

Crazy For The Storm Norman Ollestad

A collection of writings by the Writers of the Round Table, a group of writers who "write to the prompt."

The world is infected and humanity is reduced to creatures of vicious insanity. Doctor Thorn's rescue by a group of young survivors is just the beginning of their nightmarish journey to survive. In this apocalyptic landscape, humankind has one final hope that rests on the strength and determination of 10 young men and women.

Adventurous true stories of leadership take readers on a high adrenaline ride and pose provocative questions that move men forward in their lives and faith.

Flamingo and Friends is a children's book series about a little pink bird who suffers with anxiety disorder and panic attacks. Every year flamingo makes the long journey from america to England. Flamingo is helped through her experiences by wise Owl and her friends who share there stories under the old oak tree on the dunn loch.

Writing to the Prompt

In the Dark Cave

The Publishers Weekly

Danger Calling

Storm Crazy Bonus Editions Books 1&2 (Storm Crazy & Cry Me a River)

A cave cricket, a cave rat, and a bat live contentedly in the dark until suddenly one day an explorer appears, bringing with him a beam of light.

FRIGHTENED MONSTERS. STOLEN TIME. AND ONE SERIOUSLY UNDERESTIMATED DAMSEL. Katie ran from the magical world years ago. She never planned on being dragged back in by a prophesying clamshell. The seers believe she alone can prevent an apocalypse of ruined time and broken worlds. Bran the Crow King believes she can save him from his cannibalistic grandfather. Katie believes they're all nuts. One thing is for certain: she's not waiting around for help. Operation Katie Saves her Own Damn Self is officially on.

The Mosquito Coast - winner of the James Tait Black Memorial Prize - is a breathtaking novel about fanaticism and a futile search for utopia from bestseller Paul Theroux. Allie Fox is going to re-create the world. Abominating the cops, crooks, junkies and scavengers of modern America, he abandons civilisation and takes the family to live in the Honduran jungle. There his tortured, messianic genius keeps them alive, his hoarse tirades harrying them through a diseased and dirty Eden towards unimaginable darkness. ‘Stunning. . . exciting, intelligent, meticulously realised, artful’ Victoria Glendinning, Sunday Times ‘An epic of paranoid obsession that swirls the reader headlong to deposit him on a black mudbank of horror’ Christopher Wordsworth, Guardian ‘Magnificently stimulating and exciting’ Anthony Burgess American travel writer Paul Theroux is known for the rich descriptions of people and places that is often streaked with his distinctive sense of irony; his novels and collected short stories, My Other Life, The Collected Stories, My Secret History, The Lower River, The Stranger at the Palazzo d’Oro, A Dead Hand, Millroy the Magician, The Elephanta Suite, Saint Jack, The Consul’s File, The Family Arsenal, and his works of non-fiction, including the iconic The Great Railway Bazaar are available from Penguin.

ⓘ[A remarkable story]ⓘAn honest and harrowing memoir of a life-changing ordeal.ⓘArizona Republic The spellbinding New York Times bestseller, Out of Captivity is the amazing true story of Marc Gonsalves, Tom Howes, and Keith Stansell, three American civilian contractors who were held hostage by the FARC rebel group in Colombia for five and a half years. Written with Gary Brozek, this book is an astonishing tale of unbelievable hardship and indomitable willⓘan action-packed!ⓘ(Time magazine) real-life adventure that stands with Alive by Piers Paul Read, Norman Ollestad!ⓘs Crazy for the Storm, and other classic true stories of survival.

A Novel

Rain Taxi Review of Books

Crazy For The Storm [HC-36]

Under the Wave at Waimea

Crazy For The Storm

Remnants of the Storm Lost in a forgotten part of antebellum Mississippi lays an ancient treasure of mythical proportions. America is tearing itself asunder. The issues of slavery and state's rights have divided the fledgling nation and only war will resolve the future of the North American continent. Half a world away, France under Emperor Napoleon III dominates the European mainland, but a hidden threat lies right next door. A potentially new and powerful German nation is awakening, a nation seeking vengeance. Cast into these events, Corporal Gunther Schroeder, a young Union soldier whose hellish experience at Shiloh has persuaded him to join an elite force of Raiders under the famous General Grierson. Their mission; go behind enemy lines to disrupt Confederate General Pemberton's forces and lay the groundwork for the takedown of Vicksburg, the Gibraltar of the South. Lieutenant Jacob Parker, a Confederate soldier who has the knack of being at the right place at the right time. Serving as courier and scout, his skills at getting the most valued of secrets to the right people are legendary and crucial to the South's very survival. The "Widow" Maria La Blotte, she is a woman of supreme intelligence and cunning; a mysterious and beautiful French woman of royal pedigree. She seeks the massive treasure which will save her country and dynasty from impending doom, and she and her agents will stop at nothing to get it. Centered on historical events, especially the Battle of Shiloh and Grant's Vicksburg campaign, Remnants of the Storm is the first book of a multi-generational series that weaves a tale of intrigue and adventure for the ages.

Embracing Survival, a memoir by Dydine Umunyana, tells the story of the Rwandan Genocide against the Tutsis at the hands of the Hutu perpetrators in Rwanda (1994) through the eyes of the four-year-old-child that she was when the horrific massacre occurred. Separated from her family, she barely survived the conflict. While the physical killing finally stopped, the mental and emotional 'killing' continued, affecting her and her family. She writes that "I have learned that we cannot do for others what we cannot do for ourselves. By nourishing the light within ourselves, we find strength we never knew was there....I came to realize that one's own life experiences are not theirs to keep but ours to teach."

(Color Version) Crow, the King of Sumo tells the story of Koji, a young boy who befriends one of the cooks on a U.S. Navy ship. As the unlikely pair connects, they become great friends, and Crow goes on to challenge the sumo champion of Japan. Along the way, they learn a lot from each other. Set in Japan during the Edo period of Japanese history, the tale has a fun and heartwarming connection to the modern world.

One week is all we were supposed to share. One week as strangers. All the things you did differently irked me. I thought it meant we couldn't get along, that there was no chance we'd work out. But when it came time for me to leave, you know what I figured out? You were my echo. My call back. And damn it if I didn't find home in the end.

Embracing Survival

Crazy Enough

Crazy for the Storm

French Girl with Mother

Eternity

"Breathtaking....Crazy for the Storm will keep you up late into the night." —Washington Post Book World
Norman Olstead’s New York Times bestselling memoir Crazy for the Storm is the story of the harrowing plane crash the author miraculously survived at age eleven, framed by the moving tale of his complicated relationship with his charismatic, adrenaline-addicted father. Destined to stand with other classic true stories of man against nature—Into Thin Air and Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer; Sebastian Junger’s The Perfect Storm—it is a literary triumph that novelist Russell Banks (Affliction) calls, “A heart-stopping story beautifully told....Norman Olstead has written a book that may well be read for generations.”

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From legendary writer Paul Theroux comes an atmospheric novel following a big-wave surfer as he confronts aging, privilege, mortality, and whose lives we choose to remember.

Welcome to Destiny, or should I say Middle Earth... Jack Lang, sheriff, former Navy pilot. To say Destiny was not what I expected would be like saying Wolverine's fingernails were long enough for a manicure. I'd been looking for Mayberry, a quaint little safe town to raise my daughter. That ship sailed when I met Tempest Pomeroy, who turned out to be a storm witch with a djinn brother and an ex who was... hell, I don't know what he is. But I wasn't sure I could stay. I had a teenage daughter to consider. Tempe Pomeroy, Tempestaerie, mail lady, and - as Jack likes to say - trouble magnet. Isn't it just like a man to exit a relationship when he finds out a woman has a few little secrets? In case you haven't figured it out, I'm the woman with the secrets. Following Jack's, um, enlightenment, he finally started investigating my little brother's disappearance, but time is running out and our relationship has gone from attraction to suspicion, support to friendship, romance to oh-my-god-get-away-from-me revulsion. Jack's an ex-Navy pilot. He says he wants to know "everything". He may stick around, help me save my brother and discover the whereabouts of my mother, but I doubt he'll still want to take me to the Mardi Gras ball, once he knows "everything". He'll probably take the first jet out of Middle Earth. 'Cause there's a lot of everything...

You've Got Time

The Creepers Saga

Storm Crazy

Surviving 1,967 Days in the Colombian Jungle

Flamingo and Friends

Amish fiction: Part II of the "Rebecca" trilogy begins where Part I, Rebecca at the Beach, leaves off. This is the story of what happens when two young adults, one Amish, the other not, meet in the sand and surf of Florida's only Plain community.

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You can take the dead girl out of the country... Veronica Fischer, small-town bloodsucking madam, is an orphan or at least she finally feels that way. Jules, the one who made her, is gone and cleaning up after him isn’t something she ever thought she’d have to do. While her hometown seems to be turning against her, she's forced to set off for the bright lights of the big city with a carload of her dysfunctional supernatural family, hoping not to have to face the Dragon of Chicago. Now she has to rescue a sister she didn’t know she had, keep Rachel-her adopted 8-year-old ghost-safe, and try to keep Pekin from unraveling under the onset of the coming storm. Sex, violence, and cryptic undead prophecy-all for fun and profit.

Alli-Kar, a white-hole portal from another universe, rains meteoroids onto the surface of the planet Kelanni. But the so-called "lodestones" behave according to different physical laws, transforming Kelanni's society. With the aid of the fearsome Keltar in their flying cloaks, the Kelanni are being put to forced labor to mine the lodestones. Shann, an orphan with a fiery disposition, witnesses a battle between a Keltar and a stranger bearing a similar flying cloak. She tracks down the stranger, learning of the technology behind the Keltars' power and joining him on a mission to free the slaves and cut off their supply of lodestones. Meanwhile Keris, a Keltar, is sent on a mission to track down the rebels. She is attacked by a flying creature and saved by the enigmatic Chandara. At their Great Tree, she learns that a mysterious "Prophet" is out to destroy the Kelanni people. Their only hope is a powerful instrument hidden in the distant past. Pursued by Keltar, the party will encounter bizarre creatures, ancient technologies and terrifying dangers. Finally, they must seek to cross a massive storm barrier in order to reach the other side of their world, where a world-shaking revelation awaits.

Echoes in the Storm

I Am Luca

Out of Captivity

Lodestone Book One

The Sea of Storms

Documenting Danny Marianino's days as a metalhead from childhood into adulthood, Don't Ever Punch a Rockstar somehow rationalizes playing in a few hardcore/punk bands, touring, fighting, drinking, internet bullying, celebrity encounters, satanic curses, house fires, harassment and collecting an immeasurable amount of hate mail from some of the most illiterate human beings the world has to offer. Though Oprah will never add this into her book club, it's still a good lesson in accepting the negative with a laugh and gaining a new sense of temperance and humility. At the very least I will entertain you with a campy memoir and a detailed eye-opening account of the chaos that followed the infamous event that VH1 called one of the Most Shocking Moments in Rock and Roll. This is by no means the same old autobiography that you have read before. Don't Ever Punch a Rockstar combine elements of Get in The Van, Emails from and Asshole and Shit My Dad Says all in one hot mess of a story. Praise for the book - "Danny Marianino's Never Punch A Rockstar is a sock in the jaw to punk/metal scene conformity, and it hurts so good! Final score: North Side Kings 2, Danzig, 0." - STEVEN BLUSH, author/filmmaker, American Hardcore "As trenchant, sometimes funny, insightful and shocking as a punch in the face. WHICH is incidentally what started this whole ball rolling. A pretty potent look into the power of image and the punching of the face of arguably a legend of, well, face punching, Glenn Danzig, and the ensuing firestorm that followed. I'd give it 5 black eyes." -- EUGENE S. ROBINSON, singer for Oxbow & author of FIGHT: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Ass Kicking But Were Afraid You'd Get Your Ass Kicked For Asking "With Don't Ever Punch a Rock Star author Danny Marianino has written an entertaining, humorous and humble autobiography. The often times laugh-out-loud recollections of Danny's life up to and following the infamous run-in with the drama-queen of dark metal is more than engaging and, with the inclusion of hate mail, zany rumors, message board threats and internet tough guys, you're sure to get a good giggle while learning what truly transpired that fateful night in Tuba City." - DUSTIN LAVALLEY, author of Spinner "As we have always said on the streets of NY - don't start none -there wont be none - and if you do, at least keep your hands up and guard your grill. Way to K.O. rock star attitudes Danny Boy!" - John Joseph author of The Evolution of a Cro-Magnon and Meat is For Pussies

Norman Ollestad was thrust into the world of surfing and competitive downhill skiing at a very young age by the father he idolized. Often paralyzed by fear, young Norman resented losing his childhood to his father’s reckless and demanding adventures, even as he began to reap the rewards of his training. Then, in February 1979, a chartered Cessna carrying eleven-year-old Norman, his father, his father’s girlfriend Sandra and the pilot, crashed into the San Gabriel Mountains. Norman’s father -- a man who was both his son’s coach and hero -- was dead, along with the pilot; Sandra was clinging to life. Suspended at over 8,000 feet and engulfed in a blizzard, grief-stricken Norman descended the icy mountain alone. Putting his father’s passionate lessons to work, he defied the elements and made it down alive -- the sole survivor of the crash. A compulsive, page-turning read, at times nostalgic and heart-wrenching, Crazy for the Storm illuminates the complicated bond between an extraordinary father and his son, and offers remarkable insight to us all.

From 1986-1994 a group of friends banded together and used their love of horror movies and heavy metal to pull outlandish pranks on their classmates. First featured in the published memoirs this now is the photographic images and memories of days gone by

Destiny- is it Mayberry or Middle Earth? I'm Sheriff Jack Lang. After a career as a Navy pilot, Destiny seemed like the perfect place to settle down but then I met Tempest Pomeroy, my sexy redheaded mail lady and trouble magnet. Tempe never fails to test the limits of my patience, or the law. Every time I think it's the last straw, up pops another haystack. My name is Tempest Pomeroy, and my human job is delivering the mail. I'm also a Paramortal like my family, or I'm supposed to be. If I didn't have a few little talents, I'd think I was adopted. My brother's genie bottle is missing and the sheriff suspects yours truly. I've denied my heritage for most of my life but all this chaos is a sign of my quickening Tempestaerie power. Oh, and the sheriff? He thinks he's settled in a normal small town. We'll see how that turns out. Things better settle down soon, 'cause I'm about to go Storm Crazy.

Half-Shell Prophecies

You and Me Against the World

Los Angeles Magazine

Making Other Plans

The Power of Light

When told "Luca, you're growing like a weed!", 2 year old Luca responds "I'm not a weed, I'm Luca". Journey with Luca as she discovers herself among all of her silly family's comparisons.

"Finely wrought: Ollestad builds a delicate tension between the characters, exposing their raw desire and exploring the concept of artistic inspiration...A quietly tense and absorbing read." —Kirkus
French Girl with Mother is a provocative, propulsive thriller that marries the spirit of James Salter with a hint of Patricia Highsmith and the velocity of The Art Forger. Nathan Europe in search of the emotional fire that has been missing from his work. He’s been deemed by his mentors and critics as technically skillful but uninspired —criticisms he fears to be true. On a Paris street, he witnesses the volatile breakup of a young French woman and her beau. Nathan pursues a meeting with the woman and it very quickly becomes evident th scathing beauty just may conjure the electricity he has been seeking for his work. So when the woman invites him to her parents’ crumbling, centuries-old chateau in the country to allow him to sketch her, he accepts, knowing that this proposition is both ill advised and thrilling. Once enveloped by this isolated estate, a door opens to a world Nathan is not prepared to face. Her mother, a volatlie, voracious former ballerina, her father, a mysterious businessman with secrets of his own, and her uncle, who might be trafficking in art forgeries.

Available in both an adult and a youth edition, Danger Calling features 16 true stories that take readers on a high-adrenaline ride—from the depths of the sea to the top of Mount Everest and everywhere in between--and pose provocative questions that move men and teen boys forward in their lives and faith. Danger Calling challenges readers to discover if they are ready for their lives: Would you stop to help a climber in the “death zone” on Everest? What is your source of strength in a crisis? Could you lead others into battle knowing some are likely to die? To what challenge is God summoning you right now? Each story thrills and engages. Each set of questions challenges readers to discover who they are, where they stand in the world, and what they are capable of. Available in both an adult and a youth edition, Danger Calling features 16 true stories that take readers on a high-adrenaline ride—from the depths of the sea to the top of Mount Everest and everywhere in between--and pose provocative questions that move men and teen boys forward in their lives and faith. Danger Calling challenges readers to discover if they are ready for their lives: Would you stop to help a climber in the “death zone” on Everest? What is your source of strength in a crisis? Could you lead others into battle knowing some are likely to die? To what challenge is God summoning you right now? Each story thrills and engages. Each set of questions challenges readers to discover who they are, where they stand in the world, and what they are capable of.

Enjoy 20 limited-detail illustrations, designed for those who would rather keep it simple. Each page was hand-drawn and edited by K J Kraemer, with you in mind. If you don't want to spend days on a project or just want room to get creative, this adult coloring book is for you!

Don't Ever Punch a Rockstar
The Mosquito Coast
Remnants of the Storm
Distant Thunder
A Memoir of Survival

The popular indie rock performer describes her battle against the hereditary mental illness that decimated her mother's health and prompted the author to engage in a self-destructive downward spiral of drugs and promiscuity before discovering her musical talent and the will to overcome her challenges.

Craig Comes planned for a journalism career, while his friends expected him to become a bestselling author. But un-diagnosed Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Depression struck after college. After the writing stopped, delusion and denial lead to poverty, long term joblessness and self-imposed exile. Returning to himself would take 15 years in a journey spanning from California Wine Country to the South African veld. This is his story.

"A rich, sensual, bewitching adventure of good vs. evil with love as the prize." ~Publisher's Weekly on ETERNITY 300 years ago, Raven St. James was hanged for witchcraft. But she revives among the dead to find herself alive. She is an Immortal High Witch, one of the light. A note from her mother warns that there are others, those of the Dark, who preserve their own lives by taking the hearts of those like her. Duncan Wallace's forbidden love for the secretive lass costs him his life. 300 years later, he loves her again, tormented by hazy memories of a past that can't be real. She tells him of another lifetime, claims to be immortal. Though he knows she's deluded, he can't stay away. And the Dark Witch after her heart is far closer than either of them know. If you liked the TV Series HIGHLANDER, you will LOVE this series. Don't miss Book 2, INFINITY. "A hauntingly beautiful story of a love that endures through time itself." ~New York Times Bestselling Author, Kay Hooper "This captivating story of a love that reaches across the centuries, becomes as immortal as the lover's themselves, resonates with timeless passion, powerful magic, and haunting heartbreak." ~BN.com's official review

The sequel to the 1999 novel The Storm which followed a Gypsy family through the fascist horrors of WWII in Czechoslovakia from 1939 to 1945. The Second Storm follows the same characters from 1948 to 1979 through even worse tragedies under Communism.

The Second Storm

Searching for Rebecca

A Collection of Hate Mail and Other Crazy Rumors

A Memoir Of Survival

True Adventures of Risk and Faith

Kent State University, Ohio, 1969. Senior Matt Kubik is having a groovy time sharing an off-campus duplex with three quirky guys and four far-out hippie chicks. His only goal is to find true love and romance -- until the anti-Vietnam war protests spin out of control.

The Crazy Clan Dossier

Book Two of the Coming Storm Trilogy

A Memoir

Hippies

The Story of Electricity