

## **MYSTERY & THRILLER AUTHOR BIOS – MAY 2025**

### **STEPHANIE ANNE:**

Stephanie Anne is an oddball extraordinaire. Specializing in disturbing horror and post-apocalyptic science fiction, she has a love for all things strange and monstrous and hopes you do too. After all, what's not to love about things that go bump in the night? Her writing assistants are Minerva, Finn, and Bubs. Unfortunately, these free-spirited felines like to sleep on the job. That is, when they aren't stepping on her keyboard and adding extra words to her books. If you like disturbing horror stories and unsettling tales of science fiction, you're in for a treat.

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### **MK SCHULZ:**

MK Schultz is an award-winning Canadian author renowned for his gripping horror and sci-fi novels. His latest works include *Hard Copy*, *The Muse*, and the acclaimed *Kassius Kanex* trilogy. Residing in a serene, wooded area on the outskirts of Ottawa, Canada, Schultz is a father of two young adults and shares a love of the outdoors with his wife, embracing nature in every season. Though he holds a formal education in architecture, writing remains his true calling. Currently, Schultz is crafting his sixth novel, set for release in 2025.

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### **RONALD MACGILLVRAY**

Ronald McGillvray is a writer from Ottawa, Canada. He's published short stories, scripts, novellas and his most recent novel *"The Candy Witch,"* available now as a print or ebook. He is currently working on a new novel about vampires. His novel, *"Cutter's Deep,"* his short horror story collection, *"Tales From The Parkland,"* and his fantasy novella, *"James' Journey To Dreamland,"* are all available as a print or ebook. *"Tales From The Parkland"* is also available as an audiobook.

His writing credits include the short story, *"The Garbage Collectors,"* which was published in *Horror Library Volume 2* as well as in their best of anthology. His short story *"Ukrainian Chimes"* was published in the anthology *Screaming For Peace*. An audio version of his story, *"Big Boy,"* was produced by Pseudopod and his story, *"A Night Out,"* was published by Dark Fire Fiction.

Two of his film scripts, “The Storm” and “Chimes,” were produced by Cellardweller Projects. “The Storm” was chosen as one of the films to be screened at the World Horror Convention. It also screened at the Shocklines Film Festival in New York City.

His story, “Head Case,” was made into a film produced by Columbia College in Chicago. His film script, “Magic Man,” was optioned by Hyde Park Media.

His stage play, “The Line,” was chosen as part of the reading series by the Saint John Theatre Company.

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## JOHN HAAS

John Haas is a Canadian author, born and raised in Montreal, before moving to Calgary, where he lived for twelve wonderful years. Currently, he lives in the nation’s capital of Ottawa, but misses those Rocky Mountains in the distance. John has been writing for most of his life, but only became serious about being published after his boys were born. In that time, he has had more than twenty short stories published in various excellent publications, including Writers of the Future volume 35. His first trilogy, a humorous fantasy series beginning with *The Reluctant Barbarian*, is published by Renaissance Press. *Cults of Death and Madness* kicks off the next trilogy, a Lovecraftian-inspired series, published by Wordfire Press. He also has a standalone horror novel available, *Stay Out*. His goal is to become a full-time writer (rich and famous would be nice, but one step at a time). He lives with his two wonderful sons and equally wonderful girlfriend, Michelle, who all give him lots of motivation, support and time to write.

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## MARIE BILODEAU

Marie Bilodeau is an Ottawa-based author and storyteller. Her speculative fiction has won several awards and has been translated into French (Les Éditions Alire) and Chinese (SF World). Her short stories have also appeared in various anthologies and magazines like *Analog Science Fiction and Fact* and *Amazing Stories*. Marie is also a storyteller and has told stories across Canada in theatres, tea shops, at festivals and under disco balls. She’s won story slams with personal stories, has participated in epic tellings at the National Arts Centre, and has adapted classical material. More info at [www.mariebilodeau.com](http://www.mariebilodeau.com).

*Once upon a time, there were no more happy endings.* In the bestselling novel *Nigh*, award-winning author Marie Bilodeau weaves ancient folklore and fairy tales into an apocalyptic scenario that leaves readers breathless with its beauty and gruesomeness. When the wall

between the worlds of humans and that of ancient faeries collapses, it doesn't go well for humanity. Come check out the novel, and listen to a dark fairy tale told by this acclaimed storyteller!

## **KRISTA WALSH**

Known for witty, vivid characters, Krista Walsh never has more fun than getting them into trouble and taking her time getting them out. When not writing, she can be found reading, gaming, or watching a film – anything to get lost in a good story. She currently lives in Ontario, Canada, with her husband (who makes monsters), daughter (who loves monsters), and blue healer (who is a monster)

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## **JAMES W. LACKIE**

James W. Lackie lives in Ottawa, Ontario and holds an honours bachelor's degree in psychology from Queen's University. Along with psychology, James enjoys learning about metaphysics, philosophy, literature, history, sociology, and anthropology. Over the years, he has published poetry in a local creative writing publication and has been involved in several literary circles. Apart from being an author, James is a reader, movie-lover, gamer, artist, and husband.

*The Reflections of Shadow* series is his first major work of fiction.

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## **A.L. MACDONALD**

A.L. MacDonald is a science fiction author living in Ottawa, Canada, with his wife, two sons and one clumsy cat. He has written one self-published novel, *Orbiting Fortunes*, and has short stories featured in *Signals* magazine and the *Beyond Human: Tales of the New Us* anthology by an Indie press called Lower Decks Press.

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## **CHRIS CAMPEAU**

Chris Campeau writes dark fiction and creative nonfiction from Canada's capital. His work has appeared in *34 Orchard Magazine*, *The Globe and Mail*, *Crow & Cross Keys*, *Parhelion Literary*, and others. His debut novella, *Resisters*, is set in rural Ontario during the Ice Storm of 1998—a wintery version of *Psycho* meets *The Fog*. Find him at [chriscampeau.com](http://chriscampeau.com).

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## **SYREN NIGHTSHADE**

Syren Nightshade (she/her) is a Canadian writer & performing artist. She has an affinity for Gothic fiction, and frequently explores themes of feminine rage, longing, & duality in the pages of her work.

She adores evoking intense emotions in her audience both on the stage and on the page. She often finds her pen wandering through the darker chambers of the heart, and exploring what- and who- the real monsters are.

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## **KYLE BENTLEY**

Kyle Bentley has spent most of his life in Ottawa, Canada, though some of his formative years were spent in the United States. He fell in love with creating fictional worlds and telling stories from a young age, and decided he wanted to be an author while he was in high school. His favourite genres are science fiction, fantasy, horror, and the dark alleyways where the three intertwine. He went to university to study English and Psychology, to learn how to write better stories and more realistic characters. He is currently working on The Age of Entropy series, a series that blends science-fiction, fantasy, and horror without modern world. The first two books, The Nightmare Schematic and The Price of Progress, have been published and both have won awards from Author Shout. Besides novels, Kyle also writes short stories and material for tabletop roleplaying games, which are published by Faceless Publishing, his small publishing house. When he isn't writing, Kyle likes reading, playing games of all kinds, and building models. He lives with his wife, Kelsey, in a house that never seems to have enough room for books.

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## **ZACK DUNCAN**

Zack Duncan resides in Ottawa, Canada. He studied video production in his hometown of Edmonton and has worked in television and as a freelance videographer. He has been telling stories since he can remember, in a variety of mediums. *Earworms* is his first published novel.

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