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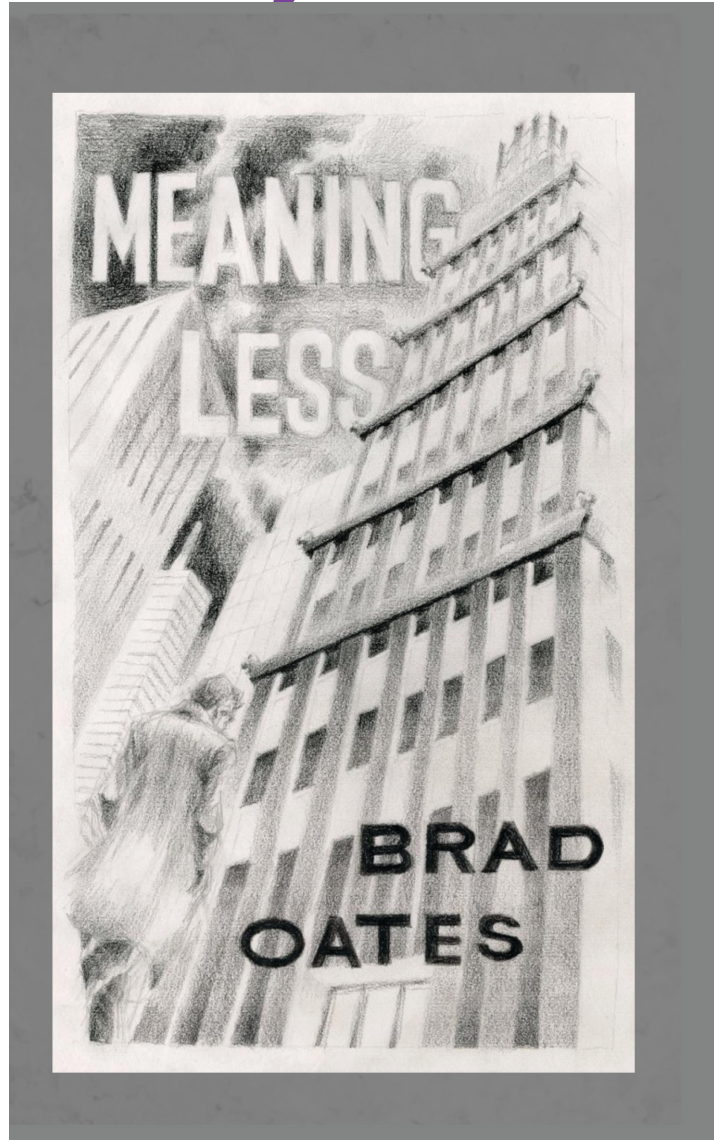


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**2023 CATALOGUE**

**Meaning Less - Brad Oates**



Languishing in a dystopian corporate hell-scape, Jeffrey Boggs struggles to find meaning in a world that’s left him behind. His apartment is empty, his future is grim, and each day working in the terrible black tower of SALIGIA Inc. plays out like an ill-humoured assault on what scarce dignity remains to him. As the brief summer begins to fade into a bitter Edmonton winter, Jeff is haunted by memories of better times long behind him. Desperate to find a purpose in life, he turns to his new co-worker, Janice, hoping to use what he’s taken years to learn to help her cope with the degrading daily grind at SALIGIA. Time and again however, Jeff fails to find what he needs. His colleagues compete for favor, his supervisors conspire to get him fired, and Jeff plots to find a way out on his own terms. When a gathering snow storm promises to end the brief reprieve of summer, Jeff makes a final play for control in his life. But there’s no secret meaning to life beyond living with meaning, and as he chases it in all the wrong places, each day begins to mean a little less...

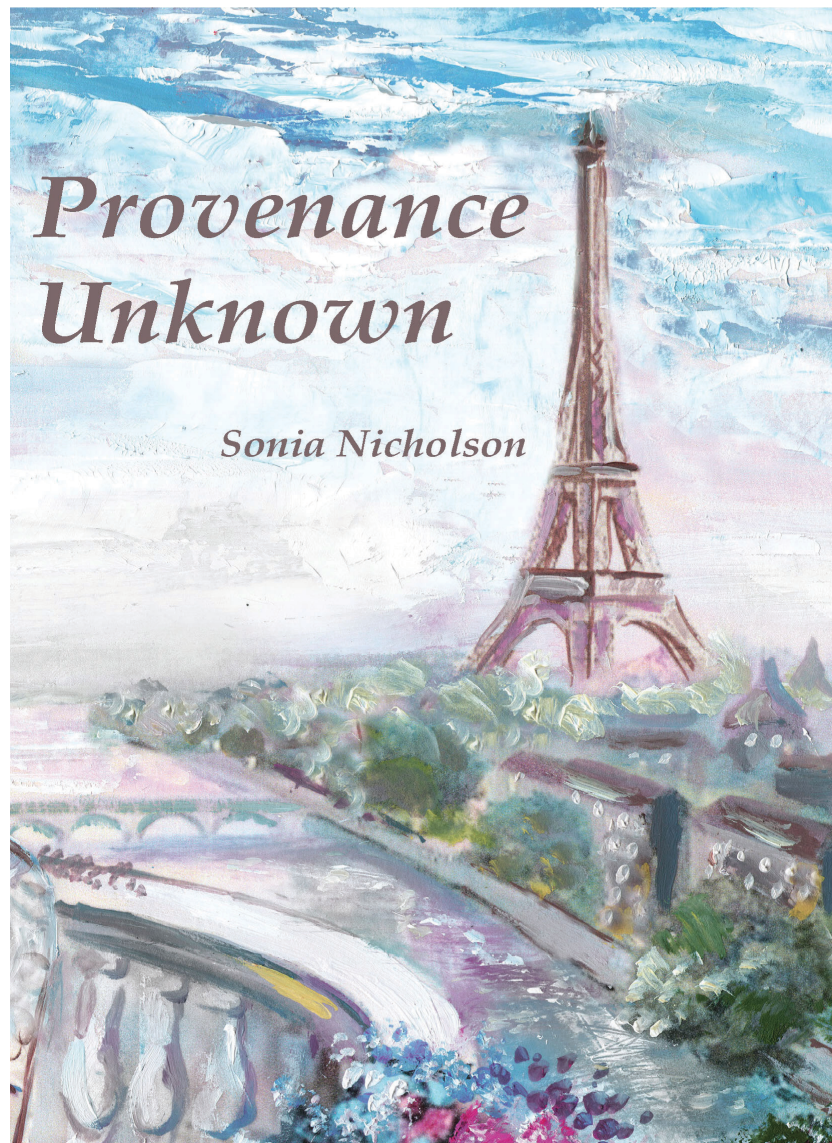
**Brad Oates** grew up in the small town of Mayerthorpe, Alberta, Canada. He developed a passion for literature at an early age. Now living in Edmonton, Alberta with his dog Bogney and his partner Janine, Brad enjoys spending his free time writing in the bars along Whyte Avenue...when it isn't too cold, of course. Brad has contributed to three anthologies of short stories with the Edmonton Writer's Group. On his blog, [www.BradOHInc.com](http://www.BradOHInc.com), he enjoys producing a wide range of content - including poetry, political commentary, philosophical reflections, and more. He generally finds himself leaning towards a darkly comedic literary approach and often dwells on the themes of human virtue and self-deception.

**Also by Author: Edgar's Worst Sunday**

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**Provenance Unknown - Sonia Nicholson**



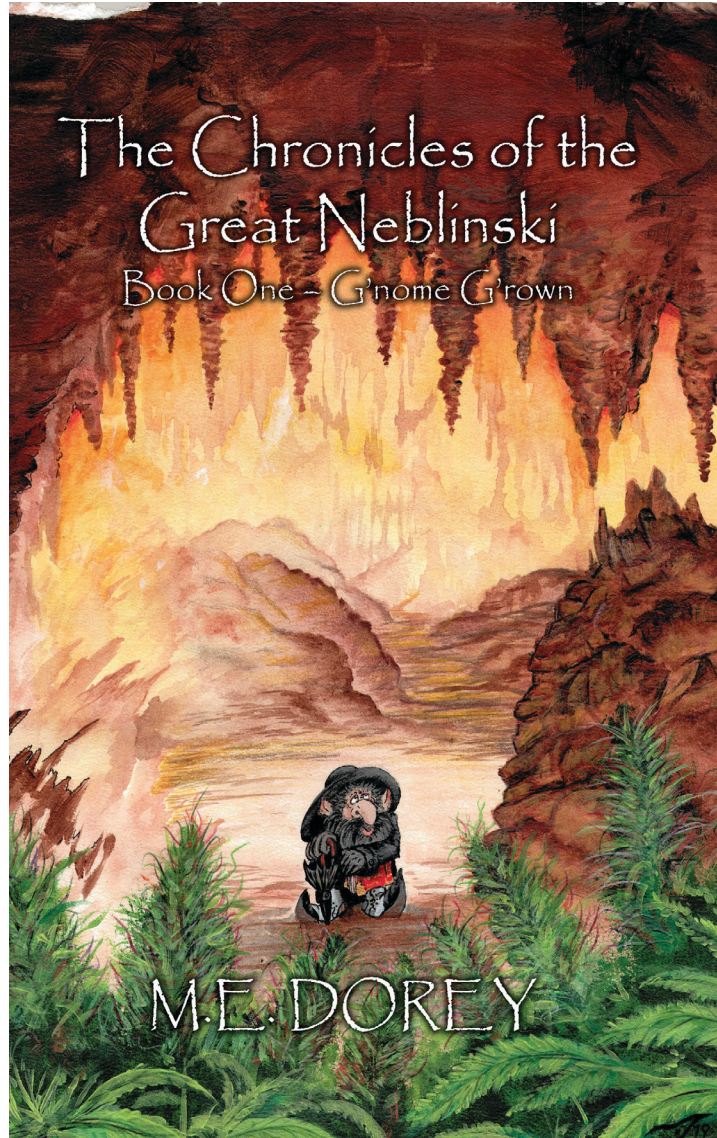
An archivist without a past of her own doesn't expect her profession to get personal.

Thirty-year-old single mom Michele Norman has finally found her dream job at the city archives. But while she does a deep dive into every inquiry that comes in, there's one past she won't touch: her own. Besides, with a son starting kindergarten, a stack of unpaid bills, and the possibility of her work hours being cut back, she has enough to worry about. But when she discovers a forgotten French diary in the vault, it sends her on a journey from the west coast of Canada all the way to Paris, France. Will Michele be distracted by the intriguing and maddening Sébastien? Or will she finally find answers to the family questions she has never been ready to ask?

**Sonia Nicholson** has worked in archives for fifteen years. Her work has appeared in *Mosaic Times*, *A Time of Singing*, and the *Living Hyphen* podcast. A first-generation Canadian who grew up in a Portuguese immigrant family in Osoyoos, British Columbia, she went on to study French and Spanish at the University of Victoria. She's been to France several times and might be obsessed with the country and culture. She lives in Victoria with her husband, two children, and two rescue dogs.

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# The Chronicles of the Great Neblinski Book 1 - M.E. Dorey



A tiny pot-smoking subterranean G'nome, is taken from his homeland deep inside the world by his people's long-lost creator and deity and placed upon the surface amounts giants and monsters. There, he undertakes a perilous and hilarious journey to rediscover the origins of his people and uncover the secrets of their unique and ancient culture.

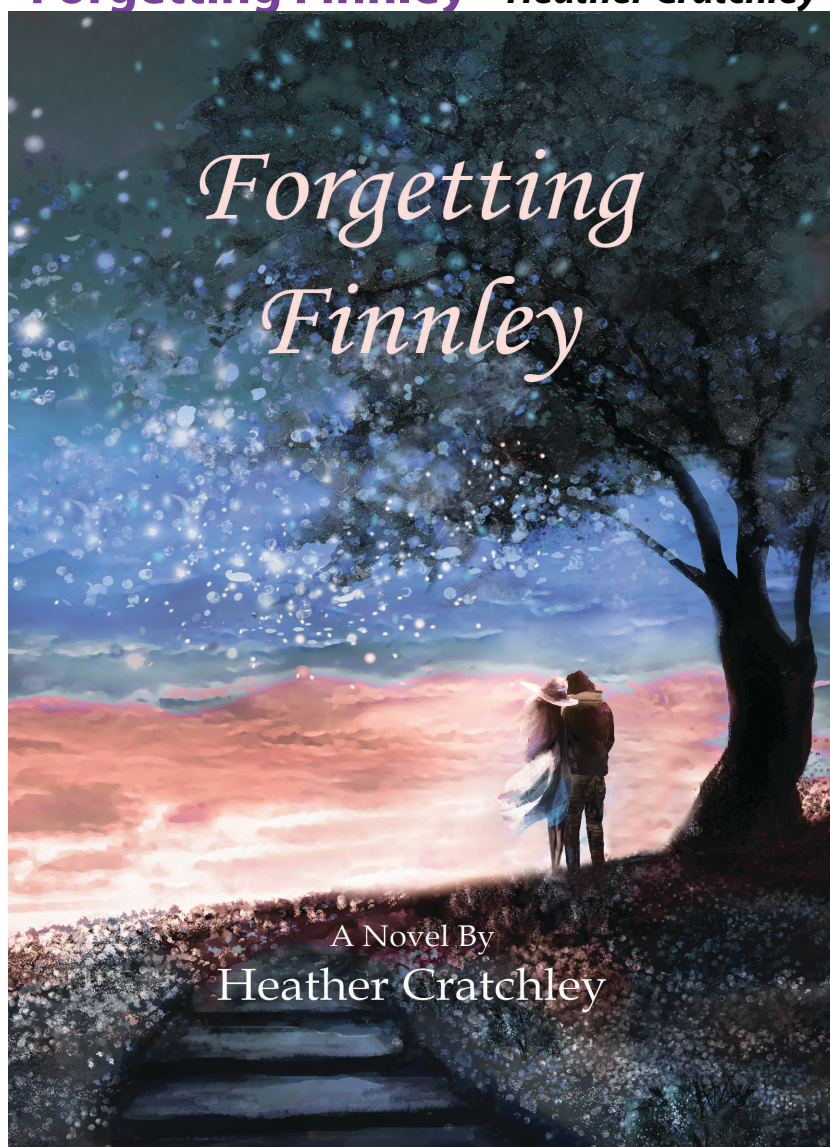
G'Nome Grown is a hilarious investigation into the power of friendship and acceptance.

*M.E. Dorey was born in Halifax Nova Scotia, Canada, the youngest of 5 siblings. He began his adult life as an artist, carving stone and antler, painting, and any other medium of art he could get his hands on. Mark's author influences are Douglas Adams, J.R.R. Tolkien, Robert E. Howard, Michael Moorcock, and Frank Herbert, which inspired him to write The Chronicles of the Great Neblinski, a hilarious story of his adventures with his newfound friends, Grarr, Durik, Raz, Beornag, and Musky. It is a story of companionship, tolerance, loyalty, devotion to friendship, and healing. Today, Mark lives in Ontario, Canada, with his partner and a pack of giant wolfdogs, where he still makes art, composes music, and continues to write about the Great Neblinski and his friends.*

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**Forgetting Finnley - Heather Cratchley**



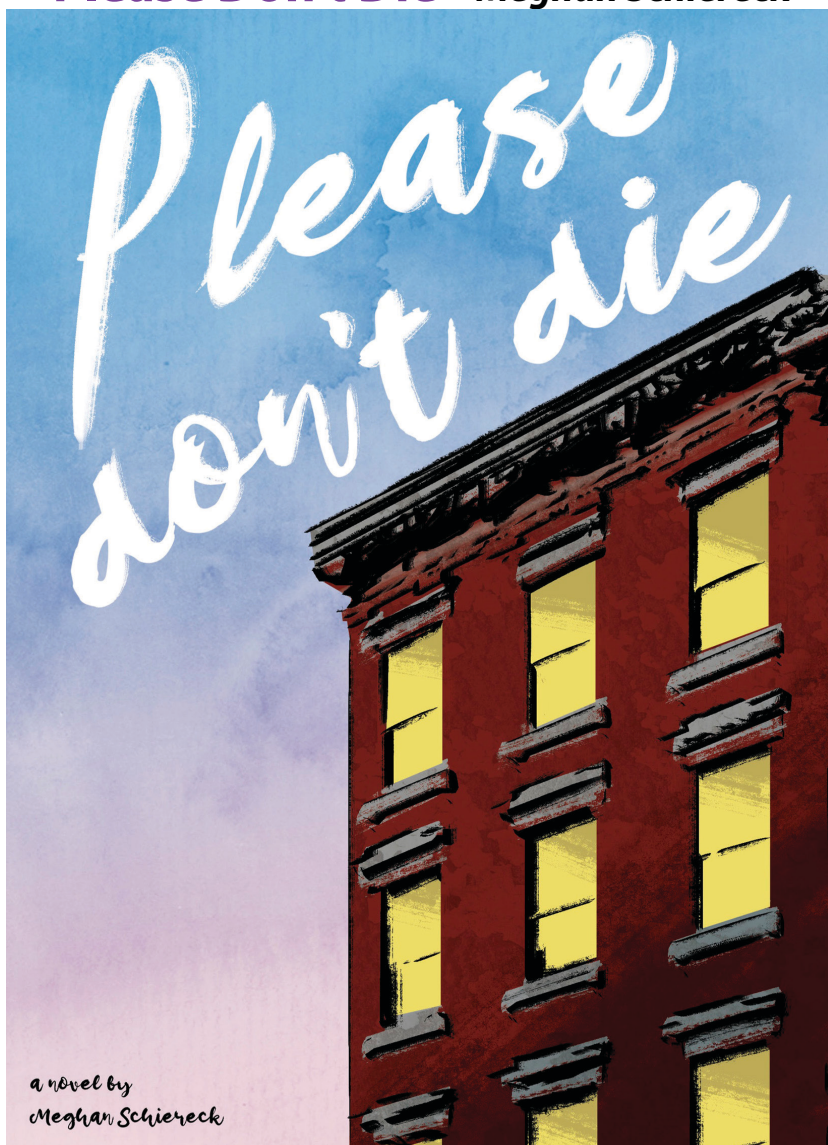
Seeing the man who broke her heart so many years ago, Sadie does what she can to avoid the inevitable; fall for Casey once again and confront their past about the baby she gave up for adoption. When avoidance doesn't work with Casey, she does the next best thing, lie. With Casey trying to gain her trust and forgiveness, he can only believe what she tells him, ultimately deciding she is more important than finding out about the baby. When the truth is unraveled both Sadie and Casey must decide if they are able to forgive each other and move forward.

In the end will it be the lies she told that keep them apart, or will it be the truth she's been hiding for the last five years?

**Heather Cratchley** is a mom of two teenage sons and runs a full house, including two dogs and a cat. With various careers under her belt, Heather chose to change course and pursue her passion for writing. Her relationship with reading started at a young age with books like 'Little Women' and 'Salem's Lot'. She gets her inspiration from music, people-watching, and authors such as Katie McGarry, J. Sterling and Colleen Hoover. When she's not engrossed in writing, you can find her walking her dogs, enjoying a good glass of wine, watching a movie, or spending quality time with her kids. Heather currently resides just outside of Toronto, Canada.

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**Please Don't Die - Meghan Schiereck**



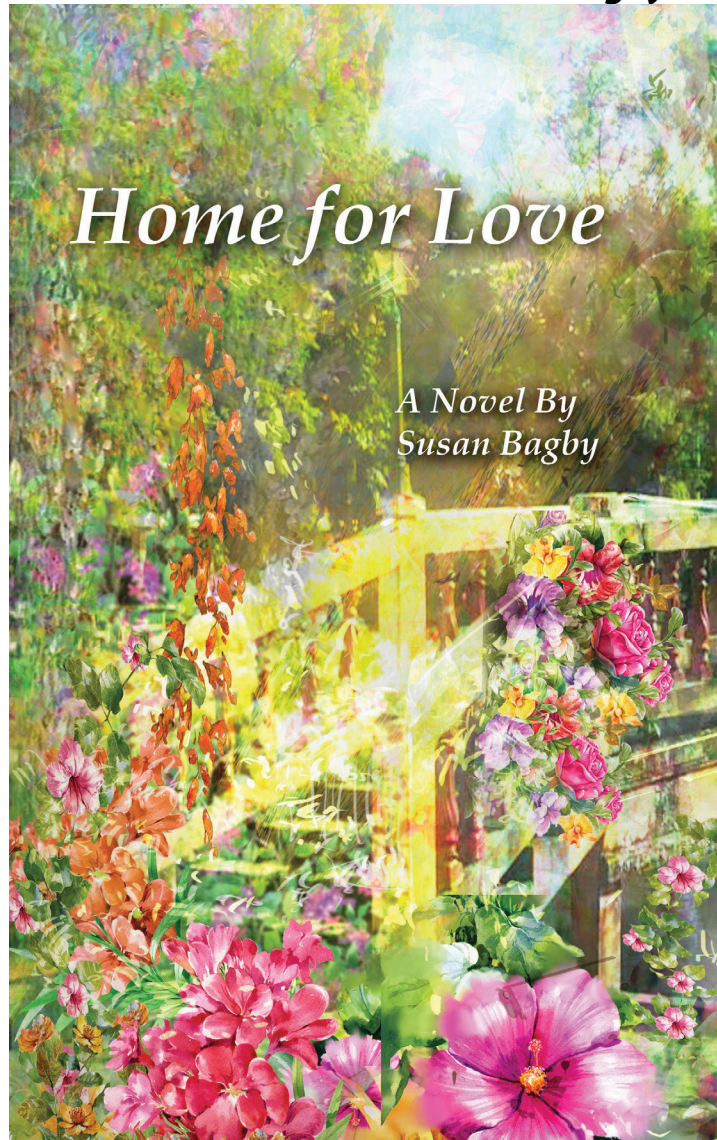
Rosemary O'Brien, a painter living in the West Village in New York City, still reeling from the loss of her fiancé three years later, must move out of their shared home and find meaning in her new life by beginning to date again and answering a request for proposal to paint a large scale mural in a new Korean tea house, owned by none other than Jordan Park, the man who moved into her old apartment. As Rosemary and Jordan butt heads at first, Rosemary questions what it means to "move on" from grief, from her late fiancé, and from the place she called home for so long and how she can still love someone else without compromising her love for her old life while uncovering what makes a house, a home.

**Meghan Schiereck** is an award-winning photojournalist, she was short-listed in the 2019 Unsplash Awards and has won several collegiate press awards. Previously, Meghan was published in the Huffington Post with a piece on grief. Meghan is a mass-transit advocate, retired prom queen and all-around delight. Some of her favorite pastimes are reading the news, britpop music, collecting scrunchies, scrolling through Twitter, and wandering through antique shops. She is also interested in making grief resources accessible for all. Meghan is currently working on her second novel and lives in New York City.

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**Home for Love - Susan Bagby**



The life of Emmy-award-winning producer, Maggy Anderson, is abruptly interrupted when her father suffers a heart attack at his office in New York. Maggy insists on helping him out at home while her show is on a hiatus. But Maggy is thrown off her game when unexpected chemistry with her father’s doctor, Dr. Mark Richards, jolts her into a tailspin. Day after day, circumstances bring them together unexpectedly, and their feelings for each other grow stronger and cannot be denied. Maggy finds herself at a crossroads, questioning her happiness and choices in life.

Does she dare dream a new dream for herself?

**Susan Bagby** For more than 25 years Susan worked with children and adults as a speech pathologist and administrator. As a published songwriter her credits include *The Magical Future*®, the official anthem for the inaugural National Children’s Day as well as *One Voice One Light*, the official song for the Children’s Torch of Hope UN50 tour. She is co-author of the *Magical Future*® Song book and *Magical Future*®, both self-published children’s books. She is a member of RWA. Susan resides in her hometown of Akron, Ohio. In addition to writing, Susan enjoys playing the piano, walking in the woods, yoga and spending time with her friends. She is a firm believer in knowing dreams do come true!

**Also by Author: *Christmas Wish Upon a Star***

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