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## **A Stunning Collection of Flash Fiction (together with some short stories)**

**“A signature style that weaves fact with fiction.”**

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

### *Flash Fiction Stories* *On Love and Devotion* **Flash Fiction Anthology – Book 20**



Of all the literary classics I remember reading in my English classes at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the late 1950s, *To His Coy Mistress* by Andrew Marvell is one of the poems that still stands out in my mind. And while the 45 stories here, which in one way or another relate to love and devotion, may not be as eloquently written as the works of Marvell, I hope you will find each one satisfying in its own right. The tales primarily were selected from among the 438 stories found in Books 1 through 6, incl., of my *Creative Ink, Flashy Fiction* anthologies. Included, as well, are selected offerings from my two short-story anthologies, *The Road Less Taken*, as well as stories from my *Mementos* series of anthologies. Many of the stories in the instant volume are 250 words or fewer in length. They are best compared to a handful of peanuts or M&M's. Which is to say, they're tiny, bite-sized morsels that won't let you stop with one! The longer tales were added for

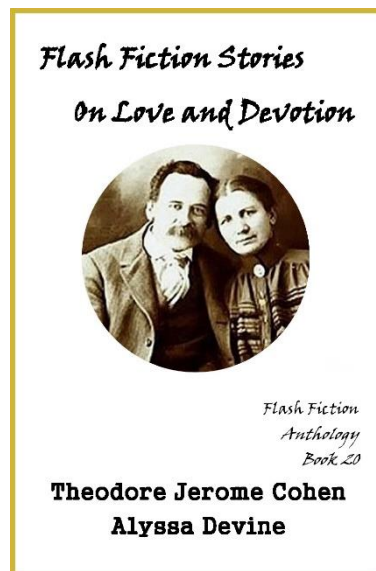
those who seek something more substantial with which to curl up on a long winter night or better, on a beach in the hot summer sun.

Theodore Jerome Cohen (aka Alyssa Devine) is an award-winning author who has published more than ten novels—all but one of them mystery/thrillers—two short-story anthologies, and one Young Adult (YA) mystery/thriller written under the pen name Alyssa Devine. During his 45-year career he has worked as an engineer, scientist, CBS Radio Station News Service (RSNS) commentator, private investigator, and Antarctic explorer. What he's been able to do with his background is mix fiction with reality in ways even his family and friends have been unable to unravel! A few of the stories featured here, in Book 20 of the series [Flash Fiction Anthologies](#), were award-winning entries in the weekly Flash Fiction Challenges sponsored by the Website *Indies Unlimited*. Most, however, are the product of Cohen's creative mind and knowledge of

history, prompted by an endless stream of provocative photographs found on a variety of Internet sites.

“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. As for using both names, that was done just for the fun of it, though in the series, you’ll find Alyssa’s stories tending more to the paranormal—for example, tarot card readings. Just something different”

Cohen’s most recent writings include *Mementos (Books 1, 2, and 3)*, which are anthologies comprised of both short stories and flash fiction; nineteen (19) anthologies of flash fiction\* (including six in the series *Creative Ink, Flashy Fiction*); two anthologies of unusual short stories titled *The Road Less Taken (Books 1 and 2)*; a ripped-from-the-headlines novel, *Wheel of Fortune*, a mystery/thriller based on an actual FBI sting that took place in southeastern Pennsylvania some years ago involving a New York-based crime-infested cartage association; *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 CQ Shortwave Propagation Handbook – 4th Edition* (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*, books are available in paperback and Kindle formats.

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\* Volumes 9-20 also include short stories.