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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)

Flash Fiction for Animal Lovers Flash Fiction Anthology – Book 7



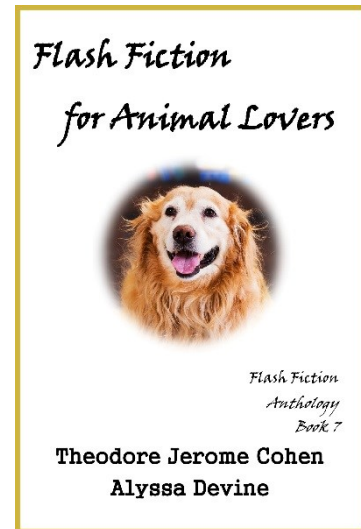
Who doesn't like a good animal story?! That's why we created this special edition for our series on Flash Fiction. The contents of this seventh Flash Fiction anthology are drawn from the 438 stories found in Books 1 through 6, incl., of the *Creative Ink*, *Flashy Fiction* anthologies and are devoted entirely to our friends from the Animal Kingdom. Here you'll find stories about loyal canines, mischievous felines, photobombing birds, and other creatures, large and small, that will make you smile, perhaps shed a tear, but always leave you thinking about this strange and awesome road we call "life." The stories, each 250 words or less in length, 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!

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 7 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, knowledge of history, and yes, even a great sense of humor, all prompted by an endless stream of provocative photographs of animals found on a variety of Internet sites. Specifically, in this volume, you'll find the story of a woman in a New York City taxi who graciously shares her ride with an elephant, a cat who is fed up with her owner's penchant for oversleeping, and a humorous tale about a dog named Odysseus who has a bone to pick with

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle of Sherlock Holmes fame. 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. 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”

Other books by Theodore Jerome Cohen, 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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