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A Stunning Collection of Flash Fiction

“A signature style that weaves fact with fiction.”

Mark Mitchell, former editorial page writer
for the *Wall Street Journal* (5 Stars)

Creative Ink, Flashy Fiction

Flash Fiction Anthology – Book 2

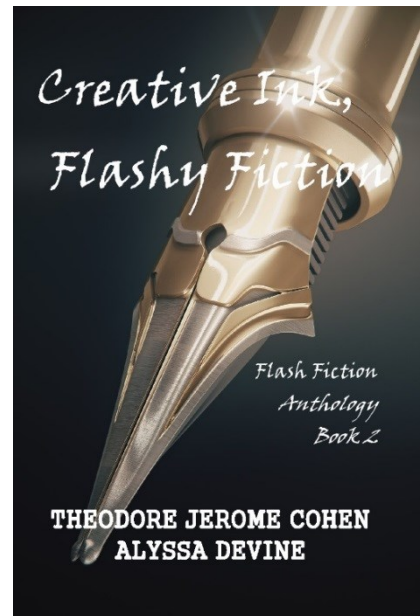


If you like your fiction entwined with fact (faction), this collection of “flash fiction” (less than 250 words per story) is for you! Many of the stories here were award-winning entries in the weekly Flash Fiction Challenges sponsored by the Website *Indies Unlimited*. Other tales were inspired by or drawn from the short stories found in Cohen’s *The Road Less Taken: A Collection of Unusual Short Stories, Books 1 and 2*, or from some of his Det. Louis Martelli, NYPD, mystery/thrillers. In *Creative Ink, Flashy Fiction, Flash Fiction Anthology – Book 2*, you’ll find a tale about World War II that may make you wonder whether or not what you are reading is fiction; the lowdown on the first selfie ever taken; an intellectual conversation at the shore between a dog and an elephant while they observe a formation of Canadian geese; and a story about a tarot card reading that comes to a troubling conclusion. In short (pun intended), there is something in this book for almost every genre and taste.

“People ask: ‘Why flash fiction? And what’s up with writing stories under both your name and your pen name?’ Well, to the first question, I was looking for a new challenge, and you’ll have to admit, writing a complete story—including a plot, characters, a hook, and a slam-bang finish—all in 250 words, is about as challenging as it gets, especially if you’re responding to the weekly Flash Fiction Challenge on the *Indies Unlimited* Website.

“As for using both names, that was done just for the fun of it, though you’ll find Alyssa’s stories tending more to the paranormal—for example, tarot card readings—as well as the softer side of life, though not always. Just something different”

Other books by Theodore Jerome Cohen (aka Alyssa Devine), in addition to his short-story anthologies, *The Road Less Taken, Books 1 and 2*, include the Detective Louis Martelli, NYPD, mystery/thriller series, which includes *Wheel of Fortune*, a book about New York City mob influence in southeastern Pennsylvania; *Eighth Circle: A Special Place in Hell*, which deals with mob-driven corruption at the highest levels in New York City government; and *Night Shadows*, which addresses the subjects of child abuse, teenage rape, and teen suicide. Other Martelli novels include *Lilith: Demon of the Night*, a novel about a New York City vampire cult; *House of Cards: Dead Men Tell No Tales*, which is based on real events related to the 2008 financial crisis precipitated by the housing bubble; and *Death by Wall Street: Rampage of the Bulls*, which focused on corruption within the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the incompetence of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Dr. Cohen's Antarctic Murders Trilogy describes what happened following a robbery of the Banco Central de Chile in Talcahuano in May, 1960. The trilogy comprises *Frozen in Time: Murder at the Bottom of the World* (Book I), *Unfinished Business: Pursuit of an Antarctic Killer* (Book II), and *End Game: Irrational Acts, Tragic Consequences* (Book III). The Trilogy now is available in one (Kindle) eBook edition, *Cold Blood*. Dr. Cohen's first novel, *Full Circle: A Dream Denied, A Vision Fulfilled*, which is based on his life as a violinist, was published in 2009. Screenplays written by Dr. Cohen include *Death by Wall Street*, based on his novel by the same name, and *Beware Those Closest*, based on his novel *House of Cards*. Dr. Cohen also is the author of the Young Adult (YA) novel *The Hypnotist*, which he wrote under the pen name "Alyssa Devine." Finally, Dr. Cohen has published more than 450 papers, articles, columns, essays, and interviews, and is a co-author of *The NEW Shortwave Propagation Handbook* (from CQ Communications). The author's financial writings may be found on the Website *SeekingAlpha.com*.



Dr. Cohen's and Ms. Devine's novels are available from your favorite online retailers. *Creative Ink, Flashy Fiction*, is available in paperback and Kindle formats.

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