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[Blood](#) Jan 01 2020 "Blood: Stories reprints work originally published in such different venues as One Story and Weird Tales, and it includes four new stories that travel from contemporary New Hampshire to historical Prague to might-have-been Mexico to a future world where no reality stays real for long."--Publisher's web site, <http://www.blacklawrence.com/>.

Drowning Instinct Apr 03 2020 There are stories where the girl gets her prince, and they live happily ever after. (This is not one of those stories.) Jenna Lord's first sixteen years were not exactly a fairy tale. Her father is a controlling psycho and her mother is a drunk. She used to count on her older brother—until he shipped off to Iraq. And then, of course, there was the time she almost died in a fire. There are stories where the monster gets the girl, and everyone cries for his innocent victim. (This is not one of those stories either.) Mitch Anderson is many things: A dedicated teacher and coach. A caring husband. A man with a certain...magnetism. And there are stories where it's hard to be sure who's a prince and who's a monster, who is a victim and who should live happily ever after. (These are the most interesting stories of all.) Drowning Instinct is a novel of pain, deception, desperation, and love against the odds—and the rules.

The Brief History of the Dead Nov 03 2022 From the author of the widely praised "The Truth About Celia" comes a mesmerizing new work that imagines the world of the afterlife and its stark relation to the world of the living.

[The World's Fastest Man](#) Jan 31 2020 "In the tradition of *The Boys in the Boat* and *Seabiscuit*, a fascinating portrait of a groundbreaking but forgotten figure--the remarkable Major Taylor, the black man who broke racial barriers by becoming the world's fastest and most famous bicyclist at the height of the Jim Crow era"--

[The Last Policeman](#) Jun 25 2019 "[The] weird, beautiful, unapologetically apocalyptic Last Policeman trilogy is one of my favorite mystery series."—John Green, author of *The Fault in Our Stars* and *Paper Towns* Winner of the 2013 Edgar® Award Winner for Best Paperback Original! What 's the point in solving murders if we 're all going to die soon, anyway? Detective Hank Palace has faced this question ever since asteroid 2011GV1 hovered into view. There 's no chance left. No hope. Just six precious months until impact. *The Last Policeman* presents a fascinating portrait of a pre-apocalyptic United States. The economy spirals downward while

crops rot in the fields. Churches and synagogues are packed. People all over the world are walking off the job—but not Hank Palace. He ’ s investigating a death by hanging in a city that sees a dozen suicides every week—except this one feels suspicious, and Palace is the only cop who cares. The first in a trilogy, *The Last Policeman* offers a mystery set on the brink of an apocalypse. As Palace ’ s investigation plays out under the shadow of 2011GV1, we ’ re confronted by hard questions way beyond “ whodunit. ” What basis does civilization rest upon? What is life worth? What would any of us do, what would we really do, if our days were numbered? Ebook contains an excerpt from the anticipated second book in the trilogy, *Countdown City*.

Logorrhea Jul 07 2020 “ Delightful . . . A treat for dictionary hounds and vocabulary-challenged word lovers everywhere. ” —Booklist For most of us, these prizewinning spelling bee words would be difficult to pronounce, let alone spell. We asked twenty-one of today ’ s most talented and inventive writers to go even further and pen an original tale inspired by one of dozens of obscure and fascinating championship words. The result is *Logorrhea*—a veritable dictionary of the weird, the fantastic, the haunting, and the indefinable that will have you spellbound from the very first page. Including twenty-one stories and the inscrutable words that inspired them: Chiaroscuro: “ The Chiaroscuroist ” by Hal Duncan Lyceum: “ Lyceum ” by Liz Williams Vivisepture: “ Vivisepture ” by David Prill Eczema: “ Eczema ” by Clare Dudman Sacrilege, Semaphore: “ Semaphore ” by Alex Irvine Smaragdine: “ The Smaragdine Knot ” by Marly Youmans Insouciant: “ A Portrait in Ivory ” by Michael Moorcock Cambist: “ The Cambist and Lord Iron: A Fairy Tale of Economics ” by Daniel Abraham Logorrhea: “ Logorrhea ” by Michelle Richmond Pococurante: “ Pococurante ” by Anna Tambour Autochthonous: “ From Around Here ” by Tim Pratt Vignette: “ Vignette ” by Elizabeth Hand Sycophant: “ Plight of the Sycophant ” by Alan DeNiro Elegiacal: “ The Last Elegy ” by Matthew Cheney Eudaemonic: “ Eudaemonic ” by Jay Caselberg Macerate: “ Softer ” by Paolo Bacigalupi Transept: “ Crossing the Seven ” by Jay Lake Psoriasis: “ Tsuris ” by Leslie What Euonym: “ The Euonymist ” by Neil Williamson Dulcimer: “ Singing of Mount Abora ” by Theodora Goss Appoggiatura: “ Appoggiatura ” by Jeff VanderMeer “ This book is a logophile ’ s dream—a left-field collection of stories inspired by winning words from the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Anyone who has ever spent an hour or two happily browsing the pages of a dictionary will find something to love here. ” —Kevin Brockmeier, author of *A Brief History of the Dead*

She Weeps Each Time You're Born Jun 05 2020 Radiant, lyrical, and deeply moving, this is the unforgettable story of one woman ’ s struggle to unearth the true history of Vietnam while also carving out a place for herself within it. Vietnam, 1972: under a full moon, on the banks of the Song Ma River, a baby girl is pulled out of her dead mother ’ s grave. This is Rabbit, who is born with the ability to speak with the dead. She will flee from her destroyed village with a makeshift family thrown together by war. As Rabbit channels the voices of the dead, their chorus reconstructs the turbulent history of a nation, from the days of French Indochina and the World War II rubber plantations to the chaos of postwar reunification.

A Lucky Man Oct 29 2019 'Full of subtle poignancy ... each story is a trenchant exploration of race and class, vividly conveying the tension between social codes of masculinity and the vulnerable, volatile self' *New Yorker* A National Book Award Finalist 'Comfort' has been longlisted for the 2021 Sunday Times Audible Short Story Award In the nine unforgettable stories of *A Lucky Man*, Jamel Brinkley explores the unseen tenderness of black men and boys: the struggle to love and be loved, the invisible ties of family and friendship, and the inescapable forces of race, class and masculinity. A teen intent on proving himself a man at an

all-night rave is preoccupied by watching out for his impressionable younger brother. A pair of young men who follow two girls home from a party face the uncomfortable truth of their desires. An imaginative boy from the inner city goes swimming in the suburbs, and faces the effects of privilege in ways he can barely grasp. And at a capoeira conference, two brothers grapple with their painful family history. Moving, lyrical and keen-eyed, *A Lucky Man* captures the inner lives of men and boys caught between hope and expectation, duty and desire.

The Brief History of the Dead Jul 31 2022 From Kevin Brockmeier, one of this generation's most inventive young writers, comes a striking new novel about death, life, and the mysterious place in between. The City is inhabited by those who have departed Earth but are still remembered by the living. They will reside in this afterlife until they are completely forgotten. But the City is shrinking, and the residents clearing out. Some of the holdouts, like Luka Sims, who produces the City's only newspaper, are wondering what exactly is going on. Others, like Coleman Kinzler, believe it is the beginning of the end. Meanwhile, Laura Byrd is trapped in an Antarctic research station, her supplies are running low, her radio finds only static, and the power is failing. With little choice, Laura sets out across the ice to look for help, but time is running out. Kevin Brockmeier alternates these two storylines to create a lyrical and haunting story about love, loss and the power of memory.

Real Unreal Nov 10 2020 "Fantasy is more than a genre boundary. Fantasy is a state of mind. It is being visited by an angel, called by a corpse, or having a well-mannered conversation with Frankenstein's monster. It is sailing down a river of blood, and making a deal with the king of genies. In this, the third volume of the highly acclaimed Best American Fantasy series, twenty-one authors explore the boundaries of the real and the unreal with wit, imagination, and whimsy..."--P. [4] of cover.

Battle of the Linguist Mages Jan 25 2022 " This is a stand-alone novel with material enough for six... By the halfway point, it had blown my mind twice... an audacious, genre-bending whirlwind. " —New York Times " It reads like Snow Crash had a dance-off with Gideon the Ninth, in a world where language isn't a virus from outer space, it's a goddamn alien invasion. " —Charles Stross In modern day Los Angeles, a shadowy faction led by the Governor of California develops the arcane art of combat linguistics, planting the seeds of a future totalitarian empire. Isobel is the Queen of the medieval rave-themed VR game Sparkle Dungeon. Her prowess in the game makes her an ideal candidate to learn the secrets of "power morphemes"—unnaturally dense units of meaning that warp perception when skilfully pronounced. But Isobel's reputation makes her the target of a strange resistance movement led by spellcasting anarchists, who may be the only thing stopping the cabal from toppling California over the edge of a terrible transformation, with forty million lives at stake. Time is short for Isobel to level up and choose a side—because the cabal has attracted much bigger and weirder enemies than the anarchist resistance, emerging from dark and vicious dimensions of reality and heading straight for planet Earth! At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Monster Jun 17 2021 ' Makes Game of Thrones look like Jackanory ' Independent on The Traitor The traitor Baru Cormorant is now the cryptarch Agonist – a secret lord of the corrupt empire she's vowed to destroy. But to gain the power to shatter this Empire of Masks, she's had to betray everyone she loved. She's now hunted by a mutinous admiral and haunted by the wound which has split her mind in two. But Baru is still leading her dearest foes on an expedition, to gain the secret of immortality. It's her best and perhaps only chance to trigger a war – one that would consume the Masquerade. But Baru's heart is broken, and she fears she

can no longer tell justice from revenge . . . or her own desires from the will of the man who remade her. *The Monster* is a breathtaking epic fantasy (published as *The Monster Baru Cormorant* in the US). It 's the sequel to *The Traitor*, Seth Dickinson 's powerful, critically acclaimed debut novel. 'A fascinating tale of political intrigue and national unrest' – Washington Post on *The Traitor* 'Dickinson 's originality and ambition are to be applauded' – Guardian on *The Traitor*

The View from the Seventh Layer Mar 27 2022 Peering into the often unnoticed corners of life, Kevin Brockmeier has been consistently praised for the originality of his vision, the boundlessness of his imagination and the command of his craft. Once again, in this new collection of fiction, Brockmeier shows us a fantastical world that is intimately familiar but somehow distant and beautiful. From the touching title story, where a young, antisocial woman imagines her escape into the sky with an apparition only she can see, to the haunting story of a pastor tempted by something less than divine, Brockmeier moves effortlessly from the extraordinary to the everyday, while challenging us to see the world anew. Stunning, elegant, profound, and playful, *The View from the Seventh Layer* cements Kevin Brockmeier's place as one of the most creative and compassionate writers of his generation.

The Truth About Celia Nov 22 2021 A novel about the disappearance of a young girl, narrated from her father's point of view as he struggles to come to terms with her vanishing.

Hearts of Oak Oct 22 2021 *Hearts of Oak* is a delightful science fiction adventure from Eddie Robson, the creator of the acclaimed *Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully*. The buildings grow. And the city expands. And the people of the land are starting to behave abnormally. Or perhaps they 've always behaved that way, and it 's normality that 's at fault. And the king of the land confers with his best friend, who happens to be his closest advisor, who also happens to be a talking cat. But that 's all perfectly natural and not at all weird. Iona, close to retirement, finds that the world she has always known is nothing like she always believed it to be. There dark forces . . . not dark. There are uncanny forces . . . no, not uncanny. There are forces, anyway, mostly slightly odd ones, and they appear to be acting in mysterious ways. It 's about town planning, it 's about cats and it 's about the nature of reality. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Midnight Picnic Mar 03 2020 In the morning, Bram finds the bones of a murdered child. At noon, the murdered child begs for his help. And by nightfall, they have killed a man together and set off into the afterlife, where nothing is what it was, and death is only the beginning of punishment. An eerie story about the nature of death and the self, *Midnight Picnic* inhabits an American landscape made strange and unfamiliar. From the author of the cult novel *Fires*, *Midnight Picnic* is a haunting and disturbing experience.

Rabbits Oct 10 2020 'Murakami meets Ready Player One' – Nicholas Eames, author of *Kings of the Wyld* 'A twisted trip through a cool digital wilderness of a mystery. This book sticks to your brain' – Norman Reedus, star of *The Walking Dead* What happens in the game, stays in the game . . . *Rabbits* is a secret, dangerous and sometimes fatal underground game. The rewards for winning are unclear, but there are rumours of money, CIA recruitment or even immortality. Or it might unlock the universe 's greatest secrets. But everyone knows that the deeper you get, the more deadly the game becomes – and the body count is rising. Since the game first started, ten iterations have taken place . . . and the eleventh round is about to begin. K can 't get enough of the game and has been trying to find a way in for years. Then Alan Scarpio, reclusive billionaire and alleged *Rabbits* winner, shows up out of nowhere. And he charges K with a desperate mission. Something has gone badly wrong with the game and K

needs to fix it – before Eleven starts – or the world will pay the price. Five days later, Scarpio is declared missing. Two weeks after that Eleven begins, so K blows the deadline. And suddenly, the fate of the entire universe is at stake. Rabbits by Terry Miles is an electrifying, compulsive read based on the hit podcast from the Public Radio Alliance – perfect for fans of Stranger Things and Black Mirror.

The Illumination May 29 2022 Something strange is going on. All over the world, pain is manifesting itself as light. Cuts and bruises blaze and flash. Arthritic joints glow. Injured troops emit radiant white shards into the desert night. On the news, they're calling it 'The Illumination'. As this breathtaking phenomenon takes hold, a private journal of love notes passes into the keeping of Carol Ann Page, a lonely hospital patient, and from there through the hands of five other people. Each of them will find their lives changed forever over a story which spans decades and continents, a story that shines a spectacular light on the wounds we all bear...

City of Names Aug 27 2019 After receiving a strange book at school, ten-year-old Howie Quackenbush discovers that he can transport himself to various places around his town and also learns something vitally important about his soon-to-be born baby sister.

Electric Literature No. 5 Feb 23 2022 Stories by J. Robert Lennon, Kevin Brockmeier, Lynne Tillman, Carson Mell, and Ben Greenman.

The Butterfly Lampshade May 05 2020 FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER THE PARTICULAR SADNESS OF LEMON CAKE - A RICHARD AND JUDY BOOK CLUB PICK LONGLISTED FOR THE PEN/JEAN STEIN BOOK AWARD 'The Butterfly Lampshade is an unflinching, empathetic portrayal of a childhood touched by mental illness. As always, Aimee Bender's respect for the child and the child within translates into wisdom and magic on the page.' Jing-Jing Lee, author of How We Disappeared On the night her mother is taken to a mental health hospital after a psychotic episode, eight year-old Francie is mesmerised by a lamp adorned with butterflies as she falls asleep. When she wakes, Francie sees a dead butterfly matching the ones on the lamp floating in a glass of water. She drinks it before anyone sees. Twenty-years later, Francie is compelled to make sense of that moment and two other incidents that have haunted her life. But how close are her memories to reality, and will she ever be free of them?

Tiny Nightmares Sep 28 2019 A collection of horror-inspired flash fiction, featuring over 40 new stories from literary, horror, and emerging writers—edited by Lincoln Michel and Nadxieli Nieto, the twisted minds behind Tiny Crimes: Very Short Tales of Mystery and Murder. In this playful, inventive collection, leading literary and horror writers spin chilling tales in only a few pages. Each slim, fast-moving story brings to life the kind of monsters readers love to fear, from brokenhearted vampires to Uber-taking serial killers and mind-reading witches. But what also makes Tiny Nightmares so bloodcurdling—and unforgettable—are the real-world horrors that writers such as Samantha Hunt, Brian Evenson, Jac Jemc, Stephen Graham Jones, Lilliam Rivera, Kevin Brockmeier, and Rion Amilcar Scott weave into their fictions, exploring how global warming, racism, social media addiction, and homelessness are just as frightening as, say, a vampire's fangs sinking into your neck. Our advice? Read with the hall light on and the bedroom door open just a crack. Featuring new stories from Samantha Hunt, Jac Jemc, Stephen Graham Jones, Rion Amilcar Scott, and more!

Tornado Weather May 17 2021 An Edgar Award Nominee for Best First Novel “ Dark and dangerous and strange and wonderful...Kennedy writes with the gritty poetry of Daniel Woodrell and misfit sensibility of Flannery O' Connor. ” —Benjamin Percy Deborah Kennedy tells the story of a five-year old girl who goes missing in a small town, a place where everyone

knows something different about her disappearance and about each other. Five-year-old Daisy Gonzalez ' s father is always waiting for her at the bus stop. But today, he isn ' t, and Daisy disappears. When Daisy goes missing, nearly everyone in town suspects or knows something different about what happened. And they also know a lot about each other. The immigrants who work in the dairy farm know their employers ' secrets. The hairdresser knows everything except what ' s happening in her own backyard. And the roadkill collector knows love and heartbreak more than anyone would ever expect. They are all connected, in ways small and profound, open and secret. By turns unsettling, dark, and wry, Kennedy ' s powerful voice brings the town ' s rich fabric to life. *Tornado Weather* is an affecting portrait of a complex and flawed cast of characters striving to find fulfillment in their lives – and Kennedy brilliantly shows that there is nothing average about an average life.

Blood and Milk Aug 08 2020 Becky Hawkins's struggles to care for her senile grandfather and brain-injured child are told with tenderness and an awareness of the comic incongruities of life. "Blackmon seems to inhabit the wife and mother at the center of these stories right down to her synapses. There's not a sentence here without the mark of truth to it."--Kevin Brockmeier, author of "The Illumination."

Grooves Jan 13 2021 Dwayne Ruggles is just a regular kid, living in a regular town -- or so he thinks. One day, fabulously wealthy entrepreneur Howard Thigpen comes to school, and Dwayne notices that Thigpen is surrounded by a cloud of tiny sparks that follows him wherever he goes. The strangeness doesn't stop there -- when Dwayne discovers that the ridges in his Thigpen Brand Blue Jeans and the grooves in Thigpen Brand Potato Chips are encoded with a secret message that he can hear through an old Victrola horn, he must stop Thigpen from stealing the lights in everyone's eyes. But what does that even mean? It's a mystery, and Dwayne better figure it out fast before Howard Thigpen does too much damage. With the help of his friends Kevin Applebab and Emily Holmes, Dwayne upsets some pigs, hears voices in his fingertips, gets rid of 100 "Ghostbuster" records, and figures out a few other amazing things. Kevin Brockmeier has crafted a fast, funny novel that demonstrates the power of ingenuity and imagination.

The Dead Lands Sep 20 2021 In Benjamin Percy's new thriller, a post-apocalyptic reimagining of the Lewis and Clark saga, a super flu and nuclear fallout have made a husk of the world we know. A few humans carry on, living in outposts such as the Sanctuary--the remains of St. Louis--a shielded community that owes its survival to its militant defense and fear-mongering leaders. Then a rider comes from the wasteland beyond its walls. She reports on the outside world: west of the Cascades, rain falls, crops grow, civilization thrives. But there is danger too: the rising power of an army that pillages and enslaves every community they happen upon. Against the wishes of the Sanctuary, a small group sets out in secrecy. Led by Lewis Meriwether and Mina Clark, they hope to expand their infant nation, and to reunite the States. But the Sanctuary will not allow them to escape without a fight.

Honor Among Thieves Mar 15 2021 Meet your new favorite kickass heroine in this daring YA series by New York Times bestselling authors Rachel Caine and Ann Aguirre, a thrilling yet romantic futuristic adventure perfect for fans of Claudia Gray ' s *A Thousand Pieces of You*. Petty criminal Zara Cole has a painful past that ' s made her stronger than most, which is why she chose life in New Detroit instead moving with her family to Mars. In her eyes, living inside a dome isn ' t much better than a prison cell. Still, when Zara commits a crime that has her running scared, jail might be exactly where she ' s headed. Instead Zara is recruited into the Honors, an elite team of humans selected by the Leviathan—a race of sentient alien ships—to

explore the outer reaches of the universe as their passengers. Zara seizes the chance to flee Earth's dangers, but when she meets Nadim, the alien ship she's assigned, Zara starts to feel at home for the first time. But nothing could have prepared her for the dark, ominous truths that lurk behind the alluring glitter of starlight.

The Corpse Washer Aug 20 2021 Born into a family of corpse washers, Jawad abandons tradition by enrolling in Baghdad's Academy of Fine Arts to study sculpting, but the conditions caused by Saddam Hussein's oppressive rule force a return home to the family business.

Bright Shiny Morning Dec 24 2021 'An absolute triumph of a novel' Guardian 'Compulsive' Independent Welcome to L.A. City of contradictions. It is home to movie stars and down-and-outs. Palm-lined beaches and gridlock. Shopping sprees and gun sprees. Bright Shiny Morning takes a wild ride through the ultimate metropolis, where glittering excess rubs shoulders with seedy depravity. Frey's trademark filmic snapshots zoom in on the parallel lives of diverse characters, bringing their egos and ideals, hopes and despairs, anxieties and absurdities vividly to life. Some suffer, like the otherworldly wino who tries to save a spoilt teenage runaway. Others gain, like the canny talent agent who turns sexual harassment to blackmailing advantage. Some are loaded, or grounded, and have luck on their side. Others, like the countless actresses-turned-hookers, or schoolboys-turned-gangsters, are doomed.

Things that Fall from the Sky Apr 27 2022 Weaving together loss and anxiety with fantastic elements and literary sleight-of-hand, Kevin Brockmeier's richly imagined Things That Fall from the Sky views the nagging realities of the world through a hopeful lens. In the deftly told "These Hands," a man named Lewis recounts his time babysitting a young girl and his inconsolable sense of loss after she is wrenched away. In "Apples," a boy comes to terms with the complex world of adults, his first pangs of love, and the bizarre death of his Bible coach. "The Jesus Stories" examines a people trying to accelerate the Second Coming by telling the story of Christ in every possible way. And in the O. Henry Award winning "The Ceiling," a man's marriage begins to disintegrate after the sky starts slowly descending. Achingly beautiful and deceptively simple, Things That Fall from the Sky defies gravity as one of the most original story collections seen in recent years.

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The Spokes Nov 30 2019 Fiction. "In lucid, utterly captivating prose, Miranda Mellis delivers a highly disciplined, deeply melancholy portrait of the living and the dead. I read it transfixed. It is a radiant piece of work."—Carole Maso "THE SPOKES is as elegant as it is daring, as arresting as it is mysterious. It seems to me a truly timeless story, which is to say not only that it removes itself from time—though it does—but that its pleasures, enigmas, and meanings ought to be as accessible fifty or a hundred years from now as they are today."—Kevin Brockmeier

The Human Soul as a Rube Goldberg Device Apr 15 2021

The Freeze-Frame Revolution Feb 11 2021 “ This—THIS—is the cutting edge of science fiction. ” —Richard K. Morgan, author of *Altered Carbon* How do you stage a mutiny when you're only awake one day in a million? How do you conspire when your tiny handful of potential allies changes with each job shift? How do you engage an enemy that never sleeps, that sees through your eyes and hears through your ears, and relentlessly, honestly, only wants what's best for you? Trapped aboard the starship *Eriophora*, Sunday Ahzmundin is about to discover the components of any successful revolution: conspiracy, code—and unavoidable casualties. Note from the publisher: The red letters in the print edition (highlighted letters in the e-book) indicate special bonus content.

Stark and the Star Kings Jul 27 2019 Collection of two classic science fiction authors' signature stories: Two novels by Edmond Hamilton: *The Star Kings* *Return to the Stars* Three novelettes by Leigh Brackett: *Queen of the Martian Catacombs* *Enchantress of Venus* *Black Amazon of Mars* and a short story (the only formal collaboration between the authors): *Stark and the Star Kings*

My Mother She Killed Me, My Father He Ate Me Dec 12 2020 The fairy tale lives again in this book of forty new stories by some of the biggest names in contemporary fiction. Neil Gaiman, “ Orange ” Aimee Bender, “ The Color Master ” Joyce Carol Oates, “ Blue-bearded Lover ” Michael Cunningham, “ The Wild Swans ” These and more than thirty other stories by Francine Prose, Kelly Link, Jim Shepard, Lydia Millet, and many other extraordinary writers make up this thrilling celebration of fairy tales—the ultimate literary costume party. Spinning houses and talking birds. Whispered secrets and borrowed hope. Here are new stories sewn from old skins, gathered by visionary editor Kate Bernheimer and inspired by everything from Hans Christian Andersen ’ s “ The Snow Queen ” and “ The Little Match Girl ” to Charles Perrault ’ s “ Bluebeard ” and “ Cinderella ” to the Brothers Grimm ’ s “ Hansel and Gretel ” and “ Rumpelstiltskin ” to fairy tales by Goethe and Calvino and from China, Japan, Vietnam, Russia, Norway, and Mexico. Fairy tales are our oldest literary tradition, and yet they chart the imaginative frontiers of the twenty-first century as powerfully as they evoke our earliest encounters with literature. This exhilarating collection restores their place in the literary canon.

A Few Seconds of Radiant Filmstrip Sep 08 2020 At age twelve, Kevin Brockmeier is ready to become a different person: not the boy he has always been—the one who cries too easily and laughs too easily, who lives in an otherland of sparkling daydreams and imaginary catastrophes—but someone else altogether. Over the course of one school year—seventh grade—he sets out in search of himself. Along the way, he happens into his first kiss at a church party, struggles to understand why his old friends tease him at the lunch table, becomes the talk of the entire school thanks to his Halloween costume, and booby-traps his lunch to deter a thief. With the same deep feeling and oddly dreamlike precision that are the hallmarks of his fiction, the acclaimed novelist now explores the dream of his own past and recovers the person he used to be.

The Ghost Variations Jun 29 2022 Ghost stories tap into our most primal emotions as they encourage us to confront the timeless question: What comes after death? Here, in tales that are by turn scary, funny, philosophic, and touching, you ’ ll find that question sharpened, split, reconsidered—and met with a multitude of answers. A spirit who is fated to spend eternity reliving the exact moment she lost her chance at love, ghostly trees that haunt the occupant of a wooden house, specters that snatch anyone who steps into the shadows, and parakeets that serve as mouthpieces for the dead: these are just a few of the characters in this extraordinary

compendium of one hundred ghost stories. Kevin Brockmeier ' s fiction has always explored the space between the fantastical and the everyday with profundity and poignancy. As in his previous books, *The Ghost Variations* discovers new ways of looking at who we are and what matters to us, exploring how mysterious, sad, strange, and comical it is to be alive—or, as it happens, not to be.

[Do Not Resuscitate](#) Jul 19 2021 Jim Frost thinks that when you're dead, you're dead. Gone. Finished. Kaput. But on the eve of his seventy-third birthday, his daughter suggests he have his brain downloaded to a microchip for safekeeping, and Jim is forced to consider what it really means to die--and what it might mean to live forever. *Do Not Resuscitate* is the firsthand account of Jim Frost, an aging misanthropist who witnessed the rise and fall of the United States as a world power, the digitalization of the planet, the advent of the water wars, and the near collapse of the global economy. Yet he remains impervious to it all. Concerned more with his plasma TV, high-speed Internet, and continual supply of hash, twentysomething Jim takes an under-the-table job off Craigslist delivering mysterious red coolers to strangers in cafés in an effort to pay the bills. But when Jim's enigmatic employer asks him to fly to North Korea for a delivery, Jim starts to wonder what he's gotten himself into.

The Brief History of the Dead Oct 02 2022 'A prodigy of imagination, insight and overwhelming tenderness' Independent 'Remember me when I'm gone' just took on a whole new meaning . . . Laura Byrd is in trouble. Three weeks ago she and her friends found themselves alone in one of the coldest, most remote places on earth. Her friends set out in search of help, and now Laura realises that they are not coming back. So she gathers her remaining supplies and sets out on an extraordinary journey. Meanwhile in another city, more and more people arrive every day. Each has a different story to tell, but their accounts have one thing in common - it was their final journey. For this is the city of the dead. And the link between this city and Laura's journey lies at the heart of this remarkable novel. *The Brief History of the Dead* tells a magical story about our lives - about our place in the world, our connections with each other, and what happens to us all after our deaths. It is a story of spellbinding power and imagination, which resonates long after the final page.