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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)

Creative Ink, Flashy Fiction

Flash Fiction Anthology – Book 3

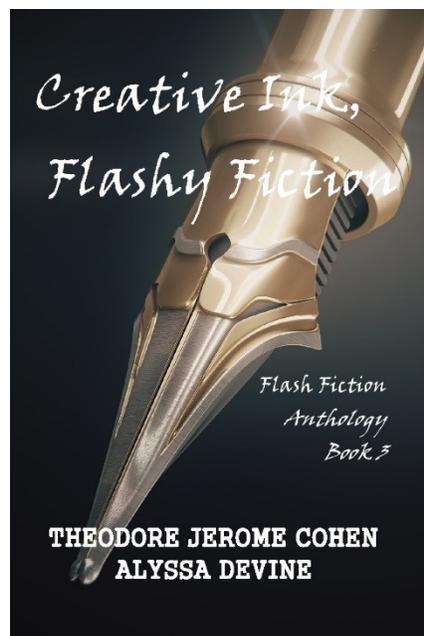


If you like your fiction entwined with fact (“faction”), this collection of flash fiction (less than 250 words per story) is for you! A few of the stories featured here, in Book 3 of the series Flash Fiction Anthologies, were award-winning entries in the weekly Flash Fiction Challenges sponsored by the Website *Indies Unlimited*. Others are based on or inspired by Cohen’s fictionalized autobiography, *Full Circle*, and his Det. Louis Martelli, NYPD, series of mystery/thrillers. Most, however, are the product of his creative mind, prompted by an endless stream of provocative photographs of people, animals, buildings, and landscapes found on a variety of Internet sites. Specifically, in this volume, you’ll find a tale about an injured bomb-tracking dog named Drak in Afghanistan, a gritty story about a standoff between a detective and a female serial killer, the humorous tale about the theft of one of the Queen of England’s swans, and a story about a suspenseful conflict between the chief of a Native American tribe and a cowboy. 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, especially if you’re responding to the weekly Flash Fiction Challenge on the *Indies Unlimited* Website.

“As for using both names, that was done just for the fun of it, though you’ll find Alyssa’s stories tending more to the paranormal—for example, tarot card readings—as well as the softer side of life, though not always. Just something different”

Other books by Theodore Jerome Cohen (aka Alyssa Devine), 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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