Desperate Measures The Alphabet Men

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Desperate Measures

The Alphabet Men is the first book in the Desperate Measures series: a hard look into a not-so distant future, where the consequences for today's apathy are explored and exposed. Loosely tied to the highly acclaimed Desperate Times series, this is a stand-alone work that combines all of the elements desperate readers have come to expect, while shedding light on one of the most explosive issues of our time. When natural gas is discovered hiding deep beneath Paul Hovey's cornfields, the aging farmer is flooded with requests to lease his land to allow drilling. Hovey refuses. He is alone in the world and the money means nothing to him. The farm has been in the Hovey family for generations, the only life he has ever known. The State of Minnesota soon steps in and uses their power of eminent domain to forcibly evict him. Hovey's best friend is Sheriff Mike Brannon, and it is Brannon who is forced to deliver the bad news. Hovey vows to fight his eviction and Brannon takes it upon himself to call a mutual friend, Ken Dahlgren. Dahlgren promises to be there as soon as he can. Brannon eventually leaves the farm and drives back to Alvine, the small farming community he has been elected to protect. Brannon is shocked to find his little town being overrun by thundering herds of semi-trucks. Those trucks are pulling tanker-trailers to haul the (controversial) fluid necessary for the drilling operation. Furthermore, Brannon quickly discovers that another group has descended upon his peaceful refuge. Brannon meets Travis Meeker, the leader of a protest group that is dead-set against the practice of hydraulic fracturing, (which is the method to be used in the drilling operation to extract the natural gas under the Hovey farm.) Meeker contends that the tons of toxic chemicals Blue Sing Energy mixes into the millions of gallons of "fracking" fluid, will eventually work their way up into the groundwater. Brannon, like the natural gas, is stuck between a rock and a hard place. Like so many people, Mike and Joy Brannon heat their home and cook with natural gas. Brannon knows that the discovery is a huge financial boom for his struggling town. Still, he also secretly admires Meeker for standing up for what he believes in and the two men become friends. Brannon even allows Meeker to attend a meeting he has with the drilling people to lay down some ground rules. Blue Sing Energy surprises everyone with news that they plan to use a new, eco-friendly, fracking fluid that they've developed in a partnership with herbicide and fertilizer giant, Sinmanco. Meeker is not only unimpressed by the announcement, he is absolutely livid. He contends

that Sinmanco has been poisoning the planet for decades and that the pairing is a match made in hell. Sparks soon fly. People are murdered. The murders are classified as federal crimes and the FBI sends two agents to Alvine to investigate. Special Agent Joshua and his underling, Special Agent Blackwood, seem determined to ignore the obvious and somehow their investigation leads them to the Brannon's. Meeker, who is an attorney and teaches Constitutional Law in Minneapolis, is certain the Brannon's are being framed and steps in to help. Ken Dahlgren enlists some friends to help in Alvine, and Jimmy Logan and Bill Huggins arrive on the scene. Brannon has known Logan for many years, but has never met Bill Huggins. He soon learns that Huggins is a social misfit and quickly wishes they had never met. The resulting tale is a wild, entertaining ride that sheds light on ugly issues swept under the proverbial rug, or worse: patriotically spun by powerful forces, determined to further their own agendas. Desperate Measures is fiction for hungry minds: a literary appetizer, served with hope that readers will further investigate these important issues.

Desperate Measures 2 - the Final Solution

Sheriff Mike Brannon is faced with the toughest decision of his life. He knows too much about a secret government agency and he's been warned to keep his mouth shut. Recovering from the gunshot wound that nearly killed him, Brannon must decide between remaining silent and safe, or going public with information he knows will cost him his life. Joy, his much younger wife, isn't making matters any easier as she continues being drawn into a paranormal world he doesn't begin to understand. Special Agent Joshua Cain wakes up one morning and learns that inexplicably, he's been selected by President Richter as the new Director of Homeland Security. Joshua knows that he wasn't in line for the promotion, but has no choice but to accept it. The former Alphabet Man soon learns that the President has singled him out because he is expendable. Joshua finds something else he did not bargain for at the White House: love, and it changes the way he looks at the world. He soon finds himself at odds with President Richter and fighting for his life. Bill Huggins follows Don Ox and his crime family back to their stronghold in Deadwood. There, Bill and the Don work together on restoring and modifying the Pinto Stallion Bill had been working on back in Alvine. The Don is a gifted mechanic and he and Bill devise a fuel delivery system that enables the antique Ford to run on fumes. Their delivery system will undoubtedly revolutionize the industry, but Bill's self-destructive lifestyle threatens to derail the project and drastic steps are taken to see that Bill changes his ways. The sequel to The Alphabet Men, The Final Solution will leave you spellbound until the very last page.

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Sisters Heather and Sally Samuelson have just bought a new place of their own in lovely Lewisburg, Oregon. The real estate agent mentioned something about ghosts, but Heather and Sally are skeptical. They are soon barraged by friendly neighbors and curious guests dropping by for lunch. Their Aunt Myrtle even arrives with furniture for their new place—furniture handed down in their family for generations. Not everything is what it seems in Lewisburg, though. The girls soon discover exotic herbs, hidden treasures, and dead bodies. There's a serial killer in their small town, but puzzle-solver Heather finds herself plunged into circumstances surrounding neighbors' deaths, a missing fortune, and a jewel thief's hidden treasure. What's more, a puzzle left behind by the girls' deceased mother may be the key to stopping a killer. Heather can't help but be distracted by strange happenings in her own home, though, and the kooky neighbors don't help either. Will she be able to solve the murderer's game before someone else ends up dead, or will the killer get away with both murder and a family fortune?

Lessons of American History

Americans sense that protection is the basic purpose of government-remember 9-11? Americans are also capitalists who seek private ownership and freedom. Culture wars have always been part of America. Remember the Civil War? Slogans and pamphlets helped cause our Revolutionary War. Words matter! Money is the plasma of politics, and each new freedom has cost us more in campaign costs. History is certainly humorous! Government's most important power is the power to tax-and boy, are politicians proficient at taxing! Since its early beginnings, public education in America has been decentralized and under local and popular control. It is therefore only natural that there are conflicting answers to the question, "Are the schools doing their job?" And, believe it or not, modern racism is an invention of the 19th Century's reaction to the international abolition movement. Hence, racism is curable! It's up to us!

Crosscurrents in Indigenous Spirituality

The resurgence of indigenous cultures and the reappearance of their ancient spiritualities, during the 1990s, is of great interest to social scientists. Several such cultures are featured in this book. The indigenous populations of struggling multi-ethnic "democracies" in Latin America are demanding to be integrated into the national mainstream, together with their holistic values of family, economics and ecology. Institutional Christianity is being challenged by indigenous theologies that are critical of both traditional Christianity and liberation theology. While some see here a danger of syncretism, these developments can be experienced as a breath of fresh air. "Much has been said about the Mayas, but they have not been allowed to speak for themselves" (anthropologist Rafael Girardi, 1962). This book is an attempt to allow religious spokespersons from a very ancient and creative civilization to share their faith, which has remained hidden for five centuries.

Diagnosing the Destruction of Young Men

The alien threat is real. They fly across our skies, under our oceans, and have disrupted our lives and our safety. At first, man looked upon the aliens with curiosity and a hope that they would be benevolent and improve life on Earth. While this optimistic view was embraced by many, just the opposite was the new reality. After capturing two passenger aircraft out of the sky, their real purpose was revealed. The horrific acts of desecration wrought on the passengers was their calling card. No longer aliens would be a curiosity, but their presence would be a threat to all mankind. In order to counter the alien presence and threat over the years, a top secret organization known as Space Command was born within the United States Navy. Upon its inception, Space Command armed itself with advanced weaponry and was staffed with the best of the best. Its new commander, Rear Admiral Michael Scott, had experience with the alien threat and was committed, as were the men and women of Space Command, to beat back and defeat the aliens no matter the cost. The aliens became more brazen in their attacks on mankind. From destroying a hotel in France, where an international conference on the alien threat was held. to intercepting and shooting down aircraft. It did not end there though. An alien attack was launched against a British and American combat fleet and then an attack on Space Command itself. Admiral Scott knew that a battle was coming. Space Command had to be an offensive force rather than being in a reactive position. The women and men of Space Command inwardly knew that an epic battle was shortly to be fought. It would be a battle fought not only on Earth but also in the cold emptiness of space.

It Begins Part II

An engaging and frank guide to writing the very short story, full of sound advice, exemplary models, and provocative exercises. The history of fiction has been dominated by the novel and the short story. But now a brave new genre has emerged: very brief fiction. FLASH! identifies the qualities that make for excellent flash fiction, demystifies the writing process, and guides writers by exercise and example through the world of the very short story. John Dufresne's characteristic warmth, wit, and humor remind writers of the joy in the creative process, making this a perfect guide for any writer interested in trying a new form.

Global Alphabet

This book is a chronicle of Gunter's family, commencing in Germany with his parents, how the Depression aborts their move to the USA, thus enduring World War II in Nazi Germany. He desribes the bombing, separation from family, evacuation and conditions after defeat, all through the eyes of a child. In 1943 brother Gerhard joins the family under peculiar circumstances. They move to the USA in 1949, where they hope to escape war. But Gunter serves in the Army, and brother Gerhard flies helicopters in Viet Nam. As GI in Germany Gunter meets his bride and tells of her family's experience during and after the war. The book emphasices that life often takes a twist and we must cope. It is a good read, often with a bit of humor mixed in.

FLASH!: Writing the Very Short Story

The boxed set of Books #4, #5, and #6 in the MUTATION Z series contains the final three books in this exciting series. As Journalist Hunter Morgan and a group of scientists begin to understand the complicity of the U.S. government, the U.S. military, the CDC, WHO, and a pharmaceutical corporation in the creation of the Zombie Plague, they become targets of those same groups. Fleeing to a bunker

in China, the scientists race for a cure against this devastating disease. This is conspiracy theory fiction in which zombies are used as biological weapons. Boxed Set of NOVELLAS. GENRES: Apocalyptic Science Fiction, Zombie Fiction, Conspiracy Fiction, Horror.

Forks in the Road

From "TimeOut" magazine comes this ninth edition of its film guide that features stills and information on the films covered in the pages of the magazine.

Mutation Z Series, Books 4-6

A Kasey Michaels Alphabet Regency Romance Classic. "Using wit and romance with a master's skill, Kasey Michaels aims for the heart and never misses." -- Nora Roberts Lady Penelope is a rather singular miss in that she wants nothing to do with a London Season, and nothing to do with marriage. Lucien Kenrick, Earl of Leighton, shares those same sentiments, so when the two are thrown together, there should be no problems, with neither of them in the least marriage-minded. Then again, there's always that thing about best-laid plans... especially once both, through design and accident, end up residing under the roof of one Lucinda Benedict. Enjoy the entire Alphabet Regency Romance series! The Tenacious Miss Tamerlane The Savage Miss Saxon Moonlight Masquerade The Somerville Farce The Mischievous Miss Murphy A Difficult Disguise The Rambunctious Lady Royston The Wagered Miss Winslow The Belligerent Miss Boynton The Lurid Lady Lockport The Haunted Miss Hampshire The Playful Lady Penelope Nine Brides and One Witch: A Regency Novella Duo

Time Out Film Guide

The squirrelly little professor Stanley Kosiewski occupies an unstable place in the world located between two realities: an imagined one in which he socializes and converses with some of the most famous characters of world literature and the academic world of dysfunctional Winston University. The latter is defined by his relationship with four colleagues. Together with K, they comprise the Fellowship of the Fire, a literary clique of philosophically minded, antiquated intellectuals with antiquated opinions on everything from soup to nuts. When faced with the prospect of retirement from academia, the odd little professor, affectionately known as the gerbil by students and colleagues alike, begins to reflect on the purpose and meaning of his life and his career. Waiting to be discovered in the vague space between these realities is something of an answer to his perplexing questions about his relevance.

Waldie's Select Circulating Library

The book dramatizes the plight of abolitionist Quakers living in eastern North Carolina during the Civil War. As the war rages from 1861 to 1865, both Union and Confederate forces tramp through the region to destroy whatever they come upon and confiscate, as the war drags on, anything of value. A Quaker family entrenched in rural tradition and a faith emphasizing peace quietly resists the brutality of war but is made to suffer. As Southerners, Union soldiers see them as the enemy. As abolitionists going against the grain of Southern culture, Confederate soldiers despise and harass them. When they refuse to pay the exemption tax, their men are required to go into the army. Refusing to bear arms, their mettle is severely tested at Gettysburg and Petersburg. The book is about courage and endurance in the maw of adversity. It is closely based on historical fact, Confederate records, and Quaker tradition.

The Select Library

The authority on grammar, usage, and style.

Examiner

When first published, Marshall McLuhan's Understanding Media made history with its radical view of the effects of electronic communications upon man and life in the twentieth century.

The Playful Lady Penelope (Alphabet Regency Romance)

'Cool and intelligent, unsettling and deeply felt, Naudé's voice is something new in South African writing.'

– Damon Galgut From an ancient castle in Bavaria and a pre-War villa in Milan, to a winter landscape in Lesotho and the suburban streets of Pretoria, the stories in The Alphabet of Birds take an acute look at South Africans at home and abroad. In one story, a strange, cheerful Japanese man visits a young

South African as he takes care of his dying mother; in another, a woman battles corrupt bureaucracy in the Eastern Cape. A man trails his lover through the underground dance clubs of Berlin, while in London a young banker moves through layers of decadence as a soul would through purgatory. Pulsating with passion, loss, and melancholia, S J Naudé's collection The Alphabet of Birds is filled with music, art, architecture, myth, the search for origins and the shifing relationships between people.

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A history of our time.

Against the Grain

National Book Award Finalist: "This man's ideas may be the most influential, not to say controversial, of the second half of the twentieth century."—Columbus Dispatch At the heart of this classic, seminal book is Julian Jaynes's still-controversial thesis that human consciousness did not begin far back in animal evolution but instead is a learned process that came about only three thousand years ago and is still developing. The implications of this revolutionary scientific paradigm extend into virtually every aspect of our psychology, our history and culture, our religion—and indeed our future. "Don't be put off by the academic title of Julian Jaynes's The Origin of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind. Its prose is always lucid and often lyrical...he unfolds his case with the utmost intellectual rigor."—The New York Times "When Julian Jaynes . . . speculates that until late in the twentieth millennium BC men had no consciousness but were automatically obeying the voices of the gods, we are astounded but compelled to follow this remarkable thesis."—John Updike, The New Yorker "He is as startling as Freud was in The Interpretation of Dreams, and Jaynes is equally as adept at forcing a new view of known human behavior."—American Journal of Psychiatry

Garner's Modern English Usage

Few soldiers on the Western Front had heard of the Australian Electrical and Mechanical Mining and Boring Company, even after it had been renamed the Alphabet Company by an AIF wag. Yet many knew the work of this tiny unit which numbered fewer than 300 at full strength. Despite its small size, the Alphabet Companys influence was enormous and spanned the entire British sector of the Western Front, from the North Sea to the Somme. This is the story of the Alphabeticals who, led by Major Victor Morse, DSO, operated and maintained pumps, generators, ventilation fans, drilling equipment and other ingenious devices in extreme circumstances. Given the horrendous conditions in which the troops lived and fought, this equipment was desperately needed, as were the men who operated it in the same, often nightmarish setting. This is the first account of the dynamic little unit that was the Alphabet Company, a unit that has been neglected by history for a century. It is the story of the men, their machinery and the extraordinary grit they displayed in performing some of the most difficult tasks in a war noted for the horrific conditions in which it was waged. They do not deserve to be forgotten.

The Examiner

An invaluable source of information on the personalities and organizations of the literary world.

Understanding Media

This book discusses the many meanings of "sustainability," explores the importance of economics in environmental policy-making, and highlights the schools of thought in environmental ethics. It concludes that public administrators can play an important role in ensuring that environmental sustainability is an integral part of American government.

The Alphabet of Birds

The ancient Greeks gave us our alphabet and much of our scientific, medical and cultural language; they invented democracy, atomic theory, and the rules of logic and geometry; laid the foundations of philosophy, history, tragedy and comedy; and debated everything from the good life and the role of women, to making sense of foreigners and the best form of government, all in the most sophisticated terms. But who were they? In Eureka!, Peter Jones tells their epic story, which begins with the Trojan War and ends with the rise of the Roman Empire, by breaking down each major period into a series of informative nuggets. Along the way he introduces the major figures of the age, including Homer, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Alexander the Great, Euclid and Archimedes; explores the Greek myths and

the role of the gods; provides fascinating insights into everyday life in ancient times; and shows us the very foundations of Western culture. Eureka! is both entertaining and illuminating, and will delight anyone who ever wanted to know more about our ancient ancestors.

The World's Work

The Origin of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind

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