

Cinderella - The story is always the same: a girl - hated and abused by her step-family - meets her prince at a ball. There is involvement with a glass shoe, a bit of magic, and in the end, they all live happily ever after. You've heard it before - but you've never heard it like this: In early America, at a time when dealings with dead bodies is considered taboo, Cindy's father is a mortician. She, for one, is fascinated by the controversial work, until her mother dies and her father marries Anna van Burren, who brings two new sisters into the family. Cindy's misery only grows from there. Following her father's untimely death, Cindy's life spirals into darkness as she is forced to become a servant in her own home, to wait on her hated siblings and stepmother. She has become so sequestered that she can't even let the one man she continues to think about know that she is alive. She met him once in the mortuary years ago - a handsome, curious boy who had been a surprise to her - until she'd discovered who he was. Now a man, Christian is a perfect specimen, and also the object of her step-sisters' affections. According to a stipulation of his inheritance, he must marry before age twenty-one. That day is fast approaching. Any hope Cindy had of seeing him again - or of salvaging anything that should have been left of her life - seems lost. Cindy's world is filled with misfortune. She believes she must be cursed. It takes the appearance of a strange woman who brings a wicked prophecy before Cindy can see how blessed she could become - and to see what sacrifices were made to give her hope once again.

This story describes USAC sprint car racing in the early 1960s and a driver named Stan Bowman. It captures Bowman's win at the first USAC sprint car race at Eldora Speedway in 1962. Bowman also captured the attention of Clint Brawner, the legendary Indianapolis 500 mechanic of that era. The story is told through the eyes of Diane Beck Lane, who was daughter of Harold Beck, the owner of Bowman's race car at Eldora in 1962. In 2012, Eldora Speedway, now owned by Tony Stewart, honored the 50th anniversary of Bowman's victory and Diane Beck Lane now retells the legend of Stan Bowman in the golden era in USAC sprint car racing.

The Biography

Karl's Story

Lesson from the Atlantic Ocean by Youngest Person to Row It Alone

Small Ball

TALES FROM ELSEWHERE

Tales from a Southwest Philadelphia Childhood

Funny and fearless, Tales from the Back Row is a keenly observed collection of personal essays about what it's really like to be a young woman working in the fashion industry. In Tales from the Back Row, Cosmopolitan.com editor Amy Odell takes readers behind the stage of New York's hottest fashion shows to meet the world's most influential models, designers, celebrities, editors, and photographers. But first, she has to push her way through the crowds outside, where we see the lengths people go to be noticed by the lurking paparazzi, and weave her way through the packed venue, from the very back row to the front. And as Amy climbs the ladder (with tips about how you can, too), she introduces an industry powered by larger-than-life characters: she meets the intimidating Anna Wintour and the surprisingly gracious Rachel Zoe, not to mention the hilarious Chelsea Handler, and more. As she describes the allure of Alexander Wang's ripped tights and Marchesa's Oscar-worthy dresses, Amy artfully layers in something else: ultimately this book is about how the fashion industry is an exaggerated mirror of human fallibility—reflecting our desperate desire to belong, to make a mark, to be included. For Amy is the first to admit that as much as she is embarrassed by the thrill she gets when she receives an invitation to an exclusive after-party, she can't help but RSVP “yes.” Lovingly reimagined illustrations highlight the timeless relevance and artistry of the legendary Brothers Grimm in this revised edition of Gestalten's beloved bestseller. The fairytales of the Brothers Grimm delight children of all ages with myths, morals, and magic. They collected stories that promise to enthrall and expand young minds. The Illustrated Fairytales of the Brothers Grimm is a collection of classic fairy tales that blend haunting narratives with morals that inspire and inform; it ensures an enchanting literary adventure for both readers and listeners. Over 20 stories are presented and adorned with engaging illustrations by a cast of carefully selected artists. Tried and true titles including Hansel and Gretel and Little Red Riding Hood appear alongside lesser-known pieces. The Illustrated Fairytales of the Brothers Grimm is a tome to complement any bookshelf or bedtime routine.

With an uncanny relevance to today's world and inspired by the life of its author, Karl's Story, is a WW II child refugee's tale of resilience, hope and courage as told through the narrative of her beloved teddy bear, Karl .A story perfect for all ages: read to children by parents, grandparents and teachers alike. It has been read many times to middle elementary grades. A book to be handed down from parent to child to child for generations to come. Karl, "a very old teddy bear," has a magic gift- he can tell stories to children who are still young enough to understand toy talk . Karl's Story begins in Europe. It's about Karl, the young girl Karin, and Mimi the mind reading cat, ... how the three friends experience and survive WW II and then escape from communism to a new and hope-filled life with his beloved friend Karin .Their journey, their story, enchants children but in the sense of The Little Prince speaks timelessly to adults as well . Karl's Story tells of European refugees and is as relevant today as then. The chaos of the time turned the world of the three friends upside down, slowly at first, from no more whipped cream at birthday parties to ever more frequent air raids, crashing bombs, and a harrowing train ride, with Karl and Mimi stuffed in Karin's old wicker trunk. In the journey Karin loses all she ever knew or loved, but goes on to rebuild her world in America. The book is categorized as Children's Fiction because of its charming cover and talking stuffed animals but is inspirational to young and old alike, and a perfect antidote in these still troubled times; this is indeed a book for all.

Life is hard for Gary. He has a dead-end job, a grouchy boss, and a beat-up car-and he's only in eighth grade! Things go from bad to worse when a wave of bank robberies hits the city and Gary becomes the prime suspect. With time running out to clear his name and nail the real crooks, this teenage tough-guy must rely on cunning, stealth, and good, old-fashioned, two-fisted justice! It's all in a day's work in a city that doesn't exist.

The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat

Black Boychik

Row House Days

An Undersea Halloween Adventure

The Canary Room

Daze and Knights of Comedic Destruction

John Sutter, who left Switzerland to escape debtor's prison, came to California and built a giant land monopoly. Again, he became heavily in debt and died destitute. The entire Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys were inundated for 300 miles long and 20 miles wide by the flood of 1862. The cholera epidemic killed more than 1,000 citizens, including doctors and others who were caring for the patients. The Old City Cemetery is an exciting place. As docents are quick to remind, "People are dying to get in here." The docents know their job. It's almost as though they are trying to bring the city's cemeteries back to life. We love the epitaph on one headstone that simply reads: "See ya later."

Short Tales Illustrating Why the Pun Is Mightier Than the "Sword Of"

Dignity

A Novel