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## PARTICIPATING AUTHORS LIST



### Ann Goltz

Ann Goltz writes fiction that deals with complicated family dynamics and questions of women's identity. She wrote her first short story at the tender age of six, and went on to write dozens more, as well as poems, plays, and a novel during her early school years. Ann worked for the US Air Force, managing the financial aspects of various defense programs. During this time she also earned a BS in Management, only to discover that she didn't want a career in business. She quit her job in order to pursue a Master's in Divinity full time. Ann graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary and became an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). After serving congregations in South Dakota, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Iowa, she left active ministry to care for her family. Being a classic GenX latchkey kid, Ann didn't know much about traditional homemaking, so she researched it online. This led her to discover the Quiverfull movement, and the idea for her award-winning debut *Virtuous Women* was born. Learn more about her projects at [AnnGoltz.com](http://AnnGoltz.com).



## Barbara Friedman

Barbara Friedman is a librarian and writer with a special interest in the local histories and art of Central Massachusetts. Her career in university, public and special libraries has allowed her to explore many archives that add to her historical writings. She is the author of *Affectionately Yours*, *Lucy Ann Puffer Miles*.



## Catherine Zebrowski

Catherine Zebrowski grew up in Worcester County and has been writing poetry and fiction for many years. She has published two novels. Through a *Bakery Window*, an 1899 mystery novel based on a true story that occurred in Spencer Ma. and *Sleepwalking Backwards*, a mother-daughter mystery novel. Her most recent publication is a memoir called *Me, Fran and the shadow man*. She also writes songs with a duet partner and they play guitar and sing at area open mics under the name Ray and Kit. She is currently working on another novel and a book of poetry for children.



## Deborah Fukuda

Debbie Davey (Fukuda) is the author of *A Walk in Town* and *The Holiday Stroll*, two books that highlight the beauty of diverse community. They are inspired by Fitchburg, MA. Debbie earned a Bachelor's in Creative Writing from Eastern Oregon University and a Master's in Elementary Education from Lesley University. She's also the Director of The Writing Village, an online writing school for children.



## Donald Ballou Smyth

Donald Ballou Smyth is the author of the wilderness suspense thriller *The Alpha of Purgatory*, the young adult murder mystery *A Night in the Mangroves*, the young adult dystopian novel *Sixth of Ten* and the Amazon best seller in ghost thrillers *The West Street Haunting*.



## Douglas Dumont

Douglas R. Dumont is the author of the *Dust to Ink* series, historical crime novels set in the industrial mill towns of 1890s New England. His stories blend Western grit with the atmosphere and history of the Northeast, following characters who navigate corruption, violence, and impossible choices in a rapidly changing America. Drawing on a lifelong interest in history and public service, Dumont creates immersive settings where forgotten places and overlooked lives become the backdrop for compelling mysteries. He currently serves as Planning Director for the Town of Jaffrey, New Hampshire. *Dust to Ink: The Throat* is the first novel in the series.



## Jean Varda

Jean Varda is a local poet originally from Cambridge Massachusetts. She has self-published eight books of poetry and has her own press. She has led poetry writing workshops since 1975 in the Boston area then in California where she lived for 40 years. She has been published in numerous small press publications. She enjoys giving public readings and has led numerous Open Mics for poets on the West Coast.



## Jack McClintock

Jack McClintock spent over fifty years as a psychologist in mental health services working in rehabilitation and psychiatric hospitals, prisons, and private practice, in community clinics as well as urban and rural school districts. He's worked with cannibals and killers, monsters and madmen, individuals of every color and kind; been attacked physically, threatened, demeaned, and brutalized, sometimes fairly, sometimes not. Jack has tasted the sadness of great loss, made mistakes that would shame anyone, and struggled with personal demons that have shown him, and anyone who loved him, just how big a fool a man can be. All of it has enabled him to mature, adopt a healthy respect for life, and develop a deep sense of gratitude for the things that brought him joy, as well as genuine acceptance of the sorrows that enabled him to appreciate that joy. Learning has been his passion. It's opened his eyes to reality, showing him both its light and its darkness. Writing is the safety valve that enables him to share and discover at the same time. While he's always written for himself, he is also motivated to share his understanding of our world, in the hope that through communication we may make the world a better place for those yet to come. Go to [www.amazon.com/Jack-McClintock](http://www.amazon.com/Jack-McClintock) to find out more.



## John Daly (writing as J Paul Gordon)

John Daly (pen name, J Paul Gordon) writes literary speculative fiction concerned with memory, ideology, moral responsibility, and the endurance of love under political systems of power. He studied Soviet and East European history, with particular interest in the relationships between political authority, ideological certainty, historical memory, and religious, philosophical, and intellectual life under totalitarian regimes. His debut novel, *The Whisper of Falling Snow*, is set in the late twenty-first century, in a future society shaped by surveillance, ideological conformity, and the quiet administration of death.



## Jorge Sanchez

Jorge Sanchez is a Puerto Rican–American writer whose work blends emotional intimacy, cosmic wonder, and the everyday humanity of people you meet when you’re not rushing through life. A lifelong storyteller who discovered writing later in his journey, Sanchez brings a rare voice to science fiction—one shaped by family, culture, travel, and the belief that human connection is its own kind of superpower. His debut novel, *The Data Gardeners*, is a genre-bending mix of sci-fi, philosophy, humor, and heart.



## Kimberly Hallinan

Kimberly Hallinan is a wife, mother to 4, and a Mammie to 5. She is also a second grade teacher in Gardner where she lives. Kimberly is both the author and illustrator of her book *Martha Just Wants to Know*, and her newly awaited release of *Martha Just Keeps Learning*. She also makes colorful, personalized paintings for children. Making children smile, learn, and feel joy in learning is her passion, and her books are designed to be read aloud to classrooms and to children. They are full of playful rhyming and based on highly relatable characters.



## Kris Bowser

Kris Bowser lives and adventures in the rocky hills and forests of New England, where they learned to sneak into the other worlds tucked between shadows and around bends. Currently, they work for the same college where they earned their degree in creative writing, and spend their time crafting an ever-growing steampunk fantasy series about a failed printmaker and a mysterious, newly engineered magic. They now live in an old mill town haunted by the spirits of machines and industry, but can also be found at [krisbowser.com](http://krisbowser.com). Their short fiction has appeared in *Cosmic Roots and Eldritch Shores* and *Etherea Magazine*.



## Laurie De Lima

Laurie Rose De Lima writes deeply moving poetry exploring the complex landscapes of trauma, grief, and healing. Writing in her spare time, she captures the quiet, profound moments of the human experience with raw honesty. When not writing, Laurie works professionally in the safety field. She lives with her spouse and cat, often finding peace, inspiration, and renewal in the beauty of nature.



## Marie LeClaire

Marie LeClaire is an accomplished novelist specializing in Magical Realism. With six published novels and four anthologies to her credit, she captivates readers with her imaginative storytelling. Marie's work explores the intersection of the ordinary and the extraordinary, drawing inspiration from her surroundings and experiences. Known for her collaborative spirit, she actively works with local authors on innovative projects, including a new anthology. Since her debut, Marie has garnered a loyal following, making her a prominent figure in the literary community.



## Mary Anne Kalonas Slack

Mary Anne Kalonas Slack's short stories have been published in the literary magazines MUSED and Adelaide, as well as in the 2023, 2024, and 2025 *Quabbin Quills Anthologies*. Her novels, *The Sacrificial Daughter*, and *Painting a Family*, were published by White River Press, Amherst. A retired music educator, Mary Anne now dedicates time to writing and publishing, enjoying her grandchildren, traveling and reading. You can find her at [maryanneslack.com](http://maryanneslack.com).



## Melanie Meadors

Melanie Meadors (Mel) is a science communicator who specializes in astronomy and space exploration. She's the founder of "*Looking Up! with Mel*," a website and zine devoted to sharing information about space with people of all ages and backgrounds in a fun way. She currently serves as the public outreach coordinator of the Aldrich Astronomical Society, one of the oldest astronomy groups in the country. She is also a NASA Solar System Ambassador. She gives talks around New England to audiences of all ages, celebrating astronomy and our exploration of the universe. Mel studied astronomy and the geography of space as an undergraduate, and the history of science and science communication for her master's degree. In her spare time, she can be found wrangling monkeys, cursing clouds, and saying bad words at her astrophotography set-up.



## Michael Glenzel

Michael Glenzel is an independent author of science fiction, fantasy, and horror whose stories explore what happens when ordinary people are forced to confront the impossible. Growing up in Winchendon, Massachusetts, Michael developed a lifelong love of storytelling through fantasy novels, monster movies, science fiction, and countless hours of Dungeons & Dragons. Those early influences continue to shape the fast-paced, character-driven adventures he writes today. His latest novel, *Crack of Dawn: Part One – Gone to Hell*, launches a series in which creatures once thought to exist only in myth invade the modern world, forcing humanity into a desperate fight for survival. The series blends urban fantasy, creature horror, military action, and apocalyptic adventure into a story that asks what happens when legends become terrifyingly real. In addition to his novels, Michael has published numerous short stories spanning science fiction, fantasy, horror, and supernatural suspense. He currently lives in western Massachusetts and is completing the second installment of the Crack of Dawn series, *Hell to Pay*.



## Michelle Elliott

Michelle Elliott is an award-winning historical fiction author living in central Massachusetts. Although she now writes novels rooted in the past, her earliest ambition was to write horror stories, influenced by authors such as Shirley Jackson, Edgar Allan Poe, Peter Straub, and Dean Koontz—an influence that still shapes her love of atmosphere and emotional tension. Her passion for historical fiction took hold while attending Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island, where living in one of the university's Gilded Age residences sparked a fascination with the lives, secrets, and drama of those who came before. That sense of lived-in history now defines her work.



## Robin Roberts (R.G. Roberts)

Robin Roberts writes stories about war, people, and the drama between the two. Sometimes with swords and sometimes with submarines. R.G. Roberts is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a multi-genre author, with published military thrillers, epic fantasy, and alternate history. Whether writing about good leaders, bad leaders, or the comradeship of those in uniform across the centuries, R.G. Roberts writes about characters you will both love and hate. War wreaks havoc on the human condition. R.G. Roberts writes about it.



## Ruth Madison

Ruth Madison has been publishing romance novels featuring disabled characters since 2009. She is passionate about using literature to eliminate ableism and showcase that love overcomes all odds.



## Sally Cragin

Sally Cragin teaches New England history, writing, literature, and theatre in the ALFA program at Fitchburg State University. She is also the author of *The Astrological Elements*, and *Astrology on the Cusp* (Llewellyn Worldwide) which have been translated and sold in a number of countries including India, Russia, Canada, British Virgin Islands, the Czech Republic and Estonia. She was the first astrology commentator for Audible.com (1999-2001). She writes annual astrology forecasts for *Llewellyn Worldwide Almanacs*. She also writes poems, short stories and plays.



## Shawn McClintock

Shawn McClintock was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and resides in Massachusetts. He owns and operates a doggy daycare and teaches hip hop dance, work that reflects his longstanding affection for animals and the arts. He's been a lifelong lover of horror and all things spooky, and he hopes to bring that enduring interest to the page with his first novel, *It Feeds*. He looks forward to seeing what comes next and to diving into the world of writing.



## Via Luino

Via Luino is the bestselling author of the local phenomenon *All the Scattered Stars*. Raised in the wilds of Western Massachusetts, she is a queer writer, librarian, and activist living just north of Boston. When not ferociously crocheting or doting on her chaos gremlin—better known as Moose the dog—she can be found dreaming of dragons or plotting how to make her latest book even gayer. She has more than 25 short stories, essays, and poems published, including a Pushcart Prize nominee, and holds an MFA in fiction from the University of New Hampshire. *All the Scattered Stars* is her debut novel.



## Victoria R. Delmar (V.R. Delmar)

V.R. Delmar is the pen name of a Canadian MD, author of urban fantasy and paranormal romance. In her spare time, she travels to promote her books and spends time with her son and her cats. Sentinel 10 is an adult paranormal urban fantasy series filled with psychic powers, romance and adventure, but beneath its supernatural world lies an exploration of love and evil. What makes us fall in love? What are the many faces of evil? My understanding of these questions has been shaped not only by a lifetime of reading and introspection. The paranormal is an entertaining allegory, a lens through which to explore the many challenges a young woman faces as she builds a career, navigates relationships, and gradually discovers who she is, and what it means to remain human in the face of extraordinary circumstances.