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## Another Stunning Collection of Short Stories & Flash Fiction

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

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

# *Martelli, NYPD*

A Collection of Excerpts from the  
Detective Louis “Lou” Martelli, NYPD,  
Mystery/Thriller Series



People simply can't get enough of the short stories and flash fiction tales from the creative mind of Theodore Jerome Cohen (aka Alyssa Devine). What surprises many are the photographic prompts he uses as inspiration for his tales . . . stories that span the spectrum of genres from romance to murder mysteries, and from historical fiction to the paranormal. Now, from the creative mind of this author comes a collection of excerpts from his Detective Louis “Lou” Martelli, NYPD, Mystery/Thriller Series: *Martelli, NYPD*.

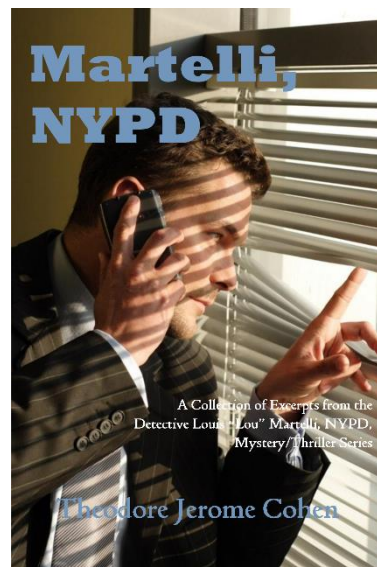
Beginning in 2010, and for five years thereafter, Cohen penned several books, six to be exact, which are referred to as the Detective Louis “Lou” Martelli, NYPD, mystery/ thriller series. They feature, as the protagonist, a veteran of the first Iraqi War who lost a leg when the Black Hawk helicopter on which he was the crew chief was shot down during the assault on that nation's capital. Under a special dispensation given to him by the mayor of New York City, and because his father had been a former street cop, Martelli was allowed to “sit” the exam for detective, which he passed. We first encounter him as a homicide detective investigating the horrific death of a Wall Street analyst, whose severed head is found spiked to the Wall Street Bull in New York's Financial District. Other books in the series explore homicides tied to the financial collapse of 2008, corruption in New York City, real-life vampire cults, teen suicide. New York political corruption, and a New York mob's efforts to take over the trash hauling and recycling business in Lancaster, Pennsylvania . . .

all stories based on real-life, so much so that some readers have difficulty separating fact from fiction!

When talking to readers, he is often asked: “Why do you use photographic prompts when you write short stories and flash fiction?” His response can be found in the words of Larry Sultan, an American photographer from the San Fernando Valley in California: “Photography is there to construct the idea of us as a great family and we go on vacations and take these pictures and then we look at them later and we say, ‘Isn't this a great family?’ So photography is instrumental in creating family not only as a memento, a souvenir, but also a kind of mythology.” Said Cohen: “Beyond the physical, however, lie our memories and in them, the pictures stored in our minds’ eyes. As writers, aren’t these memories—both the physical and the ‘mementos of the mind’—the essence of our works, the prompts we use to spin words and phrases into literary tapestries our readers can use to discover something about life, a bit about us, perhaps, and, in the process, maybe even a little about themselves?”

Theodore Jerome Cohen (aka Alyssa Devine) is an award-winning author who has published, among other things, more than ten novels—all but one of them mystery/thrillers—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, US Army officer (CPT, Corps of Engineers), 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! In this volume, you’ll find a story about a long funeral procession, comprising some 100 cars and motorcycles, the latter mostly big Harley-Davidson touring models. Who could their drivers possibly have been honoring? And what was the *captain of the ocean-going freighter Duchess of Montrose, which was tied up in Porto Grande Bay, Cape Verde Islands, thinking as he watched a storm approaching that already had dropped his barometer to levels seen only in the strongest of hurricanes?* In short (pun intended), there is something in this book for almost every genre and taste.

Cohen’s most recent writings include *Mementos (Books 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6)*, which are anthologies comprised of both short stories and flash fiction); twenty (20) 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 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. *Martelli, NYPD*, is available in paperback and Kindle formats.

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