career in writing. Beta reader Shontae Brewster says, "A must read for any aspiring author or readers interested in the life of a self-published author. Sarah Jane's never give up approach to life and anything she turns her hand to is beyond admirable." Book 2 The Amateur Authorpreneur is out now!