

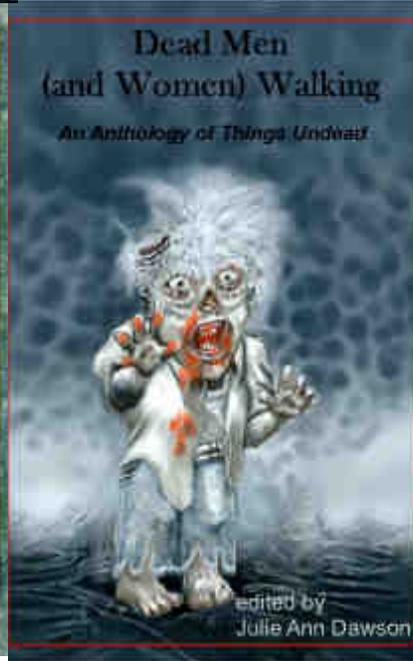
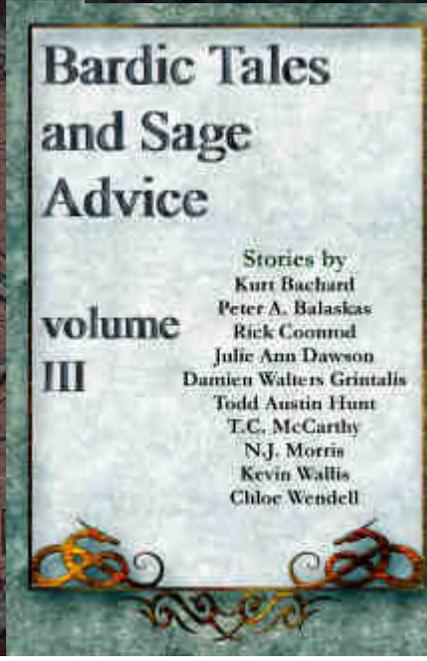
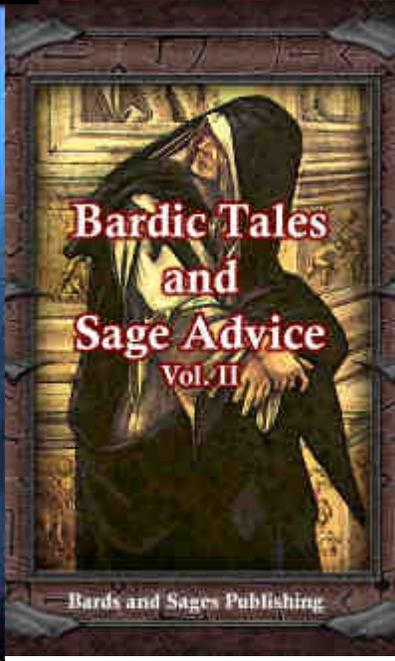
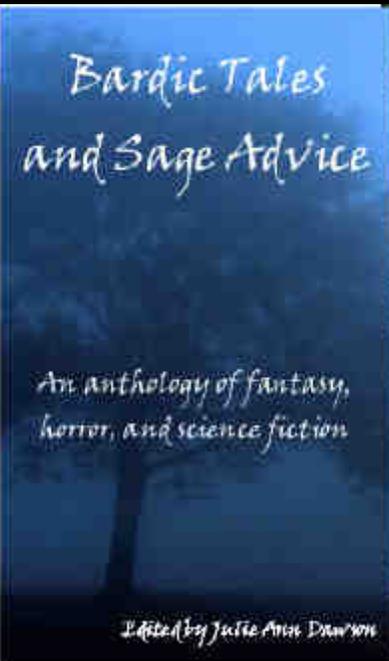
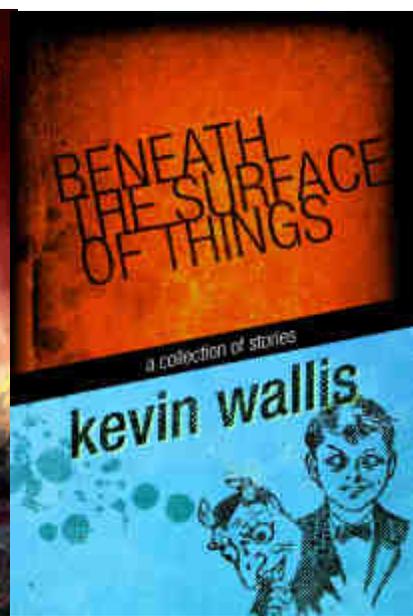
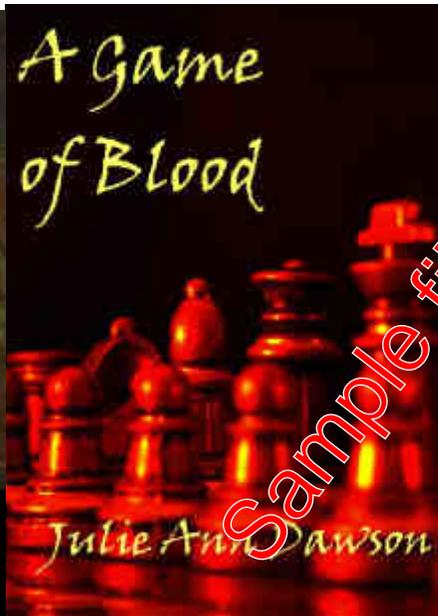
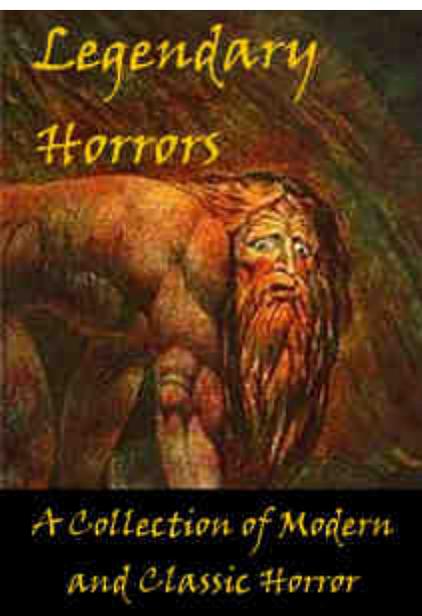
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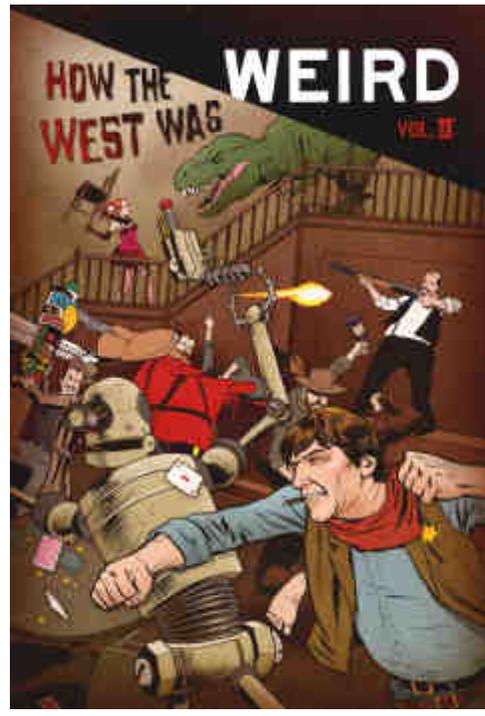
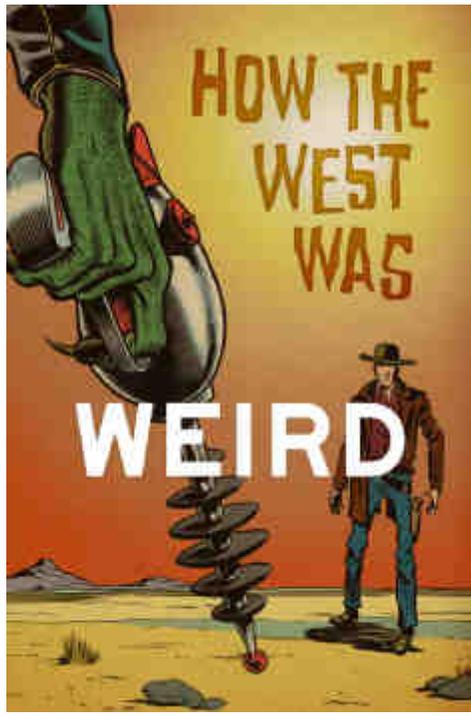


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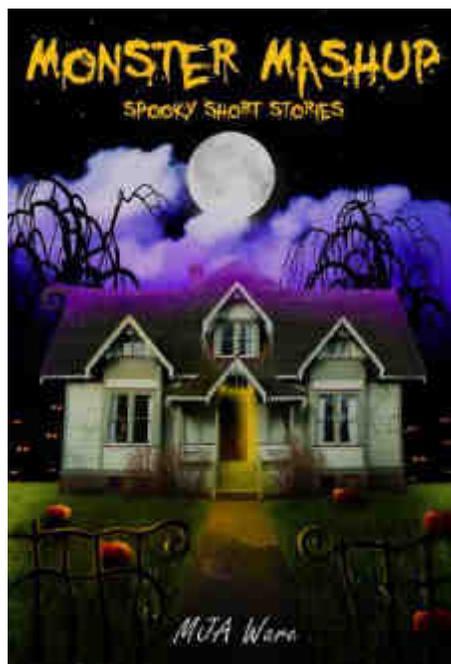
Aztec vampires gorge themselves on a small Mexican village. A masked hero of the 1940s stumbles onto a town that time forgot. A gunslinging exorcist works to save a boy from demonic possession. These are the stories of the American West your history teacher never told you about... because she was scared! Includes nine original tales of the weird, wild west, by Barry Reese, Derrick Ferguson, Josh Reynolds, and more.

HOW THE WEST WAS WEIRD, VOL. 2

The Old West has been invaded!

No longer just the home of cattlemen and saloonkeepers and soiled doves, the western now plays host to cannibals, grey aliens, steam-driven robots, ghosts, dinosaurs, and murderous creatures of every kind.

How the West Was Weird, Volume II continues the bestselling series of anthologies from Pulpwork Press, bursting with twenty stories that blend westerns with horror, science-fiction, and fantasy. Featuring the work of Derrick Ferguson, Josh Reynolds, Ron Fortier, Barry Reese, Tommy Hancock, and more of the best names in New Pulp.

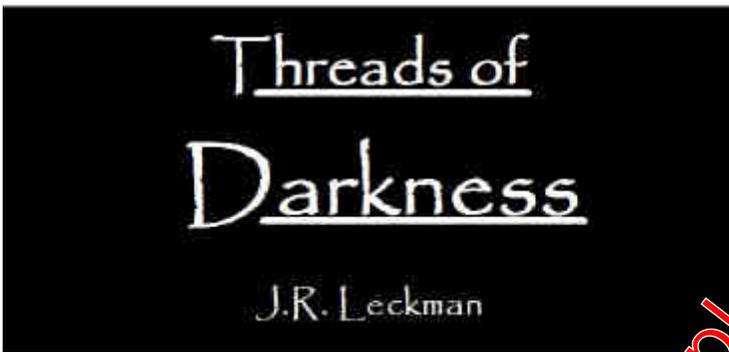


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Monster Mashup

Monsters, magic, goblins, zombies, and more. Be prepared to sleep with the lights on. This collection of a dozen short stories will have you looking over your shoulder, avoiding mirrors, and jumping at the slightest sound. From fiendish creatures hiding in your bathroom mirror, to Halloween pranks gone deadly wrong. Each story will scare, delight, and surprise.

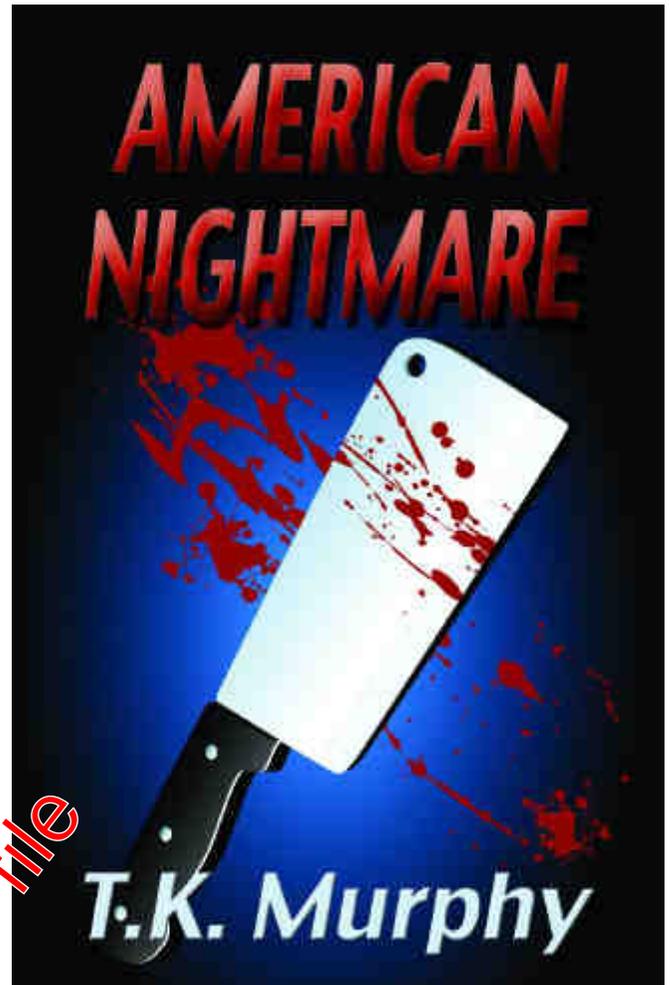
No gore or cursing here, just good ol' spine-chilling fun!



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Threads of Darkness

This eBook is just over 30,000 words long. A collection of short horror stories, *Threads* examines the nature of darkness in four original tales by J.R. Leckman. Starting with the existence of ghosts in "They Don't Exist," *Threads* examines the mysteries of the "Anasazi," the end of the world in "Bucketheads," and ends with an Old West style ode to H.P Lovecraft with "The Quick and the Unholy."



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American Nightmare

American Nightmare is the story of Bob, a very nice man living the American dream. He rises up from humble beginnings and always does the right thing. Then, as he reaches his fifties, everything goes wrong. Unable to come to terms with the sudden changes, he suffers a massive breakdown. Reality and illusion combine to form a strange new world and he goes on a massive killing spree.

Sample file



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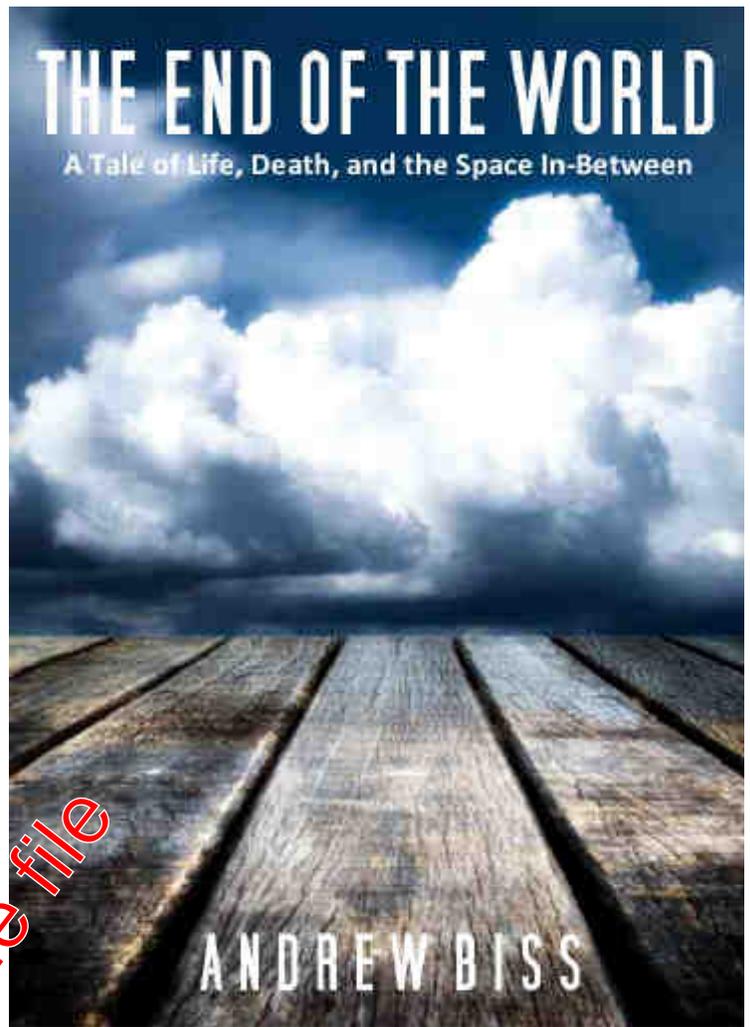
Deadfall

A team of mercenaries race to an abandoned mining village to rescue two children held hostage by rogue ex-soldiers. But the kidnapers are a ruse, the real threat more terrifying than any of them could imagine.

Aided by a couple of unsuspecting eco-warriors, mercenary team leader Amber Redgrave must fight to survive against foes that don't sleep and don't feel pain.

Now as the body count rises, so do the stakes, and when the dead won't stay dead, there's going to be hell to pay.

Revised edition featuring a bonus ending



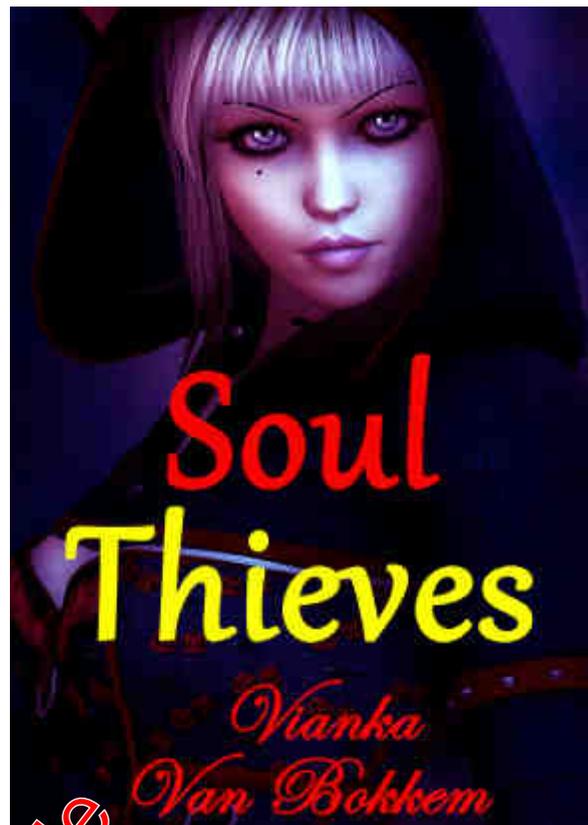
Donated by [Andrew Biss](#)

The End of the World

Accustomed to a life of cosseted seclusion at home with his parents, Valentine is suddenly faced with making his own way in the world. His new life is quickly upended, however, when he's mugged at gunpoint. Finding shelter at a mysterious inn run by the dour Mrs. Anna, he soon encounters a Bosnian woman with a hole where her stomach used to be, an American entrepreneur with a scheme to implant televisions into people's foreheads, and a Catholic priest who attempts to lure him down inside a kitchen sink. Then things start getting strange...

In this story based loosely around the state of Bardo from The Tibetan Book of the Dead - an intermediate state where the dead arrive prior to rebirth - dying is the easy part. Getting out of Bardo and returning to the land of the living is a far more perilous proposition, and unless you know what you're doing...you might never leave.

An odd, yet oddly touching tale of life, death, and the space in-between.



Donated by [Vianka Van Bokkem](#)

Myka the Goddess Witch: Zeus Secret

When the father of all gods Zeus discovered his beloved daughter Athena was pregnant with Apollo's baby, he ordered all gods and goddesses to keep it a secret because he wanted all mortals to believe Athena was an eternal virgin.

The moment I was born Zeus gave me away to a loyal mortal 'witch' named Maia which means 'nursing mother'. My father Apollo had to have a special magic spell done by Maia because he was the god of truth who can't speak a lie. Zeus also asked Maia to cast a spell on my mother so she would not fight him when he gave me away.

Maia lived in Mykonos, Greece and decided to name me 'Myka'. She was careful to cast the biggest magic spell on me. I was going to be a mortal girl until the day of my 18th birthday.

Soul Thieves

My best friend was killed in a motorcycle accident. He was 18 years old like me when he died. I was invited to a lagoon and I decided to summon Jesse's spirit while I was in the water. I didn't know how to swim and I almost drown while calling for Jesse.

The moment I reached shore a strong realization came to my head. The only way that I could see Jesse again is by being dead like him!

People tend to summon a loved one when they die. Sometimes the right soul or spirit hears the summoning; but sometimes the ones listening are the 'Soul Thieves'.

A Sentinel is in charge of guarding human souls from the Soul Thieves who sells them to a diabolic goblin named Azura. She eats the souls to stay young and powerful.

My name is Leila and I was named an 'Earth Sentinel' by my dead twin sister Lia.

My mission is to battle Soul Thieves and destroy Azura with the help of an attractive 19 year old Earth Sentinel named Max and his sister April.

The three of us were given a special power to help us be victorious!