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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 Stories of the Young Flash Fiction Anthology – Book 8



George Bernard Shaw once said: “Youth is wasted on the young.” Hopefully, you didn’t waste yours! Growing up as six-year-old child working in the coal mines of England in the 19th century, for example, precluded anything even close to what today would be considered a “normal childhood,” much less giving you a good chance of living past 30. Your chances of surviving to old age were somewhat better if you were born during the Great Depression, though then, many children often went to bed hungry. Compare their lives to those of children born after World War II. This anthology comprises 73 stories related to childhood selected from the 438 stories found in Books 1 through 6, incl., of the *Creative Ink, Flashy Fiction* anthologies. The stories, each 250 words or fewer in length, are best compared to a handful of peanuts or M&M’s.

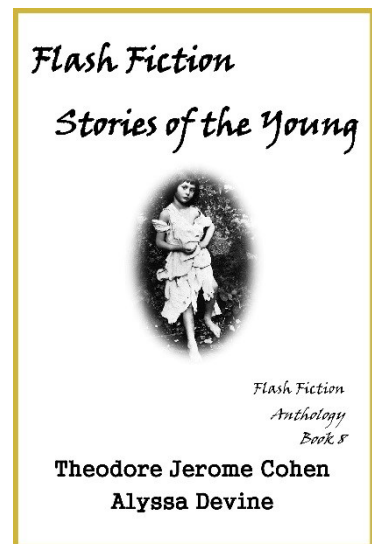
Which is to say, they’re tiny, bite-sized morsels that won’t let you stop with one!

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 8 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 a story about a girl whose doll can predict the future, a

“reluctant debutant” who escaped the tragic sinking of the Titanic, and a comical exchange between a little girl and a camel. 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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