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Happiness Battle

Translated in Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Taiwan, France, Russia

TV drama aired in 2023

Dead Body displayed on the terrace of gangnam's best apartment

The incident happens in the most expensive house in the area, 102-702, High Prestige Apartment, located in Gangnam—the richest neighborhood in Korea. Husband Gang Do-jun is found barely breathing with a knife stuck on his back, and his wife Oh Yu-jin is found dead with her stomach hanging over the terrace banister. Jang Mi-ho learns about her death, a friend from the past she'd never seen for 17 years. They were best friends in high school but grew distant after their math teacher committed suicide. Mi-ho feels guilty about the past and starts investigating Yu-jin's death.

“Happiness Battle” on social media among soccer moms

Jang Mi-ho finds out that Yu-jin was engaged in a “happiness battle” on social media with her fellow moms who send their kids to English kindergartens. She is suspicious of Song Jeong-ah and Kim Na-young, who have been her mortal enemies. Oh Yu-jin cleverly mocked Na-young when she found out that Na-young's husband and the kindergarten teacher were having an affair. Yu-jin also blacklisted Jeong-ah on the Internet community for wealthy moms when the business of Jeong-ah's husband was going through a difficult time. But both claim that Yu-jin was obsessed with the kidnapping case at the English kindergarten that happened 2 years before her death, and they had merely put a “drop of suspicion” in the glass of water.

Murder of a soccer mom of a luxury neighborhood obsessed with battling for happiness on social media. The true face of the happy family is revealed while investigating her death.

Turn of events, she stabbed her husband and killed herself?

The police officially announces that Yu-jin stabbed her husband before killing herself. But Mi-ho is still suspicious and discovers a flash drive on her laptop while watching her previous live streaming video clips. Mi-ho breaks into Yu-jin's house and finds out that her husband is also looking for the flash drive. What in the earth is hidden in that drive? Jang Mi-ho learns there are unexpected secrets as she uncovers the truth and confronts Yu-jin's husband Do-jun.



Happiness Battle

Joo Youngha

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Mafia Game

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A Strange Experiment

A psychological experiment takes place, modeled after a notorious murder. Eight people are promised a significant reward for participating in two rounds, during which they wear identical masks and outfits to ensure anonymity. The first round consists of simple games, but in the second round, they must identify the criminal based on a given scenario. Initially passive by the strange questions, they soon begin to use their reasoning skills to argue their points, causing the discussions to heat up.

One of you is a serial killer

Amid heated discussions, the microphone is accidentally turned on and transmits the organizers' conversation. To everyone's shock, they hear that a serial killer is hiding among them. The baffled participants demand answers, and Gijung, a profiler and the project manager, comes to reveal the truth: that during the two weeks between the two rounds, two participants were murdered by another participant, who turns out to be the serial killer he has been chasing for years.

All of you have lied

The participants panic as they learn that one of them is a serial killer posing as the victim. Gijung decides to stay with the participants until the case is solved. What started as an ordinary experiment has now turned into a desperate crime-solving game. To find the killer, they all take off their masks and face each other for the first time. Gijung checks the alibis from the day of the murder, but each time, he reaches the same conclusion: "All of you have given me a false alibi."

Among the eight participants wearing identical masks in a psychology experiment, one is a serial killer.

Night has fallen. Mafia, open your eyes and choose a victim

With each passing moment, anxiety tightens its grip. The participants are more focused on escaping this dangerous place than on finding the killer. Junseong, one of the participants, even attempts to flee by holding another participant hostage, but he is quickly subdued and locked in his room. Early the next morning, Yungi stumbles upon Hyeonseo's body in the dining room and screams, heightening the terror that fills the air. The experiment takes another turn, evolving into a deadly game of survival...

Within just one week! Will Gijung manage to uncover the serial killer in a closed space full of deception, where no one can be trusted?



Mafia Game

Kim Harim

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Shackles

Junhyeon and Nahyeon, the survivors of the tragedy five years ago, unite to confront their cruel relatives.

Seo Junhyeon leaves prison, and...

Five years ago, Seo Junhyeon was arrested for the murder of his father, the chief surgeon at Seoyun Hospital, and his stepmother. Now, his release from prison stirs up the hidden ambitions of those connected to the hospital. Seo Pilhwan, the grandfather who owns the hospital; Aehee, the eldest aunt who greedily plots to seize the hospital; Sanghee, the younger aunt who avoids her nephew to escape haunting memories; Im Taemin, the lawyer appointed by Pilhwan to protect Junhyeon; and Jo Seongchun, a journalist with a hidden agenda. And, above all, stepsister Nahyeon—waiting for her only family, regardless of everyone else's motives.

The hidden secret that binds the two siblings

To Nahyeon, Junhyeon is the only person she has sworn to protect—a promise she made to herself the day when the ten-year-old Junhyeon with autistic spectrum disorder became her big brother. He saved her from abusive parents five years before, and now it's her turn to embrace his sadness and pain. Neither the violence from their uncles nor the contempt from others can weaken her resolve. However, when Pilhwan decides to give the hospital, his life's work, to Junhyeon, the siblings' worlds begin to crumble once again, and Pilhwan's long-buried secret emerges.

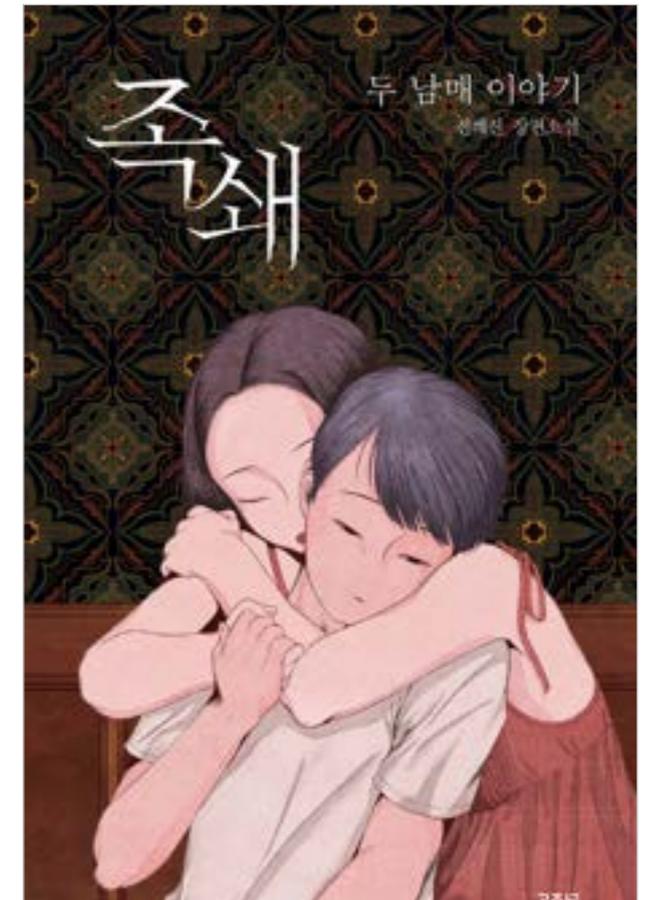
Twisted desires and a legacy of family tragedy

Junhyeon's birth mother didn't die in an accident—it was murder, orchestrated by Pilhwan. Once a benevolent doctor who opened Seoyun Hospital in the impoverished countryside and a shrewd businessman who made the city thrive, he committed this crime to bring Junhyeon home. His twisted sense of love and desire shocks the two

siblings, which paves the way for even greater danger.

To protect him, to save each other

Nahyeon realizes that the only way to protect her brother is to stand against their relatives. Despite the danger, the two siblings edge closer to the truth—until the person holding the key to everything dies. The tension culminates at the funeral, where everyone tied to the siblings gathers. The family's cursed secret is laid bare. Will these two, who have fought to save each other, finally break free from the shackles and find happiness in their own paradise?



Shackles

Jeon Hyejin

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Cyber Wrecker Jae Hee Kim

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Blow the cyber wrecker's cover

It is an exciting day. Jae Hee Kim sits on the edge of a motel bed in a flutter, waiting for the woman to come out. The female online streamer "Illegal Alien" comes out of the bathroom after showering and seduces him. However, his excitement lasts just for a brief moment. Soon Jae Hee Kim finds a video camera that is hidden behind the shelf. Realizing that Illegal Alien has approached him on purpose to blow Evil T's cover, he heaps insults at her and leaves the room. Indeed, Jae Hee Kim is the cyber wrecker Evil T. He is a hikikomori in real life, but his online persona Evil T is a famous YouTuber with 1.5 million subscribers. Riled up, he announces that he will upload a video clip that attacks Illegal Alien shortly. But the next day, grievous news spreads that Illegal Alien, Joy Chae, committed suicide.

Evil T, he is the killer

His competitor YouTubers and subscribers shower him with blame, and the police distress him, too. Kim grudges being treated like a killer because of the fact that he was with her on the day of the incident and seeks an opportunity to rebound. Once having proven his innocence, he thinks it is over, but YouTuber "Doowhan" who has 2 million subscribers rekindles the issue. Jae Hee Kim immediately attacks Doowhan and accepts Doowhan's request for joint-streaming in order to make himself look cool. While streaming with Doowhan, Jae Hee Kim leaves the room shortly only to find an incredible scene when he returns: Doowhan was killed with his mouth ripped and his neck cut. Jae Hee Kim who was the last person with Doowhan at the site is pointed to as the prime suspect.

Jae Hee Kim, you are next

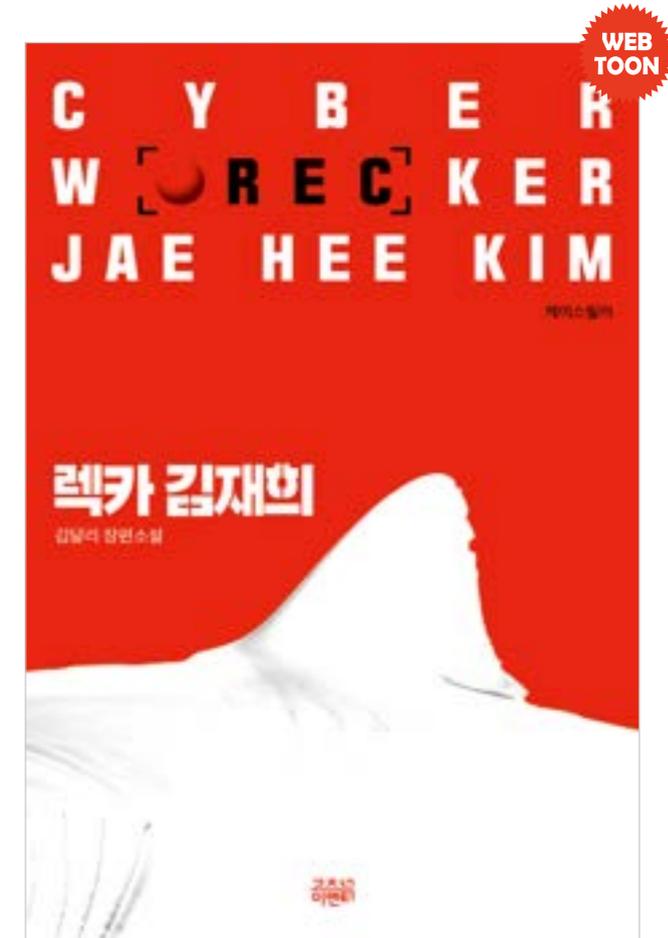
No matter how highly probable a suspect he is, there is no evidence that Jae Hee Kim is the killer. Nevertheless, people accuse him of being the criminal. Even a suspicious shadow follows him, and Jae Hee Kim hires a private detective to pry them. It is revealed that the suspicious shadow is Suri Chae, a the twin sister of the late Joy Chae. Would Suri Chae be the criminal? Considering that Doowhan

The notorious cyber wrecker and hikikomori "Evil T" Jae Hee Kim is embroiled in clueless, brutal serial murders.

had insulted Joy Chae until he died, Suri Chae had a reason to kill him. Jae Hee Kim has a hunch that he will be the next target. Thinking he cannot avoid her, he decides to set her up in a trap. Jae Hee Kim uploads a video clip on the Evil T channel and watches Suri Chae's reactions. Suddenly, his mother's boyfriend, Young-il Kang, is killed. This time again, Jae Hee Kim is the first person to find the death.

Broadcasting is a truth, not a lie

While gripped by panic, he tries to leave the scene only to run into Suri Chae who stands in front of the door. She starts running away, whom Jae Hee Kim chases desperately. She is the culprit, he thinks to himself. However, the momentary confidence collapses soon after he meets her face to face. Suri Chae asks him, Did you kill my sister? She is not a culprit but a witness, and she has been following him because she has suspected him. Suri Chae says, her sister Joy Chae did not commit suicide but was murdered. Who is the criminal of these seemingly endless serial murders? Now he begins to broadcast in order to find the real culprit. Under the name of the cyber wrecker Evil T and person Jae Hee Kim. Live on!



Cyber Wrecker Jae Hee Kim

Kim Dalri

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Revolve

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Catch him before she finds out

Du-man, chief detective at a regional investigation unit of the Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency, feels like someone has been spying on him. The trash bag placed outside by his wife Hee-ryeong disappears and unidentified peanut shells are found on his apartment steps. Someone is really watching him. Since his wife's personal information has been leaked, she is also in danger. From the apartment's CCTV Du-man spots a suspicious man with a baseball cap. He must catch him before Hee-ryeong, who suffers from panic attacks and anxiety, senses that something is amiss.

Did he kill himself?

Contrary to Du-man's hopes, things get more complicated. Two murders occur in a redevelopment area. Both victims were women killed by having their radial artery severed. In both cases, there were mysterious peanut shells and traces of surveillance, same as Du-man's case. Du-man discovers that both victims recently had their refrigerators fixed by the same after-service repairman, and realizes that Hee-ryeong has also had her refrigerator fixed recently by the same man.

Du-man and the regional investigation team raid the workroom of Cha Jeong-hoo, who is the repairman on the list of suspects. However, Jeong-hoo is found dead inside his refrigerator with his radial artery severed like the two victims. Was it suicide?

He may be the "eyes" that has suffocated me

The regional investigation team identifies Jeong-hoo as the serial killer and decides to conclude that it was the case in which the killer died by suicide. However, Du-man thinks that the real criminal is still out there. To continue his investigation, he takes Hee-ryeong refuge in the house of Seon Woo-hyeon, the scientific investigation team leader and also his senior.

Hee-ryeong feels a sense of déjà vu at Seon Woo-hyeon's house. His house looks like a replication of hers. Is it all just coincidence? Hee-ryeong gets scared in the sense that Woo-hyeon may be the unknown eyes have been suffocating her until now. As fear is about to explode, Woo-hyeon opens the door and comes in.

Detective Du-man, who is chasing a serial killer who threatens him, fires a single bullet that will shake the past and the future.

Only a desperate man can turn back everything

Without any more clues to go on, Du-man's investigation runs into difficulties. Then Jeong-hoo's cellphone, which had been missing, sends a signal. The signal is located near Woo-hyeon's apartment. Du-man rushes to Woo-hyeon's home and encounters tragedy: Hee-ryeong and Woo-hyeon were dead, with their radial arteries severed. In despair, Du-man's phone rings. "Load the silver bullets and pull the trigger. Shoot! Then everything starts over."

To rewind time, Du-man pulls the trigger of his revolver.



Revolve

Lee Jongkwan

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Sister

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“Million Dollar Kids,” the beginning of the case

Jang-yi was a child star who became famous on “Million Dollar Kids,” a reality TV program aired about ten years ago that featured celebrity couples raising their children. Ten years have passed since the two sisters got separated after their mother died in an accident. The two fell out of touch when the younger sister left with the father and the older one went to live with the grandparents. The older sister Seon-yi comes back home for the first time in ten years after she hears that the younger one Jang-yi disappeared after murdering a classmate who was starring in a porn video. She is shocked to find out that Jang-yi was living by herself for eight years without their father.

What happened to Jang-yi at that time?

Seon-yi is faced with even more shocking truths while trying to track her sister—their father is locked up in a remote mental institution. Surveillance cameras are all over the house. A deranged young man who says he loves Jang-yi attacks her. A homeless old man says he has been spying on Jang-yi. Her classmates have been forcing Jang-yi to star in a porn video. An online identity named Cheetah threatens to expose Jang-yi’s terrible secrets. However, there is more to come.

The appearance of Jang-yi’s many mothers

Seon-yi discovers that there is an online fan site dedicated to her sister while tracking a young woman looming around Jang-yi. She is shocked to find out that Jang-yi always had a mother around, and to be more exact, she had more than one mother. They were online mothers who became obsessed with children on the reality TV

The younger sister disappears after murdering a classmate who was shooting a pornographic video. The older sister tries to unveil the dark truth behind the case to find her sister.

programs. Since Jang-yi had become neglected and left without care, they started to approach her in real life.

Can Jang-yi be saved in time?

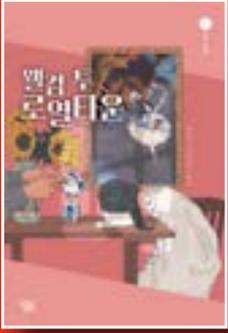
Seon-yi goes to see her father in the mental institution and learns the truth about Jang-yi’s so-called mothers. She goes after the mothers to find out that there were terrible child abuse and a conspiracy to cover up the dirty deeds. Time is running out for Jang-yi as she may be dying somewhere out there at this moment.



Sister

Lee Duon

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Welcome to Royal Town

KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

Translated in Thailand

A dead body found in Royal Town, a luxurious residential place for Korea's top 0.01% earners

Won Sey-kwon is a CEO who made a tremendous fortune through successful M&A projects thanks to his remarkable insights in the 1990s. One day, a dead body is found in the main building of Royal Town, a luxurious residential place for only top 0.01% of Koreans, built by Chairman Won.

Detective Park and police officer Shin Hyeon-soo undertake this murder case. Detective Park interrogates the identity of the dead body to the security manager, who is the first witness of the scene. The manager answers that the dead person may have been a nursing assistant who's worked in the VIP ward of the main building. The moment he utters her name, Hyeon-soo turns pale.

Dark secret of the "girl that everyone loved"

After the fingerprint identification, the dead person is identified as Yu Saet-byeol, a 20-year-old nursing assistant. Hyeon-soo can't believe it's Saet-byeol, who grew up with her like a real sister in the same orphanage. She doesn't accept that Saet-byeol committed suicide and struggles to find out the real cause of her friend's death. However, there's no evidence of murder.

As Hyeon-soo begins an in-depth investigation, the young nursing assistant, who was known as a bright, smart, and lovely girl before, is labeled as a suspect of theft who owns expensive cameras and enjoys extravagant hobbies. On top of all this, suspicion is raised that she had a "special relationship" with Chairman Won or other residents of the premium suites. Even "paper narcotics" are discovered in the articles left by Saet-byeol.

Text message from the dead spread across the funeral venue

In relation to the accusation of theft, Detective Park immediately senses there's been falsified testimony by the Royal Town residents, but he cannot be overly aggressive in continuing the investigation due to the lack of evidence. The only thing he can do is wait for the autopsy results from the National Forensic Service.

On the day the body of Saet-byeol parts from Royal Town after autopsy, a text

A girl is found dead at Royal Town, a luxurious residential complex.

message is sent to all the people at the ceremony, which says, "I am not dead."

Another murder case

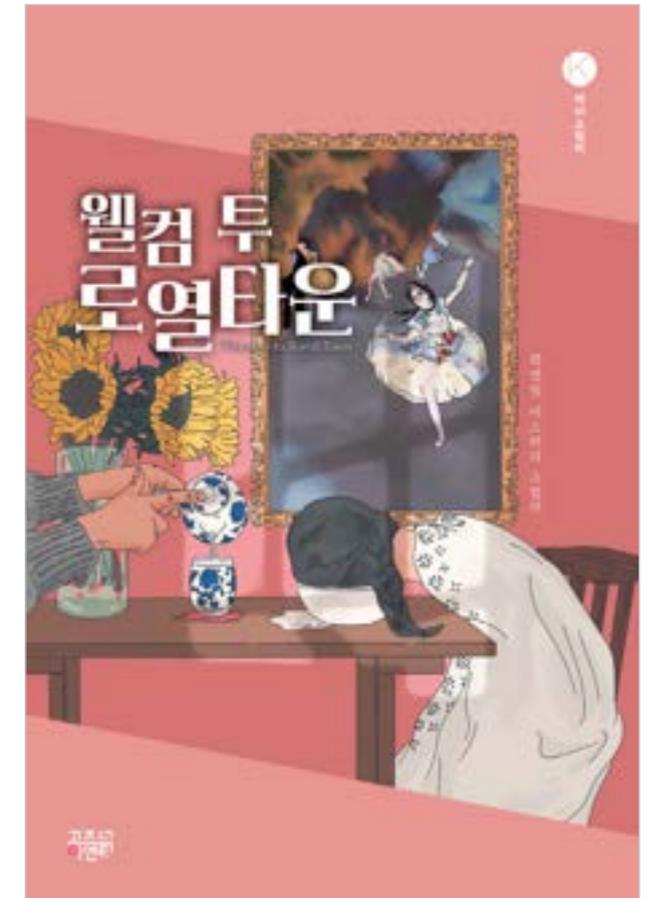
While investigating everyone who received the text message, Detective Park and Hyeon-soo meet a suspicion regarding the birth of Saet-byeol.

Suddenly, the security manager, who had doubts on her death more than anyone, is murdered.

How is this murder related to the death of Saet-byeol? And who is the culprit?

Unbelievable things

One day, Jenny, a friend of Saet-byeol and daughter of Chief Director, contacts Detective Park. She says that the entire Royal Town community, including herself, drove Saet-byeol to death. What's the truth behind her death and the people around her? The true faces of those around Saet-byeol are about to be revealed. They are far more dreadful than those of complete strangers.



Welcome to Royal Town

Kwak Youngim

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Reborn

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In the best time of life, a child appears from the past

A celebrity couple Ji-young and Seok-hoon have a child, Gi-hwan. He is a “reborn child,” meaning a reincarnated child who has no philtrum and remembers his previous life. As time passed, Gi-hwan grows up, but unlike other children, he doesn’t speak. On his fifth birthday, he speaks for the first time. He says Jeonghoe Village which he sees on TV is his “real home.” Ji-young and Seok-hoon go to the village, which has been ruined, to meet Mi-yeon and Mi-do. Then they find out about the tragedy that occurred in the village 20 years ago.

Perhaps it may be a seed of tragedy

Mi-do reveals the truth of the incident that happened in the village. Twenty years before, Mi-do’s father and older brother died in the incident. Mi-do senses that the incident is closely related to reborn children. So she plans to use a reborn child, Gi-hwan to publicize what happened in the past at village. However, around that time, Gi-hwan is kidnapped. The kidnapper, who was once Mi-do’s good neighbor, tells her a story about a lump of meat that Mi-do’s dad bought to treat his neighbors. It was non-perishable processed meat that is traded in slums for a cheaper price. The kidnapper states that this piece of meat may have been the seed of the tragedy.

What is the memory from the previous life that the child with no philtrum tries to hide?

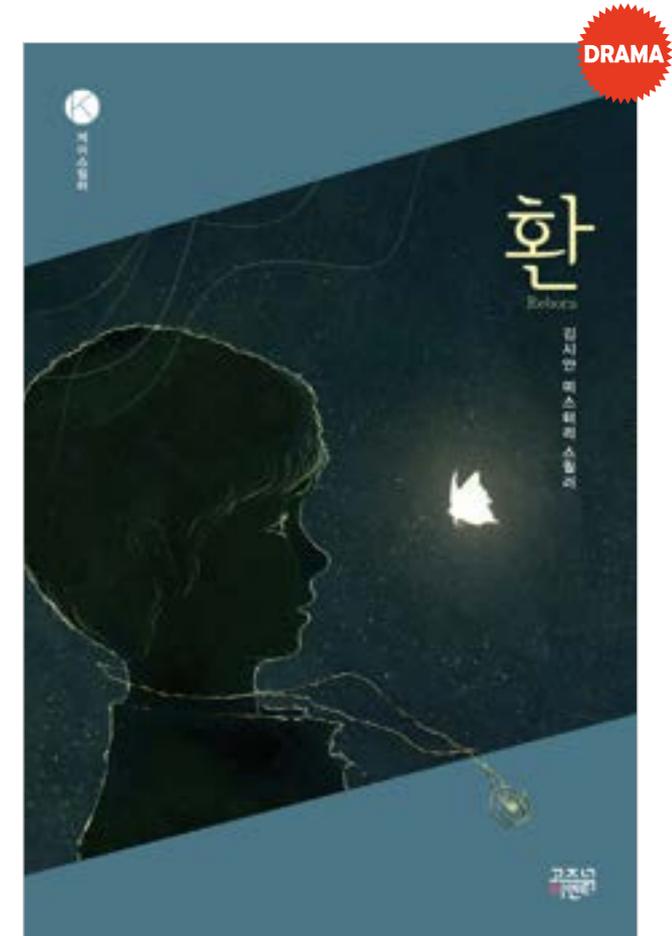
The conflict between Ji-young and Seok-hoon about their son reaches its peak. Seok-hoon gets deeply confused and makes a wrong decision by the persuasion of a guy from the Society of Conservation Science for Reborn Children’s Memory—to extract Gi-hwan’s milk teeth. Reborn children lose their memories when they lose their milk teeth, but if their milk teeth are forcefully extracted, it may affect their growth because their memories get all mixed up. Gi-hwan manages to escape from Seok-hoon and arrives at Jeonghoe Village. Gi-hwan spends a peaceful time there with

A baby without a philtrum, who remembers its previous life, is born to the happy couple Ji-young and Seok-hoon.

Mi-do and Mi-yeon for couple of days, but Seok-hoon traces him and takes him back home. Gi-hwan decided to pass himself out in order to not say anything. To wake up an unconscious child from the abyss, his name from the previous life should be called. The past that the child refuses to recall should be restored, and what the child wants to forget should be identified.

All the sins of those involved in the tragedy should be disclosed

Mi-do and Ji-young try to dig up the past, while those who are sinful hide the past in fear. Finally, Ji-young and Mi-do pluck up courage and reveal the truth of the incident of 20 years ago. At the center of the incident was Yun Tae-seok, the director of Reborn Child Memory Storage Bureau and Won-seok, father of Seok-hoon. Gi-hwan comes to his senses by being called as his previous name, and loses the memories from his previous life. People realize that problem is not the reborn children who need to be silent, but the grown-ups who didn’t take proper care of them.



Reborn
Kim Shian

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Yangja Project

KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

The dead husband comes back, exactly the same as he was 28 years ago

Park Yangja became the owner of a porcelain kiln site called Jeong Yo after the death of her young husband. Now, she plans to finally sell off Jeong Yo that has been a pain in the neck, and to live a new life with her son Jeong Dong-min, who is going to be a renowned brain scientist in the future. However, she encounters unexpected someone she never wanted to see again, and never thought she could. It's none other than her husband who died 28 years before!

A never-ending nightmare even after endless killing

Yangja murdered her husband to conceal her secret and secretly buried the body. But as if being punished by God, she also ends up getting murdered. Since then, a series of new nightmares begin!

Strangely, although she was dead, she wakes up to face the day when her husband comes back. Yangja struggles to avoid her own death by all means, but she's repeatedly killed and then wakes up again. Trapped in a terrible loop, Yangja faces the dark side of the past that she never wanted to reveal.

Revealing truth of the nightmare

Exhausted and desperate, Yangja is approached by a strange foreigner. He introduces himself as Michael and lets her know that her son Dong-min is also trapped in a loop. She sets out to escape from her "day" and plunges herself into her son's never-ending loop to save him.

However, soon she realizes that her son was the one who made her get trapped in her endless day. In fact, Dong-min believed that his mother Yangja murdered his father and it ruined his life as well. While having an argument with his mother, Dong-min mistakenly pushed Yangja from a staircase which led her being in a coma. He felt guilty and in the effort to wake her up, attempted to connect his brain with hers as

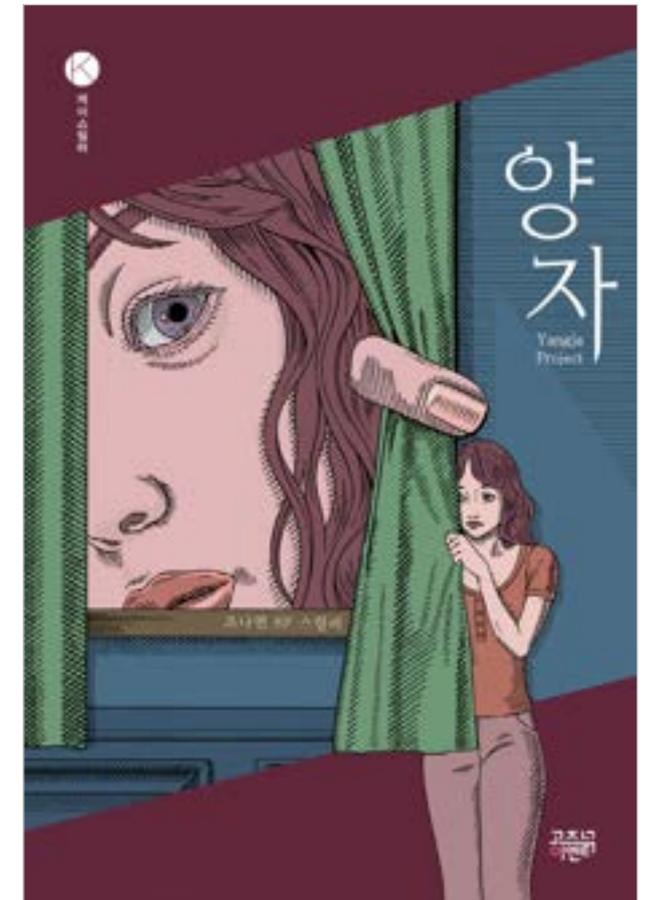
On the day that she re-lives repeatedly, Yangja needs to kill her husband, who died 28 years ago, again.

part of consciousness sharing project he'd been working on.

Understanding and repenting

Although Yangja and Dong-min were in conflict due to their own selfishness, the two look into each other's memories through the consciousness sharing project and finally understand each other. Then, Michael turns out to be a hacking virus that's trying to steal Dong-min's project, putting them into a crisis. When Dong-min tries to save Yangja by sacrificing himself, Yangja pounces on Michael and gobbles him up. Yangja completely fused into the hacking program and terminates herself to save her son.

Although Dong-min escapes safely, he loses all the memories of his mother as she deleted herself. With a vague longing for his mother, Dong-min introduces his project called "Yangja" to the world.



Yangja Project

Cho Nayeon

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The Acquaintance

Novel by the Author of <The Missing People>

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Kidnapping

Late at night, a car accident occurs. Do Kyung-soo, a criminal psychologist, drags out his feet from the car to check what happened. All of a sudden, he is kidnapped by unidentified assailants.

He is now locked in a narrow space surrounded by gray walls. He screams and yells, but no one replies. After a while, he hears someone's footsteps. A bottle of water and some foods are provided through a small window at the bottom of an iron gate. Kyung-soo talks at the person behind the gate, but they just walk away without a word.

Suspect profiling

Do Kyung-soo closes his eyes. What comes to mind is only one thing: Who kidnapped him? After becoming a police officer, he expected there would be many who would hold a grudge against him. But after he quit from being a cop, he didn't think that would be the case anymore. His expectation betrays him. After being famous as a criminal psychologist, he faces even more threats.

He recalls the usual suspects from over the years. After a long time of reckoning, he narrows the suspects down to three people. Yet, he cannot be sure which one it is.

Escaping

Three days have passed after being locked in. The kidnappers have yet to make a move. The only thing Kyung-soo can do is to eat the meals they give him. He feels a tingling pain whenever he slightly turns his right shoulder. It seems that his injury from the car accident has gotten worse. He intentionally rams his shoulder into a wall. And that night, he pleads in pain toward the surveillance camera. The gate that has been shut for three days opens. The kidnappers appear. They examine him and try to inject him with some painkiller. At that moment, Kyung-soo launches a counterattack and succeeds in escaping from captivity.

A criminal who has the same face as me is threatening me and my family.

He flees from the house in the middle of a forest and runs down the cold mountain path in a frenzy. After a while, he reaches the highway. A car approaches. He flags it down. He explains to the driver what happened and gets into the passenger's seat. Somehow the interior of the car feels familiar. He immediately senses that he is carried away in his own car. He turns and looks at the driver's face to face his own. Now he knows who the culprit is.

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Several years before, Kyung-soo's son killed a girl in the underground parking lot of their apartment building. Kyung-soo hid the girl's body and accused another person using his profession as a profiler. The man who has the same face as him is the girl's father. Kyung-soo is chased by the man with his face over and over. Consumed by guilt and fear, he decides to give everything up. Then, an unbelievable truth is unveiled: His son was not the real culprit.



The Acquaintance

Noh Hyodoo

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Family Idea

Translated in Russia

Won-hyung is obsessed with a virtual reality game

Who is the real Won-hyung between the one who's eager to take over his family business and the timid young man who lives in a shabby rental infested with cockroaches and is preparing for the civil servant exam? One Won-hyung wants a family to be like a good business partner. The other Won-hyung wants a harmonious family abundant in love and affection. Frustrated by reality and obsessed with desire, the two Won-hyungs are in a dilemma where neither knows what to do.

Sang-won sets out on revenge for his daughter

Everything was going well, but then his daughter died. Now Sang-won's perfect life lacks one thing. Sang-won, who raised his daughter as a single father, is in deep despair after his daughter dies in an accident. He abandons his business and pledges revenge. He meets his daughter again in virtual reality and carries out his revenge step by step. The child who led his daughter to death and the child's family who gave a birth to the child are social evil in Sang-won's eyes, and they should be eliminated.

Won-mi's dream comes true

Ji-hee is a bright girl with whom Won-mi wants to be friends but can't. Won-mi truly likes Ji-hee and hopes for her happiness, but envies her at the same time. She wants to live the life of Ji-hee. Won-mi's one and only dream is to become Ji-hee. Then an opportunity to realize that dream is given to her. With jealousy in her heart, Won-mi realizes her dream. Won-mi is at a crossroads between remaining in the world of her fantasy or returning to reality.

Won-hyung is absorbed in the virtual reality game, Family Idea, in which players can select their families. The protagonist faces a shocking reality of what is family, society, and reality.

Facing the stark reality of a perfect world in Family Idea

Family Idea, a game for everyone, has been launched. In this game, people can find an ideal family or help children who were abandoned by their family in the real world. This is a truly beautiful game that has the best of intentions. But what is the truth behind this game?

Reality and virtual reality, the two worlds co-exist from the beginning

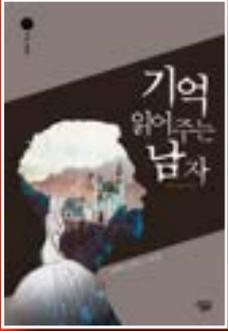
Sang-won suggests that Won-hyung, who has come to reveal the truth, do one thing: let go of the past go and manage Family Idea together. Now Won-hyung is on the precipice between VR and reality. He has to choose whether to deny the truth of reality and live in VR splendor or give up everything and uncover the truth. His choice brings about unexpected consequences. In the virtual reality of Family Idea, he becomes a hero who saves his family, and in the real world, he becomes a prisoner who seeks comfort in a meta room.



Family Idea

Jang Haerim

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Memory Man

Novel by the Author of <My Precious Ghost-In A-Jar>

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Vanished memory, suspicious fiancé

Waking up in an unfamiliar place, Song Ha-yun remembers that she had a car accident, and that's the only thing she remembers. She has lost all of her other memories. A man who claims to be her fiancé shows up before her. His name is Cheon Jae-hu, the heir to Hwi-seong, one of the largest IT companies in South Korea. But Ha-yun cannot trust him. Everything about him, including the man himself, seems too perfect and unreal. In order to find the truth, Ha-yun begins investigating the accident she had.

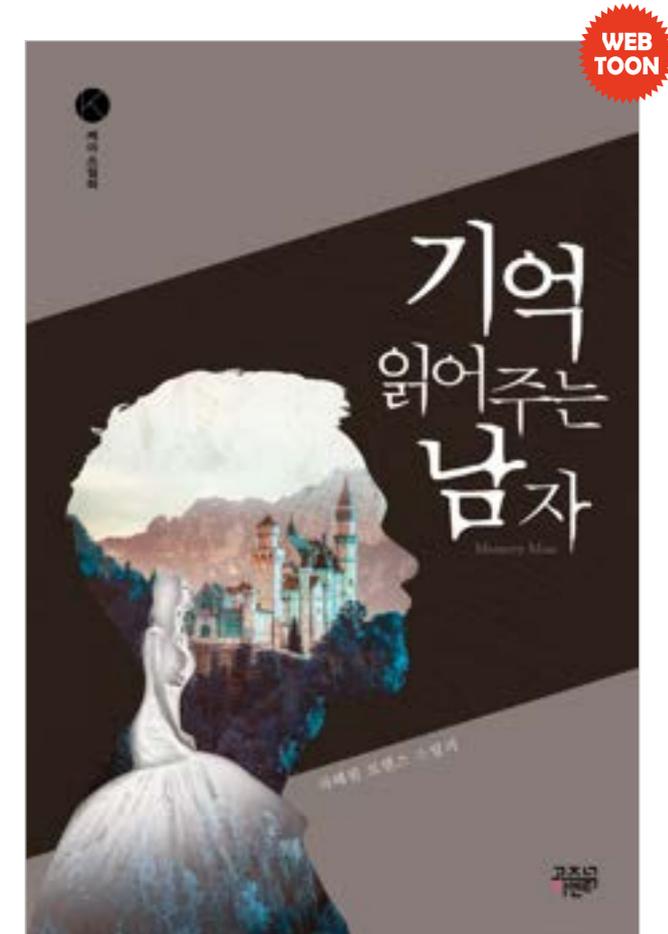
Somebody is lying

Ha-yun stumbles upon an unimaginable fact. Cheon Jae-hu has provided Ha-yun all a body of false information about her birthday, occupation, family members, and address. Ha-yun begins to question everything around her, not just Cheon Jaehu. Then she receives a mysterious envelope. In it she finds her ID card with a different name—Han Jae-kyung. She wonders if that's her real name. Ha-yun visits the address on the ID. She discovers from the evidence left in the house that tells she was obsessed with investigating Cheon Jae-hu secretly before the accident. She remembers that Song Ha-yun is a fake ID that she made up to use Cheon Jae-hu who is an heir to a big company.

A woman has lost her memory. A man tries to bring it back.
A romantic, emotional thriller about their search for the truth.

Her memory hasn't really vanished?

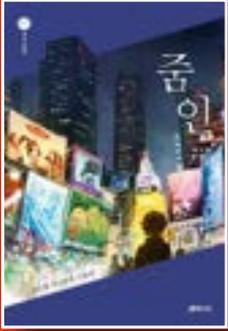
Although all the evidence says that she is a fraud, Ha-yun goes to see Jae-hu again to confirm their love for each other. But Dr. Nam, Cheon Jae-hu's family doctor who helped with Ha-yun's therapy, informs her of the cruel fact that her memory didn't vanish accidentally. Someone erased it. Moreover, one of the primary research projects Hwi-seong is implanting memory to Artificial Intelligence. Ha-yun realizes that she could be a test subject for their experiments. If that's the case, why did she carry out such an exhaustive investigation on Cheon Jae-hu? Am I Song Ha-yun or Han Jae-kyung? The gate to the truth is still firmly closed. But the hidden truth must be revealed.



Memory Man

Ra Hyewon

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Zoom In

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Counseling takes place after a strange request and the serial killer's game begins

"Please make her confess who hired her."

Su-yeong, professor of criminology and counseling psychologist, receives a private commission to be the counselor to Yeom Seok-hui who is arrested on charges of murdering seventeen people. It is not the police or persecution but an incumbent National Assemblyman, Park Tae-hwang, who made this request. He believes someone ordered Seok-hui to assault him.

For some reason, Su-yeong takes the job. But Seok-hui turns their counseling session into a game. Su-yeong must elicit a confession from Seok-hui for the sake of the victims. So she posts riddles online of which Seok-hui asked her to find the answers from.

My daughter is the assistant to a serial killer?

With the help of the netizens, Su-yeong gets a confession by winning that "game." Thus she gets Seok-hui's testimony about the murder. Several days later, she receives an odd piece of information. To verify whether the inform is true, she meets Seok-hui and discovers that she is up to something dangerous. Su-yeong tries to notify the police investigator right away but hears something totally unexpected from Seok-hui—that her assistant is in close proximity to Su-yeong.

"Yeom Seok-hui, where is my daughter now?"

Look for the eighteenth victim!

Seok-hui escapes from the convoy bus and flees to the city of Yeonnam that gets blockaded. She then proposes another "game" to Su-yeong—to find the hidden eighteenth victim in a given time. Su-yeong must win the game to save her daughter, Yeong-ji, who is with the killer.

Su-yeong is dragged to a space set up like a stage and gathers clues to seek for

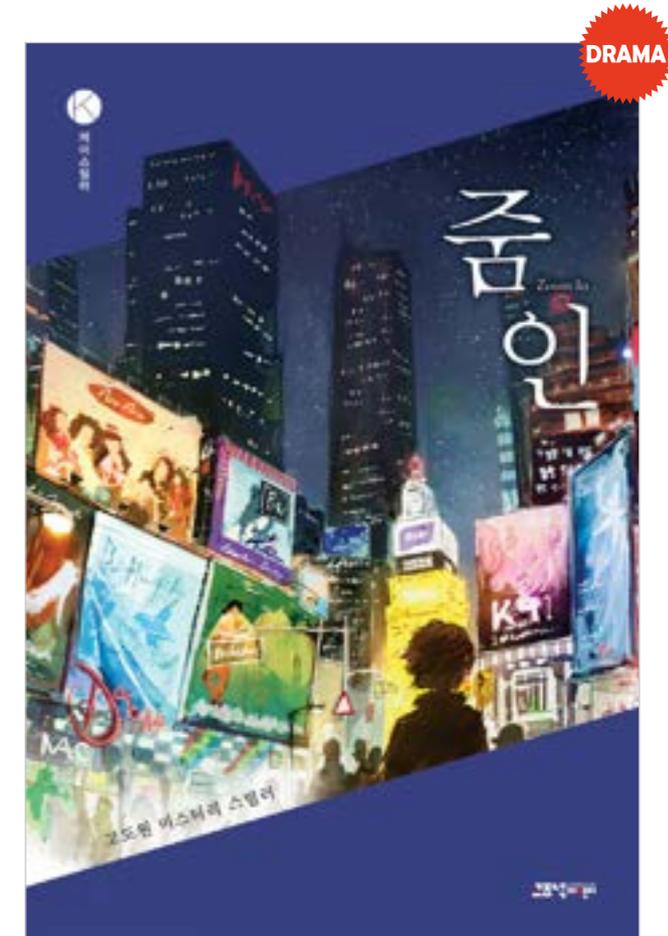
The mind battle between a serial killer who is awaiting a trial for capital punishment and her criminal psychologist.

the victim's whereabouts. But what becomes evident is that, the eighteenth victim is actually not a victim but a murderer who evaded the net of investigation after committing an organized murder.

Should she remain as an innocent victim or a killer?

Seok-hui wanted to use Su-yeong to expose the long hidden existence of the organization and the covered-up cases of murder. What Su-yeong discovered from Seok-hui's riddle was not her daughter, but a record of all the horrifying things that her daughter went through. Su-yeong points the gun at the assailant whom Seok-hui identified as the eighteenth victim and the perpetrator of Yeong-ji. "What do you think will happen to that son of a bitch when he gets out alive? He's in a wreck—how do you think he's going to handle his rage?"

Should she make her daughter live a life as a fugitive who should be running away from the perpetrator for good or should she bring an end to it all, here and now? As the mother of Yeong-ji, Su-yeong has to make the best decision.



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The Evaporated Woman

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KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

Su-wan who lost everything gets an unexpected chance

Twenty-nine-year-old Oh Su-wan, an amateur actress has a plain appearance and a humble background. On the day of her first audition that she has been waiting for, her live-in boyfriend vanishes with all her money. Pregnant to boot, she misses out on her casting opportunity. She arrives at the Pilates Center where she works part-time and by accident she meets Heo Gyeong-jin who is an executive of a conglomeration and also married to one of the richest families in the country. She makes a proposal to Su-wan that she just cannot turn down—that is to play the role of “Heo Nam-gyeong,” her dead younger sister.

There should be no secret between us from now on

Su-wan has no other choice but to hide her pregnancy and acquiesces to Gyeong-jin's covert contract. She gets a full economic support for three months from her and eradicating her entire history to become Gyeong-jin's sister, Nam-gyeong, by imitating her look, walk, and habits. Little by little, she becomes accustomed to the cozy and comfortable upper class lifestyle. Born again as Nam-gyeong, she is asked to make appearance before Gyeong-jin's husband, Jun-seok, pretending to have arrived from Germany. But when Gyeong-jin finds out that Su-wan had concealed her pregnancy, she calls off the plan. Su-wan, who is now driven into a corner, breaks the agreement.

Su-wan cannot get off the stage if she wants to save her child

She gets into another bizarre contract to play the role of the sister and secret surrogate mother of Gyeong-jin who failed to get pregnant during her ten-year marriage. But Su-wan, who is unable to trust Gyeong-jin whole-heartedly, meets Jun-seok in secret—only to have a miscarriage when she falls into his trap. Su-wan is now getting afraid of Gyeong-jin who still keeps calling her “Nam-gyeong,” even though everything has become irreversible. Su-wan, who chose to erase herself to

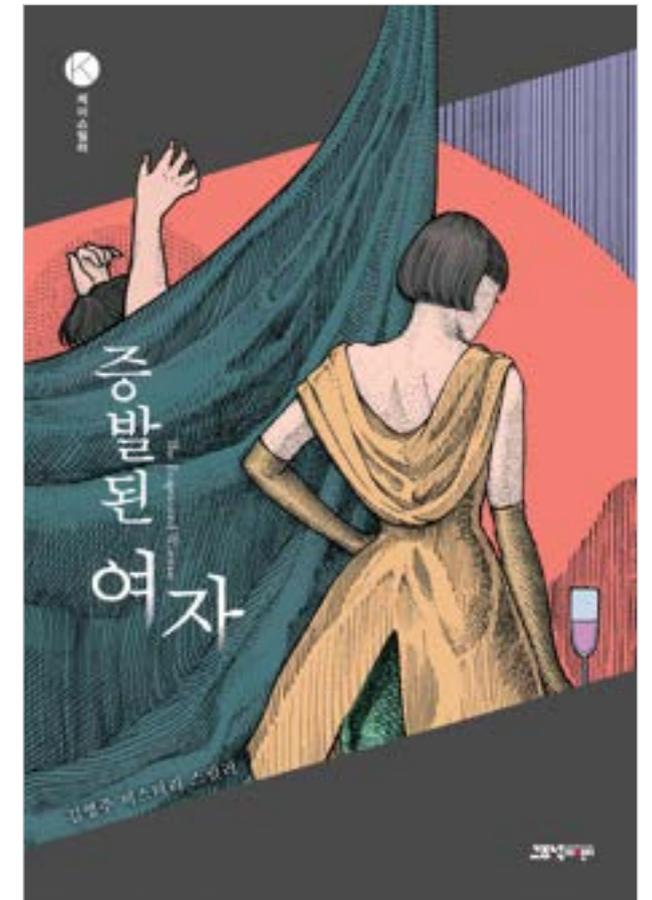
Her final choice is to die then to be reborn!

A psychological thriller of two women who are caught up in disguise, deception, and risky desires.

live someone else's life, and the woman who struggles to recover her vanished life through Su-wan—and her flaming desire reaches an apex.

On the day I erased myself I found out why I had to recover my life

When Su-wan sees what Gyeong-jin's real motivation is, she is shocked and tries to undo everything. But her real identity “Oh Su-Wan” gets accused of murder by Gyeong-jin and is forever effaced from the world. Gyeong-jin is the only person who can now validate Su-wan's identity and redeem her. When Su-wan realizes someone has to make a sacrifice in order to bring their “play” to an end—she begins to fully immerse herself in the role for survival.



The Evaporated Woman

Kim Youngju

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The Abandoned

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KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

Please be my guardian for 2.8 million won a month

Yeo-gyeong, who is released on parole, is offered the role of a substitute mother and guardian of impertinent nine-year-old Hae-na who is suffering from juvenile diabetes. She does not understand why but Hae-na must leave South Korea before winter is over. Although they develop a warm rapport, they do not probe into each other's life but carry out their role faithfully.

Repeated ten-minute silent, harassing phone calls and death of the mother

Yeo-gyeong keeps getting calls from a person with a blocked caller ID and who remains silent for ten minutes then hangs up. One day, she gets a message relevant to her mother's death. She tracks down the identity of the anonymous caller and finds out her mother and Hae-na are linked somehow. What could be the connection between nine-year-old Hae-na who address her as mom, auntie, and elder sister and Yeo-gyeong's mother who abandoned her and was discovered dead from drug addiction nine years later in a luxury hotel?

Desire turns him from a guardian to a surveillant

Meanwhile, Chang-su, the probation officer, finds out that Yeo-gyeong's job is playing a role of the substitute mother for Hae-na and while keeping an eye on both of them, he finds out Hae-na lives alone in a big mansion in the outskirts of Seoul and that there is a big bag filled with cash inside the house. Severely strapped for money, Chang-su hesitates at first but decides to visit the house where Hae-na lives alone.

Nine-year-old Hae-na who lives by herself and Yeo-gyeong who signs a contract to be her substitute mother. Frightening attention is given to these two who would rather be left alone.

The child does not want to belong to anyone so she will not be deserted

The infant Hae-na was "delivered" to the orphanage alongside take-out Chinese food. She underwent the terrible experience of being abandoned by her foster parents twice. And her third foster parents left her as well after a while despite her frantic struggle to win their love. Desperate not to be deserted, Hae-na conceals the deaths of her foster parents and a different secret as well in the cold mansion. The spring that will reveal the truths sealed off in icy weather is coming. Aided by Yeo-gyeong, Hae-na wants to leave South Korea as soon as possible.



The Abandoned

Pyeon Jiahn

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Perfume & Nostalgia

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Her flawless secret

Jeong Tae-hui's life is perfect, for she has everything. She is beautiful with refined hobbies. She has a loving husband who makes good money and a loveable son. Not only that, she and her family have moved into a majestic living complex praised as a work of art and live a peaceful and comfortable life. Everyone is envious of her but her flawless life is nothing but a deception. Then she gets a perfumed letter containing nicotine. She is struck with anxiety when she sees her old name that she abandoned when she fled from the island sixteen years ago. Tae-hui who thought she was freed of her past gets a nightmarish call by her friends from Mueok Island.

Friends from Mueok Island, who could have sent the perfume?

Ji-hye with leadership, Myeong-ju who is brusque but loyal, Su-rim who's cheerful and cute, and affable Eun-yeung—are her friends from the Island and they bring a false charge against Tae-hui—that she was responsible for making Kim Se-gyeong, a transfer student, fall into a coma sixteen years ago. They demand money from her and even approach her family. But there is no one among them who sent Tae-hui the perfume. Tae-hui pretends to heed to their demand but tries to make bad blood between them. She and her friends blackmail each other but whoever has more to lose will be defeated. Tae-hui faces a crisis again and while her plan for vengeance fails, Se-gyeong, who was supposedly dead, shows up.

I won't let them get away with it

Se-gyeong takes revenge on each of her friends from Mueok Island while slowly stifling Tae-hui by taking advantage of her weakness. Anxious Tae-hui has no choice but to side with Ji-hye in order to fight back against Se-gyeong. While the two women

The friends she grew up with on Mueok Island pay her a visit after sixteen years, hiding a trap with which they are going to smother her.

are investigating Se-gyeong's travel agency, which dominates the businesses on Mueok Island, they discover a peculiar nursing home. Ji-hye sneaks into it first but soon loses touch with Tae-hui and Tae-hui gets caught by her husband when she tries to get there.

Perfume and nostalgia

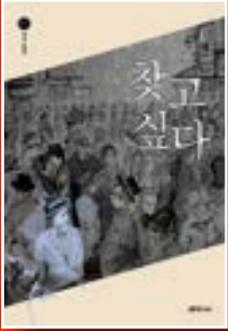
Tae-hui's husband uses in physical violence against her, saying she violated their marriage contract and sets out to control her life with onerous conditions; that she would not engage in SNS activities; she would change her name; she would not meet her friends. Tae-hui fights against him in order to protect their son and to free herself from his tyranny. She discards the name "Jeong Tae-hui" that served as a shadow to her husband and heads for Mueok Island for her final battle. She is determined to find the actual person who sent her the perfume and to bring everything back to its proper place.



Perfume & Nostalgia

Lee Sujin

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The Missing People

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KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

The unidentifiable detective

Jeong Sang-hun, the protagonist, lost his daughter sixteen years ago. He went all over the country with his wife, posting flyers, but could not find her. Two years ago when his wife died of stomach cancer, he promised himself that even if he fails to find his daughter, he should track down the killer of his daughter.

Then one day, he gets a phone call. The modulated voice on the other side of the smart phone does not have any intonation. He introduces himself as Detective Ko and said he would find Sang-hun's daughter. A few days later, they meet in a park in the city. Detective Ko, disguised as an old man, gives Sang-hun a mysterious look and says he knows the suspect who vanished with his daughter sixteen years ago.

The female police investigator is after the private detective

Park Jin-hee, the chief of the investigation for unsolved cases at the Busan Police Department, discovers torn pieces of paper in the remains of the victim's parents. She puts them together to see that it was a personal services contract that shows a large sum of money was invested to finding the most probable suspect for the unsolved case.

Park Jin-hee seeks out "Detective Ko," who signed the contract with the victim's parents. But no matter how hard she tries, she cannot identify him. Just when she is about to give up the investigation, she meets someone who knows something about him—thereby providing a new clue for the case.

The suspect is found

Inside the head of Ko Nam-jun, there are several "compartments." In one of them,

It is imperative to believe in the person everyone is suspicious of, in order to find daughter who went missing sixteen years ago.

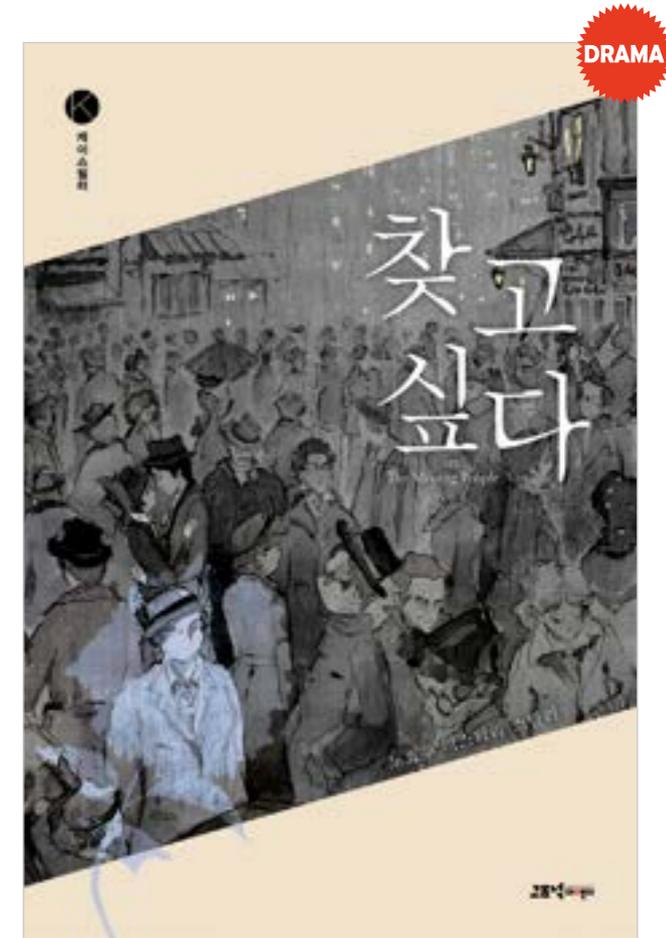
there are montages of the missing children and the suspects of violent crimes. He has a special ability to remember the face he saw briefly a long time ago and to recognize a person by the distinguished feature of the face.

One day, a face of man comes up on his mind. He searches through his compartment and is certain that it is the same face as that of the suspect for "the missing child, Jeong Jin-gyeong case," sixteen years ago. He scrutinizes the man for several days and is positive that he is the culprit.

Really...you have found the criminal?

Sang-hun gets all excited at seeing the photo. The man in the picture surely has the same look as the montage drawn sixteen years ago. The case of his daughter had been on the news a number of times. If the man was truly the culprit, then he will certainly recognize the face of the victim's father.

A few hours later, Jeong comes face to face with the man he had been after for so long.



The Missing People

Noh Hyodoo

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Unknown People

Novel by the Author of <The Red Tropical Fish>

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Home sweet home

After getting divorced, Eun-su left for America with her daughter Su-a. Three years later she decides to return to South Korea. They can't wait to go home, but Eun-su's parents are away on business. Having no better choice, Eun-su decides to live in their empty house with Su-a.

My parents, who raised me with love, kidnapped my child!

One day Eun-su realizes that Su-a is missing when she came home from the grocery store. Eun-su searches frantically for her daughter and receives a message that her parents took Su-a. Shocked, Eun-su quickly calls her parents, but they don't answer the phone. But when she receives the photo of Su-a sent by her parents, Eun-su is relieved. While waiting for her parent's call, strange things begin to take place around Eun-su. A stranger greets her as if they were acquaintances. A security guard gives her a strange mobile phone saying that it is hers. An old college friend shows her a photo, saying that they saw each other in previous year. In confusion, she receives a letter from her parents. It says, "Su-a is well. Don't worry about her. Send us some money." After pondering upon the situation, Eun-su asks her ex-husband for help.

One summer I returned to South Korea and then my daughter disappeared. It has been three years since my divorce. The suspects are my parents, the people who raised me. They kidnapped my child!

Who am I? Who is she?

Her ex-husband Yeon-ho tells Eun-su a shocking truth, which drives Eun-su to a situation in which she can trust no one but herself. Upon running into a woman whose face is identical to her own, Eun-su chases after her, but she narrowly misses her. Eun-su and Yeon-ho begin to track down the truth. Learning that all these incidents are related to Eun-su's childhood, they trace the past. Who took her daughter? Who am I? Who is she? She has to suspect everyone if she wants to get her daughter back!



Unknown People

Kim Nayoung

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When the Piano Rings

Novel by the Author of <Meteor Hunter>

Artists' spasms

Baek Dong-u, a South Korean pianist, successfully makes his debut at Carnegie Hall, which was his lifelong dream. But when the performance is about to reach the climax, he cannot help but to stop without finishing it due to spasms in his left hand. While he, in despair, is in his waiting room, he has a strange visitor. The man says he kidnapped one of Dong-u's fans and demands him to perform at Carnegie Hall within two months if he wants to save the fan's life. The man leaves after making this weird demand. On top of that, Dong-u has a different problem that has been troubling him—he recently lost touch with his wife. Dong-u hurries himself to return to his country.

His missing wife

When Dong-u arrives home, he finds that his wife is missing. So he meets up Mr. Curly Hair, who is the husband of Jeong Yul-mi—his wife's only friend. Mr. Curly Hair informs him that their wives are travelling together. But then Jeong Yul-mi is found dead the next day, having drowned.

A series of suicides or serial murders?

Baek Dong-u hears that his wife recently had a row with Jeong Yul-mi and suspects his wife for her death. Jeong Yul-mi is the last person that Dong-u's wife talked to on phone right before she went missing. Furthermore, Dong-u faces the cases of serial murders disguised as suicides. What's shocking is all the victims were killed right after they attended Baek Dong-u's recitals.

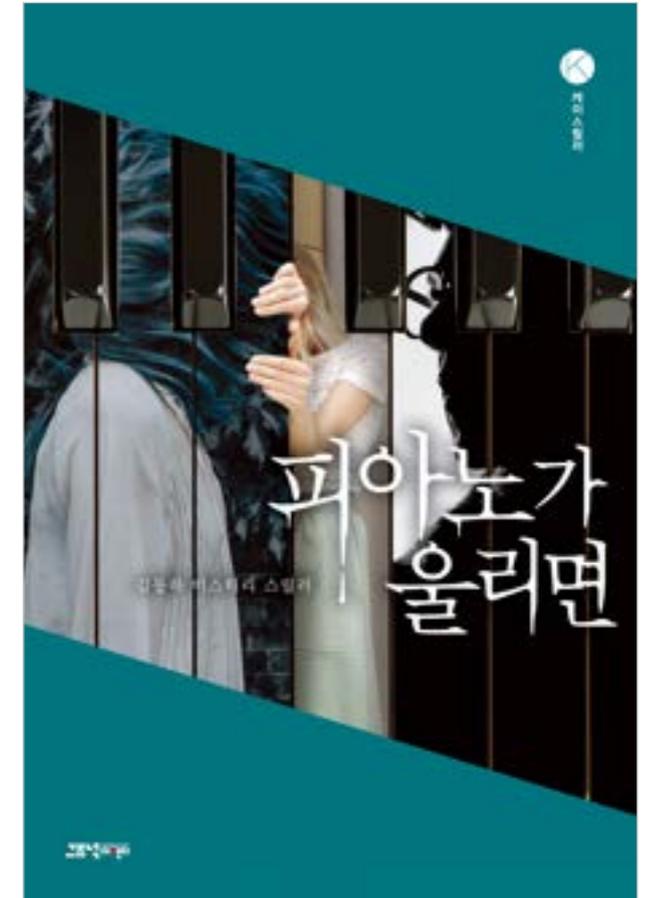
When the piano reverberates, someone is killed. A fateful confrontation between a genius pianist and a psychopath killer!

His wife's homosexuality

Because the victims were killed after attending his concerts, Baek Dong-u becomes a suspect. Checking his wife's SNS, he learns that Jeong Yul-mi blackmailed his wife. Wondering Mr. Curly Hair is aware of the blackmail, he, with difficulty, manages to obtain Mr. Curly Hair's mobile phone. It contains a video of Ha Jiha, his wife, having sex with Jeong Yulmi.

Sarpa Salpa, a murderer who shows dreams

Receiving an anonymous call, Baek Dong-u goes to a lesbian club in Itaewon, Seoul. There is his wife who he desperately looks for with his own agent Yun-seul. And the true identity of Director Choi, a psychopathic psychiatrist known as Sarpa Salpa, is revealed.



When the Piano Rings

Kim Dongha

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Bad Mom

3rd Prize in K-Thriller Writers Contest | BIFF E-IP Market Selection

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Reunited after 20 years

It is in the cancer center at a university hospital where Yeong-do meets his mom Cheong-ok after 20 years. They have drifted apart as they haven't seen each other for so long. Cheong-ok has only three months to live. But there's something more important than mom's death sentence. Yeong-do, in order to resolve a long-standing issue, begins to search for "the thing" while tracing the story of Cheong-ok's life.

A letter from prison

Ho-yeon is an ordinary student who is looking for work. One day she receives a mysterious letter. It's from Jun-mi, her biological mother, whom she thought died long ago. She is still in prison and hoping to reunite with her daughter after 20 years. Initially, Ho-yeon is shocked to learn that her mother is a murderer, and is soon puzzled by her mother's message that tells her to see Michelle.

After a long, winding road

While digging into Jun-mi's 20-year-old murder case, Ho-yeon searches for Michelle. Meanwhile, Yeong-do begins to investigate Cheong-ok's former affairs. After a long, winding road, Yeong-do and Ho-yeon's lives intersect, and that intersection is where Michelle is found.

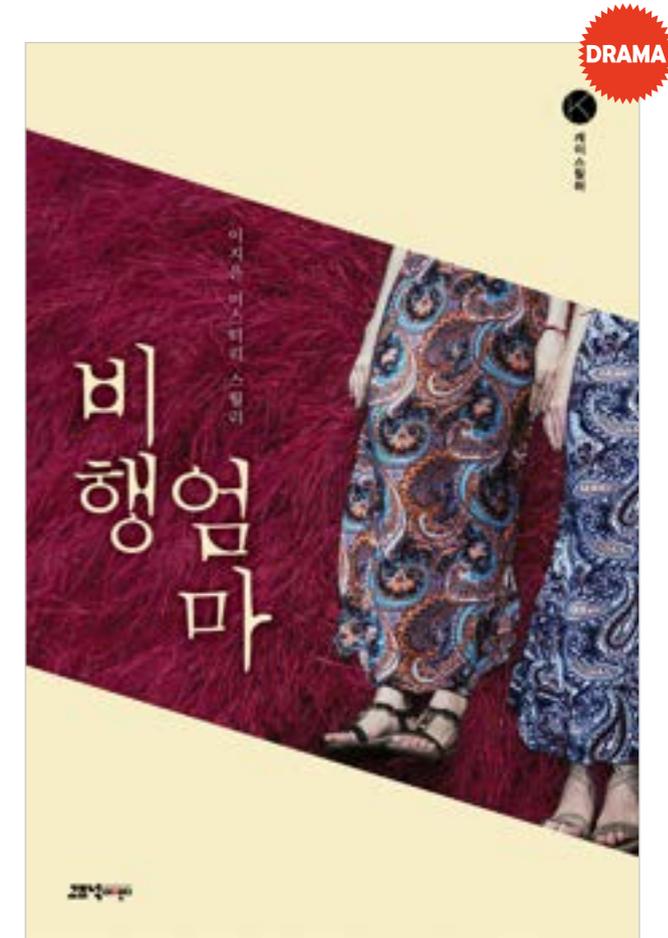
**A letter from my mom who I believed to have died a long time ago!
She's been locked up in jail for a murder that took place 20 years ago.**

The whole story about the murder

Twenty years ago, Jun-mi, disguised as a housekeeper, sneaked into Jeong-won's residence with one purpose in mind: to kill him. He was an evil man who raped her, which caused her to be pregnant. But he went on to marry a different woman. However, his wife In-a shares her secret with Jun-mi that she hates her husband as well. On the day Jun-mi planned to kill Jeong-won, she finds both Jeong-won and In-a dead. Junmi gets caught red handed by the police who walk in on the scene as if they knew everything that happened. She is sentenced to 20 years for murdering Jeong-won and In-a.

At the end of truth

Cheong-ok is at the threshold of death and Jun-mi sees the sunlight after 20 years. Yeong-do and Ho-yeon finally learn the truth buried in time.



Bad Mom

Lee Jieun

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The Day I Disappeared

Grand Prize in K-Thriller Writers Contest

Translated in Russia and Thailand

A 23-year-old woman in a 34-year-old body

Yun-young wakes up in a hospital room and shockingly discovers that 11 years have passed. The only thing she can remember is that someone pushed her from the rooftop. Her memory of 1 month before the accident is erased. What's even more shocking is that her younger sister and only family Su-kyung committed suicide. Su-kyung's best friend Min-seo's mom, Sang-mi, becomes the only person who stands by Yun-young so she can get through difficult times. Sang-mi takes her to Su-kyung's grave and invites her who has nowhere to go. Sang-mi is now the only person Yun-young could trust. However the truth hidden in the shade begins to reveal itself.

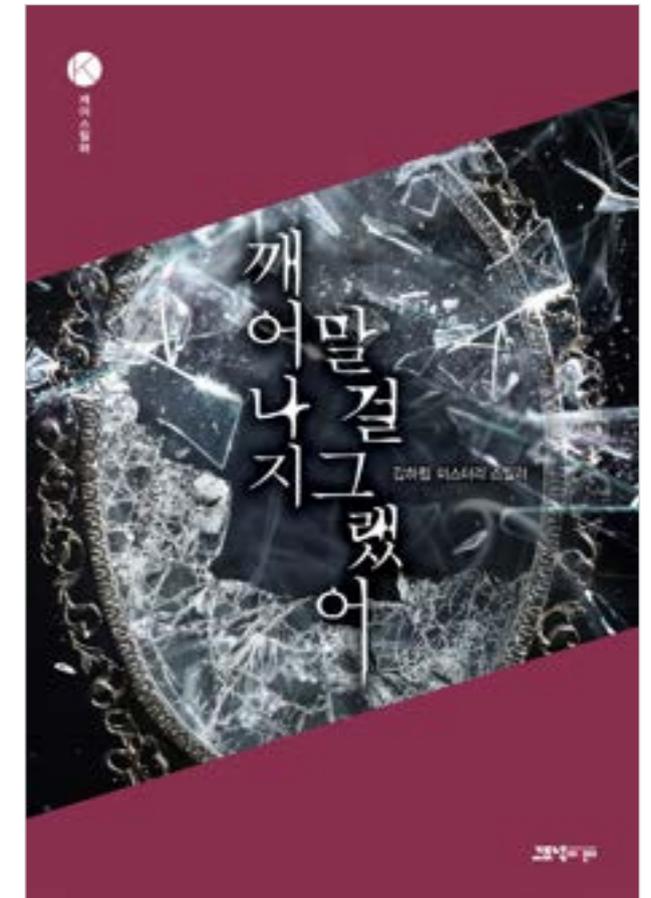
It was all wrong from the beginning

Yun-young goes to Sang-mi's place after being discharged and decides to investigate why Su-kyung killed herself first. She meets Min-seo's old friends and learns Min-seo and Su-kyung were actually not very close. When did they start growing apart from each other? Yun-young goes to her school and meets the detective to inquire about Su-kyung's suicide but fails to get a definitive answer. The detective is adamant that he cannot show her Su-kyung's will. The more she digs in, the more suspicious everything seems to get.

A twist ending thriller featuring a woman searching for her attempted killer after waking up from an 11-year coma!

The perpetrator's shadows

Yun-young goes to the bank to close her dormant account, only to find that someone had already done that 3 months ago. She reminds herself that her email account is active. She soon discovers that someone hacked into her email and opened her bank account. The person who pushed her 11 years ago is still close by! A shadow starts to chase her, and the perpetrator from 11 years ago turns out to be someone she could never imagine. Finally, the truth about Su-kyung gets unveiled, and the long-held secret starts to be uncovered!



The Day I Disappeared

Kim Harim

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The Devil

K-Thriller Writers Contest Award

A stranger appears, and people go missing

The mountainous, rural village of Sobok-ri in the Gangwon Province gets isolated deep in the snow every winter. Around the time of the first snow, a stranger visits the red villa in the upper town. While nobody knows who it is, villagers start to go missing one by one. Mysterious signs are found at the crime scenes. People who first considered them as simple runaways realize the seriousness of the situation and eventually take up the investigation, caught up in uncomfortable feelings. But there's a saying in Sobok-ri. "The truth shall reveal itself when winter passes and the snow melts."

A loner boy and low-ranking police officer confront the evil

Juvenile delinquent Sun-woo can detect unfortunate events—an ability he gained through an accident he had during his childhood. Dong-soo is a low-ranking police detective from Sobok-ri. They decide to join forces after they meet while tracking down the missing people. The stranger with a kind-looking face and slowly takes over the village by consoling the nervous residents. But Sun-woo instinctively feels that the stranger has an evil spirit.

Choi Young-sun, the woman who speaks to ghosts

Sun-woo and Dong-soo come across a woman while circling around the stranger. Choi Young-sun introduces herself as a shaman and says her family has been chasing the demon for generations. She then shares the group suicide incident that happened 32 years ago when a person possessed with the demon killed himself with his followers. Young-sun warns a similar incident could happen in Sobok-ri. Eager to catch definite evidence, the three head to the red villa where the stranger resides.

A thrilling, paranormal cat-and-mouse game involving a shaman who is chasing the devil, a boy who knows of the devil, and a rookie cop who wants to fight with the devil.

They're back, but they're different

Those who have gone missing start to return one by one. But they don't seem to recall anything that's happened and look vibrant and lively as if they were different people. What happened to them? And what exactly is the Demon?



The Devil

Jeon Gunwoo

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Children of the Empire

K-Thriller Writers Contest Award

BIFF E-IP Market Selection

Unsolved serial killings that became a rumor in history

“Rumor has it that Westerners abduct babies to eat them, on which an investigation is currently ongoing. Report to the police immediately if you know any Westerners who commit such heinous crimes against young children.” In June of 1888, the Joseon Dynasty declared this notice regarding vicious crimes against children. Did this really take place in the face of chaos brought on by enlightenment and Westernization? But one month after the beginning of the investigation, King Gojong decrees, “our investigation confirms that rumors about westerners eating babies are nothing more than a fraud. Anyone who spreads such groundless rumors shall be punished severely.”

Who dismembers children into nine pieces?

A suspicious photo roll is found in the bag of U.S. Legation office clerk, Charlie Long. The pictures are of 2 children who had recently been abducted and killed. Then, another serial murder takes place, probably by the same killer. Someone had abducted a child, dismembered the body delicately into 9 pieces, and displayed them under broad daylight. People of Joseon believe the vicious actions were committed by Westerners. After relentless investigation, Dae-jung narrows down the list of suspects to a few. But right before he singles out the killer, King Gojong covers up the case itself. This is because the western countries like France, Russia and the U.S. try to dispatch their military forces to Joseon as they are aware of the fact that western people in Joseon are being attacked by the angry local people. Unwillingly, Dae-jung hands in all the records related to the investigation and returns to his hometown.

A historical thriller with the motif of Westerners' serial killings against young babies during the Daehan Empire, the turbulent era of enlightenment.

A box from the killer after 23 years

Since King Gojong expunged all records and banned talking about it, the baby serial killings that happened 23 years ago are thought to be an urban legend to all except a few. Kim Dae-jung also never told anyone that they really happened. But one day, Dae-jung receives a box that appears to be sent by the serial killer. Why did the killer send it to him, who was the investigator? Based on the clues in the box, Kim Dae-jung takes a step closer to the truth that had been buried 23 years ago.



Children of the Empire

Lee Sungjin

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I-Re

2nd Prize in K-Thriller Writers Contest

Invitation from the best nursing home “Shanti”

17-year-old high school girl I-re gets pregnant through the fiery love with her boyfriend Do-hoon. While she insists on giving birth to the baby, Do-hoon's mother Seo-kyung shows up and says it's only allowed if she stays at the nursing home she owns. Since it's hard to go to school during pregnancy anyway, I-re agrees to join the luxurious nursing home “Shanti.” It's a beautiful and impeccable place with healing gardens, organic meals, meditation sessions, and personal lessons. But on the first day, I-re runs away to her room after noticing suspicious assailants around her. A worker of Shanti leaves her a note, telling her to run away within 1 week and disappears.

Mysterious dummies

I-re sees eyeballs that helplessly wander around, grotesque operation scars, ghost-like creatures hiding in silence! She believes that she must be losing her mind! I-re ignores the message from the worker and tries to get used to the life at Shanti. One day, after dinner time, she sees a dead person's arm floating around the fish in the pond while taking a walk. Startled, she requests help to Shanti's Director Seo-kyung. But Seo-kyung replies with a cold smile that I-re is not actually pregnant and is suffering from persecutory delusion. I-re's multiple attempts to escape fail, leaving nothing but scars behind. Eventually, she breaks into Seo-kyung's office and rummages through the files. Her hunch was correct. A week from now, she will become one of the dummies.

Pregnant high school girl I-re starts a desperate escape from the secret nursing home Shanti, a place nobody could ever run away from.

The secret chamber opens

Shanti was no ordinary nursing home. Horrendous and terrible things have been happening inside that go beyond her wildest imagination. Seo-kyung decides to get rid of I-re, who saw something she shouldn't have. I-re now stands at the crossroads—her choice can completely change the course of her life. What is really happening at Shanti? Will I-re be able to protect herself and her unborn baby?



I-Re

Kim Dalri

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Red Riding Hood

BIFF Book to Film Selection

Translated in France

The hunters

Gi-hyeok and Gyeong-mi are in huge debt after their business collapses. Gi-hyeok visits his mother Su-ja, who lives in the countryside, to seek her help, even though they haven't been in contact for a long time. However, Su-ja is as poor as him and unable to give him any financial help. Gi-hyeok yells and insults her out of anger and leaves her place. On his way back, Gi-hyeok realizes that he left his cellphone in the house. When he returns to Suja's place, he finds that his mother hanged herself. Not knowing what to do, Gi-hyeok tries to disguise the scene into a crime scene where Suja was robbed and killed by a burglar so that he could get her death benefit.

The wolf

After a while, Jeong-im(Su-ja's friend) sees Gi-hyeok and Gyeong-mi leaving Su-ja's house. Jeong-im enters the house and is shocked to find Su-ja dead. She feels Gi-hyeok and Gyeong-mi should pay the price for what they did. Hence, she makes a plan to kill both of them by manipulating their son Minho to be part of the plan. Meanwhile, Gi-hyeok has gone back to his house with a hope of receiving his mother's death benefit soon, but no one contacts him about his mother's death. So Gi-hyeok sends his daughter, Min-ju, to Su-ja's house in order to make her a witness of Su-ja's death.

The grandmother

Seeing Min-ju arrive at the house of Su-ja with her friend, Hyeon-mi, Jeong-im's hatred for Gi-hyeok and Gyeong-mi increases. Jeong-im does not say anything to Min-ju, but pretends to be Su-ja. As Min-ju has never met her grandmother except for once when she was a little kid, she believes Jeong-im is her grandmother. Jeong-im threatens Gi-hyeok that she will send the pictures of Suja's suicide. To avoid getting into trouble, Gi-hyeok agrees to follow what Jeong-im tells him to do. As directed by her, Gi-hyeok goes on a trip with his wife. When Gi-hyeok and Gyeong-mi arrive at

The heroine visits the house of her friend's grandmother, as the friend has disappeared with her housing deposit. As soon as she entered the house, she finds that escape is impossible.

their destination, they fall off a cliff when their son Min-ho pushes them from behind.

Red riding hood

Hyeon-mi goes to Su-ja's house to find Min-ju who ran away with the house deposit. When Hyeon-mi arrives at Su-ja's place, an old woman greets Hyeon-mi, calling her Min-ju. Hyeon-mi thinks the old woman has Alzheimer and decides to pretend to be Min-ju until she gets her deposit back. After a while, Min-ju is astonished to learn that Hyeon-mi is now staying at her grandmother's house. Hyun-mi persuades her to show up. The next morning, Hyeon-mi takes a walk to the forest and spots Jeong-im looking down at a dead body.



Red Riding Hood

Kim Jiyeon

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On-site Inspection

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A person who has lost his memory

As a graduate of the elite Korean National Police University, Inspector Lee Su-in is the only person who knows the identity of the serial killer. But while tracking him down, he loses his vision and memory due to burns. So, he seeks for help of Detective Han Ji-su to analyze the crime scene and catch the serial killer he's tracking. Inspector Lee looks into the murders committed by the serial killer, trying to remember how he designed his way to get the culprit before he lost the memory.

The serial killer with a message

Kim Hyeon, now assigned to the investigation of a murder that has gone nowhere, works as a criminal profiler to prove the crimes committed by the suspects. However, the justice system always ends up taking sides with suspects, who walk away scotfree due to insufficient evidence when he is so sure that they are the culprits. Being angry at the fact that the police and the court are unable to punish criminals, he wants to punish them with his own hands. Kim Hyeon begins to kill the criminals who were found not guilty by using the same criminal method that they used.

The emerging truth

Chief Detective Oh Dae-yeong assigns Ji-su and Su-in to the mission of bringing Kim Hyeon, the serial killer, to trial. From the three crime scene investigations and the way people around him treat him, Su-in infers that he himself may be Kim Hyeon. He acts as if he remembered the past murders when he actually doesn't. Investigating the crimes, which may have been committed by no one other than himself, he rather feels at peace thinking that he will be sentenced to capital punishment in the court.

A police detective who has lost his memory and vision catches a copycat serial killer only with his past sensations to which the body instinctively responds.

The true copycat

As a matter of fact, Ji-Su's job was to help Su-in to recover his memory and make him believe that he is Kim Hyeon. However, she knows that even though he finished the crime scene investigation for all cases, he has not recovered his memory and made a false confession that he is the culprit. This whole process was designed by Ji-su to make people believe that Su-in has recovered his memory. On the orders of Chief Detective Oh Dae-yeong, Ji-su was told to bring Su-in (Kim Hyeon) to trial even if that requires her to tell lies to him. However, at the end, Lee Su-in recovers his memory for real. When this happens, Han Ji-su begins to think of other possibilities. She thinks Su-in may not be the real criminal, but he was just happened to be found at the scene, trying to save the suspect of the arson. With this idea in mind, Ji-su joins forces with Su-in to go after the real criminal.



On-site Inspection

Lee Jongkwan

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Carrier

KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

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A secret fund buried in the grave of a dead mother

Near the luxurious apartment complex in Haeundae, Busan, I-seon asks her son, Jun, to go into a suitcase with a face mask on. Everyday, she practices running away from her husband. She finds some circumstantial evidence showing that her husband, the future director of Hanseong Hospital, intentionally killed her mother during a surgery. I-seon also happens to know that a secret fund of 10 billion won is buried in her mother's grave.

A message from the savior

I-seon makes up her mind to leave Korea with her son and the hidden money. However, strangers secretly chase I-seon and take her child from her. She appeals to the police for help, arguing that her husband hired them to kidnap the child. Jin-mok, the detective in charge of her case, thinks that she is out of her mind. She barely manages to find her son, and there is a dead body near him with I-seon's hair and fingerprints on. All the circumstantial evidence fuel speculation that it is I-seon who killed the person for money. But I-seon, in a tight corner, receives a text message from a savior.

The 10 billion won bait

Following the directions in the message, she encounters a group of strangers. It is a group of people who experienced a malpractice at Hanseong Hospital and now they gathered to steal the hidden money. I-seon grabs a chance to drive a wedge between them, but accidentally kills them. What she did is irreversible and she tries to escape to protect Jun. She uses the secret fund as a bait. Jin-mok, who

My husband, the future director of the hospital, buried his secret fund of 10 billion won in the grave of my mother, who passed away during surgery. I have to run away right now with this blood-stained money.

supported her escape, points a gun at her, asking where the money is. After a hard fight, I-seon manages to escape the situation.

The child found in the grave

Her son was found in the grave of her mother, in which the secret fund of 10 billion won is hidden. He is suffering from a high fever. I-seon goes to the house of her father-in-law and begs him to save Jun. As her father-in-law already retrieved the money, he refuses to help her. Now that she could not save the money and her son, I-seon attempts to set fire to his house to ruin everybody's lives.



Carrier

Kim Hyebin

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The Red Tropical Fish

KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

A suspected serial killer is in a coma

Seo-rin, who fell into a coma with her husband after a fall accident two years ago, wakes up alone in a hospital room. She has lost 4 years' of memories due to the physical trauma. A detective visits Seo-rin and tells her that her husband Tae-hyeon is a prime suspect in the Jigok-dong murders.

Dilapidated workshop

Jeong-ho, Seo-rin's college friend and Tae-hyeon's younger brother, shows a lukewarm attitude toward the murders. In order to examine the Jigok-dong serial murders in person, Seo-rin visits Tae-hyeon's workshop with Jeong-ho's girlfriend Hui-ju. The custodian tells her that Jeong-ho tore the workshop down right after the fall accident. When suspicions arise against Jeong ho, who seemed like the closest friend of her husband, she faintly remembers a strange woman's voice saying, "I'm a survivor of this case."

Another murder case

While Tae-hyeon is in a coma, a new murder with the serial killer's MO occurs, so the case is spotlighted again. Dodging reporters, Seo-rin gets in Hui-ju's car with a gut feeling that the voice suddenly came up on her mind must be Hui-ju's. With her suspicions growing toward her husband, Seo-rin picks up a photo lying on the floor of her house. In the photo, Tae-hyeon is wearing bizarre women's clothes. Hui-ju asks Jeong-ho about the photo and he confesses something unthinkable.

Waking up from 2-year coma, a suspected serial killer's wife pursues the truth of a buried case.

What happened in the bamboo forest?

Seo-rin begs Hui-ju for the truth. Hui-ju tells her what happened in the bamboo forest, that she, when she was 15 years old, was raped by two boys: Han Tae-hyeon and Kang Jun-seong. Seo-rin asks Hui-ju if she's back for revenge, but Hui-ju just smiles. In the early morning, Seo-rin and Hui-ju are attacked by a stranger and kidnapped. The kidnapper turns out to be Kang Yun-seong, the younger brother of Kang Jun-seong who raped Hui-ju. Hui-ju falls into despair when Yun-seong says that he saw what happened in the bamboo forest and can't forget the ecstasy he experienced by overlooking what was going on. In danger, Hui-ju escapes with Seo-rin's help and both of them run for their lives toward the light.



The Red Tropical Fish

Kim Nayoung

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The Insect

BIFF Book to Film Selection | E-IP Audience Award

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The missing girl who is found dead and the boy who becomes the suspect

Everyday Hyeon-ji goes out to hand out flyers to people. She never gives up hope of finding her daughter who went missing three years ago. One day, she runs into Da-in, a newspaper delivery boy. For some reason, he runs off seeing the flyer. Next, the police tell her that her daughter was found dead. The police who find a beetle at the crime site gets information that there is a boy who carries around beetles. That boy turns out to be Da-in. Meanwhile, Hyeon-ji receives an anonymous letter saying that Da-in is not the killer.

Another girl is found dead

Da-in states in court that after his mother and little sister took their own life, he became obsessed with collecting beetles found on corpses. Hyeon-ji receives a second anonymous letter that tells the temperature and humidity of the crime site. Studying the growth rate of larva found on her dead daughter's belongings, she finds out that the dead body was transferred from a different place. Soon, another girl is found dead and Da-in is brought to trial without detention. Hyeon-ji brings Da-in home who has nowhere to go.

The grieving mother and the murder suspect under the same roof

Da-in's pet beetles can detect a fire even from miles away and flock to it. Hyeon-ji is amazed at Da-in's knowledge of beetles and tries to solve the case with his help, but he does not open up his mind to her. He says that when he dies, he wants to die in a fire so that he won't be lonely.

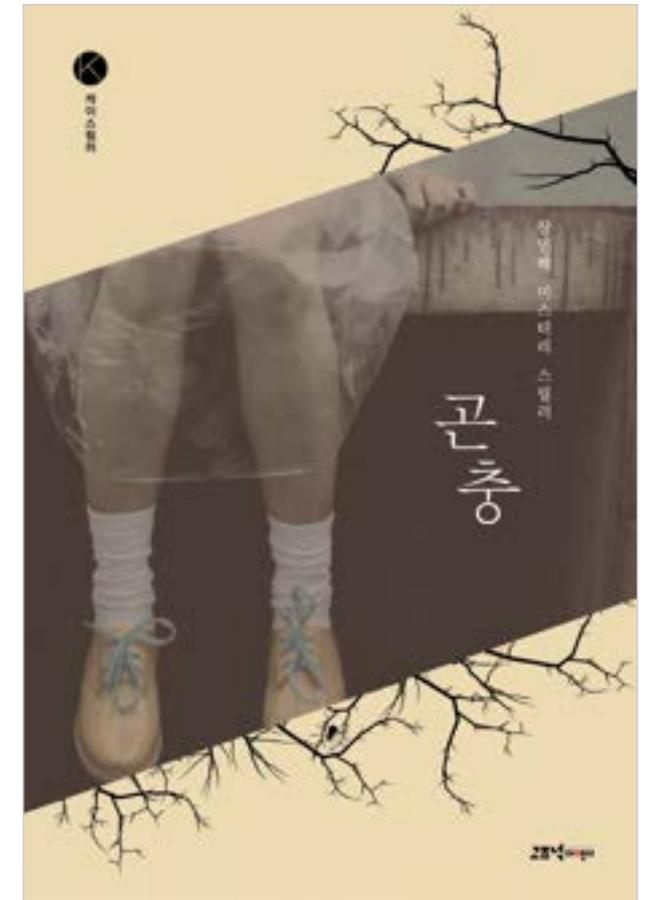
When a girl is murdered, her mother and the boy who is a murder suspect track down the real killer armed with his knowledge of insects.

Who is the real killer?

Hyeon-ji learns that Da-in's pet beetles react to a specific chemical in hallucinogens and tries to find the real killer using this knowledge. Meanwhile Da-in learns that it was Mr. Jo who murdered the second girl during his trial to prove that Da-in was not the killer. Mr. Jo was the man who took him under his wing when Da-in had become an orphan. However, Mr. Jo had been manipulating Da-in to realize his twisted dream of having "a family."

Is forgiveness possible?

When Da-in finds out that Hyeon-ji is receiving threats, he decides to leave her house hoping to change things. Hyeon-ji finds out that it was Da-in who first took Ye-rin to Mr. Jo three years ago. However, now to save Hyeon-ji, Da-in sets up a trap for Mr. Jo in the forest. There Da-in and Mr. Jo are engulfed by flames. A huge group of beetles spread their wings and flock to the fire. Hyeon-ji also runs towards the fire.



The Insect

Zang Minhye

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Hostages Trial

Korean National Story Contest Award | Translated in France

TV drama rights signed by Universal | BIFF Book to Film Selection

The masquerade

At Mount Cheonggye, Jo Seong-ju, the heir of the powerful J Group is throwing a party. Not only the guests, but the host and the staff are all wearing different kinds of masks. During the party, a bartender in a fox's mask pulls out a gun and points it at the people, which signals the beginning of the hostage situation.

The start of a hostage situation

The police arrive at the scene to find a van in front of the mansion gates loaded with huge explosives. The hostage negotiator Heo Wan starts talking to the captor who calls himself "The Master." He says that he is holding about thirty people in captivity.

The release

In the second negotiation attempt, The Master reveals the details of 15 hostages in return for a ransom of diamonds worth 5 billion won. The next day, the family of the hostages bring the diamonds they have bought and have the police hand them over. The Master releases ten women who agreed to sneak the diamonds. He releases twenty-five people over four different times but even after two days, seven people are still hostaged.

The trial at Cheongye Mansion

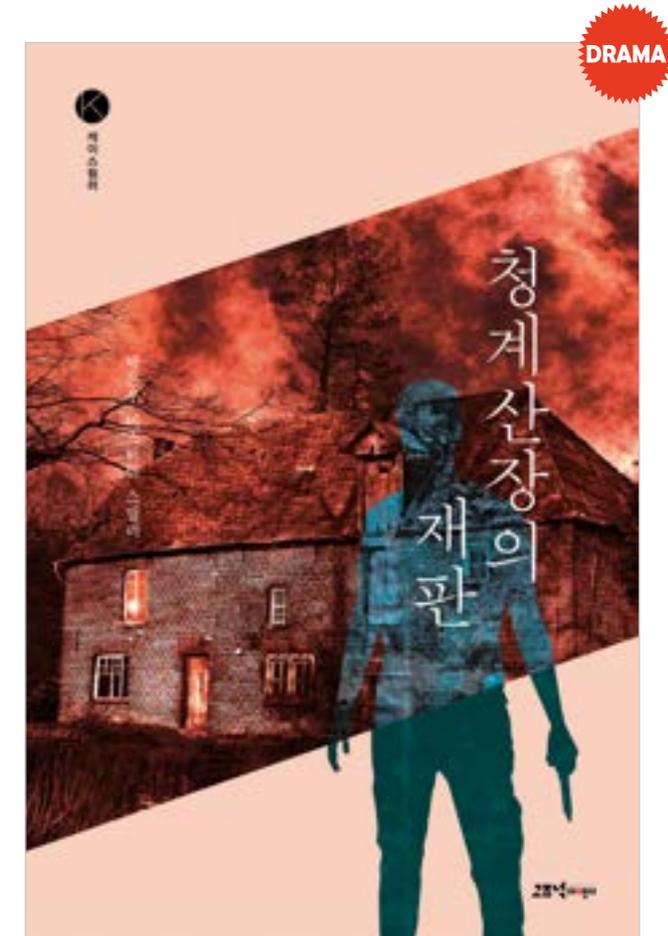
The Master announces that he will put the seven remaining hostages on trial. He broadcasts the trial through the Internet to the whole country. The trial is about the gang rape and murder of a high school girl named Min Ji-yeong that took place nine years ago. It looks as if the identity of the perpetrators were finally revealed, but

A man and a woman have lost family members in reckless "pleasure" crimes committed by children of the elites. After plotting their revenge for eight years, they broadcast their hostage situation at a mountainside Hostages Trial mansion to the whole nation.

the Master claims that only five are guilty. He reveals the shocking truth about the heinous crime. Meanwhile, the police decides to use force. Two hostages get killed in the process, but five are rescued with only small injuries. When the hostage situation is over, the Master is found dead with a gun shot in the head.

The judgement is not over

A few days later at the SNU hospital, the survived hostages are hospitalized in VIP wards. At 3 am, when everyone is asleep, a wheeled bed from the morgue in the basement of the hospital starts moving into the ward where Jo Seong-ju is.



Hostages Trial

Park Eunwoo

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Meteor Hunter

Arts Council Korea Next Generation Writer Selection

A meteorite from the sky and a missing girl

A meteorite falls at Guwa Village and the small town starts swarming with meteor hunters and out-of-towners. The day after the meteor falls, Hee-ryeong and Myeon-su discover that their daughter Byeol-yi is missing. Byeol-yi's phone signal leads them to Uiji Reservoir. The husband and wife report their daughter's missing case to the town police, but they show a lukewarm attitude. So, the father Myeon-su, a former reporter, starts to look for Byeol-yi on his own, armed with his camera and a notebook.

Hee-ryeong's secret from 16 years ago

While trying to find his daughter, Myeon-su runs into an herb picker at the reservoir whose strange behavior arouses his suspicion. The small village is not as peaceful as it seems when Myeon-su discovers that there was a case of arson sixteen years ago of which his wife Hee-ryeong is the only witness. At the time, the prime suspects were Hwang Sang-tae, a religious cult leader and its elder, Jeon Jong-man. Even though Hee-ryeong had a photo evidence that could prove the criminal guilty, Elder Jeon sweettalked her into giving a false testamenet, so she said Hwang Sang-tae had set the fire.

Traces of Byeol-yi and the deaths of suspects

Myeon-su goes after Hwang Sang-tae for revenge, believing that he could have kidnapped his daughter. However, Hwang is found to be almost blind and deaf from burns. Myeon-su and his wife then go to see Mr. Choi who was Elder Jeon's henchman, as he seemed to be deeply involved in the case. At Elder Jeon's stable, they find a rice roll, a dog collar and piece of the meteor. The herb picker, Hwang Sang-tae and Mr.

The night a meteorite falls from the sky, a girl goes missing. In the process of trying to find her, a terrifying murder that took place in the village sixteen years ago comes to light.

Choi are all found dead, and Myeon-su who met them recently is arrested as the suspect for their murders. Right before he is taken away, he hands a picture he got from Hwang Sang-tae to his wife Hee-ryeong. It was a picture that Hee-ryeong previously handed to Hwang out of guilt, which has Hwang's daughter in a dog kennel with a huge dog.

The truth about Elder Jeon Jong-man is revealed

"Burn everyone gathered at the church or your daughter will die." Elder Jeon believes that the meteor that fell at Guwa Village is a celestial sign and plans to cleanse the village of meteor hunters and villagers, just like he did sixteen years ago. Hee-ryeong wakes up tied up in Elder Jeon's house. In her hand is a remote control with which she can choose between saving either her daughter or all the people gathered in the church. Just like Hwang Sang-tae was trapped sixteen years ago, she has to kill the people in the church if she wants to save her own daughter.



Meteor Hunter

Kim Yongtae

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D-Club and the Last Summer

BIFF Book to Film Selection

It's summer vacation again for Club D

Members of Club D gather at Club Leader Choi Jin-yeong's vacation lodge to complete filming movie that they didn't finish last year. On the first day of the workshop, the lights go out and Yeon-seo gets a cut on the face in the dark. One kid says, there was something under the table, but the others just believe it was just an illusion.

Yeon-seo almost chokes to death on a rope

The next day, Hong Ui-jeong, a junior, passes out and the kids fall into a panic. Someone screams that the drink is poisoned. Yeon-seo secretly picks up a piece of ice from the broken drinking glass and puts it in a flower vase to observe what happens. Yeon-seo finds the sunflower in the flower vase completely wilts. Just then, she hears someone in the corridor and follows the sound of the footsteps. As she is turning a corner, a rope drops down from the ceiling and strangles her. She is rescued by Min-ho who heard her scream. That night, a fierce storm hits the mountains.

Storm, landslide and a girl goes missing

While filming at night, the cabin keeper Ji-su runs in covered with mud and shouting that Yu-ra got lost in a landslide on the way back from the hospital. The kids go out into the night pouring with rain trying to find Yu-ra. However, the bad weather forces them to go back into the house. Ji-su tells them the shocking fact that the storm and the landslide have now left them stranded and completely isolated. The kids lock up Ji-su accusing her of Ui-jeong's accident and Yu-ra's disappearance. However, as time goes on, they start becoming suspicious of one another. When they hear a loud banging from somewhere inside the house, they fear that it is Yeon-hui, who died last

A story of terrible revenge by elite private high school students in a remote mountain mansion.

year, come back from death. Then they hear Ji-su screaming that they must let her out because there is something in the room. Just as Ji-su opens the door, there is a terrible noise that shakes the whole house, and everyone passes out.

What happened to these kids last summer?

When the kids wake up, they search the mudcovered room, but Ji-su is nowhere to be seen. Meanwhile, in the mud that had hit the house, they find Yu-ra whom they thought were dead. They rescue her, but she remains unconscious. That night, Ji-su comes back with a rifle and keeps them captive. Before the night passes, tension between Jin-yeong and Ji-su reaches a peak, and the terrible truth about Yeon-hui who died at last year's workshop is finally revealed.



D - Club and the Last Summer

Park Esther

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Mr. Lee Clean Center

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Mystery

As you get closer to the truth, you will encounter the twist that overturns all previously known facts.

The mystery fictions by GOZKNOCK ENT dig into the dark maze inherent in ordinary life.

However, at the end of the day, you will have heart-moving experiences as well.



Poke That Hippo's Eye

KOCCA K-Story in America Selection

The Last Family Trip

This is Wooji's family – Dad 'Jaehui' buried in debt, Mom 'Guam' rooting for divorce, younger brother 'Mindoo' lost in games, and 'Wooji', failing in exams and employment for years. They unexpectedly embark on a family trip at the request of Wooji's ill grandmother, 'Youngok.' Unfortunately, the weather turns foul with a raging typhoon as they reach their destination, a mountain lodge. Amidst the storm, Wooji notices a woman running towards their car. In a tragic twist, the family is swept away by a landslide and falls off a cliff... and right there, Youngok takes her last breath.

Neither Human Nor Beast

As communication is cut off, Wooji first takes care of his injuries and heads toward the mountain lodge to escape the typhoon, leaving Youngok's body behind. While crossing through the forest, Wooji sees a spectral figure, as if possessed. Soon after, Wooji encounters Seo, who resembles the woman seen near the car earlier and meets Mr. Park, the lodge owner, as they head towards the lodge. However, in the midst of the forest, they witness something neither human nor beast. As the family reaches the lodge, they realize it isn't really a safe place. The only road had been blocked by a landslide and with the storm worsening, they were about to face shortage of food.

The Murder In and Outside the Mountain Lodge

Mr. Park remains unresponsive, and other guests appear to be hiding something. With the help of the only cooperative Seo, Wooji attempts to retrieve Youngok's body. In the forest, they hear bizarre cries, and suddenly, a purple-hued, massive creature resembling a hippopotamus but larger than any known beast appears and devours Youngok's head. Wooji and Seo barely escape from "it", but upon returning to the lodge, they hear shocking news: one of the guests has been

On their last family trip, Wooji's family ends up isolated in a mountain cabin, As murders occur and 'it' begins to tear people's heads apart, they fight to escape.

murdered with a knife stabbed into their back.

From the Loss of Family

The murder does not end once. Amidst suspicion among the guests, someone else falls victim to human hands. Suddenly, "it" reappears, horrifying everyone by consuming the dead bodies. Who keeps killing people? What inhuman creature is this? Amidst the chaos, Wooji realizes one crucial fact: everyone gathered at the lodge had lost their family. This shared trait may be the only clue to surviving from both the killer and "it".



Poke That Hippo's Eye

Yang Ujun

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Arhat's Button

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

A strange ascetic, and an even stranger button

Arhat is a long-haired man with a modernized hanbok and hipster headphones. He wanders around, seeking those who are overwhelmed by feelings of anger and revenge. He then hands them a cheap gilt-bronze button, luring them that 30 million won's worth of misfortune will come to those they despise if they choose to press the button. Eun-hwi, a rookie artist who always comes second, is torn by this suspicious yet attractive offer. She eventually presses the button, hoping to redeem her painful days by beating her rival, Geum-hwi, who always comes out on top, as the "artist of the year" – at that moment, bolero music with a relentlessly repetitive rhythm starts ringing.

Spiteful hatred, and karma even more spiteful

The word "KARMA" is faintly engraved on Arhat's button. Pressing the button brings 30 million won's worth of misfortune to the person they despise. But it does not stop there – just like karma, that misfortune takes an equal fortune from the one who pressed the button. Arhat goes to Geum-hwi, the one subject to Eun-hwi's revenge, as his next target. The button eats up this chain of relationships, paying equal visits to both the one hating and being hated. Geum-hwi, an up-and-coming artist who once denied her deep-rooted hatred, is swayed by Arhat's seduction.

A cruel choice, and the bridle even more cruel

Geum-hwi, too, presses the button when she recalls Ju-yeon, a successful young entrepreneur who mocked her poverty. As soon as the button is pressed, the wandering Satans suddenly surround Geum-hwi. Arhat is quick to turn away when he sees with his own eyes that karma is coming for her. It is something perplexing yet inevitable. It is once again proven that it is impossible to break free from the bridle of misfortune with evil intentions. This pattern of revenge is passed on endlessly from Geum-hwi to Ju-yeon, then from Ju-yeon to Won-woo, and then

In the search for those who want revenge, Arhat lures them:

"Press the button, and I shall bestow upon your cursed one 30 million won's worth of misfortune!"

from Won-woo to Ji-min.

Foolish humans, and even more foolish beings

Why is the misfortune brought about by Arhat's button worth 30 million won? Arhat, too, was once human. He became spiteful when he was killed and decided to remain on this earth, and eventually became "Arhat" when the Buddha gave him a task. Arhat, since then, has continued with the task but has failed to let go of the hatred he held when he was alive. It is only when he meets Ji-min, a human who does not succumb to the temptation of the button, that he is no different from the foolish humans. He then goes off to find the killer who took his life – will Arhat be able to finish his final task?



Arhat's Button

Hong Dan

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276pages | 130*200mm

I Did My Best

TV drama rights signed by Monster Union

BIFF Busan Story Market | KOCCA K-Story in America Selection

Take Another Route to Escape the Woods

My father, who had been nothing but a burden to our already struggling family, passed away and left behind a palatial mansion. We were all very excited, hoping that things would be better from now on until twenty-eight bodies were found in the mansion. What on earth had he done?

Anti-Virus

Abandoned by my parents, I was raised by my grandmother without being registered in any system to avoid inheriting their debts. This year, in my twenties, I lost my grandmother, my only flesh and blood. Then, one day, a stranger appeared and told me that I was the only one who could save the world.

I Love You Even If You'd Kill Me

In my 40 years of life, I've never properly dated a woman. However, I fell in love with Seonae at first sight. After tenacious efforts, I finally won her heart and proposed. Happy days continued until they were disrupted by a stranger who tipped me off that Seonae had killed her three ex-husbands and collected insurance money totaling no less than 1.3 billion won. Even after hearing that, I just cannot give up on her!

Manipulated Memory

I've just exacted brutal vengeance upon Oh Taesu, my long-time friend and business partner who murdered my wife and daughter. I should feel a weight lifted off my mind, but something feels off. Did Oh Taesu truly kill my wife and daughter? Are they really dead? Wait, is Oh Taesu even my friend in the first place?

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Why Did You Come to Our Planet?

I work for a tour company that rents the bodies of Earthians to aliens, allowing them to travel around Earth incognito. After completing today's itinerary, I was taking a break when one of the alien tourists discreetly summoned me and said, "I have a lifetime wish."

An Extremely Private World

I acquired a game console that enables me to access Luciddream. Lost in time, I explored its world where I could do whatever I wanted. One of the players I befriended warned me never to meet other players in the real world. However, I couldn't shake the suspicion that he resembled the man next door...

I Did My Best

Nirvana Entertainment develops artists who take to the stage by emulating existing pop stars. I was offered the opportunity to join VTX, a boy group in the making that aims to replicate the world-renowned boy group BTX and embark on a world tour. It's a mission that could hurt my pride, even if I do my best. What should I do?



I Did My Best

Jeong Sejin

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Horror Fiction Night

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

Translated in Vietnam

A spine-chilling experience and a sense of horror, as if peeping through the eerie sight.

A Place Close to You

Ghosts enjoy hearing stories about themselves.

Arriving at a famous haunted place, members of a mystery club begin sharing their chilling experiences for amusement to see if, as people say, scary stories draw in spirits. However, right from the beginning, something feels amiss.

“Do you know what I saw through the crack in the door? It was the eerie sight of my older sister walking on her hands.”

A Perfect Way to Steal a Corpse

I killed someone. Now what should I do with this body?

Ilju sought refuge in a secluded restroom to evade bullying. There, he noticed a scribble on the wall and, without much thought, left a comment. To his surprise, the next day, Ilju discovered a reply to his comment. As their written exchange unfolds, what Ilju initially deemed mischievous banter soon spirals into catastrophic events.

Sound Over the Wall

What a useless ability this is!

A high school girl with the peculiar ability to hear sounds from a great distance through a paper cup phone eavesdrops on a conversation involving her best friend Jin-ah's crush. In the process, she discovers that Jin-ah is in grave danger. Armed with nothing but an old paper cup, can she rescue Jin-ah?

Liberation from the Past

Am I committing crimes?

I've been hitting the bottle every day. Then, I began to black out when I was drunk. The following day, I always wake up with unfamiliar marks and traces, which seem to be evidence of crimes reported in the news. What the hell am I doing while I'm drunk?

Black Beasts

They are also the cause of a dreadful calamity.

A scholar traveling and documenting teas seeks refuge in a mountain village to tend to his wounded servant. The joy of finding shelter from the rain is short-lived as he senses an uncanny atmosphere pervading the area. In this strange village with no elderly and children resides the source of disaster.

The Third Species

What kind of a husband would tie his wife's neck with a plastic strap?

On a train, I reluctantly yielded my seat to an elderly man at his demand. In return, he began recounting an absurd story of his wife transforming into a new species and heading to the ocean.

“Webbed feet. My wife's hands turned into webbed feet.”

Ghosts Are Real

At home alone, I feel a gaze.

Left alone after my family went on a trip, I sensed a presence at home. I believe there is a ghost, but people dismiss my words, showing only pity. Determined to prove the existence of ghosts, I decided to explore an abandoned hospital known for paranormal activity. I have a reason to demonstrate the reality of ghosts.



Horror Fiction Night

Ban Gohun

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Coin

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

The fall of cryptocurrency followed by his disappearance

The price of K-Coin suddenly tanks, and Hyunsoo, a genius developer, suddenly disappears. Investors are furious, and related businesses are barely staying afloat. Starting that day, individuals whom Hyunji, Hyunsoo's only family and younger sister, have never seen appear out of nowhere. She is swamped preparing for an upcoming ballet competition, but she can hardly practice due to the unknown individuals in search of her brother. However, she has no idea where he has gone because she was unaware of his job.

During this commotion, a man named Jerry approaches Hyunji.

Truths and lies do not know each other

Jerry, who owns a YouTube channel called Bit-King Jerry, explains that he has been Hyunsoo's friend since middle school, and they are business partners. Having been told that Hyunji must trust Jerry to find Hyunsoo, she reluctantly follows Jerry to Hyunsoo's apartment. In there, the two of them discover countless surveillance camera screens, making it clear that he is desperately afraid of something. Meanwhile, Seongchul, Hyunsoo's other business partner and the lead for a team of developers at K-Foundation, realizes that he's at risk of taking responsibility for everything due to Hyunsoo's disappearance. Having to protect himself, he offers Jerry a generous amount of money to bring Hyunji to him. Jerry gladly accepts the deal.

Some lies escape their fate and roam around the world

Arriving at where Jerry brings her, Hyunji notices a group surround her and instinctively runs away. She manages to escape and dodge the surveillance of this unknown group of individuals before successfully finishing her competition. Jerry appears again and explains what had happened, to which Hyunji reluctantly accepts and decides to join him again to find Hyunsoo.

The two visit an old place where Hyunsoo had once lived and attempted suicide,

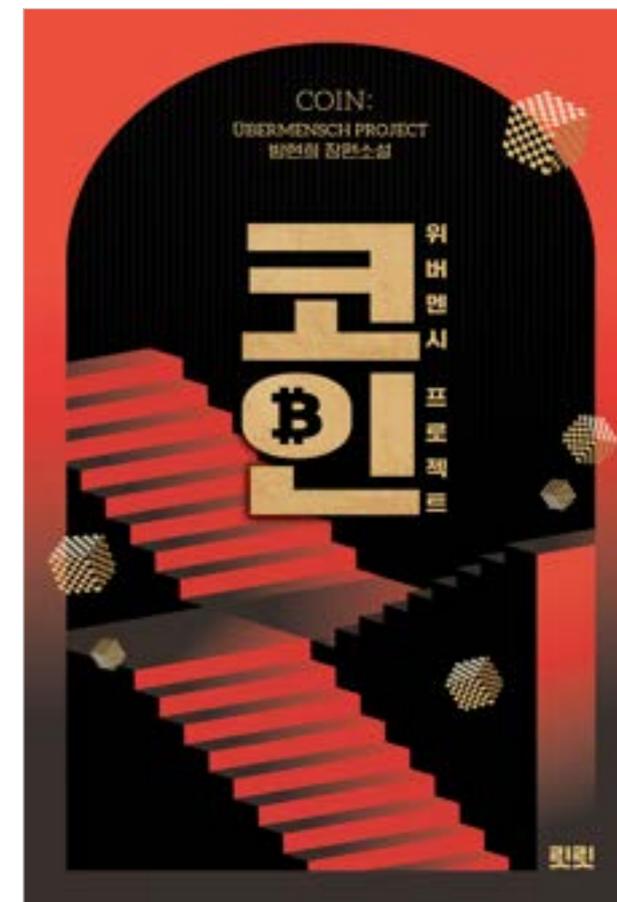
A cryptocurrency tanks in price and Hyunsoo, a genius developer, disappears.

and there, they discover videos filmed by Hyunsoo in ways they cannot understand. Soon, they realize that these are messages left by Hyunsoo.

Chasing the evidence to reach him

Shocking news is shared, for the blockchain-based Ubermancy Project is said to have started in Dubai. In fact, this was something Hyunsoo and Seongchul had prepared in secret. To make matters worse, investigative authorities tighten their grip on Seongchul and K-Foundation.

Meanwhile, Hyunji and Jerry leave the country in search of Hyunsoo. His messages change, making the two travel from Korea to Hong Kong, then Dubai and France, while running away from those chasing them. However, they face yet another threat when they meet a man who gives off a shockingly violent vibe, engulfing them with fear they had yet to experience from others. Hyunsoo's location disappears into the shadows again, and Hyunji is left more confused than ever. What is this enormous case hiding, and can she trust Jerry and Hyunsoo?



Coin

Bang Hyunhee

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440pages | 135*205mm



Servant School

TV drama rights signed

Translated in Russia and Turkey

The outer edge of the world beyond the door

Han Seojeong walks a darkened path, headed toward a corner of the thuja forest, which separates Solaz, a luxury resort, from the outside world. She squeezes past thickets and bushes, and arrives at a dreary looking door. She opens it and enters. As she passes along a dark corridor and descends deep into the basement, a lavish hall, like that of a six-star hotel, appears before her eyes.

The place is Servant School, called by some, “the outer edge of the world.” A place where servants can transform themselves into masters. Having nowhere else to go, Han Seojeong enters the academy.

A life full of lies, and a new world

Han Seojeong's life had been full of difficulty. Once wealthy, her family fell; then her father, who was her only immediate family member, died. Hiding her past, she studied at a prestigious university, then went on to work at an ordinary office. Even that life, though, crumbled away, as she faced charges of fraud, embezzlement, and murder. Overcome by fear, she goes to her childhood friend Lee Jinuk, who tells her about Servant School, where you can start over.

“You enter as a servant and become a master. Only the top student survives.” The aim of all the students at the academy is to become a chaebol, as they must be stronger than anyone in order to erase their past and live the life of a master. Despite her reluctance to accept the ways of Servant School, Han Seojeong has no other option but to become part of it.

From underground to the sky, from darkness to light

Training at Servant School is unusual. Students analyze their target, a chaebol, from every angle and learn everything they can about the person. Mistreatment of students is part of the training, and those who fall behind disappear without a trace. Only the student who endures the brutal process obtains the opportunity to

Han Seojeong, who's at the end of her rope, enters the Servant School to live the life of a master.

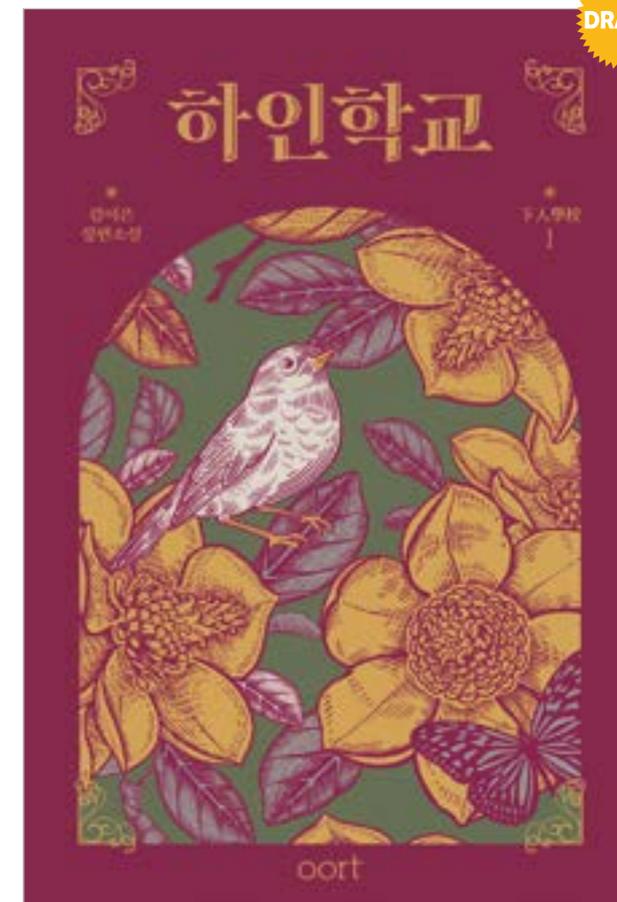
become a chaebol.

Han Seojeong endures, even as she is torn down day after day. In the meantime, her only friend at the school, Kang Yujin, disappears. Then she finds out that Lee Jinuk is the headmaster's righthand man. Lee Jinuk, for some reason, aids Han Seojeong in her efforts; and on his advice, Han Seojeong sneaks into the headmaster's room in order to find Kang Yujin.

Boundless desire and the essence of staggering power

In the headmaster's room, however, Han Seojeong is immediately caught by Jeon Geumhee, a top graduate of Servant School whose name is often brought up as a potential chairman-to-be of Servant School's board of directors. Intrigued by Han Seojeong, Jeon Geumhee lets her into the veiled room. There, Han Seojeong comes face to face with the secret of the school: the substance of power so enormous that it can transform students into chaebol.

Han Seojeong pulls herself together. She must survive and graduate at the top—that's the only way to turn her life around.



Servant School

Kim Ieun

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372pages | 135*205mm



Could It Be True?

STORYUM Novel Awards

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A Single Phone Call

A 24-year-old recent college graduate, Sujin prepares for advanced education overseas. One day, she receives a suspicious call. The caller Jiyeon claims to be Sujin's daughter 20 years in the future. Sujin finds this claim ludicrous and ignores it like any other prank calls. To Sujin's surprise, however, Jiyeon calls again at a promised time. Sujin tries to find hard evidence to prove that this is an ill-humored prank, but she cannot help becoming more distracted when Jiyeon reveals Sujin's frustrated plan to pursue her studies and become a professor.

A Call Impacting Sujin

After having prepared for her dream for years, the revelation that Sujin will not become a professor comes to her as a shock. Now, Sujin begins to heed what Jiyeon has to say. Sujin consults with her best friend Hannah and boyfriend Hyeokgeon, but to no avail. As Jiyeon's calls continue, Sujin's confusion only grows. Interaction with Jiyeon now preoccupies Sujin, and Sujin can no longer take it as a joke.

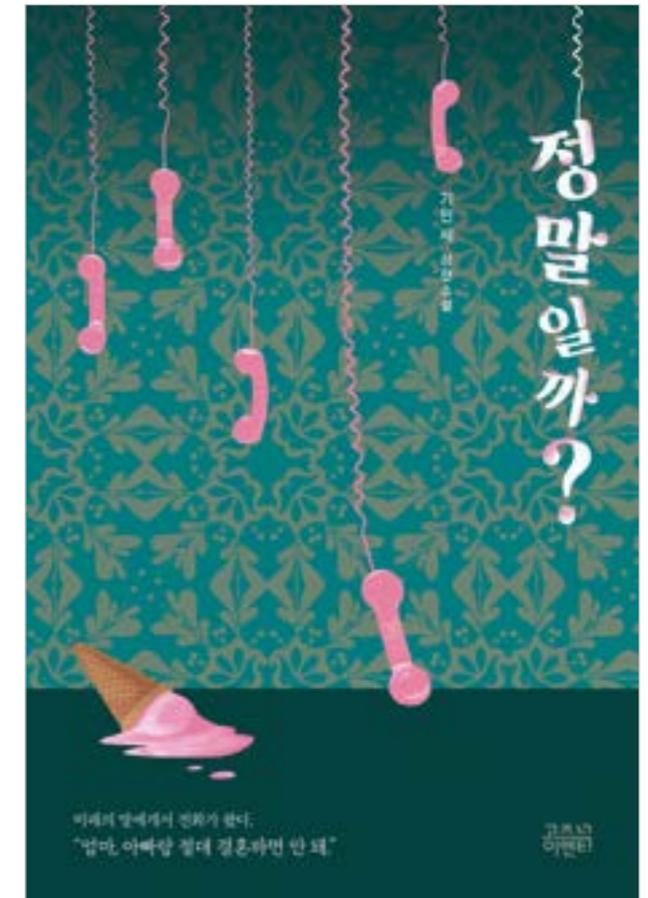
Mom, Do Not Marry Dad

As Sujin is left confused about Jiyeon, Jiyeon drops another bomb. She shares how Sujin was derailed from her path to become a professor and what kind of life she has after marriage. Jiyeon reveals the story from her perspective as Sujin's daughter. Jiyeon bursts into tears from the difficulty she has gone through herself, and Sujin continues to be mired. Jiyeon says what she wanted to say all along. "Mom, leave your boyfriend. Do not marry that man. Live your own life."

College student Sujin receives a phone call from her daughter 20 years in the future.

Could it be True?

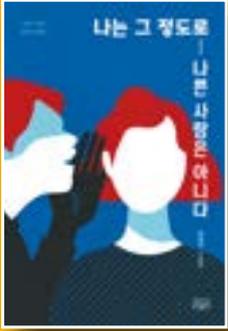
Sujin doesn't know what to do with Jiyeon's plea to end her current relationship, pursue her career, and live abroad. Sujin wonders whether Jiyeon's calls, what she told her of her future, and what Jiyeon has said are true. In the meantime, Sujin receives an acceptance letter from the academic program in Germany that she has been preparing for. Now, she is left with a choice... Are Jiyeon's calls true? The future Jiyeon shared -- is it true? What is Sujin going to choose?



Could It Be True?

Ki Minse

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I'm Not Such a Bad Person

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

Seven quirky stories that twist common sense and reality.

Short Stories

I'm Not Such a Bad Person

A kidnapper receives a hundred million won from a couple after kidnapping their daughter. They promise not to tell the authorities if he keeps a big secret. What kind of secret would be worth that much?

Interview

Top investment strategist on the Korean economic markets responds to an interview saying, "I know what will happen over the next 10 years."

Good Luck Is Like Destiny

Such strange destiny where good fortune is met with equal and opposite misfortune. He met her, a once-in-a-lifetime event. But if he loves her, he will have to endure an equal amount of misfortune. Should he accept this fate or not?

The Thief

I parked the car on the second floor yesterday, but now it is in the basement. The new milk I bought just yesterday is now half-gone. Someone is stealing my life.

Land of the Living

The land is left devastated after a nuclear power plant explosion. One person lives on this land alone, making a living taking orders from evacuees looking for their possessions.

Even If You Left Me

Eun-byul and Hae-young have been kidnapped and taken to an island. Confined to a small room with no light, they pray every day to see their parents again. Could such a miracle come true?

Benjamin Button's Goes Backwards, But Time Has Stopped for Me

An 18-year-old boy suffering from Highlander Syndrome stops aging as a child. He pretends to be a six-year-old in hopes of being adopted after living in the orphanage with no luck. But pretending to be that age isn't as easy as he thought.



I'm Not Such a Bad Person

Jeong Sejin

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244pages | 128*188mm



Skinny City

KOCCA K-Story in America Selection

Inspection

One day, when Ariha goes shopping for shoes with her mother Dara, a man gets caught in an inspection on the street. The man flees but soon gets arrested by White Rescues. White Rescues are police officers of the new regime who arrest people whose BMI exceeds a standard level. In this city, being fat is considered a crime and one's social class is determined by appearance. As soon as one turns into 18, their class is determined through an exam by the Citizen Committee. Therefore, students whose social class is about to be determined become extremely sensitive and nervous.

Camp

A person arrested at the inspection is being forced to enter the diet camp. This camp is quite suspicious. Once you enter, you're separated from society, and even your family can't communicate with you anymore. This means no one can tell whether you're alive or not. Those who advertise themselves that they got a perfect body and a new life after discharge from the camp seem very suspicious. Kata, Ariha's boyfriend, happens to get caught in the inspection and is about to be sent to the camp.

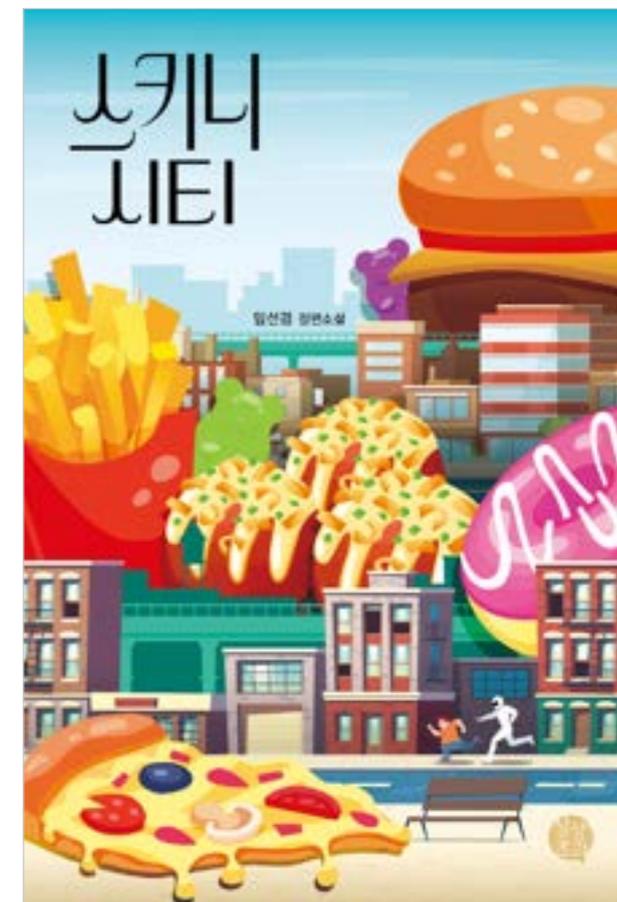
Seeds

Someone secretly put vegetable seeds in Ariha's bag. Ariha gets scared because it's prohibited to eat vegetables in the city. There is a rumor that a secret anti-establishment organization named "Seed-Sharing People" is operating covertly. It is said that the organization instigates people to eat vegetables and oppose forcible camp entrance. The organization is a dangerous entity that revolts against the government.

Secrets of the diet camp in a virtual society where one's appearance determines the social class!

Secret

Ariha searches the diet camp where Kata has been taken. She meets Mimi, a person discharged from the camp, and finds out suspicious points about the camp. Ariha then steals camp information at the office of Nanya, principal of the Citizen Committee. Then she breaks into Nanya's house and finds a secret hiding place. It's obvious that the camp is not simply a diet camp, as the authorities claim. Then, what in the world do they do to the fat people at the camp? The secret that is about to be revealed seems shocking.



Skinny City

Lim Sunkyung

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208pages | 140*205mm



If I Get Supernatural Powers, Shall I First Remove My Dad?

Com2us Global Content Literature Awards

An unfair life, cold medicine is my last resort!

I am an 18-year-old girl who suffers because of my patriarchal, violent father. As an only child, I have no one to share my pain with. It's difficult to tell my story even to my friends. I find it completely unfair that I must live in such a miserable life. My allowance is too small to buy even a 30,000-won cardigan. I have to kill my time until late night at a study café or a park. The only thing that brings peace to my sleepless nights is cold medicine that I've been secretly collecting. Why isn't there anyone who cares about my life?

The birth of a psychic! But what if it's the power to make others suffer?

One night, I received a divine revelation from the White Tiger God. White Tiger God gave me supernatural powers so that I can overcome my misfortune and pursue happiness. Wait a minute! Isn't it a power to hit the jackpot, or a power to read other people's minds? A power to make others suffer? There is one condition, power comes with misfortune and will get disappeared once I become truly happy. The power gets stronger as you get more miserable and to lose it, you must find happiness! Why did the White Tiger God give me such a tricky problem to solve, when it's not even my teacher? I started to give suffering to many people.

Suspicious leader from a club, and Mi-Hyang, a sister that I chose

I met Mi-Hyang, who also has supernatural powers like me. Mi-Hyang is bold and smart. If I had a younger sister, she would have been like Mi-Hyang. Mi-Hyang and I, who have been isolated in our class, build a special connection. After all those lonely years of living as an only daughter, I finally got a sister. Mi-Hyang introduces me to the leader of a psychic club and invites me to a new world. I get to know people with different supernatural powers such as teleportation, telepathy, and psychokinesis. However, the leader of the club looks suspicious. He seems to be hiding something.

A high school student who has endured a violent father happens to get supernatural powers.

I'll get rid of your father... the upcoming "day"

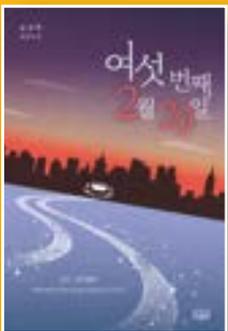
The leader says that he can get rid of the source of misfortune through the club. Now I can remove my father, a stain on my life! I thought I'd be happy, but I'm confused. To join the leader, I have to give more people suffering. Mi-Hyang tells me that the leader has a secret. Even though she's the one who introduced me to the leader, she warns me not to follow him. It's quite strange. They both have secrets that they cannot reveal. The day that the leader promised to remove my father is almost here...



If I Get Supernatural Powers, Shall I First Remove My Dad?

Cheongye

2022. 5. 27. | ISBN 9791163162346
256pages | 140*205mm



Leap Year

TV drama rights signed by Playlist

Tragedy is nothing but a result of desperation.

Suhyun is living with his mother who is seriously ill. He barely makes ends meet by illegally driving a taxi. On February 29 of 2004, he happens to meet a woman whose username is Hyunchae on a poker website. They agree to meet in person, and Hyunchae appears at the meeting place with a pistol. In the spur of the moment, they steal a car and drive it to an underground parking lot of a bank, where they rob 300 million won from a cash transportation truck. They shoot and kill an employee of the bank on the way.

The accomplice who demands money every four years

Before they leave each other, Hyunchae demands that Suhyun should meet her again on next February 29, which is four years after their first meeting, but Suhyun does not pay attention to her words. With the money from the bank robbery, Suhyun starts a successful business and the bank robbery case remains unsolved.

On February 29, 2008, Suhyun happens to pass by the place where he met Hyunchae and comes across her who has been waiting for him all day. Hyunchae threatens Suhyun with a gun to give her money. However, Suhyun escapes the situation.

On February 29, 2012, Suhyun meets Hyunchae again on Jayu-ro. She demands more money, but he refuses. Several days later, a car accident happens on Jayu-ro that results in a man's death.

That tragedy might not be a coincidence

After that, Suhyun never attempts to meet Hyunchae on February 29. Instead, having a hunch that she is spying on him, he hires a detective to investigate what is going on with her. The detective finds that Hyunchae is a victim of a crime related to voyeurism. The man who died on Jayu-ro was also the one appeared on the video, and Suhyun learns that he was deeply involved with the crime. People who

Every leap year on February 29, the forgotten mistake and the woman revisit the man, and together they close in on him.

are involved with the film starts to lose their life one after another.

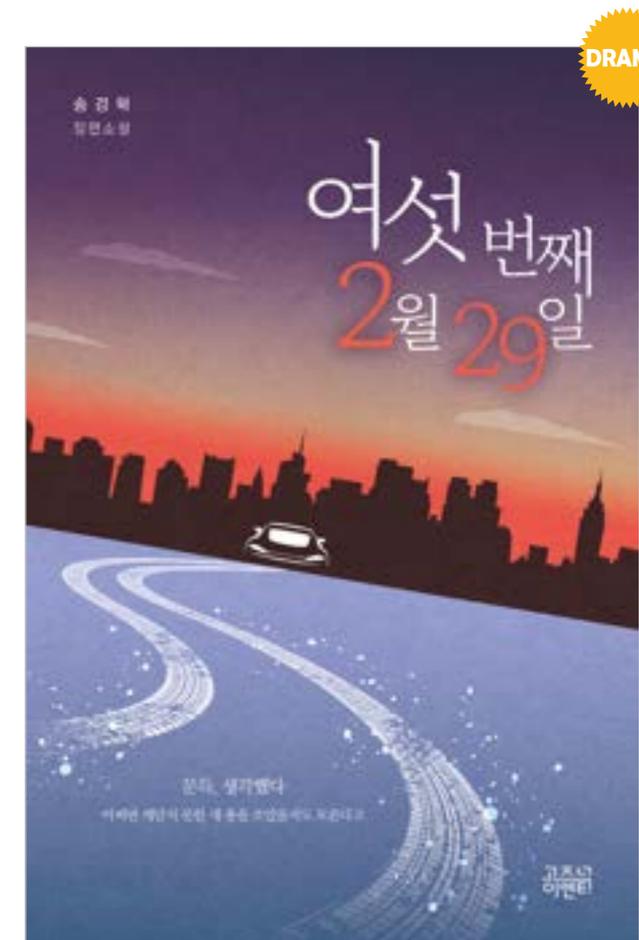
Suhyun desperately tries to find Hyunchae.

What she wanted...

On February 29, 2020, reappearing in front of Suhyun, Hyunchae points a gun at his head. Suhyun manages to overpower her then puts her into a car trunk, plunges the car into a lake to kill her. Several days later, however, someone tips off the police about the sunk(en) car. When they open the trunk, someone else but Hyunchae is found dead. The dead body turns out to be another assailant of the sex crime relevant to Hyunchae.

Suhyun recognizes the dead guy as it is the one he himself and his friend Mubae killed several years ago. Mubae becomes suspicious of Suhyun, thinking that Suhyun surrendered everything to the police. Due to this suspicion, Mubae tries to kill Suhyun. However, at the critical moment, the police enters to save Suhyun and arrests him as the culprit of the bank robbery and murder case of 2004.

Suhyun falls into confusion. What happened to Hyunchae who was supposed to be found dead?



Leap Year

Song Kyounghyuk

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Back Number

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Become a “viewer”

One day, Lee Won-yeong, an ordinary college student, loses his parents in a car accident. He almost dies but miraculously survives. When he wakes up in the hospital, he sees something strange: green numbers flashing on people's backs. The numbers are visible only to him. As the day passes, the numbers decrease by one. Won-yeong learns that the back number indicates the days each person has left to live. If there's a number 1 on one's back, then today's the day one will die.

Like this, Won-yeong becomes a “viewer.”

Everybody will face “the day”

Everybody must face their last day of life. However, people live as if “the day” will never come since they don't know when that will be. It is evident that everyone will face that at some point, but no one knows when that moment will be. However, Won-yeong now can tell when a person will die by looking at the number of their back. But ironically, he cannot know the number on his own back.

Someone without a number on their back

One day, Won-yeong sees a couple with the numbers on their backs flickering in red at a café. Won-yeong knows intuitively that there will be an accident that leads them to death, so he tries to save them from the immediate danger. Despite his efforts, they end up losing their lives in front of Won-yeong. Then a man without a back number approaches him. He warns Won-yeong not to intervene such as trying to prevent someone else's death. Also he states that human intervention in life and death will cause worse trouble.

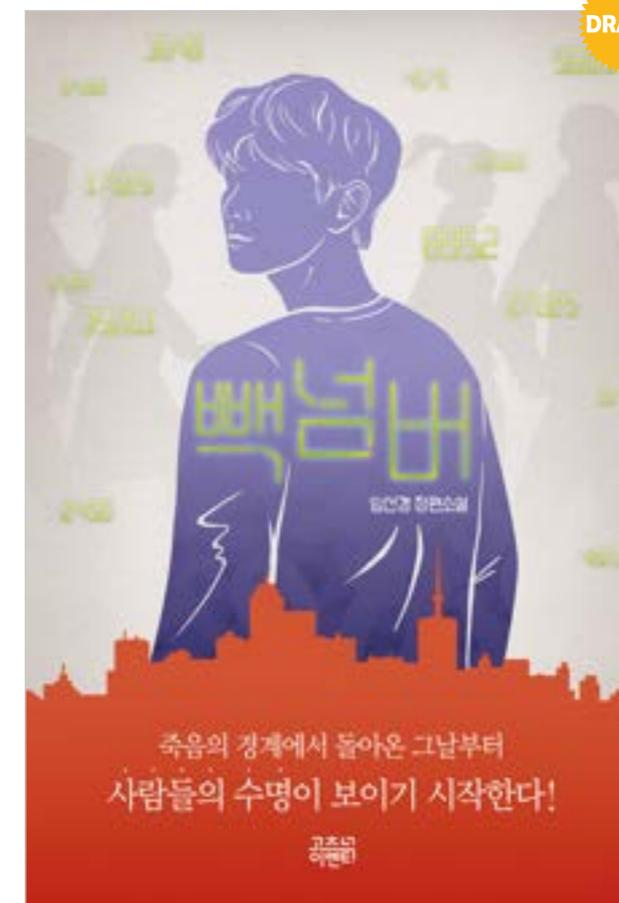
One day, I started seeing green numbers flashing on people's backs, indicating their lifespan.

Finding another viewer

Won-yeong finds out the way to check his back number: finding another “viewer” like him. Won-yeong has a feeling that the man he saw on the day of the car accident may be the one. He takes an express bus to search for the man. When the bus stops at a rest area, he decided to use restroom. As he walks back toward the bus, Won-yeong witnesses a surprising scene: a man with number 1 flickering in red on his back sits in Won-yeong's seat. Then the bus takes off right away.

Don't want to know the number on my back

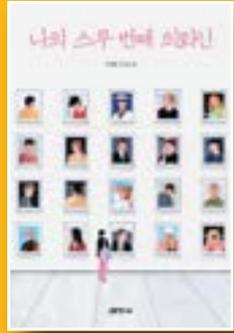
Won-yeong gives up trying to know his back number. There is nothing that would change even if he finds it out. There is nothing for him to intervene or to change, and no reason for doing so. He is determined to enjoy the freedom of “unknowing” to the utmost.



Back Number

Lim Sunkyung

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My Little Client

KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

A New Assistant

New assistants can never hang in long at detective Hae-joo's office. Some people blame Hae-joo's personality, which she strongly objects—she believes all the fired assistants had problems! This time as well, Hae-joo fired her assistant and hurriedly hired a new one. 'How long will this one last...?' She keeps a close eye on the new assistant, but he surprises Hae-Joo with unexpected skill sets.

The Youngest Client and Her Long-held Secret

One day into their peaceful lives, a 19-year-old girl hires Hae-joo to find her mother. Hae-joo gladly takes up her case, but things seem to get weirder and weirder. The mother was crazy about gathering luxurious clothes she didn't even wear, and the client had tens of millions of won in her drawer. What's more, her mother's bankbook had even more cash deposited into small installments.

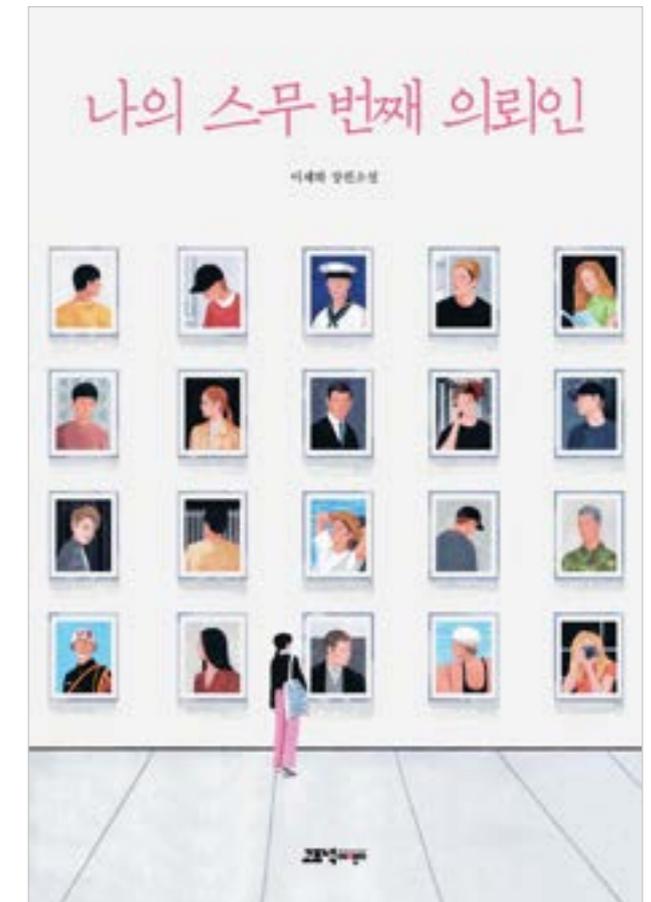
The Secret that Had to be Buried

A woman comes to the client and introduces herself as the missing mother's friend. Hae-joo is suspicious about her but pretends to trust her in order to dig deeper. Hae-joo and Yo-han leave their traces in every place where the client's mother frequented, based on the woman's testimony and new leads. Finally, they come across an unexpected truth at a motel where the mother stayed for a long time when she gave birth to the client.

A truth-finding journey of a cold-hearted and logical detective Jang Hae-joo, and a warm, kind, but somewhat secretive assistant Seomun Yo-han as they take up the case of the youngest client ever

Please, Find My Mom's Killer

The client bursts into tears when Hae-joo tells the client that her mother is dead. The mysterious friend suddenly disappears when the biological mother's death is revealed, as if she wanted to make sure she was dead. The client, Kim Byul, hands over the cash and the bankbook she wanted to cherish to Hae-joo. "My mom would never kill herself. She must have been murdered by someone else. Find her killer." With the client requesting a new case, the situation unfolds into an unexpected direction.



My Little Client

Lee Chaeha

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The Child Behind the Door

KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

Suspicious Three Families at Hillstown, a Luxury Residence

32-year-old housekeeper Bo-min lives with her grandmother and gets a chance to work at a luxury apartment, Hillstown. At apartment 504, a young vet Kim Yi-seo lives alone. 803 is inhabited by a mysterious man whom she never encountered. At 804 lives a married couple, Han Seung-jo and Lee Yu-kyung with their son Han Seo-woo, who goes to a boarding high school, and a 6-year-old daughter Han Seo-ah. But all three houses seem to be somewhat suspicious.

Apartment 804 Owner Han Seung-jo is Imprisoning His Daughter

A young but talented housekeeper Bo-min's first rule is to never cross the line as an employee, who is not part of the family. She turns a blind eye to the suspicious three houses and focuses on work. In Bomin's first week at work, Seo-woo appears before her at apartment 804. He reveals that Seo-ah is captivated by their father and is smuggled out when Bo-min comes for work. He requests help by saying that the cameras in 804 are Han Seung-jo's surveillance measure, but Bo-min refuses to do anything. Then, she accidentally picks up an item in an empty apartment 803, the same one that was in 804. Bo-min returns it to 804, thinking it was a mistake, and she confronts Han Seung-jo at that moment. Seung-jo, referred to as "the madman" by his son Seo-woo, starts to threaten Bo-min since then.

A young 32-year-old housekeeper Nam Bo-min gets entangled in the mysterious plot between three houses at the luxury residence apartment Hillstown!

Rescue Plan for Han Seo-ah

With mysterious events occurring around her, Bo-min falls under silent pressure. She ends up joining Yu-kyung and Seo-woo's plan to rescue Seo-ah as she pursues the truth due to maddening anxiety. She later discovers that Yi-seo living in 504 of the apartment is also somehow related. Bo-min starts investigating 3 houses and learns that Yu-kyung, Seo-woo, and Yi-seo are hiding something from her.



The Child Behind the Door

Koo Hyekyung

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Killing Peter Rabbit

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Translated in Taiwan and Thailand, Russia

An extraordinary match begins between an autistic boy, the sole witness of the cruel and intellectual murder case, and a serial killer.

The Witness Who Cannot Testify

When Eun-chong was 5, he lost his father in an accident and became autistic. One day, he happened to witness a serial murder. As an autistic boy, Eun-chong could not testify and thus the case did not draw much public attention. Six months after the murders, his older sister, Eun-hye, sees his signal for help on an SNS video. Thinking that Eun-chong is in danger, she immediately goes home.

A Stranger is Living in My House!

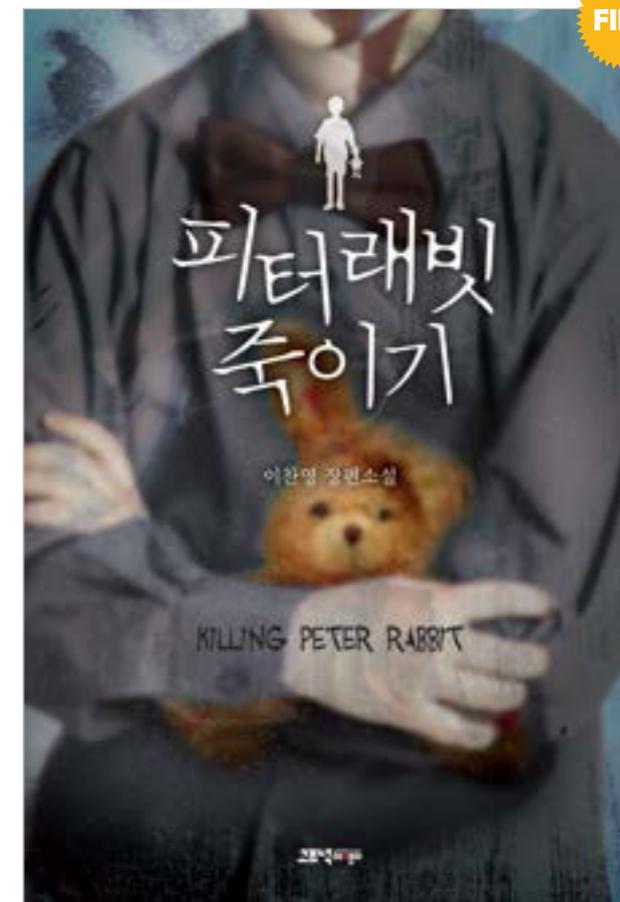
Eun-hye plans to relax at home for a few days, but many strange things happen in the house. A strange man is hanging around the house, and the position of objects is keep changing while the family is gone. Eun-hye checks the CCTV at a convenience store near her house and finds that only one person visited the house who turns out to be the internet service engineer. She suddenly gets goose bumps because the recorded video shows him entering the house, but she never sees him leaving. Eun-hye realizes that her family has been living with this strange man for a whole week!

The True Identity of the Intruder, A Diary Full of Codes

Eun-hye faints when she was attacked by the stranger, and Eun-chong and her mother get kidnapped. After Eun-hye regains consciousness, she starts gathering clues to save her mother and younger brother. Eun-hye finds Eun-chong's diary by chance, and it contains all the information about the killer and the murder case that he witnessed. The only problem is that everything is written in mysterious codes. Eun-hye tries to find a way to decode them.

Surprising Secrets Told Silently By the Mute Boy

By reading the diary of Eun-chong, Eun-hye learns that he had a hard time struggling with the killer. He uses the Marvel characters to show who was on his side and who was on the killer's side. Eun-chong is expressed as the Iron Man, Eun-hye as the Hulk, and the killer as Captain America. Through the hard process of finding the killer, she can finally understand Eun-chong's unique way of expressing things. With Eun-hye's help, Eun-chong overcomes the guilt which made him believe that he caused his father's death.



Killing Peter Rabbit

Lee Chanyeong

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Mr. Lee Clean Center

KOCCA Story Competition Grand Prize | TV drama rights signed

Produced as live musical | Translated in Taiwan and Indonesia

An Interview at the Morgue

I wake up to the alarm beeping on my phone in a morgue. Yesterday morning, I had a job interview with a company called Post-mortem Clean Center for a position that sorts out belongings of the deceased. That interview has brought me to this morgue. The boss was tired of people quitting after a day or two saying that looking at dead people is a dreadful work. So, he had me spend a night in a morgue with the corpse of a homeless person. After passing the test, I got a job of organizing belongings of the dead. However, there is more: I see ghosts.

The Past Catches Up

My precious full-time job abruptly ended when the boss ran off with a gold bar found among a dead woman's belongings. It was found under the bed of an old lady who died all alone. So just after two weeks, I am unemployed once again. However, I started my own business with the clueless Kim Jeong-gyu, a guy that I used to work with at the Center.

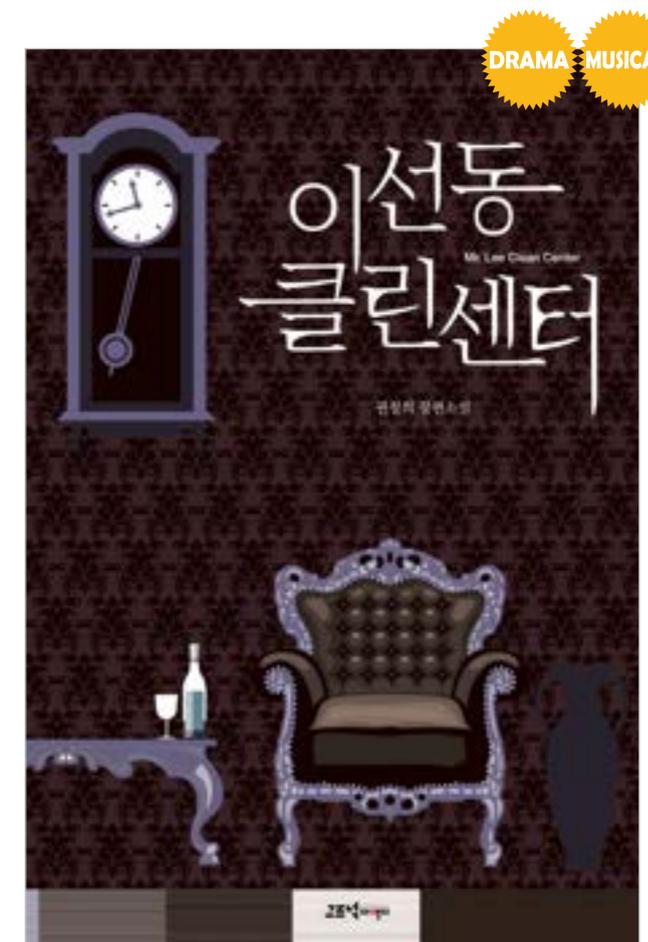
The work turns out to be full of drama, and it even takes me back into my past that I have forgotten for a long time. The primary incident was my encounter with Detective Kang Dong-cheol who is my childhood friend. However, after a short while, he committed suicide. He brought back terrible memories of my grandparents who killed themselves with cyanide. As if that was not enough, Detective Kang's daughter Bora visited me only to shake up my memories from the past.

The crazy things that happen to him when he gets a job at the Clean Center that sorts out belongings of the deceased.

Unsolved Riddles that Must be Solved

I ended up becoming the boss of this strange place named, Mr.Lee's Post-mortem Clean center with the aid of my friend Jeong-gyu. I listen to the stories the spirits are trying to tell and organize the belongings that used to belong to them. And through death, I learn about life and realized life could be grinding, secretive, lonely and sad. Meanwhile, Bora keeps insisting that her father's death is not a suicide and I found a piece of evidence that proves that she is right. I also find reasons to suspect that his death is somehow related to the deaths of my grandparents.

Why were my grandparents murdered? Why did Dong-cheol die? Who killed him? What do the ghosts want from me? What can I do for them?



Mr. Lee Clean Center

Kwon Jounghee

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The God Dubak Case shocked the entire Joseon Dynasty. Did they really chase a god away?



A Hunchback Gardener of Joseon

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A touching communion between a curved pine tree and a gardener.



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Seonnomi follows Yeonam to China and encounters strange, creepy stories in a wider world.



Lady Coroner in Joseon

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A-ran, the Coroner of Joseon, looks into this mysterious serial murder.



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The Fortress

Bae Sangyeol

Li Shimin vs. Yang Manchun, A battle between an unstoppable spear and an impenetrable shield.



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Oh Yoonhee

Mysterious stories from all corners of the country gather at Samgae Inn.



The Sound of a Flower

Im Yiseul

A performer breaks the taboo of her time and becomes the first recognized female singer in Joseon.



The Peculiar Pixie of Joseon

Kim Shian

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Park Eunwoo

An exciting reiteration of the miraculous victory at the Battle of Myeongnyang.



Queen Wongyeong

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

Gaegyeong's greatest lady, Min Jagyeong

Jagyeong is the brightest child of Min Je, the head of the Min family, and Gaegyeong's most brilliant lady. Beauty, talent, intellect—she excels in every possible field. Many suitors have proposed to her already, but she has turned them all down. As the entire town wonders who she will choose, she suddenly announces her betrothal to Lee Bangwon, the fifth son of Lee Seonggye. The news shocks everyone.

The Future King

People don't understand her choice, as Bangwon fell far behind both in terms of his family and his personal accomplishments. Yet Jagyeong is confident. She doesn't want to leave this world without a legacy, just because she was born a woman. She is determined to rise to the top and make history. And she believes the best person to help her achieve this is Bangwon, the most intelligent son of the Lee family. To prove her decision, she swears to push him all the way to the top, no matter what.

One may lead his horse to water but cannot make him drink

Just when Jagyeong thinks Seonggye's foundation of the Joseon Dynasty will bring her closer to her dream, she faces another obstacle—her husband. Bangwon has no desire to compete with his four elder brothers over the throne; his only wish is for his mother, Lady Han, to become queen. Because Jagyeong's entire plan revolves around Bangwon, Jagyeong is crushed. Yet, she cannot give up.

She knows that Bangwon would never accept Bangseok, the son of Lady Gang, to become the crown prince over his older brothers. Thus, her new task is clear: push Lady Gang to make her son the crown prince. Not knowing that she is being

She founded a kingdom, made a king, and raised the next, but her name is completely left out of history. Meet the love and challenges of the best kingmaker of Joseon, Queen Wongyeong.

manipulated by Jagyeong, Lady Gang even brings Jeong Dojeon, one of the most brilliant scholars, to her side and urges Seonggye to appoint Bangseok as the crown prince. As Jagyeong predicted, Bangwon is infuriated when his stepbrother is placed above his own brothers.

Wins power, loses love

Jagyeong persuades Bangwon to wield the sword for his mother, Lady Han. She introduces Ha Ryun, a renowned political advisor, and provides all the support she can through the Min family. In the end, Bangwon launches the First Prince's Rebellion, defying his duty as a son, and achieves victory. However, he later discovers that this was part of Jagyeong's grand scheme. Heartbroken and furious that he has been manipulated by the woman he loves more than anyone, he vows revenge... Will Jagyeong be able to secure both love and ambition?



Queen Wongyeong

Seo Jayoung

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The Detective Shaman

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

The number one swindling shaman in Joseon

Musan is a former detective maid-of-honor who escaped from the royal palace by pretending to have the shamanic sickness. Now she makes a living swindling corrupt officials along with Dolmeng the blind fortune teller. Then one day she gets a confidential letter from the king, ordering her to secretly investigate the God Dubak Case that shocked the capital and its surrounding areas. How is she supposed to investigate a supernatural phenomenon when she herself doesn't have superhuman powers? Afraid of being punished for lying to the king, Musan persuades Seollang, who is the son of a nobleman born from a concubine and suffers from the shamanic sickness, to investigate the case with her.

The God Dubak Case and the Sudden Death

How did God Dubak, the village god of the Yangseong region get known in the capital and Gyeonggi areas? While investigating the case with Seollang, Musan finds out that words on God Dubak have spread fast due to the sudden death that had occurred at the medical clinic. Using the skills she acquired in her detective days, Musan succeeds in discovering that the sudden death was in fact a murder. Then one day, her prime suspect, a nurse maid-of-honor, is found dead in the medical clinic sauna.

They Were After Paper, Not God

Investigations lead Musan to find out that there was a burial monk who had worked with the dead maid-of-honor and a mortician behind the case as well. All this was because of paper. The dynasty of Joseon had to not only send paper to China regularly as a tribute but also was suffering from the lack of paper, having published 300,000 volumes of a history book two years ago. If someone was offering paper to God Dubak, that meant that someone was selling the paper, which also meant

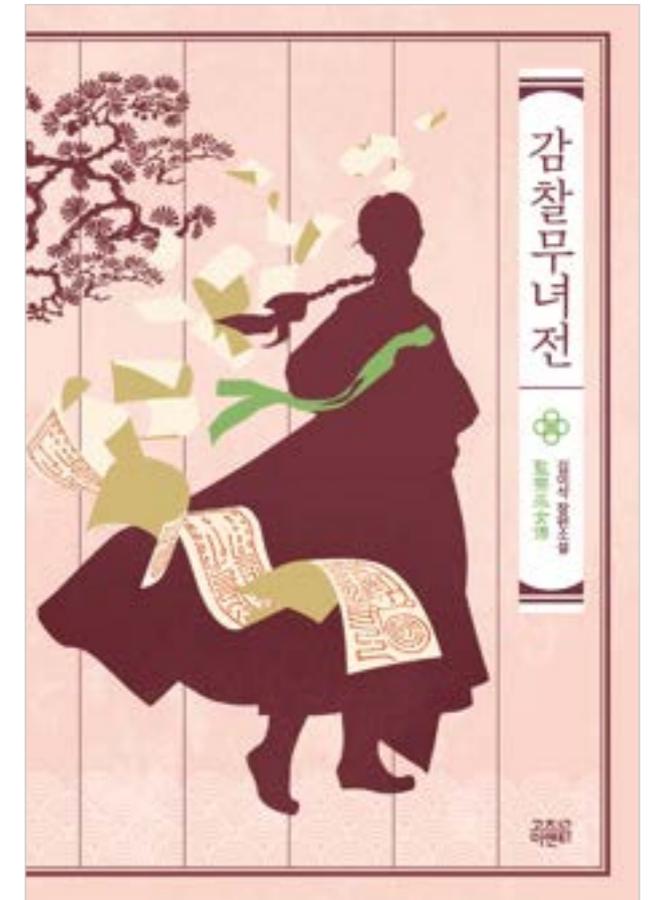
The God Dubak Case shocked the entire Joseon Dynasty. Did they really chase a god away?

Musan, a former detective maid-of-honor slash shaman without superhuman powers, investigates a supernatural phenomenon.

that someone was making it. And morticians could make paper.

The Final Shamanistic Ritual

Although she found out what had happened, Musan also realizes that she has been manipulated like a puppet. Why had the king given her, a mere shaman, the mission to investigate the God Dubak case? Musan thought it was because of her experience as a detective maid-of-honor. But she was wrong. It was because she was a shaman—because, despite the policy to suppress Buddhism and praise Confucianism, the influence of Buddhism still couldn't be ignored. Therefore the higher-ups used Musan the shaman as a cover, feigning ignorance. Determined not to become a piece of stone on the go board, Musan prepares the final shamanistic ritual to avoid becoming the government shaman as a reward for solving the God Dubak case.



The Detective Shaman

Kim Isaac

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GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

A The journey begins

Seonnomi leaves his family's Samgae inn and joins a diplomatic mission to the Qing empire. The journey is rough from the start. Park Myeongwon, Yeonam's boss, is intimidating, and the manservants Jangbok and Changdae keep an awkward distance from him. It had taken him a great deal of courage to leave his home, but Seonnomi feels lonely when he cannot mingle with the others. He suffers from homesickness when a girl, his first love, shows up and gives him advice.

The ferryman of Yalu River

The rain finally stops after pouring for many days. The group takes boats to cross Yalu River. By crossing the river, they leave Joseon and enter Qing. Yeonam feels uneasy to be heading toward a strange, unknown land. He strikes up a conversation with the ferryman, who tells him a strange story. His name is Jumae and he left his small, narrow-minded village to become a ferryman. One day, he was rowing a young couple across the river. The woman looked plain and ordinary, but the man seemed eerie for some reason, dressed in black from head to toe. Jumae rowed in silence when the man told him to stop halfway across the river. The corpse of a woman was drifting down in the distance. She seemed to have drowned in the river. As the corpse came closer, the young woman gasped. Jumae glanced at what she was staring at. The woman's corpse looked almost identical to the woman in the boat.

The curse of the red silk

The group reach Shenyang after an exhausting journey. They arrive at their inn and enjoy a hard-earned rest when an old man over eighty asks to meet the envoy from Joseon. He was born and raised in Qing, but he is a descendant of Joseon people who had been taken as hostages.

Seonnomi follows Yeonam to China and encounters strange, creepy stories in a wider world.

The man is granted an interview with Yeonam and Park Myeongwon, during which he pulls out a carefully sewn pair of socks, made by his great-grandmother. He asks them to make an offering of those socks at Crown Princess Minhoe's grave, saying it was his grandmother's dying wish. The Crown Princess was the wife of Crown Prince Sohyeon, and the couple had been forced to stay in Qing as hostages. When they finally returned to Joseon, the Prince's father, King Injo, had them killed.

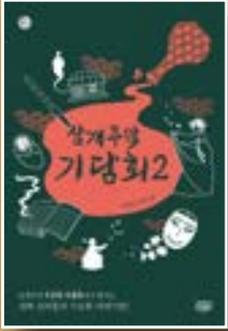
The ambassador asks the reason for the strange request, and the old man explains that Hyang, his great-grandmother, suffered from guilt that it was her fault Crown Princess Minhoe had been killed.



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Oh Yoonhee

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Strange Story Club at Samgae Inn 2

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Beginning of Strange Story Club

At the beginning of the new year, a special meeting is about to be held at Samgae Inn located near Mapo Dock along the Han River. The members of the meeting are quite unique noble scholars, including Yeon-am Park Ji-won, the famous scholar of the Realist School of Confucianism. He is the host of this meeting. Seonnomi, the son of the owner of the inn, starts to share strange stories that he knows. Yeon-am had recognized that Seonnomi has a special talent of remembering every single detail that he's heard or seen. So he requested for Seonnomi to tell the group some stories. This is how the Strange Story Club is formed.

Face under the mask

On the lunar New Year's Eve, a man named Bok-soe comes to the Samgae Inn with a back bundle. He plans to sell masks used for the event of Narye, an occasion for expelling demons on New Year's eve, to a large gibang, an entertainment house where gisaeng(female entertainer) live and perform. Asked by other guests who are sharing the room with him, Bok-soe shows them the masks from his bundle. Among the masks, there is a plain wooden mask that looks like a bare face. It looks like unfinished, abandoned mask. When people ask him about the mask, Bok-soe gets embarrassed and doesn't answer clearly.

The next day, Bok-soe finds that his bundle has been stolen. He worries with panic that since the plain wooden mask has disappeared, something terrible might happen. Meanwhile, in the garden of scholar Park where the Narye rite is scheduled to be held, a servant discovers the plain wooden mask from the bags of traveling actors. The mask lures the servant in a tempting voice: "Put me on your face. I am you." When the servant puts on the mask, he suddenly grabs a knife and rushes towards his master as if possessed.

Creepy, strange stories from all over the country unfold at Samgae Inn!

Mysterious document at Chunchugwan

A new person shows up at the Strange Story Club. Jong-ho is a historian and childhood friend from one of the members of the club. He joined the club to tell the members about what his dead father, Won-ho, experienced. As a historian of Chunchugwan, Won-ho was working late one night and realized that he wasn't the only one there. Thinking that someone had sneaked in to steal the precious historical records, he hid and seeks for intruder's identity. What he saw from a distance was a man who was writing something on a desk, with his body covered with blood.

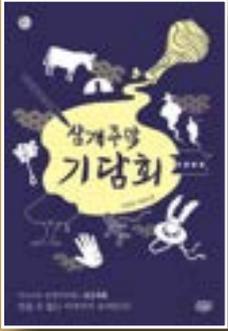
As soon as the man sensed the presence of Won-ho, he disappeared. On the desk there was a thin book, which the man was writing something on. It was a book with a light purple cover that has no title. Won-ho turned the first page and found something written: "Read but not out in sound. Those who carelessly speak out will pay the price with their life." Feeling ominous, Won-ho wanted to close the book, but before doing so, he discovered something that gave him goosebumps all over his body.



Strange Story Club at Samgae Inn 2

Oh Yoonhee

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Strange Story Club at Samgae Inn

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Samgae Inn, Where stories gather

At the port of Mapo, about 4km southwest from the capital Hanyang, there is an inn called Samgae, which was named after the second name of Mapo. It is always crowded with sailors who work at the port, vendors of salt and salted seafood, and peddlers who seek to stay overnight. The place is run by Ms. Kim, a brusque barmaid but a great cook; Seonomi, her oldest son who manages the chores; and Bok and Ok, her two daughters who assist Kim in the kitchen. And this is where all the strange stories from across the whole country flock together...

An old man who draws the spouse's face

In a summer dusk, a peddler named Pal-saeng visits the inn to grab something to eat after work. He engages in a conversation with Jang-soe and his pals, a regular of the inn. Jang-soe asks Pal-saeng if he could share any strange incidents he has experienced while travelling the country, and reluctantly, Pal-saeng tells a story about a mysterious old man he met.

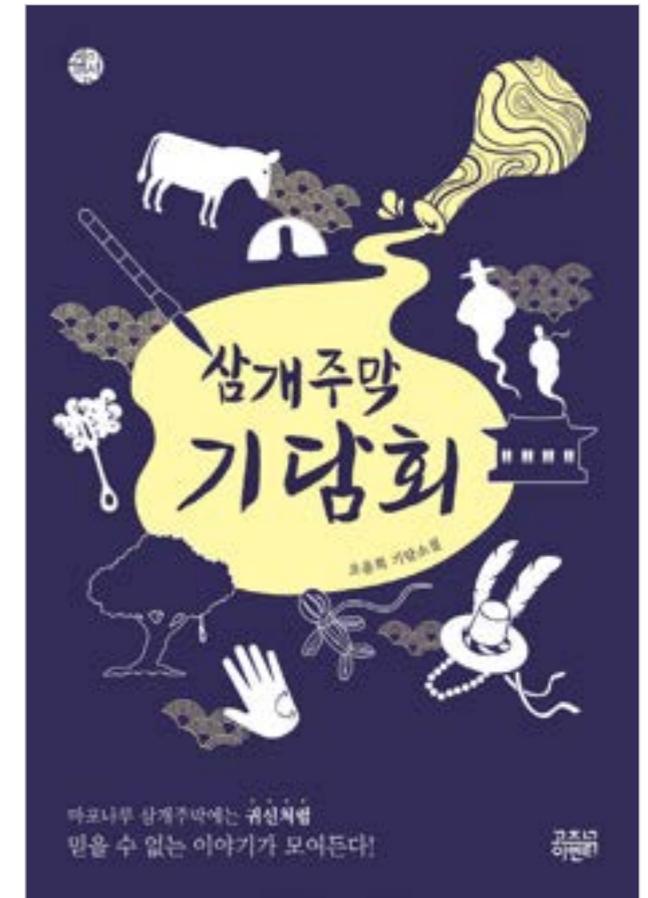
Nobody knew where he came from or how old he was. He was a wanderer who made a living by drawing. This may not distinguish him from ordinary artists, but this old man has a special power. When asked to draw a portrait, he is able to accurately draw the client's spouse just by looking at the client's face.

As an old bachelor, Pal-saeng asks the old man to draw his future wife's face. The artist refuses to do so, insisting that knowing the future would not help Pal-saeng at all. Pal-saeng begs and begs, nevertheless, and manages to get a portrait of his future wife. Later, he miraculously runs into a woman that looks exactly like the drawing—only this woman is already married. Grappling with the fact that the woman of his destiny is already married, he decides to do the unthinkable.

Mysterious stories from all corners of the country gather at Samgae Inn—stories that have never been told anywhere else!

Strange stories meet Yeonam Park Ji-won

Countless people visit Samgae after Pal-saeng. An old female peddler who keeps a secret bottled up in her heart; a servant brings his young master who is not in his right mind because of a resentment between families; and a young scholar whose poor mother forcedly killed herself because her mother-in-laws wanted her to be a virtuous woman by following her husband's death... Seonomi, with his outstanding memory, keeps his own record of the stories he hears from the visitors. One eccentric scholar recognizes his talent and suggests a "strange story club." This man who often drinks at the inn with his colleagues is the pragmatic scholar Yeonam Park Ji-won of the late Joseon Kingdom. Seonomi accepts his proposal, and the "strange story club at Samgae Inn" commences.



Strange Story Club at Samgae Inn

Oh Yoonhee

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The Peculiar Pixie of Joseon

Novel by the Author of <The Hunchback Gardener of Joseon>

A cheerful, hilarious girl

Man-Deok is a girl who loves the sea—she likes doing a silly dance as she waits for her father to return from the shore. She has a protruded forehead and big eyes and is better at diving than other woman divers, and likes crafting beautiful things with shells collected on the shore. This little girl, who even forgets to sleep when she's got her mind set on something, is the town's famous tomboy.

A sudden shadow of death and a child left behind

When her father, who is known for being punctual on both the island and the shore, doesn't return home for days, the girl heads out to sea, worried. She discovers Mr. Jang, a colleague of her father, adrift on a plank floated down from the sea. It is said that her father's ship sank in the wind and waves, and the villagers hold a joint funeral. Shocked by the sudden death of her father, the girl's mother falls sick and passes away. The girl's uncle appears and takes her two brothers with him, while leaving the girl in the care of a gibang, the high-class drinking house where female entertainers, or gisaeng, are trained.

Tortuous gibang life

Under the circumstances, the little girl starts living in the gibang and tries to earn money to support herself. She is recognized for her talent to make shiny items with seemingly useless shells, and thereby starts working as an artisan making useful items for the noble. She is also the gibang's resident troublemaker. For example, when she experiments at making moisturizing, fragrant soap, she ends up making her own face into a frightening monster face. However, her talent for making sophisticated items earns the admiration of the high-class people. One day, the son of the newly appointed Jeju governor and Park Chan-Seong put her name on the list of a gisaeng, a woman who entertains noble men.

The greatest merchant of Jeju and a great famine

In this novel, there are a lot of characters who always stand by Man-Deok's side. For

A girl who lost her parents is left alone on Jeju Island, overcoming hardships to make miracles happen on the island.

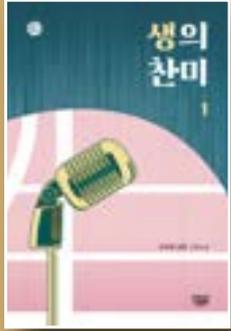
instance, Wol-Hyang, who worries about Man-Deok's temper and gives her bitter advice, but helps her out whenever Man-Deok gets in trouble; Yuk-Son, who is taciturn and reserved but does whatever Man-Deok asks her to do; Yang-Chun, who calls Man-Deok "bulging head" and hits her on the top of the head with a walking stick whenever Man-Deok makes a mistake, yet trains her by giving her difficult chores and teaching her to brew alcohol; and Bang-Man, who builds houses, traveling all around the country, comes home as a freed slave and unexpectedly meets Man-Deok, and happens to construct a commission agency. Enraged by the behavior of the noble class people who are only concerned with their own well-being after an unprecedented famine occurs, Man-Deok donates all the rice in her commission agency for the people of Jeju Island, and when this is not enough, she sends her ship to the mainland to sell enormous amount of crops she harvested and save the people of Jeju. For her great deed, the king tells her that he will grant her a wish. Then, she answers with twinkling eyes that she wishes to visit to Mt. Geumgang.



The Peculiar Pixie of Joseon

Chun Youngmi

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Hymn of Life

Novel by the Author of <My Fair Lady in Joseon>

Love affair in the Korea Straits and Hymn of Death

In the dawn of August 4, 1926, it was reported that singer Yun Sim-Deok and Kim Woo-Jin committed suicide together, by jumping into the sea. The shocking news swept through Gyeongseong, present-day Seoul. Nam Sang-Cheol, a reporter from Dong-A Press goes into a frenzy at the news, thinking that Sim-Deok would never be the kind of person that would take her own life. Having lost the woman he had once crushing on, Sang-Cheol can't acknowledge her death and tries to track down her last moves, only to fall into deeper confusion. Meanwhile, he hears the news that Hymn of Death, the last album recorded by Yun Sim-Deok right before her death is getting released. Sim-Deok's posthumous album becomes a record breaker that makes gramophones sell out, boosted by the extraordinary scandal.

After all the belief collapses

Sang-Cheol becomes confused, realizing that there were many aspects of Sim-Deok's life that he didn't know. He is suspicious about her credits as the lyricist but cannot find any clear clues. However, when reading Kim Woo-Jin's note handed to him by Jeom-Hyo, Woo-Jin's wife, his belief that Sim-Deok didn't commit suicide falls apart. After a while, Sang-Cheol heads for Osaka, where Ildong Records, the company that released Hymn of Death, is located, to face Sim-Deok's last moments. In the city, he comes across a mysterious man named Maeda Tetsu.

A grand scheme that becomes a matter of life and death

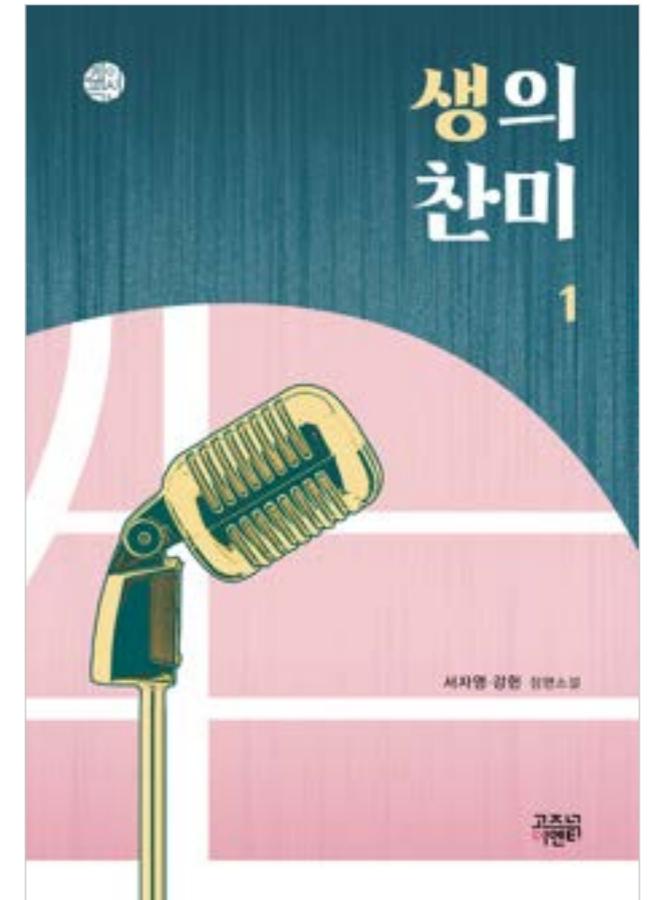
During his time at Cheongsan School, Tetsu, then a literature student, fell in love with Yun Sim-Deok, who entered the school as an exchange student on a government scholarship. Tetsu considered Sim-Deok as his other half. But Sim-Deok didn't feel the same. She couldn't live only as someone's partner. Their seemingly endless love ended when Sim-Deok made her way into the broader world. As a talented singer, she

This book delves into the truth behind the "Hymn of Death" syndrome, the most dramatic scandal in the history of Korean popular music.

became everyone's sweetheart. Plunged into despair after their relationship ended, Tetsu gave up his dream of becoming an artist. Later, he conceives a grand scheme that will become the matter of life and death, bringing back the memory of the Kanto Massacre.

The Hymn of life and the song of death

The year 1923 was the year of Yun Sim-Deok. People paid attention to the modern girl who claimed herself as an Agapemonite, and her popularity made her concert tickets sold out quickly. However, the public's fervent interest in her eventually faded. The public wasn't tolerant enough to maintain their interest in difficult classical music. Sim-Deok was economically distressed and couldn't regain her tainted reputation. Under such circumstances, Tetsu approached her and suggested recording the album that became Hymn of Death. He suggested she fake her own death to make the album a big success. Left without options, she accepts his plan in the hope that she'll have one last chance of soaring again, without knowing the ulterior motives of his scheme.



Hymn of Life

Seo Jayeong, Kang Heon

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472pages | 135*202mm



The Hunchback Gardener of Joseon

2nd Prize in Korean Contents Contest

Birth of a hunchback baby

Heo Eun-su, born to the most prestigious family in Joseon, has only one flaw: his hunchback. His abnormal appearance has been ridiculed by his siblings and even by the servants. He is seen as a misfortune and treated as a nuisance who must not attend any family event. Hurt by the contemptuous comments made by his schoolmates questioning the need for him to learn the teachings of sages when he was born with a useless body, he goes to his mother's garden to take care of flowers and trees to find comfort.

First place in national exam and subsequent demotion to Sangrimwon

He is startled when he receives a marriage proposal, but Choi Ah-yeong who is Eun-su's fiancée opens up his heart by saying she is glad to exchange vows with someone with a sound mind. They become a happily married couple. Ah-yeong suggests that he take the national examination, and after careful consideration, he decides to take his chance and eventually wins the honor of passing the examination by coming into the first place. He builds a successful career, with the King having utmost faith in him, until an unexpected crisis hits him. After offering drinks to the ancestors as part of the spring ancestral rite at the Royal Shrine, he stumbles on the stairs and ruins the grand ceremony—an accident that never happened before. He is later demoted to Sangrimwon, an office tasked with the management of the court garden, which was considered a menial job at the time.

The eccentric king meets the game changers of Joseon!

The eccentric, curiosity-driven King always does things that no one has ever thought of before. All forms of entertainment take place in Gangnyeongjeon, his bedroom. Then out of nowhere, he begins to live in a cottage in an attempt to resolve famine, which stuns the court. He sleeps on a prickly haystack instead of silk bedding. That

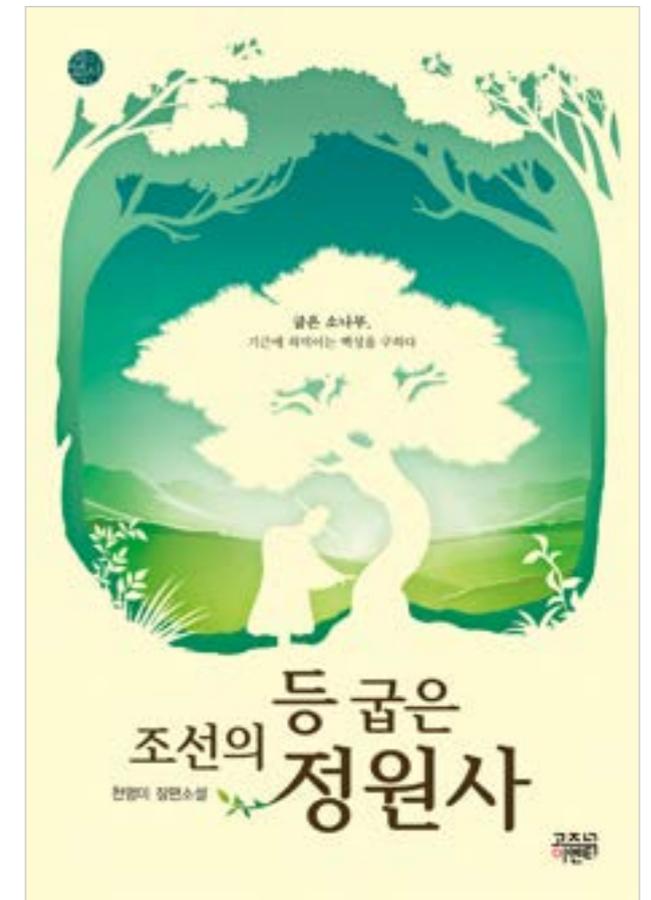
A touching communion between a curved pine tree grown for the people and a gardener with an indomitable will.

is when he discovers the three people who have the potential to aid him in building a new Joseon: the hunchback Heo Eun-su, the court doctor Jeon Seon-ui, and surprisingly, a female artist Choi Ah-yeong.

For some reason, he orders Eun-su to design a greenhouse that can grow food resources in winter. After successfully constructing the greenhouse, he announces his second big plan, which surprises everyone.

Grow a curvy pine tree

The first secret order was to grow a curvy pine tree that would be able to save people from famine. Eun-su secretly works on it in Sangrimwon. Jealous of the King's faith in Eun-su, other officials attempt to put the blame on him for damaging the royal tree, but Eun-su's strongest supporter, the King, steps up and protects him. However, the attacks against Eun-su do not seem to die down, and the King feels worried that his order has caused Eun-su too much trouble. So, he pretends to side with the officials and sends Eun-su to Onyang as a punishment. There, Eun-su will be able to live a peaceful life, surrounded by trees and flowers.



The Hunchback Gardener of Joseon

Chun Youngmi

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372pages | 145*210mm



Lady Coroner in Joseon

SBA Hallyu Cultural Contents Selection | BIFF Book to Film Selection

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A-ran with a wounded heart becomes a coroner

A-ran pretends to be an illegitimate daughter of the mayor of Hanseongbu (present-day Seoul) who is actually her mortal enemy that killed her parents. Seeking revenge, she becomes a coroner to collect evidence, and examines bodies day and night to determine the causes of death. One day, an incident plunges the entire city in terror—six bodies are found in a burning cave on Mt. Mokmyeok. A-ran investigates the case with Yun-o, the inspector from Saheonbu (Office of Inspector General), and Han-seok, the judge from the Office of Hanyang, but the truth is still veiled. Later, one of the bodies turns out to be that of Heo-cheong, the only son of the minister of war. Now, all eyes turn to the capital. A-ran risks her identity being revealed to focus on the investigation and realizes that Heo-cheong is the key figure of the incident.

Rumor and truth of the Mt. Mokmyeok incident

While the investigation goes through a difficult period amid the silence of the bereaved and those involved, a strange rumor spreads throughout Hanyang that there is a puppet show about the murderer. A-ran, who has reached a dead end, immediately heads out to Mt. Mokmyeok, where the show was performed. There she learns that Heo-cheong used Seungyeosa (an affiliated institution under the Ministry of War) to commit human trafficking and killed the rest of the five victims. She quickly heads backstage to see the performer, but the area is already empty. That is when she is hit on the head and passes out.

One who tries to conceal and the one who tries to reveal

The Minister of War tries to get rid of all the evidence and the witnesses to hide his

Six bodies are found in a cave on Mt. Mokmyeok, each with a different cause of death. A-ran, the coroner of Joseon, looks into this mysterious serial murder.

son's crime, and for some reason, the mayor cooperates. A-ran fights to unveil the truth and bring justice, but instead, faces a severe crisis. In truth, the mayor had his own agenda when he accepted her as his illegitimate daughter, and now, she is no longer of any use to him. She is soon placed on the wanted list, and it is the mayor himself who framed her for the murder.

Truth behind the truth

A-ran visits King Sejong to report the false charge. She successfully proves her innocence with physical evidence and witnesses, and the king orders to arrest the Minister and the Mayor. However, A-ran has yet to prove that the mayor killed her parents. While experiencing a conflict of interest between personal revenge and legal punishment, she finds out that the person who has been pulling the puppet string was the person who killed Heo-cheong, someone she has never imagined. The truth is out there now. Can she still maintain her faith?



Lady Coroner in Joseon

Kim Isaac

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444pages | 145*210mm



The Fortress

A historical novel with a movie of the same title

The Destined Encounter and the Fateful Conflict

The Sui Dynasty was destroyed by Goguryeo. It is succeeded by the Tang Dynasty, which has grown to become one of the most powerful empires in history under the leadership of Li Shimin. Now, Li seeks to strike back at Goguryeo. Fear grips the Ansiseong Fortress as Tang's great army pours into Yodong. Even the once-powerful lord of the fortress has now fallen ill with old age. His son and successor, Yang Manchun, is too young and inexperienced with warfare. Neither Yeon Gaesomun, the ruler of Goguryeo, nor his ministers can trust this young commander.

Lost Faith and Incoming Danger

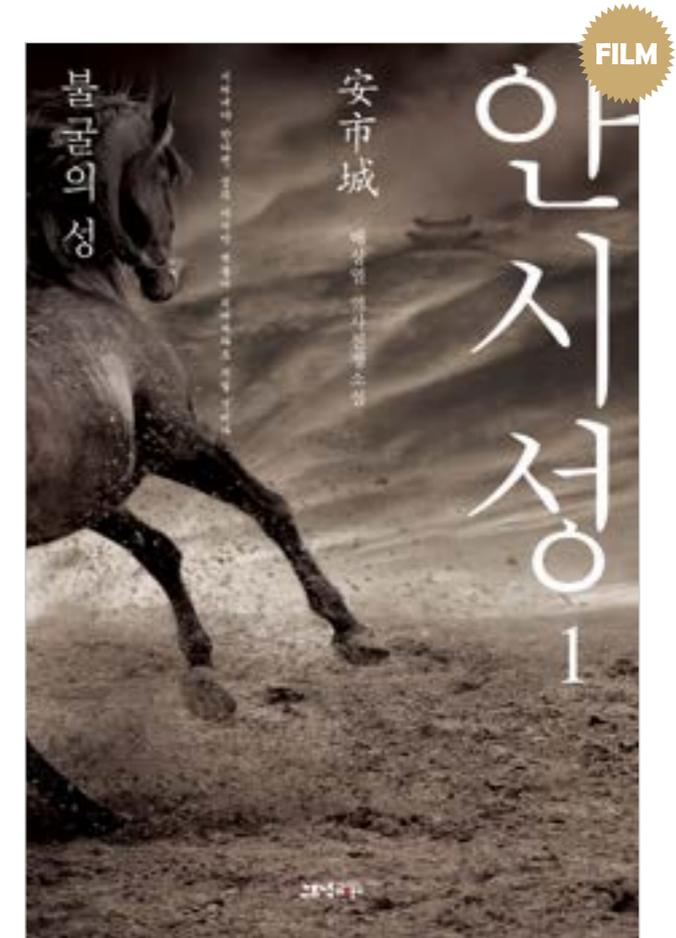
Most people of Goguryeo, including Yeon Gaesomun himself, believed they would win again. At the center of their faith was the Yodongseong Fortress, the key location that played a critical role in destroying Sui. However, when the Yodongseong Fortress falls, the sickly lord of the Ansiseong Fortress finally passes away from the shock, vomiting his blood out. The entire Goguryeo plunges into despair at the news of defeat. When Li Shimin orders his troops to storm the Ansiseong Fortress, the last bastion of the region, Yang Manchun is forced to prepare for battle. However, he only has 40 thousand men under his command to fend off the 300 thousand invaders. Earning the trust of his men will be another struggle on its own. The splendid, unyielding spear of Li Shimin seems simply too powerful for the shabby shield of Yang Manchun.

Li Shimin, the Emperor Taizong of Tang Dynasty vs. Yang Manchun, the hero of Goguryeo Kingdom. A battle between an unstoppable spear and an impenetrable shield is about to unfold!

Yang Manchun's Fight Begins

Unable to trust their commander, the troops of the Ansiseong Fortress are overjoyed at the news of 150-thousand-strong reinforcement arriving from the capital. Yang Manchun, however, warns his men never to depend on reinforcements. He encourages his confused soldiers to win their own battle by fighting as trained.

As Yang Manchun predicted, Yeon Gaesomun never thought of supporting the Ansiseong Fortress in the first place. When the advance party of the reinforcement becomes surrounded by the enemies, the commander from the capital aborts the mission and retreats. Although his men are discouraged, Yang Manchun refuses to waver. His fight is just beginning.



The Fortress

Bae Sangyeol

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The Sound of a Flower

The novelized version of the film of the same title

The Song Simcheongga Steals the Girl's Heart

After the death of her mother, Jin Chae-sun was left at a courtesan house. One day, she hears Simcheongga performed on street, and feels as if all the troubles in her heart were melting away. The performer, Shin Jae-hyo, sees the girl silently wiping away her tears and comforts her by telling her that tears are always followed by smiles. That performance, he tells her, is called pansori. Ever since that day, Chae-sun dreams of becoming a pansori performer. However, at the time when women could not freely act on her own outside her house, Chae-sun realizes that her dream is unreachable.

Joining Dongrijeongsa, the Pansori School

Now almost a grown woman, Chae-sun cross-dresses as a man and heads to Dongrijeongsa. This pansori school only accepts the most talented individuals, but with her outstanding voice, she proudly passes the test under the name 'Jin Chae-seok'. However, she soon learns that Dongrijeongsa cares more about singing for nobles than performing on streets. After an argument with her teacher, Jae-hyo, she drops out of school.

The Secret Identity is Revealed

After Chae-sun's departure, Jae-hyo gets in a fight with a nobleman sponsoring the school for meddling too much in his performance. All funding is cut off, and the students begin leaving Dongrijeongsa. Upon hearing that no one is left at the school to attend the Nakseongyeon pansori competition held by the regent Heungseon Daewongun, Chae-sun returns to Dongrijeongsa. Although Jae-hyo refuses to

A performer breaks the taboo of her time and becomes the first recognized female singer in Joseon.

accept her at first because of her gender, he sees a little bit of his past self in Chae-sun as she tearfully begs for a chance. He decides to have her perform at the Dano festival. In the middle of the performance, however, Chae-sun's hat string becomes undone, revealing her true identity to the audience.

Competing at the Nakseongyeon Competition

Jae-hyo is punished by the county magistrate for letting a woman perform pansori. However, Jae-hyo still decides to take Chae-sun to the capital, Hanyang to have her compete at Nakseongyeon. However, Chae-sun's identity is revealed during the registration process, and she is disqualified even before she gets a chance to perform. Jae-hyo begs the regent to give Chae-sun a chance but ends up in prison under the accusation of being a Catholic. To save Jae-hyo's life, Chae-sun risks her own and visits Heungseon Daewongun herself.



The Sound of a Flower

Im Yiseul

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312pages | 145*210mm



Roaring Currents

Best Seller | A historical novel with a movie of the same title

Yi Sun-sin, a Commander who lost his Title

The Battle of Okpo was the first in a series of defeat for Japan. In order to eliminate their greatest enemy, Yi Sun-sin, they seduce Joseon's spy into serving Japan to spread false information. King Seonjo and the jealous Admiral Won Gyun fall for the plot, and charge Yi of several crimes, including disloyalty, treason, slandering, and insubordination. Imprisoned as a criminal, Yi is sentenced to a punishment called 'Baekuijonggoon,' under which he is to fight in the war as the lowest ranking soldier, stripped of his title. This is a punishment slightly better than the death sentence.

A Secret Agent and the Crow Unit

Yi Sun-sin heads south accompanied only by nine military officers. Secretly following his group was Junsa, a secret agent from Japan. Yi's group catches him in Suncheon and learns that he was supposed to return to Japan with Yi's head. However, instead of executing him, Yi lets Junsa join his forces. At the same time, a group of Japanese assassins called the Crow Unit has also been on Yi's trail, having learned of his return to the battleground. The assassins slowly gain on Yi while collecting information with their hidden.

Twelve Remaining Vessels

With Yi Sun-sin gone, Admiral Won Gyun leads Joseon's navy in the Battle of Chilcheollyang. The result is a crushing defeat, with only about ten ships remaining intact. In this dire situation, Yi is reappointed as the admiral of the navy. Making matters worse, the remaining ships have disappeared when Commander Bae Seol fled from the frontlines. Yi decides to split up his men to search the coast to find the

An exciting reiteration of the miraculous victory at the Battle of Myeongnyang

twelve remaining ships. At the same time, the Japanese forces are also seeking to eliminate the last remaining vessels of Joseon's navy.

Myeongnyang, the Beginning of the War

Yi Sun-sin continues southward, regathering the scattered troops and collecting information along the way. However, he does not have the manpower to defeat the elite enemy unit in his pursuit. How will he fight the Crow Unit and overcome this crisis? With the enemy ground forces advancing through the fallen Namwonseong Fortress, and with their naval fleet preparing to strike from Goheung, Yi Sun-sin stands on a humble port and asks himself: what can be done with what we have?



Roaring Currents

Park Eunwoo

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Romance

K-Romance HISTORICAL

The main characters of the GOZKNOCK ENT's History Romance are enterprising women who are not bound by the norms, discriminations, and constraints of the time they are living in. They do not wait to be loved, but they are brave enough to define and win love on their own. We enthusiastically support their endeavors and love.

K-Romance HISTORICAL List



Kotbi, Flower Rain

Lee Eunso

A palace maid Kotbi and Prince Yong, who are in love, struggle to advance to a world where there is no class distinction.



The Thousand and One Nights

Im Yiseul

A 1,000-day between the deranged King and the storyteller who has the only voice which can console him.



A Woman Who Makes the King

Ji Eun

A love story between two princes, only one of whom is destined to be king, and a woman who tries to prevent tragedy.



My Precious Ghost-In A-Jar

Ra Hyewon

A mysterious pact between a girl and a ghost who has been trapped in a jar.



Noblewoman Byeol, the King's Warrior

Lee Eunso

An action romance of Byeol, who becomes a warrior to protect the powerless king.



My Fair Lady in Joseon

Seo Jayoung

A young nobleman falls in love with a servant girl as she transforms into a perfect lady.



Fortune and Destiny

Seo Jayoung

A chance meeting between an ill-fated woman and a prince destined to become a tyrant.



The Concubine

Kang Sunwoo

Former bookstore girl becomes the crown prince's lover!



Kotbi, Flower Rain

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

Kotbi becomes a palace maid

One day, a young girl named Kotbi enters the palace as a maid. Her family ran away in the middle of the night. Her new master is a bad-tempered prince. She can't leave the palace until she dies. But the irritable Prince Anpyeong turns a blind eye when she sneaks out of the palace, suffers punishment in her place for her wrongdoings, saves tasty foods for her, and teaches her how to read. Prince Anpyeong, whose name is Lee Yong, becomes the reason she has to stay in the palace.

An impossible dream

Kotbi's feelings for Yong deepens into love, but Yong falls in love with a woman named So Yeongsin. But both of them face heartbreak when Yeongsin is sent to Ming to serve the emperor, and Yong has an arranged marriage to a different woman. The time comes for Yong to leave the palace after getting married. He feels disappointed when Kotbi refuses to move with him to his new residence but respects her decision to stay in the palace.

I realized too late that you matter the most to me

Kotbi is now a palace woman in her 20s. Reports arrive that Hamgil province villages have been raided by Jurchen bandits, and Yong and Kotbi set out north to resolve the conflict. The negotiations go smoothly, but Yong is then betrayed. During a Jurchen attack on the military camp, Kotbi finds Yong's tent on fire and jumps in to save him. After commanding his men, Yong returns to his tent and finds out what has happened. He runs into the burning tent to save Kotbi.

Kotbi, a palace maid who keeps her tender feelings hidden in her heart, and Yong, a prince who realizes his feelings for her after many years, try to find their way into a world free of class divisions.

A journey in search of love and freedom

Yong manages to escape from the tent with Kotbi and becomes aware of his feelings for her. However, Kotbi is a palace woman who cannot marry someone other than the king. It was a time when a love affair involving a palace woman would scandalize the nation. Kotbi keeps her feelings buried in her heart, as always, and Yong struggles with the internal conflict between his duty as a prince and his desire to be with the woman he loves.



Kotbi, Flower Rain

Lee Eunso

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336pages | 135*202mm



A Woman Who Makes the King

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Yu Seoha, all she wants is one thing

In the royal palace, there is an untold secret: the presence of “the child of dragon” who can foresee the future king. Seoha is brought to the palace, not knowing that she herself is born as the child of dragon. Confined in the palace for a long time, she fears her own ability. But contrary to her docile, obedient look, she is the type of person who moves forward without looking back once she is determined to do something. She can even risk her own life for what she has longed for all her life.

Lee Woo, the prince of Muheon, fights to protect the one

Lee Woo, the prince of Muheon, is an unfortunate prince who is a direct heir to the throne but had to fake his death and run away when falsely accused of murdering the king. After ten years of seclusion, he shows up again in the world to protect his beloved one. Although he is nicknamed Mr. Stone because he rarely expresses his feelings and indifferent to women as though they were stones, he is sweet and attentive to the one that he loves. To protect the one, he prepares himself to fight and risk his life.

I will not live like a ghost for you anymore

“The prince of Euigwang will sit on the throne and the prince of Muheon will be the king’s servant and killed,” says a letter from Seoha. This letter turns the wheel of fate. Reading the letter, Woo is thrown into despair, and Seoha plunges another dagger into his heart. The two are star-crossed lovers. Woo has been believed to be dead, known as the “dead prince punished by Heaven.” Seoha has been burdened as the child of dragon and has been living like a ghost. It took ten years for the two of them

A love story between two princes, only one of whom is destined to be king, and a woman who tries to prevent tragedy.

to meet again.

Seoha could endure a life as a ghost, confined in a remote palace because of her unwanted ability, but she cannot sit still doing nothing for a future day that she views.

She wants to change the two princes’ fate and prevent the day from coming by any means. Can Seoha change the day, the day that she desperately tries to prevent from coming, keeping a secret from her one-and-only love who makes her feel a pang just by calling his name?



A Woman Who Makes the King

Ji Eun

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528pages | 135*202mm



Noblewoman Byeol, the King's Warrior

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

One summer day at Pyeomwoosa

Hyo-Myeong is the intelligent, beautiful prince of Joseon. He tries to control the Andong Kim clan, his powerful maternal relatives, and pursue the political reform. Sensing a crisis, Kim Jwa-Geun, the leader of the Andong Kim clan, conspires to poison Hyo-Myeong.

Yun Yeon-Shim, a court lady, is crushing on Hyo-Myeong. She happens to know about Kim Jwa-Geun's conspiracy and reveals it to Hyo-Myeong, at her peril. In the meantime, the Hyo-Myeong re-investigates the secret death by poison of the previous king. He hands over a clue that could solve the mystery of the former king's death to Yeon-Shim who is pursued by Jwa-Geun. Then he uses his royal bodyguard Park Shi-Myeong to help Yeon-Shim escape. However, during her escape, Shi-Myeong falls off a cliff while fighting with Jwa-Geun's subordinates. After that, Hyo-Myeong abruptly passes away.

Parting of lovers

Won-Beom, a member of the royal family, lives in exile after his older brother, Hyo-Myeong, was executed for being accused of treason. Although he lives alone in hardship, he manages his life quite well. It is because he has good neighbors and friends, a good teacher, and Byeol. One day, Byeol asks, "Won-Beom, I am your one and only love forever, right?"

Before Won-Beom replies, Ganghwa Yusu, a government official, suddenly delivers an unexpected order from the king. "Don't even fidget and quietly wait for the next order." In the end, Won-Beom could not answer to Byeol. He has no choice but to return to the palace like he was told to do.

New love

At the end of the day, Won-Beom becomes the king of Joseon. However he is nothing less than a vulnerable, powerless figurehead under the power of the Andong Kim clan.

An action romance of Won-Beom, who has gone from exiled criminal to king overnight, and Byeol, his childhood friend who becomes a warrior to protect the powerless king.

One day, Won-Beom wanders around town in disguise to see how ordinary people live, and happens to meet a woman. She, who is actually Byeol, saves him from danger and declares, "There's nothing that woman cannot do." Then she confesses to him, "I'm interested in you, very much!" Won-Beom gets attracted to the woman who looks like Byeol, and starts to have feelings for her that he cannot explain.

Female warrior who protects the king

Byeol meets Won-Beom again and enters the palace as a court lady. However, after brief happy moments, Byeol faces a crisis of death. Knowing that she cannot live as Won-Beom's mistress, she is determined to become his servant to protect him. Meanwhile, Won-Beom is determined to expel the Andong Kim clan. He carries out reform policies against them, while examining the truth behind Shi-Myeong, Yeon-Shim, and Byeol (he doesn't know that Byeol is alive, as the his warrior). The Andong Kim clan sense their position is faltering by the fierce efforts of the king and Byeol. So they devise a scheme to get rid of Won-Beom. Byeol and Won-Beom are plunged into the crisis of a lifetime.



Noblewoman Byeol, the King's Warrior

Lee Eunso

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Fortune and Destiny

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Lee Woon, the Prince of Fire Destined to Become a Tyrant

Prince Lee Woon was born two days earlier than the expected day of delivery. This changed his destiny from that of a great king to one of a tyrant. He was actually born on the day of Byeongoh, but on the official record, his birthday is notated as the day of Mushin. Naturally, his life and personality do not reflect the destiny of a Mushin-born at all. This mismatch has led to his hatred toward fortune and destiny. He is surrounded by a powerful aura, and one glare is all it takes to terrify anyone in his sight. Because of his rough destiny, he lost the wife he loved after being together for just three years.

Min Hae-myeong, the Lady of Water Destined to Ruin Her Family

Min Hae-myeong is the only daughter of Minister Min Hang-su, from the family of Yeohung Min which has traditionally produced the queens of the dynasty. However, her birth was unplanned, and she was born in the year of Imja, a year of high affinity to water, and one of the worst years to be born in. A woman born with water in her fate is often considered promiscuous and cannot expect an easy marriage. As if to confirm her fortune, Min Hae-myeong's first husband dies even before the wedding.

An Unexpected Match

Sick of his parents pushing him for another marriage after just a year since his wife's death, Lee Woon secretly leaves the palace. Lee Woon's horse suddenly runs into something. Min Hae-myeong, disguised as a man, demands an apology along with a ride to her destination, claiming that Lee Woon scared off her horse. Lee Woon is surprised to see a man who doesn't get intimidated by his aura. Hae-myeong

A chance meeting between an ill-fated woman and a prince destined to become a tyrant leads to an unexpected romance.

tells him that she is on her way to see a great fortuneteller to learn of her sister's destiny. She then tells him of the rough fate of her sister which is actually her own story.

A Chance Meeting: Destiny in Disguise

The fortuneteller tells Min Hae-myeong that the only way to escape her destined life is to become a fortuneteller herself. Suddenly, a fight breaks out nearby between two men over a roll of silk. With no resolution in sight, Lee Woon draws his sword. However, Hae-myeong uses her wisdom to find the real owner of the silk. The whole ordeal brings the two closer together, and Woon does not want to part with Hae-myeong. He feels happy in her presence and is surprised by his emotion. Will the two meet again? Was it a coincidence or destiny that brought the two together in the first place?



Fortune and Destiny

Seo Jayoung

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The Concubine

KOCCA Story Competition Award

Bookstore Girl Becomes an Annex Lady!

Yeon-hong works at a late-night bookstore “Dokrak-dang” on a cornered alleyway in Seoul. She works at a geisha house during the day and makes noodles during the night at the bookstore, while also diligently prying out the secret of her birth. Although she tried at first to reject the offer of the former ambassador Sir Song Si-heon’s suggestion to be adopted as his step daughter, she accepts his offer at the end and ends up living in an annex next to his house. While getting used to the life as the annex lady, she overhears that the Queen is looking for a concubine for the crown prince. Yeon-hong mindlessly joins the competition but hurriedly runs away, realizing that being the crown prince’s concubine sounds even worse than being an annex lady. But Yeon-hong eventually ends up living in the castle.

Annex Lady Becomes a Noble Highness!

What makes Yeon-Hong changes her mind is the jade hairpiece—her mom’s keepsake. Yeon-hong initially attempts to be scratched off from the list of the concubines, but changes her plan after finding out that the jade hairpiece belongs to a court lady at the Queen’s residence. Rumor has it that the crown prince is impotent, so she thinks she may not have much things to do as a concubine. She takes this opportunity to get into the palace in order to look for some clues that will help her find her biological mother. Yeon-hong is finally chosen as the concubine. However, the crown prince, amazingly a healthy young man, contrary to the rumor, dreams of a sweet romantic night with her, but Yeon-hong tries to avoid him, saying she is yet ready for it.

Former bookstore girl Yeon-hong becomes the crown prince Lee Won’s lover! Dynamic castle romance of the lively lady Yeon-hong, who went into the castle searching for clues about her biological mother.

Her Noble Highness Becomes a Murder Suspect!

Yeon-hong sends a fake letter asking for help to track down previous court ladies who may provide clues on her mother’s whereabouts. But the letter somehow turns into a love letter to her brother Woo-sin. Dishonorable suspicions and rumors spread that she is in an incestuous love affair with her own brother, when Woo-sin is not actually her brother by blood. Yeon-hong is sent to prison as a punishment of her perversion, and Woo-sin is dragged down for having an affair with her. Meanwhile, the crown prince returns from military training and becomes enraged over the tragic situation in which his lover and a dearest friend are entangled in.



The Concubine

Kang Sunwoo

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The Thousand and One Nights

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Lee Ryeo, the King Who Turns into a Madman After Sunset

King of Joseon Lee Ryeo is notorious for being violent, he's in fact suffering from a metal illness that drives him mad. He has headaches when under psychological pressure and stress, and exerts violence all around while losing his mind. Once a bloodbath is over, he blacks out and doesn't remember anything afterward. Many people lost their lives because of his symptoms.

However, it has to be noted that his disease is not natural – someone intentionally caused him a drug addiction. Lee Ryeo is looking for a voice who can guide him during his insanity attacks, obeying his mother's will.

Up Bok, a Famous Storyteller

Up Bok is a storyteller who fakes her identity and gender. She reads out novels to people to make money. Her father and brother, who were king's bodyguards, ended up being killed by the order of king, which prompted her to become a storyteller to make a living. She even has earned the nickname "Sigang-doryeong" thanks to her interesting stories, exceptional acting, and pretty face. She writes a funny story about the king to ridicule him and spreads it among people as her way of expressing the fury against the king for killing her family.

A beautiful 1,000-day love story between the deranged King Lee Ryeo and the storyteller Up Bok, the only voice who can console him.

Here You Are, My Lifeline!

One day, Up Bok was selling stories to women at an annex and running away by climbing the fences. She jumps up from the high walls, only to find a stranger clenched beneath. Up Bok thinks a man who walks around after 11pm must be a criminal like herself, so they hide together. In an abandoned warehouse, Up Bok feels sympathy for the man and ends up sharing all her life stories with him. But the man turns out to be the King of Joseon, Lee Ryeo.

The king vows to himself that he'll never let go of the storyteller Up Bok, the voice that he had been looking for so desperately.

He arrests Up-Bok and takes her to the palace. He makes a special order for her: to disguise as a female monk and silence all the rumors and stories about him.



The Thousand and One Nights

Im Yiseul

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My Precious Ghost-In A-Jar

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Su Saeng, a Girl in Love

It is said that there is a ghost in Sujingung that can grant a person's wish. Su Saeng, a girl of common origin, was planning to wish for a chance to get together with the handsome Prince Neungchang. One night, she places a note containing her wish in a jar as she learned from a rumor. Suddenly, flames begin arising from the jar. While trying to check the flames, Su Saeng drops the jar. Not long after the incident, she learns that the prince is to be married soon despite her wish. Su Saeng curses at the ghost of Sujingung.

Baek Ham, the Innocent Ghost of the Jar

Baek Ham, the ghost of the jar, cannot remember how he died. When Su Saeng breaks the jar, he is reawakened after seven years of sleep. However, the shattering of the jar has also robbed him of his energy, and now he is completely powerless away from Su Saeng. He tells Su Saeng to choose between being haunted and harassed for the rest of her life or joining forces with him as a team. Su Saeng chooses the latter. When Su Saeng brings him another jar similar to his old one, Baek Ham enters it and regains his energy. Then the thought strikes him, he will use Su Saeng to his own advantage.

A Secret Deal Between Su Saeng and Baek Ham

Su Saeng offers to grant his request if he would show her the power of a ghost. She wishes to cancel Prince Neungchang's marriage. Baek Ham assures her that her wish was granted, but Su Saeng does not believe him. She hangs around the Prince's residence to see if the wedding has really been called off. When she runs into the Prince, she believes that Baek Ham is playing tricks on her again, thinking he has transformed into the shape of the king and asks why he lied to her. Little does she know that she is speaking to the real prince, who gets to remember her from this encounter.

A mysterious pact between a girl and a ghost who has been trapped in a jar for seven years.

The Secrets of the Haughty Jar

As Baek Ham and Su Saeng continue to bicker, the two grow closer and closer. One day, Su Saeng dresses up as a man to compete in an archery contest. She wishes to see Prince Neungchang from up close. At the contest, she meets a man named Park Sang-hyup, who offers to buy the jar from her. Sang-hyup tells her that a close friend gave him a similar-looking jar, but it suddenly disappeared. He also tells her that this friend of his died seven years ago.

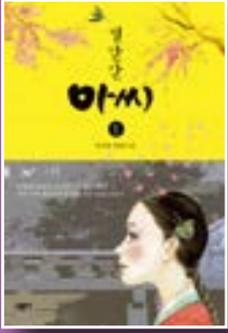
Baek Ham recovers his lost memories through this conversation with Sang-hyup. The two were like brothers. It is said that a person who dies an unjust death loses all memories surrounding his demise. Believing that Sang-hyup must know something about his death, Baek Ham decides to go after him.



My Precious Ghost-In A-Jar

Ra Hyewon

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My Fair Lady in Joseon

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Kang Hyeong-soo, an Illegitimate Son of a Nobleman, Dreams of a Revolution

Kang Hyeong-soo is the illegitimate son of Kang Chi-young, a former Chief State Councillor, and a courtesan. Despite his astonishing intelligence and education, his inferior social status makes it impossible for him to shine. He strikes a secret deal with the crown prince (Jeongjo)—Jeongjo says he would pass a law that eliminates discrimination against the illegitimate children of noblemen if Hyeong-soo can turn a servant girl into a perfect lady to fool the nobles. This is Hyeong-soo's chance to finally become a government official.

Deok, the Energetic and Strong-willed Servant Girl

Deok, a servant girl of the family of Kang Chi-young, is quick-witted and dexterous. She is strong-willed, smart, and even knows how to read. Denying her destiny as a servant, she would rather kill herself than marry another servant. When Hyeong-soo offers her a chance for another life, she agrees to follow him. Hyeong-soo promises Deok that he would make her into a noble lady.

Hyeong-soo takes Deok to his mother Weol Hyang at Okrugak and asks her to train the servant girl with the intricate details of becoming a lady. Deok's training starts the very next day and she takes a bath in warm water for the first time. Weol Hyang teaches Deok everything all ladies must master proper sitting and walking postures to holding chopsticks. Realizing just how difficult it is to become a noble, Deok starts to regret her decision.

A young nobleman falls in love with a servant girl as she transforms into a perfect lady. A brilliant and exciting tale of romance is about to unfold.

The Servant's Transformation

The further she trains, the clearer it becomes to Deok that all a lady learns is to ultimately make her attractive to men. She decides that being a proper lady is not so different from being a servant, forced to obey her man's every command. While excusing herself to use the toilet, she disappears.

Noron's Chief Falls in love with Lady Deok

When Deok finally returns to Okrugak, Hyeong-soo begins to teach her to read and write. Every time Deok refuses to continue, Hyeong-soo placates her by giving her what she wants. Deok demands that Hyeong-soo take her for a boat ride if she becomes proficient at writing. Meanwhile, Choi Gyu-sik, Deok's future husband, visits Okrugak. Gyu-sik is the eldest son of Choi Man-sup, the head of the Noron political faction. When Gyu-sik finally meets Deok, for some reason, Hyeong-soo feels a strange fire burning in his heart.



My Fair Lady in Joseon

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Witness protection program "Wanted" switches the fate of a man and a woman.



The First Love of a Memory Hunter

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

Serendipitous Reunion

Jihan, a 25-year-old man, is a memory hunter who erases his clients' memories. Ironically, he does not remember his own childhood prior to age 15 when he became a memory hunter himself. One day, he serendipitously has an eye contact with Youngsun who remembers Jihan's childhood. Curious about his own past, Jihan realizes that Youngsun's memories are partially lost. How did she lose them? Did she commission another memory hunter? Apprehensive, Jihan reaches out to his mentor who trained him into a memory hunter. Jihan seeks to recover his own memories from his childhood.

Key to the Truth

After meeting with his mentor, Jihan inadvertently steals the mentor's memory screen that holds the mentor's memories. Accessing the mentor's memory, Jihan learns that he himself erased Youngsun's memory. Jihan seeks to rectify his mistake. However, Youngsun becomes suspicious of Jihan, who wants to show her something that she would like to know, and responds with the perplexing remark, "I'd like to recover something I lost." Jihan realizes that the loss cannot be compensated for by anything else but her lost memory itself.

Returned Memory Screen

Jihan recovers Youngsun's lost memory screen at the elementary school they attended together. What Jihan erased was Youngsun's happy memories of her deceased father. Jihan becomes dejected that he cannot return Youngsun's precious memories. Meanwhile, Jihan learns that his mentor deceived him and stole his childhood memories. His ill motivation was related to a man named Chansoo who appeared in his mentor's

A memory hunter who can steal memories through eye contact struggles to recover the memory of his first love.

memory screen. Chansoo was Youngsun's father and another memory hunter that the mentor attempted to make his disciple before he approached Jihan.

Lost Memory of First Love

Chansoo, thought to be deceased, was found hospitalized in a hospice facility. Jihan brought Youngsun's father to her. However, Youngsun, who has already lost her memories, isn't able to fully process this. Soon, Jihan learns from Chansoo what wrongdoings his mentor has committed. Jihan seeks revenge on his mentor who ruined his life and Youngsun's family. He resolves to return Youngsun's memories of her father and reclaim his lost first love.



The First Love of a Memory Hunter

Guk Seulki

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STORYUM Novel Awards

I Love Piano, But Piano Doesn't Love Me Back

She was an ordinary woman with no special dreams or passion. She worked as an administrative worker at a small cultural center in the outskirts of Gyeonggi-do, a typical 20-something living day-by-day, waiting for her monthly paycheck and the enjoyment it brings.

She played piano until her final year of middle school, when she thought she'd become a famous pianist like Cho Seong-jin. But that was just a fantasy. There were so many 'good piano players' in the world, and she was just one of them. Not special in any way. When her father's business started to fail, she gave up piano with little argument, as if it didn't mean much to her. While she won't admit it, being a pianist had been her life's dream, and letting go of it quickly made her feel empty inside.

The Only One I Know Is Myself

He was a genius. But geniuses, at least in Korea, are never the result of an individual talent. Yu-jin had no wealth or personal connections, making his talent more of a poison than a gift. Unable to win any competitions for the past three years for reasons he cannot understand, Yu-jin leaves Korea with his mother in a hurry. While Korea couldn't embrace him and his talent, he flourishes in the United States.

With the reality of his parents' divorce, the loneliness of living in a hotel with no home in Korea, and the emptiness of his life, all he has left is his cello. Out of the short 27 years of his life, he devoted 20 of them to the cello. He wonders, who am I after that time is gone?

A melodious and healing romance between a normal administrative employee and a genius cellist.

I Liked Ji-min, But Even If I Didn't, It Would've Been Nice

A child prodigy chooses a small cultural center in a faraway suburb as the venue for his classical performance in Korea. While everyone is puzzled by this decision, he has his reasons. And he never wants to reveal this secret to anyone, especially not to her. Because I'm a genius. Because everyone looks up to me. Because this is how it has to be.



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Gil Yooyoung

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The Secret Her's Band

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In Seoul, a girl makes a sweet, delicious story with the perfect man she met in New York.

Lost Between the Moon and New York City, Jin-mi Meets a Man

Jin-mi, a manager at Seorin F&B, a food service company, plans to go on a trip with her mother to celebrate her mother's 60th birthday. But several days before the trip, her mother dies in a car accident. Jin-mi regrets not traveling with her mother even once before she passed away. Full of self-reproach, Jin-mi rushes to the airport carrying an urn filled with her mother's ashes in her black mourning clothes. She takes the first flight she can get and arrives in New York City. Utterly bereft, she blankly looks at the dark water as she stands on the Brooklyn Bridge. Someone approaches her and puts a coat around her shoulders. It's a man who has a welcoming smile and a friendly voice. He treats her like a long-lost friend. He takes her to a hotel, treats her to a delicious meal, and gives her a silver-dollar coin, a symbol of luck. However, he disappears even before she asks his name. Will she ever meet the man again?

Encounter in Seoul

Perhaps because of the meal that the man had offered, Jin-mi safely returns to her ordinary life. Eight months have passed and she successfully made a franchise contract with Delicacy, a famous restaurant based in New York City. She arrives at Incheon Airport after a business trip where she encounters the man she met on the Brooklyn Bridge again. However, the man has a hopeless look in his eyes and jumps in front of a car as if attempting suicide. As he comes to his senses, the man naively asks Jin-mi, "Who am I?" He tells her that he's been deported from the United States without knowing why. The only thing he remembers about himself is his own name, Young Yun-je, written on his temporary passport. Although she has longed for this reunion, Jin-mi still knows nothing about the mysterious man.

Hush, Our Share Husband!

Jin-mi has no choice but to take him to her home. Unexpectedly, as he removes his cast, he excels in cleaning, fixing, and everything else. And he cooks remarkably tasty food by only following recipes from a cookbook! He even plays various roles: housemaid for Jin-mi's best friend, babysitter for the kid next door, and fill-in for a neighborhood grocery store employee. But what is the most crucial role for Yun-je?

For quite a long time, there's been a rumor that Jin-mi is the secret mistress of Kim Seok, the director of headquarters of Seorin F&B. Gu Sang-kyung, the fiancée of Kim Seok and heiress of a conglomerate, is suspicious of their relationship and makes Jin-mi get demoted. Jin-mi challenges this and shows up with Yun-je as her boyfriend. From that day on, Jin-mi and Yun-je's fake relationship begins. However, as time goes by, they are confused about the nature of their relationship. Are they really fake lovers?



The Secret Her's Band

Kim Ryuhyeon

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The Idol Who Became a Dad

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A Hotshot Lawyer of a Big Law Firm, Seo Yu-chae

A successful lawyer Seo Yu-chae who is against marriage, decides to become a single mother and gets artificial insemination operation from a close friend Ju-mi, a fertility doctor. Yu-chae becomes pregnant with twins afterwards, but the sperm donor who should've remained anonymous suddenly shows up and insists that he wants to play the role of father. This guy, 6 years older than her and appeals that this is his last chance to be a father because of the sudden azoospermia. This guy turns out to be Gang Yi-hyun who is the leader of Asia's most popular idol group "Illusion."

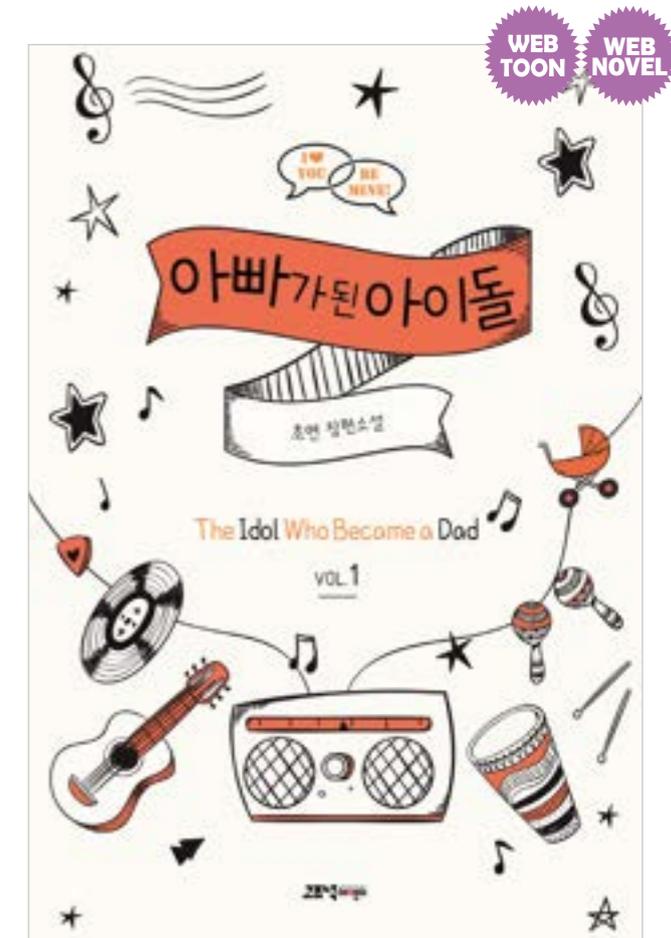
Million-seller Idol Group Leader, Gang Yi-hyun

Gang Yi-hyun is the prettiest member and main vocalist of the million-seller idol group "Illusion." On a random sperm test on a bet, he faces a shocking result that he has azoospermia. Stricken with the fact that he's infertile in his 20s, Yi-hyun remembers that he donated his sperm when he was younger in order to get some cash. He wants to become a good father and decides to visit Seo Yu-chae.

Yes to kids, but no to marriage! An alpha-girl pregnant from a sperm donor unexpectedly meets an idol group member who wants to be a dad!

Please, Just Let Me be the Father of My Child!

Yu-chae is deeply traumatic over her past experiences of her father's domestic violence and pushes Yi-hyun and all the other men away, but he doesn't easily step back. Yu-Chae finds Yi-hyun's story of having donated the sperms just because he wanted to eat grilled meat immature, but he slowly begins to show unexpected kind, warm, and mature aspects.



The Idol Who Became a Dad

Choyeon

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Wanted

KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

Kim Ji-hoon, an Over-the-hill Celebrity is now a District Public Servant

Cha Dan-woo has been on a roll in music, film, and TV industries since his debut as an idol group member at the age of 19. Back then, he was audacious, selfish, and full of vain back then. He enjoyed being loved by others and genuinely liked being at the center of attention.

Song Chae-yoon, a Former Road Manager and Currently an Entertainment Agency CEO

Chae-yoon has been a fangirl of Cha Dan-woo since she was 17, and the sole wish to see him made her into a road manager. But she ends up despising the entertainment industry after Cha Dan-woo abuses his power to treat her unfairly. Then, one day, she wins the lottery and manages to turn her life upside down.

Witness Protection Program WANTED

Korea's no.1 movie star and solo singer Cha Dan-woo accidentally ends up being chased by a gang after inadvertently witnessing a murder. Threatened for his life, Dan-woo enters a witness protection program upon a prosecutor's suggestion. The witness protection program WANTED operates to ensure that nobody, including the perpetrators, tracks down the witnesses. Cha Dan-woo pretends that he was killed from an accident on paper, and gets a plastic surgery to have a rebirth as a regular public servant Kim Ji-hoon. Dan-woo must live as Kim Ji-hoon for the rest of his life in the shades.

Witness protection program “Wanted” switches the fate of a man and a woman. who embark on a genuine journey toward love on the reality TV show “Loving You.”

Reunion on the Love Reality Program “Loving You”

Dan-woo, still hungry for people's love and affection he used to enjoy, keeps dreaming of going from rags to riches. He decides to try out for a reality program “Loving You,” which grants 3 hundred million won for the winner. Chae-yoon, now a CEO of an entertainment agency, reunites with Ji-hoon on the show but fails to recognize him. Meanwhile, the gang finds out that Cha Dan-woo is living under a false identity and starts chasing him down and the people around him. Stay tuned for their hectic romance where they try to protect each other from unexpected dangers!



Wanted

Choyeon

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Eat Drink Sleep

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KOCCA K-Story in China Selection

Screenplay by the Woman and Direction by the Man

The lead writer for "A Gluttonous Beauty," a food eating show broadcasted by Food Channel, I-sook just fidgets, as she can't bring herself to confess her love to Seong-jae, the show's producer. Hundreds of times, she hesitated with some self-deprecation, assuming that he won't like her! She is determined that she will confess her love when she loses weight and makes herself look good, which is not easy. I-sook has many thoughts as Seong-jae just keeps shaking her heart while he is unaware of it.

A Photo of Pork Cutlet?

The most stupefying thus frustrating thing that Seong-jae has done is the photo of pork cutlet! Whenever and wherever he eats or sees pork cutlet, he takes a picture and sends it to I-sook. Is he a sociopath who craves for attention? Of all things, why does he think of her when he sees pork cutlet? Is this perhaps something like a producer and a writer locking horns?

The Femme Fatale in the Community of Heavy Women

Just too many love mates is the only problem for Gang-ok who runs an internet mall for plus size clothes for women that racks up about 1 million dollars in monthly sales by focusing on black as the soul color for heavy women. As the least popular girl during her school years, she came to keep a private harem with handsome male models over 180cm tall, after her internet mall selling plus-size clothes for women turned out to be a huge success. She asserts the female superiority, saying that she will marry a demure man who will support a businesswoman. That's what she looks for in romance.

A romantic comedy about the romance of three women who have never been slim before and their experience while eating, drinking, and sleeping.

Decision to Get Full-Body Lift

Bo-min, who boasts the lowest weight out of the three heavy girls, now has an unspeakable trouble. Is she keep failing to get a job just because she's overweight? She is losing her self-confidence and she feels like she's turning into a lump of complexes. Besides, she has no choice as she has to present herself to her internet boyfriend Min-hyeok. Bo-min decides to give up her diet and get liposuction surgery instead!

How They Cope with Their Body Shape Concern

Why can't women love themselves without staying slim all their life? Why is it a problem to be a little chubby? If you love yourself more than anyone else would in the world and are proud of yourself, you are beautiful enough. They huddle around every day and pray. While we are about to enjoy food, lead us not into temptation because of men!



Eat Drink Sleep

Kim Insuk

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Temperature of Love, 29°C

Prize of Korea ePublishing Awards | Grand prize of SK Mobile Story Competition

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His & Her Path of Romance

Yuju works in a women's shoes department. Unlike her ordinary background, her love life is spectacular. A man appears out of the blue breaks her stale routine. He buys a pair of woman's shoes every Thursday night. One day, Yuju appears before him, wearing the shoes he has planned to buy for his girlfriend.

Ms. Clear's(Malgeum) Soulmate App Instructions

Malgeum, a video game story writer, has never had a boyfriend in her life. One day she hears that her co-worker and her secret crush is going on a blind date. In anger she impulsively signs up for a blind date offered by a dating application company. On the way to the venue, the dating app sends her a notification, which says her Soulmate is looking for her. Will she meet the man of her destiny and get her first kiss at last?

Lovers under Big Ben in London

Yeonju is a drama teacher at a cram school for college entrance. She no longer trusts men after a toxic relationship. However, Mr. Park from her school is stalking her. He is very private and doesn't engage in social activities, including company dinners or other school events. He even checks her schedule secretly.

How to live with a man who was born in the Year of Snake

Somi is a newlywed bride who is married to a cold, rational man born in the Year of Snake. She discovers that her cool-headed husband kidnapped his ex-girlfriend when she got engaged to another man. Somi longs for a passionate love with her husband, which her husband is showing to his first love.

Despite their ordinary backgrounds, their love lives are spectacular. Will they have happy-endings? Six flavors of heartwarming romances!

The Diagnosis Center

It's the 22nd century, diseases are meaningless. The government began to use the diseases for a different purpose. When someone commmits a crime, they are given diseases instead of fines or imprisonment. Junseong was sentenced to two weeks of heart disease for a traffic violation. He used to lead a hectic life, but now he has to adopt a slower lifestyle thanks to his heart disease. That's when he meets Jei and falls in love with her. However, his disease starts losing its power.

A Luminous God's Shoe Repair Shop

On Lunar New Year's Day, a tribe of luminous people steal shoes and live off the owners' luck for a year. The owners of the stolen shoes suffer bad luck for the entire year. Hanbit, a luminous god, who collects luck by amassing old shoes in order to be immortal, meets Bora, a heartbreaker, who leads him to the fated love.



Temperature of Love, 29°C

Lee Jihyun

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A Fake Romance Contract that Starts Out Haphazardly

Kwon Vee used to be on the national Taekwondo team of Korea and still knows sports very well. She takes on a job as a VJ filming a documentary about the disgraced movie star, Park Yeon. He has the looks and talent, but there is one thing he lacks, manners. He is so arrogant that the crew and staff nicknamed him "Shiba Dog." The two get left behind in India and go through a huge ordeal before making their way back to Seoul. They are surprised to find that the soul-baring documentary is now a huge hit, and that a love scandal between the two has gone viral. They assume going with the flow would be the best thing, so they agree to pretend being lovers in public for eight months.

Is this Genuine Attraction?

Right after starting their fake romance, the two have a car accident. As the car starts sliding down on the snow, the memory of DUI he had four months ago comes back to Park Yeon. The person in the driver's seat was not himself but his rival, Lee Min-hyeong. However, Yeon has nothing to prove his innocence.

While hospitalized together, Yeon starts having feelings for Vee. Not used to expressing affection, his good intentions are always taken in the wrong way. After much frustration, Yeon asks Vee to be his girlfriend, but gets rejected as Vee says she is not attracted to him. Yeon is not one to give up on love so easily. He pledges that he will make her fall in love with him. Vee who has never been courted by a man before becomes clueless.

Romance starts between Park Yeon, an actor disgraced after a drunk driving incident and a former Taekwondo athlete Kwon Vee. What starts out as a secret pact for putting on a show becomes real love in the end.

Will they be Able to Love Again?

Their fake romance contract turns into a real love and the two spend their days happily in love. Then Vee finds out that her father has a huge debt. Meanwhile, Lee Min-hyeong who was searching for the black box camera with recordings of the night when he was driving under the influence discovers the written agreement of the fake romance. He anonymously exposes the contract to the media and the public becomes outraged at the two lovers. Vee and Yeon are criticized for deceiving the public to earn money and popularity. Yeon also believes that Vee might have dated him for money. Yeon's agency forces him to break up with Vee. People starts expressing their disgust toward both of them. When things could not get any worse, will Vee and Yeon be able to find their love again?



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Ohhee

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Romance

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The romance presented by the web novel label Black Peach is loved by readers for its charming male and female protagonists and delightful episodes.

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Secretary Kim's Suspicious Vacation

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Secretary Kim Is Going on Vacation

Lee Se-wan, the one and only inheritor of the BS Group, is an inborn prodigal who has no interest in business management. Though he is not yet an unemployed rich man, the position he has been dreaming of, he eats and sleeps whenever he wants just like the pet dog he had during childhood. No one forces him to be diligent. But out of the blue, Secretary Kim, who has been working for him, announces that she is going to take a three-year vacation. Se-wan tries to hold her back from this decision but fails to change her mind.

Do You Want to Come With Me?

Kim Yi-eun, the secretary of Se-wan, is a prodigy who speaks five different languages. She is a promising person who overcame hardships and obstacles on her own. She was orphaned at the age of seven, but grew up with Se-wan like siblings, under the care of President Lee, who is Se-wan's grandfather. President Lee treated Yi-eun like his real granddaughter, but she still feels empty when she thinks about family. One day, she receives a phone call from her mother whom she thought was dead. Baek Hee-kyung, the mother of Yi-eun, suggests to live together just for three years. Yi-eun tries not to trust her mother who suddenly appeared after faking her own death, but for some reason, she gets persuaded. Yi-eun asks Se-wan whether he could accompany her to the meeting with her mother.

An inheritor of a huge conglomeration who has nothing but wealth and his secretary from a poor family who has everything but money go on an adventure together.

Where is My Mother?

Yi-eun head for an island with Se-wan to look for her mother. But unexpectedly, her mom's mobile phone is suspended. At the end of the day, Yi-eun barely finds her out, but she only shows interest in Yi-eun's fortune. Disappointed, Yi-eun tries to leave without any feelings left for her mom. At that moment, Se-wan earns a piece of crucial information. He learns that Yi-eun's biological mother was reported as deceased 25 years ago. It is said that she disappeared after faking her own death and taking money from car insurance company along with fortune. With her disappearance, the man whom she remarried to, after her first marriage, has gone missing as well. On top of that, Se-wan and Yi-eun start getting death threats. Will Yi-eun be able to find her real mother and make a family she has been dreaming of?



Secretary Kim's Suspicious Vacation

Hanu

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The Wanderings in the Underworld

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Why Does a Beautiful, Talented Actress Remain Nameless?

Ryu Si-hyeon, who graduated summa cum laude from an art school, is a promising young actress. She was expected to quickly rise to stardom after her debut, but it turns out that she has a fatal weakness, which is her camera-shy. After living a long time as a nameless actor, she wins a small role for a movie in which she will star in with Do Ji-hoo, an celeb of celebs who has a great ticket power. It is an amazing opportunity for Si-hyeon! However, it turns out that Ji-hoo is the king of the underworld. During the movie shooting, an accident occurs and Si-hyeon falls into the sea with Ji-hoo. She opens her eyes in an unknown place with a strange atmosphere and strange people. A man approaches her and introduces himself as a messenger of death. He says that she is dead now and is about to be judged in the underworld, which is the kingdom of spirits. She feels everything is unfair, but what is worse is that the king of the underworld who will judge her is Do Ji-hoo the actor! She is speechless when she sees him laughing at her on his throne. She died young and now needs to get used to a life in the "other" world. Suddenly Ji-hoo says, "Be my wife." Even without knowing why he wants her, she accepts his offer because of the condition: he will send her back to the living world if she successfully fulfills her role as his wife. So, Si-hyeon becomes the queen of the underworld. However, it is not easy. She is swirled into power games, conflicts, and conspiracies. In the meantime, Ji-hoo starts to gradually creep into her thoughts.

An accident that strikes ordinary life, death, an encounter with a messenger of death, and a marriage by contract... Amongst never-ending changes, a mysterious romance begins in the underworld.

The Wanderings of These Two People, Whom even Death Cannot Part From the Living World to the Underworld

Dark spirits slowly emerge and conspire to take over the underworld kingdom. Ji-hoo, messengers of death, and spirits on Ji-hoo's side fight together against the dark spirits. During this whirlwind of conflict, Si-hyeon is nearly destroyed and Ji-hoo decides to send her back to the living world immediately. Si-hyeon is thrown through the reincarnation gate, and she wakes up in a hospital room. There is no Ji-hoo, and she is no longer in the underworld. That fact that Si-hyeon came back to life after being determined dead causes a media frenzy that gives her a chance to restart her acting career... Will she meet Ji-hoo again? And will she be able to let him know her love for him?



The Wanderings in the Underworld

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Arabian Masterpiece

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A Woman Who Must Escape From Love in order to Escape From Death

Jang Yuna is a Korean American painter who is considered as a genius. She constantly has strange dreams, which makes her visit a shaman. The shaman tells her that she is destined to be killed in this life by someone who killed her in her previous life. Even worse, the shaman says that the man is destined to love her in this life. Hearing this, Yuna decides to shut herself off from dating men. However, one day, she encounters a man who sheds tears at the Louvre looking at a drawing of a dream of her previous life.

Kalid: Cursed Prince of Dubai

Kalid, the second prince of Dubai, has been engaged three times, but all his fiancées died, which led to him being called the “cursed prince” or the “prince kissed by death.” As the royal court is constantly filled with wailing, he leaves Dubai and manages a busy life and solely takes care of his own business. He lives without having any relationships with women. However, one day, his sister Aisha asks an outrageous favor of him: to seduce a woman named Yuna, a painter whom her husband has a crush on. Blinded by jealousy, Aisha threatens Kalid by telling him that she will kill herself if he doesn't help her. He has no choice but to meet Yuna.

Two men who meet the love of their life that had not been achieved in their previous life, and a woman who is destined to die when she falls in love... This is a sand-colored love story between the three of them in a desert.

What If You Encounter a Love From the Previous Life?

Yuna is invited to a stand-up show where the famous American comedian Rashid Allen appears. When she sees him, she is reminded of the day when she had encountered him at the Louvre two years ago. Rashid has a handsome face, is a great conversationalist, and has the fit body of a soccer player. Yuna is drawn to him as if he were a magnet. Looking at her drawings of her dreams of her previous life, Rashid finds them familiar but doesn't know why. Meanwhile, Yuna has a feeling that he might have had a connection with her in a previous life. Secrets of her previous life are gradually revealed.

Kalid begins to collect Yuna's paintings under the theme of “dreams of a previous life” and holds an exhibition in Dubai. Through her works, Kalid regains memories of his previous life and faces the hidden truth. He has to make a choice: avoid a miserable fate or repeat the tragedy from the previous life.



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Such a Random Romance

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Sun Boyoung With an Amazing “Gut Feeling”

Sun Boyoung is a successful couple’s manager who almost could have become a fortune teller. When she feels something is going to happen, it happens. She’s doing romance vicariously as a couple’s manager because her gut feeling prevents her from having a proper relationship. But one day, she meets a guy who gives an ominous feeling. This cold-hearted man suddenly confesses his love to her.

Cha Eungi, a Cold-hearted Perfectionist

The youngest estranged son of Chajin Group and a divorce lawyer of Korea’s biggest law firm. His parents’ unfortunate marriage led him to lose his faith in love. But suddenly, his heart starts to bounce! His reason says no, but his heart yells yes. He must do everything in his power to escape this uncomfortable and unpleasant sense of love!

Love Begins With Amnesia

For Boyoung, who believes in eternal love, Eungi who enjoys divorce lawsuits like a game seems absurd. But one day, Eungi was attacked by an assailant during the Oyang Group divorce settlement and suffers from amnesia. His heart starts beating like crazy whenever he sees Boyoung, a woman he doesn’t even remember. Are you telling me that cold-hearted Cha Eungi fell in love? He strives to control his willy-nilly heart that won’t listen to his brain as he faces the emotion of love that he never experienced before.

A couple manager with an amazing gut feeling and an anti-relationship divorce lawyer! Watch as their romance unfolds, oh so randomly!

Falling in Love With a Guy With a Wrong Gut Feeling

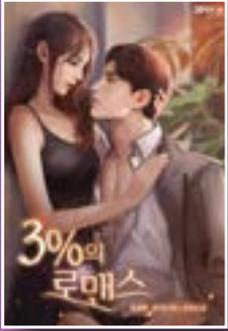
Boyoung warns Eungi to be careful because of the bad feeling she gets from him, but he reacts only with hostility. But out of a sudden, Eungi confesses his love to Boyoung. She feels embarrassed and shy at this sudden confession, but at the same time, she can’t get rid of that ominous feeling every time she sees Eungi. What does this mean? Will Boyoung be able to control her own emotions?



Such a Random Romance

Ohhee

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3% Romance

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From Heartbroken to Ambitious, Gang Ji-hye

The namist of Beta Branding's team one, Ji-hye, has the most common name among women born in 1989. This fact draws her toward unique names. She is bright, fun to be around, and carries positive and healthy energy. Though spoiled as a kid, Ji-hye grew into a quick-witted office worker after experiencing a financial hardship. The breakup she had with her ex-boyfriend Daniel also played a role in her maturation. She suffers a nervous breakdown when she discovers that Daniel is going to be the new leader of her team.

The Working Man is the Most Beautiful, Daniel Lee

The team leader of Beta Branding's team one Daniel Lee has good looks, nice style, masculinity, intelligence, and decisiveness. He is confident, looks right into others' merits and demerits, and doesn't hesitate to speak harshly. He possesses past traumas caused by his mother, who abandoned him at a young age and by the breakup with Ji-hye. But on the first day as the team leader, he meets Ji-hye again.

Don't You Ever Cry Over Someone Like Me

The one that got away, reunited as a team leader and a team member!

Ji-hye requests a transfer to avoid working with Daniel, but he refuses. He says they should remain professional unless Ji-hye is still interested in him. Ji-hye begins the ever-important Osung Resort Project with Daniel, motivated by his words that she should prove herself a valuable asset.

The probability of a broken-up couple reuniting successfully is 3%.
A couple restarts their romance with that unlikely chance.

The Probability of a Broken-up Lover's Happy Ending

The slim chance is only 3%. Ji-hye and Daniel's reunited romance starts with this slim chance. Will they be able to celebrate it with a happy ending?



3% Romance

Kim Yoojin

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Life or Death Romance

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Abducted in a Cab?

Nameless actress Eun-hong takes in a cab and passes out from too much drinking after being dumped by her boyfriend with whom she have been together for seven years. While she is lying down in the back seat, an intruder shoves the taxi driver away and takes the seat. Followed by assailants, the mysterious guy starts chasing after a different car and ends up driving right into the Han River, crashing over the guard rail of the bridge. Eun-hong comes to her senses in the water but mistakenly thinks the guy must be a crazy assailant and struggles to escape from him. She then makes a colossal mistake which is injecting the needle the man had right into her own thigh.

I'm All Your Responsibility Now!

After an unexpected kiss, the man disappears. Eun-hong is faced with charges against assaulting a taxi driver. She's about to be put in jail if she can't pay off the settlement money. The next day, the man appears with 1 billion won, introduces himself as the CEO of LJ Pharmaceuticals Lee Gang-il, and asks her to pretend to be his fiancée. It turns out that the needle was the cure for Gang-il's disease, and he needs a fake fiancée from a respected family to protect his company from a crisis.

A "Noblesse" Romance Scam

Since Eun-hong needs the settlement money and feels responsible that Gang-il may die without the cure, she decides to become his fake fiancée. This is how their dangerous noblesse romance scam unfolds.

Nameless actress Eun-hong mistakenly starts a truly life-risking romance after injecting CEO Gang-il's precious new drug of a pharmaceutical company in her own thigh.

Romance with Life on the Line!

Gang-il has many enemies. For instance, Vice President Gang Dong-jae seeks an opportunity to take away Gang-il's job. Gang-il also has to deal with his ex-lover and betrayer Gang An-na, the leader of the PR team. Moreover, there are Seung-jae of JK bank who holds the money line for Gang-il but who is gloating over Eun-hong and a multinational weapon manufacturing company "Poly" obsessed with snatching the new medication of Gang-il. Eun-hong and Gang-il get closer as they struggle to protect the company and protect the medicine in a chaos. Will they be able to protect both the company and love?



Life or Death Romance

Su(秀)

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His Recipe for Love

KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

Lost Love and Lost Taste, a Double Tragedy Hits Gang Jae-hui

Hailed as a genius chef, Gang Jae-hui is the new owner chef of the French restaurant “La Belle.” However, he leaves Korea when he even loses his sense of taste after losing his girlfriend in an accident. After wandering outside of Korea, he decides to come back home. On the day of his return, a woman jumps in front of his car and he ends up spending the night with her. The girl turns out to be the junior kitchenhand at his restaurant La Belle.

The Young and Reckless Junior Kitchenhand, Han Yeon-wu

As the youngest kitchen staff at La Belle, the twenty-eight-year-old Han Yeon-wu devotes her youth doing menial chores in the kitchen, in the hope that she will one day become a French cuisine chef. Betrayed by her boyfriend, she drinks until she becomes senseless and has a one-night stand with a stranger. Only the stranger turns up at her work the very next day! The man from the night before is her new boss at the restaurant, Gang Jae-hui!

I Need Your Tongue!

Yeon-wu is shocked to hear that her boyfriend who has been with her for more than ten years is getting married to someone else! How could this happened? Who is this woman? She had her boyfriend stolen right before her eyes. Hurt and enraged, she storms into her boyfriend's wedding drunk as a skunk and causes a scene. Feeling beaten and pathetic, she even goes as far as spending the night with a total stranger.

When the renowned chef Gang Jae-hui loses his sense of taste, he hires Han Yeon-wu as his personal taster. Their story of a secretive and delicious love unfolds in the French Restaurant “La Belle.”

The next day, she meets with the stranger. Unable to handle the embarrassment, she decides to quit. However, when she goes to see Jae-hui, he hands her a secret contract. She is to work for him as his private taster. A secret contract for a job unheard of! Jae-hui wants to complete a recipe his late girlfriend had left behind. Yeon-wu is to become the tongue for Jae-hui who cannot taste anything. Will this unusual relationship find a sweet ending?



His Recipe for Love

Jung Uiran

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The Windy Hills

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The heir to megacorporation, Gong Do-wun Wants Your House

Still in his early thirties, Gong Do-wun is an heir to a megacorporation. However, he has always felt somehow inferior because he was born out of wedlock. To consolidate his position as the heir, he has put everything on the line for the Windy Hills redevelopment project. With fair skin, long legs and sharp eyes, he is a handsome guy with a cold aura. Though he is a guy with a mesmerizing smile, guilt and trauma from his mother's death has casted a dark shadow on him.

Hong Se-won, a Woman Hurt by Love

Hong Se-won in her early twenties spent her youth supporting her older brother so he can become a prosecutor. But luckily, her lifelong dream of living in Seoul also gets realized. However, before she even enjoys her life in Seoul, she gets shocked by the scandal of Goh Geon-tae, her teenage love who has become a famous actor. To make matters worse, news of her mother's dementia brings her back to her hometown again where she decides to study for the university entrance exam.

Love Faces a Rocky Road Ahead

Gong Do-wun needs Hong Se-won's house to proceed with his redevelopment project. However, Se-won respects her mother's wishes and makes a protest to protect their house. To change her mind, Do-wun proposes that he will delay the demolition of their house and continues acting as the "son" as Se-won's mother believes. Since her mother trusts and depends on Do-wun, Se-won accepts his offer. Se-won's house is the last house that needs to be demolished for the Windy Hills project. Since she has agreed to it, the redevelopment project looks like it is going

Love blooms in the most unexpected places, against all odds and even in the most remote country villages. A story of modern romance that unfolds in the countryside.

to be a success. However, things take an unexpected turn, when a country house reality show starts to be filmed at her house. Her teenage love Geon-tae comes to the house for the shoot, and even her prosecutor brother starts making things difficult for the redevelopment project.

As Se-won and Do-wun spend more time together, they start developing a feeling toward each other. However, her teenage sweetheart Geon-tae still won't let her go. Do-wun takes the matter into his hand, and Se-won meets with Geon-tae to finish their relationship. Finally, the project looks like it is back on track again. Although the time they spent together was for their own interest, it has brought them closer to each other.

"It's not your fault that you were born out of wedlock. It wasn't your choice." Se-won says to Do-wun, a man who appears perfect but hurt on the inside. He is moved by the words of this innocent but bold woman. With tender eyes, he replies, "Please be with me tonight."



The Windy Hills

Onseo

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My Credit Card Prince

KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

Translated in Russia

Do Ji-wook, the Perfect Man Blessed With Both Looks and Intelligence

Do Ji-wook, the heir to the Royal Card Corporation, is an elite who graduated with honors from Wharton. He also cleans up his father's mess, Chairman Do Jeong-nam, who never stops causing trouble. Ever since the chairman's abuse of power was exposed to the public, Ji-wook has been leading the company on his own. Currently, he is taking care of the customer service department to placate the crowd of angry customers who want to boycott his company. On his first visit to the office, he notices Eun-ji as she angrily raises her voice at a customer over the phone.

Yang Eun-ji, the Model Customer Service Agent

With her honey-sweet voice for which she is known, Eun-ji's original goal was to become a voice actor. When her father's business went bankrupt, she temporarily put her dreams aside and began working as a customer service agent at Royal Card, quickly earning the recognition as a model agent. However, her recent performance has been on the decline after she broke up with her boyfriend with whom she has been together for six years. During a call with a particularly annoying client, she ends up raising her voice while her boss, Ji-wook, is watching.

Love Comes Again Despite the Pain

Eun-ji, the model customer service agent at Royal Card Corporation, loses her sweet voice when her boyfriend announces a sudden break up. Her now ex-boyfriend, Sung-jun, shared her dream of becoming a voice actor. However, while Eun-ji was struggling to make ends meet, Sung-jun passed the voice talent test, and announced that he will be seeing another woman who can help him with fulfilling his

An unlikely romance blooms between Do Ji-wook, the perfect heir to the Royal Card Corporation, and Yang Eun-ji, the customer service agent. You can't buy this kind of romance with a credit card!

own ambitions. The shock was too much for Eun-ji. To make matters worse, she receives a call from a particularly rude customer. Finally, she loses her patience, and explodes saying, "Do whatever you want, then! You can't talk to me like that!"

As luck would have it, Ji-wook witnesses this incident during his visit to the customer service office. Royal Card is already in trouble thanks to the public criticism over the chairman's abuse of power, with customers threatening to boycott. Ji-wook cannot excuse a service agent who gets into a fight with a customer at a time like this. After two loyal years at the company, Eun-ji is fired. However, a few days later, the pesky customer threatens to spread the recorded file of the angry call on the Internet unless the agent and the director of the office apologize in person. Eun-ji and Ji-wook are forced to travel to the remote island village together.



My Credit Card Prince

Jo Ahae

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Remarried in Joseon

KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

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Lee Ho, the Prince With No Presence

Lee Ho (Jungyeon-Daegun), the second royal prince, is exceptionally handsome, intelligent, and has a command on military skills, but intentionally tries to hide his presence. As it is any royal member's destiny, he marries and gets a wife. She is pretty but quite unusual. At first, he ignores Ra-hee who has absolutely no manners and a brusque personality, but somehow becomes attracted to her uniqueness.

Jang Ra-hee, a Divorcee Dreaming of a New Life

Ra-hee has been suffering from her hellish marriage for the past seven years, but finally enjoys her life as a single after getting a divorce. She dreams of a new life but ends up waking up next to the body of a woman of Joseon Dynasty after a truck accident. Though she is a wise, decisive, and caring person, she is hesitant to start a new love because of her past trauma. Though she is now in a completely new era, she decides to live her new life fully based on the lesson she learned in her previous life.

A dangerous romance between a contemporary-era divorcee and a secretive Joseon King.

A New Life in Joseon Dynasty After a Divorce?

After a car crash, Ra-hee finds that she has become a lady from a Joseon family who's about to get married the next day. She loses her mind due to the crazy reality she is facing and attempts to escape.

On the first night of marriage, Ra-hee attacks Ho like a crazy dog, but finds that it is no avail – Ho was a very competent trainer. Ho pushes her with his broad shoulders and whispers quietly like a devil: "Get away if you can."

Ho has everything anyone would covet, including Joseon's best looks.

But there's something now that he can't have, Ra-hee. He soon becomes obsessed with Ra-hee, his wife, that he cannot have.



Remarried in Joseon

Choi Seohee

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Drama List



Family Repair Shop

Lee Pilwon

The one and only family restoration shop in the world that soothes the injured hearts of a human relationship.



Café Neverland

Choi NanYoung

Han Yeonju, a public servant who's strict and stiff, operates a café with the blacklisted elderly.



A Happy Décal and an Unfortunate Comanie

Kim Youngseo

Décal and Comanie trade happiness and misfortune to find ultimate contentment.



The Single-minded Next Door

Kim Jiseo

The story of Sujin and four other housemates who do not believe in marriage.



The Haunted Stationery Store

So Hyang

A School supplies shop owner, Pyo Danby, hires Hu Hyun, a ghost who's a former court painter.



I've Decided to Change My Mom

Pyeon Yoon-je

What if you could switch your parents for a billionaire or legally discard your offspring?



Young Man Gu Unmong Became a Housemaker

Kang Seonwoo

A law school student Gu Unmong discover his talent for housekeeping and gradually matures.



Dysfunctional Family

Kim Jiseo

With a sense of humor and wit, this domestic novel explores disintegrating family relationships.



Suspicious Caregiver

Oh Yoonhee

The friendship and miraculous solidarity between a girl and an old man.



Youthful Hundred Days

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Yoo Daeun

As she crosses off her missing twin sister's bucket list, she gets to discover the secrets.



My Mom Lives My Life

Bae Kyunghee

Mom and daughter starts living each other's life to understand each other sincerely.



The Letter of In-between Seasons

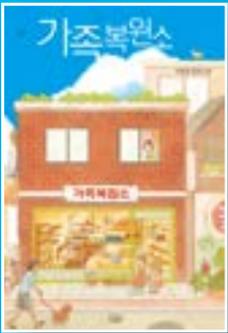
Kim Raeim

Her records on her deathbed in 1970's are delivered to her granddaughter in 2000's.

Drama

The more joy you find from a fiction, the easier it becomes to imagine what it will be like if the fiction is made into a major motion picture!

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Family Repair Shop

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

The one and only family restoration shop in the world that soothes the injured hearts of a human relationship.

Taping

Jin-gu is a high school kid who assists in his mother's leather shop. One day, Dool, a primary school age child comes to him with a divorce application, asking him to mend his parents' damaged marriage. Jin-gu turns him down, for his own parents are divorced but it doesn't look like Dool will give in. In the end, he cannot refuse the obstinate Dool and agrees to help him. For the first time in his life, he sets out to restore a family and not leather, thereby having an unforgettable summer of his life.

Organizing Leather

After taking the college entrance exam, and spending most of his time at the leather shop, Jin-gu signs up for a driving course where he meets Choi Yoo-ji, a reporter from MBS. She visits the shop with a pencil case that contains her dream and tells him a story about her sister who is more distant than a stranger. Around this time, Jin-gu's ambition grows to become good at leather restoration work.

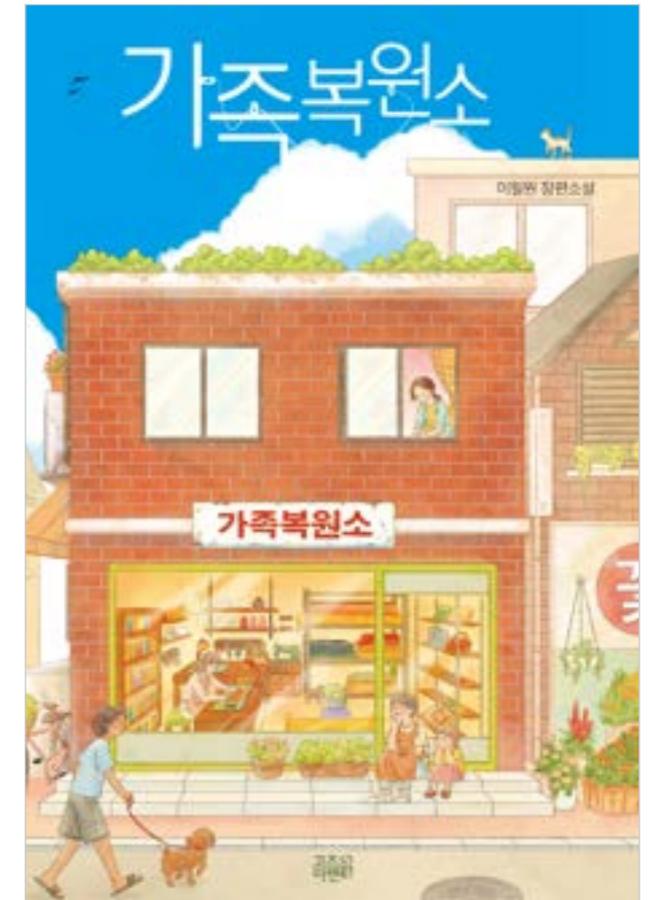
Cleansing and Using Chemicals

One day when the rain is pouring down, a customer, who had left a wallet for service a long time ago, visits the shop after six years. He collects myths, legends, and folk tales from all parts of the country and peculiar things happen vis-à-vis his wallet that seems to be permeated with his dead fiancée's love. Meanwhile, Jin-gu develops a friendship with Ali, the Pakistani man who takes a walk past his shop with his dog. Ali commissions him to repair the necklace of his little dog, Haengun.

Drying and Coating

Ae-sun, who runs a flower store next to the leather shop, is a friendly old woman who offers Jin-gu a flower every time they run into each other. The building where their shops are in becomes a bit clamorous with the news of her as a senior divorcee but

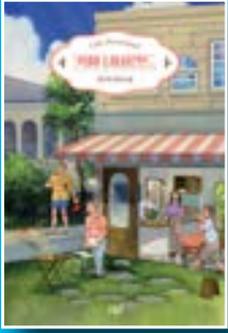
Jin-gu immerses himself with the restoration of her shoulder bag. As the stories of the customers who come and go accumulate, Jin-gu grows more earnest about the leather restoration work and thinks life as it is would be fine for him—that is until his father, who had been incommunicado, pays him a visit with a pouch for eyeglasses.



Family Repair Shop

Lee Pilwon

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256pages | 128*188mm



Café Neverland

Translated in Thailand

It's okay if she's as strict as a board

Yeonju, a grade-seven civil servant at a community center of a town called Miryu, is as clear, thorough, and unyielding as they come when it's about following the rules. However, her colleagues always point fingers at her for being too strict and stiff. Then one day, the elderly welfare project proposal she submits goes through, establishing it as a key initiative that's supported by the mayor. Without much say, she must now operate Café Neverland, a senior job creation project.

None of her colleagues help her out of jealousy and frustration, but that's all right because getting a promotion is a given deal as long as the project goes well.

Problematic seniors

However, she had no idea that she'd be faced with so many obstacles, for the most problematic seniors were recommended as staff members to operate the café with her. Manyoung is a spirit of his own and is constantly picking fights, while Seokjae, suffering from depression, fails to control his bowel movement whenever he becomes emotional. Junseop is so quiet that it almost feels like he's ignoring everyone, while Kibok can never quite figure things out or get anything right. Yeonju is devastated to find out that she must operate a café with these elderly, barely managing to sell twenty dollars' worth of anything because no one even knows how to make coffee. At this rate, she'd be lucky to keep her job, let alone a promotion.

The miracle at Miryu

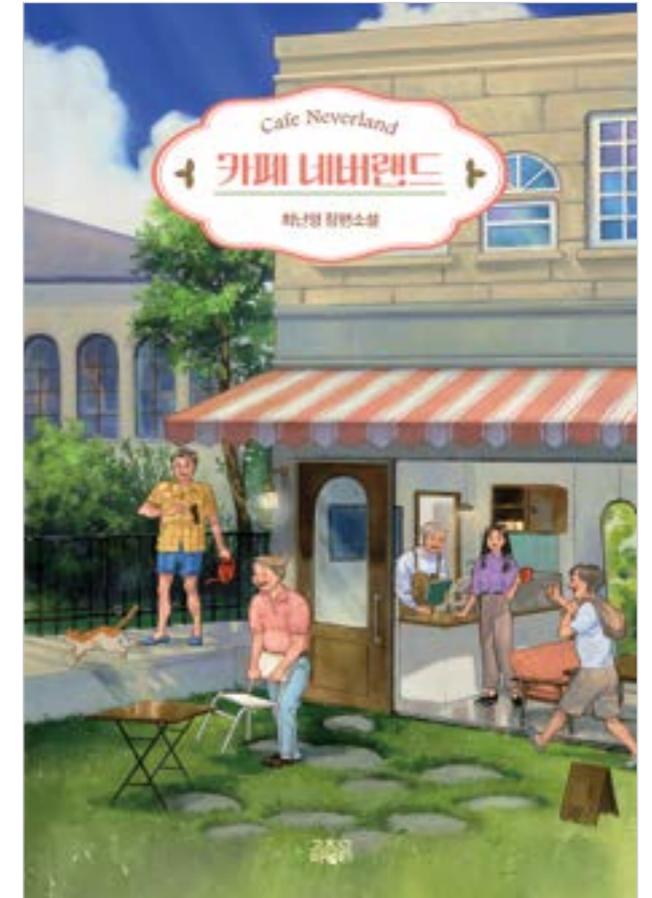
They say everyone has a talent of their own, and this must be true, for the elderly started contributing to the café using their very own skillsets. Seokjae is excellent at dealing with the customers because of his lifelong experience as a teacher, Manyoung can steal the customers' attention with his shockingly accurate fortune-telling, Junseop is as good as a chef can possibly be, and Kibok is a world-class

Han Yeonju, a public servant who's strict and stiff, operates a café with the blacklisted elderly.

counselor with his open perspective that's deeper than the best writers in history. Soon, Café Neverland explodes with success, filled with romance, action, drama, and thrill through talents accumulated over decades and Yeonju's painstaking effort!

The shadow lurking behind the happiness

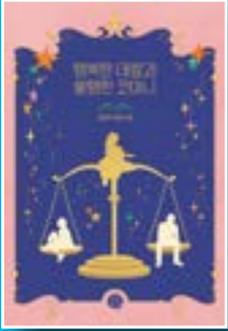
Café Neverland overcomes their embarrassing days of making twenty dollars a day and ends up receiving the highest award for a senior job creation project. Yeonju happily returns to the café with the anticipation of a promotion when she walks in to notice that the café has been ruined, as if an earthquake had just taken place. All of the tables are flipped upside down while broken glasses and plates are scattered across the floor. Cleaning the café alone, Kibok mentions that Manyoung has been taken to the hospital by Seokjae, while Junseop ran away. It turns out that Junseop's deep secret he wanted to take to his grave had been revealed due to Manyoung's jealousy, blinded by love...



Café Neverland

Choi Nanyoung

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348pages | 130*200mm



A Happy Décal and an Unfortunate Comanie

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

A coin with the drawing of an angel

A high school student Jeongmul has always heard the sound of coins dropping since she was a young child. On the coins are drawing of angels, and those with wings would bring her fortune while those without would bring her the opposite. Jeongmul experiences hardship due to her parents' endless bickering, which eventually results in divorce. With just a month left until the divorce was finalized, a suspicious-looking man named Kyle appeared in front of Jeongmul.

Symmetry systems and décalcomanie

The level of happiness and misfortune in this world are always in equilibrium. This is also called "symmetry," and the way this system works is simple. Two people are randomly paired at birth and are made to share their happiness and misfortune with each other, and those who are connected in this way are called décalcomanie. Kyle explains the world's secret, the symmetry system, to Jeongmul and warns her never to meet her décalcomanie. Then, he offers to teach her how to become happy if she helps him.

How to become happy

Jeongmul decides to help the children on the list as per Kyle's offer. During this time, she is unable to fight the temptation of knowing why she's so unfortunate and decides to visit Mihwa, her décalcomanie. Jeongmul begs Mihwa to reduce the happiness in her life, even if it's temporary. Still, Mihwa is bewildered by this request because, ironically enough, she's also rather unhappy despite the countless happiness coins that have fallen in her life. She ponders Jeongmul's request for a while but decides to accept, knowing that Jeongmul truly seeks to learn the path to happiness.

Décal and Comanie trade happiness and misfortune to find ultimate contentment.

The closed pouch of happiness and another administrator

Jeongmul and Mihwa learns a new secret; that everyone is born with happiness and a misfortune pouch and that coins can bounce off instead of entering the pouch if it's full or closed. Jeongmul realizes that her happiness pouch is closed and ponders how she could open it again. While more questions pile up, Jeongmul learns that Kyle, the symmetry system administrator, has become a wanted person for committing a crime... Will Jeongmul and Mihwa successfully discover the path to happiness?



A Happy Décal and an Unfortunate Comanie

Kim Youngseo

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312pages | 130*200mm



The Single-minded Next Door

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

The rediscovery of soft solidarity

Sujin, a thirty-three-year-old middle school linguistics teacher, notices all her friends getting married and learns that she, too, could fall into the trap of a crappy marriage. She decides to get her own place so her parents would no longer nag her to marry. However, the housing prices in Seoul are too outrageous for her to establish the chilled, single life of a career woman.

Then, she rediscovers the concept of “soft solidarity” and plans to become a famous writer by releasing stories of successful women living together without men on the blog.

The calculation of benefits and losses

Sohee and Minkyu are a newly married couple who had recently been awarded the chance to purchase a new apartment in a newly developed town called Wirye. To get away from their parents, the two plan to move from their previous apartment, which Minkyu's parents had bought for them.

Considering the current interest rates, Sohee decides to put her place up as a monthly rental when a person willing to rent the place finally appears. And just like that, Sujin, the thirty-three-year-old linguistics teacher, and Sohee, who's the same age and used to be a flight attendant, finally meet fourteen years after high school graduation.

Their happy housemate lives as non-married women

Sujin recruits unmarried, happy, and delightful women from a real-estate forum and creates a group called “SAH (Single and Happy) Girls.” The basic rule of this house is that everyone splits the housework, the fees, the rent, and the groceries together! However, five women who are strangers living in one space is not as easy as Sujin initially imagined.

There's Eunhye, who's forty-seven years old and seems like a veteran single woman but has taken care of her parents for over ten years. There's Namhee,

The story of Sujin and four other housemates who do not believe in marriage.

who believed living on her own meant marriage but never found the right one and finally left her home. Also, there's the thirty-seven-year-old Hanna, whose job is unconfirmed but sleeps during the day, is always dressed well and drives a red BMW. Last, the twenty-eight-year-old Seungeun continues to conflict with Sujin because she brings over a new man for a one-night stand every week. Will we all get along...?

Others are hell, and there's no such thing as a utopia?

On the first night Minkyu and Sohee move into their new apartment, Minkyu frustrates Sohee by indifferently mentioning that they should try for a child before they become too old. Sohee struggles with the marriage due to the unbearable pressure from her father-in-law despite initially having wanted to get married. She thinks of Sujin every time things are rocky between her and Minkyu. She cannot understand why Sujin decided to live with a group of unmarried women, but she's also jealous of how free Sujin's life is. What future choices and outcomes await these ladies in the midst of their various challenges?



The Single-minded Next Door

Kim Jiseo

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322pages | 130*200mm



The Haunted Stationery Store

KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

Translated in Russia

High Schooler Running an Unmanned Stationery Shop

After her mother died, Pyo Danby has been living with her father, an office worker. She is starting high school at Sejin High. She works hard and studies hard, relying on the Danby Diaries left behind by her mother. One day, her father announces that he will open an unmanned stationery shop that will help them earn enough money to purchase their old family home. He then goes on to start the business right away, which is unlike his typical indecisive self. But not long after the shop's opening, he has to leave for a long work trip. Danby is asked to run the shop while he's gone, although she herself is busy studying to get into medical school.

A Ghost Offers to Work Part-Time

Late one night, Danby is shocked when she arrives at the shop. While going through security camera footage, she sees how objects and goods appear to be flying around in the air. Later, she is confronted by Hu Hyun, a ghost who claims to have been buried in that exact spot 157 years ago. He shows her his container of drawing accoutrements and says he used to work as a court painter for the royal family. With that, he claims he must finish a painting within the next 100 days as he works to recover his memory, and begs Danby to let him work at the shop. Danby, who had become exhausted after not being able to find anyone who could work part-time, agrees to hire the ghost.

Busy Life and Terrible Memories

Danby can't believe she's hired a ghost to work for her, but her life remains as busy as ever. She has to study for tests, for her after-school private institute lessons, her teamwork activities, her extracurricular activities, and run the stationery shop while also staying on top of her part-time employee. She is made even more busy by a kid in school who complicates her life. She tells Hyun about these troubles. Listening to Danby, Hyun grows anxious. What if he can't recover his lost memories

A School supplies shop owner, Pyo Danby, hires Hu Hyun, a ghost who's a former court painter.

in time? Then suddenly, a fragment of memory comes back. It's a painful, sad memory. What happened to him?

How to Say Goodbye to a Loved One

Danby and Hyun's friendship grows deeper by the day. Danby ends up introducing Hyun to her friends; meanwhile, Hyun recovers more of his lost memories. He learns that when he sympathizes and listens to the stories of other kids, it helps with retrieving his memory. Racing against time before the 100-day deadline, Hyun draws closer to unveiling the mystery of his death. It appears he had harbored a secret nobody else knew. This involves Seokgi, someone he shared a deep friendship with. Hyun and Danby soon realize that the reason they met was to help them both learn how to say a proper goodbye to the ones they love.



The Haunted Stationery Store

So Hyang

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268pages | 130*200mm



I've Decided to Change My Mom

KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

UnOTT Original Content Mommy Daddy Game

The global OTT company Chun Page announces production of an original game, titled Mommy Daddy Game, which is set to be released in Korea together with the company's official foray into this market. The winner of the game will be given the chance to be adopted by Michael Chun, the founder of Chun Page. However, the two contestants with the lowest scores will be stripped of their relationships to their parents and be sent to live far away. What if you were given the chance to change your parents for a billionaire? What if you could legally cut ties with your own child? With these shocking slogans, Mommy Daddy Game takes Korea by storm.

My Mother's Ex-Boyfriend

Meanwhile, Michael Chun goes to see his former flame, Joo Eun. Mother to Joo Barum, Eun was formerly a star television news anchor and the youngest ever to headline a major news show. Now, however, she makes ends meet as a two-bit show host on a cable TV home shopping network. Michael asks Eun to be the host of his show Mommy Daddy Game. Eun used to be one of Korea's biggest stars, but is now a hardworking, down-on-her-luck single mom. And yet, Michael believes she's the perfect fit. At the same time, Michael also suggests that she sign up her son, Barum, to compete on the show.

Will she choose to be the main host of a globally recognized TV program and expose her family affairs to the public? Or will she keep her old life? Eun is not sure what to do. But her son makes a bold announcement. "I want to compete."

Meeting of Old Enemies

While Mommy Daddy Game is on the air, Eun meets her old enemy, An Byung-sik. He was the one who stopped her from making her TV comeback after she had her son. He tries to bark orders to Eun and argues that Michael Chun did a shoddy job constructing the TV studio. He also suggests that the show has been rigged and

What if you could switch your parents for a billionaire or legally discard your offspring?

that Michael has already chosen the winner. "Isn't Barum his son?" Just then, an earthquake hits the studio and they are forced to cancel the shoot.

Outcome of this Unpredictable Survival Game?

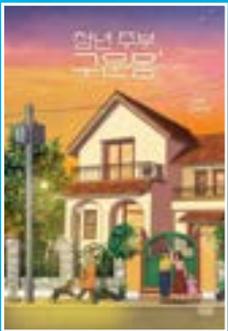
Most of the contestants' parents don't want the game to end. What about the people who want the game to continue? Why is Michael Chun so obsessed with Joo Eun and her son? What is the conspiracy between the contestants and An Byung-sik? How will this family survival game end?



I've Decided to Change My Mom

Pyeon Yoonje

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Young Man Gu Unmong Became a Housemaker

Translated in Taiwan, Thailand, Italy and Indonesia

ARKO Literature Sharing Book Selection

Why was I given this kind of talent

Unmong was more or less vulnerable, slow, and of many weak spots. When he was asked of his dream, he shielded himself with the title of a law school student at Seoul National University; however, his real dream was becoming an actor. Withstanding hunger, he spent all his youth writing plays, studying dramaturgy, planning stages in vain only to get the rose of betrayal. Because of his acting senior Woo Chanhee's fraud, Unmong became impecunious. On the night when he was chasing after the "dine-and-dasher" Woo Chanhee, he came across his fourth big sister Jaeyoung, who he wished had been a stranger, as if by destiny, which became a turning point in his life. He was led to the green gate house! The owner of the green gate house Do Gangseo, who was also Jaeyoung's best friend, invited him to become a housemate. In the confusion of the moment, Unmong accepted the invitation on hands and knees, which opened a new day for him. He had grown watching his mother and sisters suffering in the hell of childcare and housekeeping, which was his only experience of housemaking. Surprisingly enough, Unmong found the talent of housemaking in himself.

The Birth of the Young Man Housemaker

It was a brave new world. Unmong experienced the sense of fulfillment that he had never felt before as he grew up being overprotected by his mother who had a predilection for her son and nice three older sisters. At his touch, the household goods looked different, and dainty dishes appeared. Although he felt physically tired, he was inundated by the senses of self-satisfaction and gratification about the changes. Moreover, the simple joy that the monotonous jobs brought helped him forget all the painful things. That way, Unmong reached the point of the "9th degree of homemaker," which he had thought that there was nothing to do.

Not before long, Yeonwoo, who had been taken care of by her grandmother instead of her busy mother, arrived at the green gate. Her grandmother could not take care of her anymore because she had a broken joint thanks to single parenting

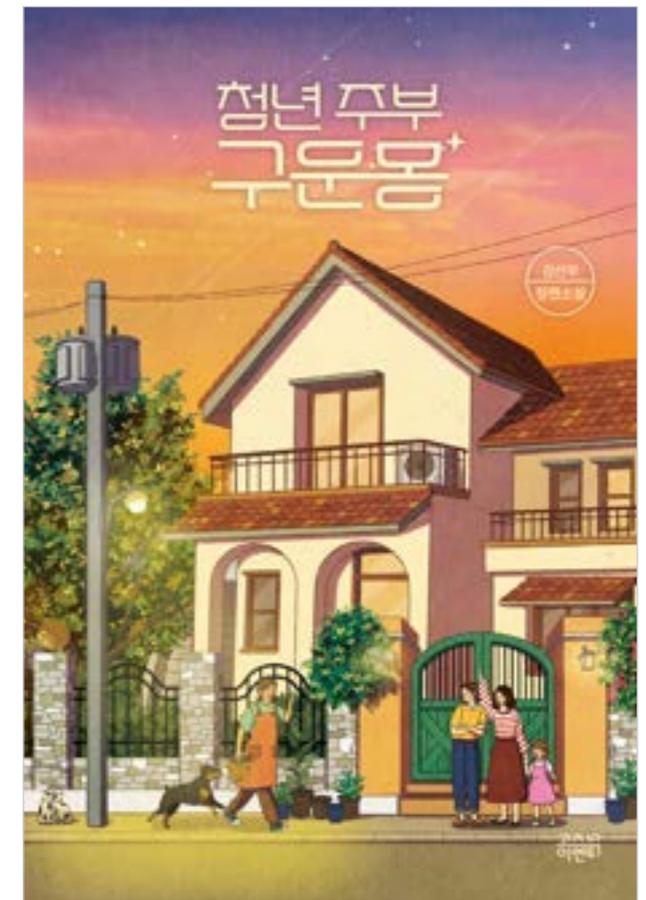
A law school student Gu Unmong discover his talent for housekeeping and gradually matures.

at her old age. Now he was born again as a complete young man homemaker whose work was composed of the three perfect combinations of housekeeping, supporting, and childcare.

The Growing Pains of a Thirty-Year Old

When Unmong fell in the mire of excessive labor and felt depression, he was hit with reality: "What am I doing here? This is not my life stage!" As Gangseo began looking like a woman, he would become a boy at puberty whose cheeks turned red. When he recalled his mother who was praying that he would become a judge or attorney-at-law in Gangneung, he felt sorry for her and could not sleep. The more he felt sorry, the harder he focused on housekeeping and at the same time sharpened his writing talent.

Meanwhile, he came across Woo Chanhee who he had been waiting for punishment and came to know the truth about Yeonoo's father. Through those pieces of life, Unmong underwent the growing pains that he had passed by in his puberty.



Young Man Gu Unmong Became a Housemaker

Kang Seonwoo

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312pages | 128*188mm



Dysfunctional Family

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

With a sense of humor and wit, this domestic novel explores disintegrating family relationships.

Jeong-hee

29-year-old Jeong-hee is working at the National Park Service as a substitute for someone on parental leave. She works at Namhansanseong just southeast of Seoul, only a 15-minute commute by local bus. After graduating with a degree in Korean literature, she worked at a small publishing house in Paju. Three years of overwork, low pay, and a four-hour commute only brought her scoliosis, a distaste for other people, and a 12cm uterine fibroid. She changed her career to the public sector late because she didn't think she could pass the exam, and then spent three years trying with open recruitment until she finally succeeded. By the time she came to her senses, her twenties were gone.

Jun-hee

Her younger brother, Jun-hee, is an aspiring actor studying theater and film, and works as a social worker at the district office fulfilling his national service duties. Hearing that his classmate Kim Seon-woo has now become a star, he sets his mind to becoming a famous actor beloved by audiences.

Middle Aged Couple

Park Jae-soo, father of two, is 56 years old and works as a manager at a leading Korean bed company. Himself only a high school graduate, he made both of his children attend university. However, his eldest daughter is nearing 30 but still has no stable job or man to marry. He also worries about his son who is off serving his national service, but is immature and reckless, and says he wants to become a film actor.

Park Jae-soo's wife, Kim Hee-sun, was born in the Year of the Rabbit in 1967. She turns 55 this year. They have shared the same bed in the same room for 30 years. She works part-time as a cashier at a supermarket nearby, earning about 1.5 million won a month. She has to work because even after being a manager for

a hundred years, Jae-soo still cannot afford to support their family while paying off the apartment loan and tuition for their son to go to an arts college.

How It All Began

And right around that time, Jae-soo and Hee-seon go hiking on nearby Namhansanseong on the weekend. They fall in love both with the mountains and with another for different reasons. Jae-soo and Hee-seon hike separately every week, feeling a thrill for life for the first time in nearly 30 years. It may be taboo for a married person to fall in love with another, but their bodies and minds cannot escape the draw of attraction.



Dysfunctional Family

Kim Jiseo

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400pages | 128*188mm



Suspicious Caregiver

Novel by the Author of <Strange Story Club at Samgae Inn>

The girl who possesses nothing

Eunsoo is 18 year old girl. Since she left the Hope Foster Care Center on the day she turned 18, she is labeled as “a child whose legal protection has been terminated.” She is still young and in need of protection from adults, but since she is no longer under the care of the foster care center. She has to stand all alone.

For Eunsoo, turning into an “adult” is a burden that is too heavy to bear. Everyday is like a war for Eunsoo; she struggles to pay the rent and make a living.

While Eunsoo is going through her tough days, a rage begins to well up deeply in her mind. She blames her fate that gives her a hard time while everyone around her seems like enjoying their lives. As the time goes by, Eunsoo’s rage is directed to one person, the old man who made her get off on the wrong foot. She decides to become his resident caregiver, in order to take revenge on him.

The old man who has nothing to lose

The man once had everything—good social status, financial stability, and a loving family. However, they all began to leave him one by one. He lost everything including his physical freedom. Suffering from Parkinson’s disease, he is in a difficult situation to manage on his own. There is nothing left that makes him feel attached to life.

One day, a girl comes to visit the old man who has lost his will to live. She says that she wants to be his caregiver. Barely looking old enough to be caregiver, the girl seems to be plotting something. The old man retraces his memory. The memory of the incident that forced him to resign from being a judge.

Unusual Friendship

In spite of her original plan, Eunsoo’s grudge towards the old man gradually diminishes. Although she pledged that she would not forgive him, she finds her heart giving in and develops affection for him. At first, she thinks she has a pity on him. Later, she feels like she can understand him because they have something in

A story about the friendship and miraculous solidarity between a girl who has nothing and an old man who has nothing to lose.

common. Though they have different social status and generation, they are both in lonely and isolated situation. There is nobody but themselves who could understand each other.

Meanwhile, Eunsoo found out that the old man has a secret past. She decides to give up her original plan of revenge. However, the old man asks her for a special favor.

Beautiful Farewell

Eunsoo accepts the old man’s request, even though she knows that it might be her farewell with him. She sets her heart on it, for it is what the old man has longed for the most.

To fulfill his wish, Eunsoo goes on a trip to Switzerland with the old man where a comfortable death is waiting for him.



Suspicious Caregiver

Oh Yoonhee

2022. 3. 7. | ISBN 9791163162827
360pages | 128*188mm



Youthful Hundred Days

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

Translated in Thailand

Chairman Ju Seok-ho, a 65-year-old cancer patient becomes a high school student.

Chairman Ju Seok-ho of SH Logistics has devoted his life to work. After being diagnosed with terminal cancer, he dies lonely in his apartment. But later, he wakes up, not in the next world, but in a stinky, cramped room. He learns that he is in the body of an 18-year-old high school student named Kim Yu-shik and heads straight to his apartment where he runs into Yu-shik, who is now in Seok-ho's body.

Only 100 Days

It turns out, Yu-shik also had a car accident, and his regret is that he wasn't able to live his life to the fullest because he did not have enough money. At the time of his death, Seok-ho also regretted that he spent his life with the sole purpose of making money. Is this occasion a last gift from God? They find the number 100 on each of their body that didn't exist before they died, and see the number goes down every day. They soon learn that the number stands for the number of days left for them on the Earth.

Protect the firm!

Since the switch has already happened, they decide to cooperate with each other so they can spend their 100 days as they wish. Their different thoughts sometimes lead to arguments, but soon, they grow comfortable with each other.

Soon, a danger approaches. Kim Beom-ju, the president of SH Logistics, goes after the chairman's position, accusing Seok-ho of having dementia. Behind Yu-shik, Seok-ho tries to protect his firm from the hands of Kim.

**What if you get 100 days to live the way you want, right before death?
A soul change between a high school student who wants to live 'a good life'
and an elderly president of a large corporation who 'misses youth'!**

Second death after the 100 days

Seok-ho and Yu-shik successfully keep Kim at bay. But not long after, Yu-shik suffers an unbearable pain. Yu-shik happens to get cancer caused by cancer cells in Seok-ho's body. They realize that no matter how much they enjoy their new lives, they are destined to die again. Yu-shik believes that unlike him, Seok-ho may have a chance to live by avoiding the car accident. He asks Seok-ho to live his life on his behalf.

The fated day

From that moment on, Seok-ho secretly prepares something for Yu-shik. And on the 100th day, Yu-shik dies of illness and at the same time, Seok-ho gets hit by a truck in Yu-shik's body. What will happen to them at the end? Will they be able to confront death without any regret?



Youthful Hundred Days

Jeong Haeyon

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440pages | 128*188mm



Your Bucket List

KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

Translated in Vietnam and Thailand

As Yoon Si-ah crosses off her missing twin sister's bucket list, she gets to discover her hidden secrets!

Today's Fortune

My twin sister Se-ah suddenly went missing, leaving her unlocked cell phone, a bankbook with a deposit of 300 million won, and a dementia-suffering mother behind! Every day, Yoon Si-ah checks 'Today's fortune' on her sister's phone application. She doesn't need to alter the stored information, because the two have the same birthdays and birth hours. Will Si-ah able to find out why her sister left?

The Moment Our Fate Diverged

Lee Joon-ho is Yoon Se-ah's first boyfriend and Si-ah's first love. Jun-ho visits Si-ah to find the bucket list he wrote together with Se-ah when they were 19. They start looking for the bucket list, following the clue that the bucket list exists at the moment in which the twins' fate first diverged.

I'll Cross Off Your Bucket List For You

Se-ah left a message about the bucket list, saying she'll give the passcode to the bankbook that has 300 million won if Si-ah achieves all 3 quests on it. Si-ah, disheartened from a sudden unemployment and financial problems, decides to follow the instructions with Lee Jun-ho.

The Bucket List's Hidden Secret

First, being on the stage as an actress who plays the role of a main character. Second, confessing love to her first love Si-won. Third, having a 35th birthday party at Lee Jun-ho's new restaurant. As Si-ah crosses off each list, she learns her twin sister's secrets. Will the twins be able to genuinely reconcile through her secrets?



Your Bucket List

Yoo Daeun

2019. 12. 31. | ISBN 9791163160694
232pages | 145*210mm



My Mom Lives My Life

TV drama rights signed | Translated in Thailand

KOCCA K-Story in China Selection

Introducing a mom and daughter who have many things in common

Sun-hee and her daughter Yeon-hwa are the only family members to each other. They live on the fourth floor of Yeon-hwa boarding house that they run. They fight like cat and dog whenever they see each other, but they have played the role of father, husband, guardian, and friend to each other for the past 33 years. They are terribly clumsy at expressing their feelings but love each other very much. One day, their relationship starts to get bumpier.

Sun-hee, the Mom

I had to bite the bullet for the past 51 years. As a single mother, I did whatever I could do to make ends meet. I raised my one and only daughter to be an elite who works at one of the best companies in Korea. I believed that I could enjoy my life from now on, but I've been diagnosed with breast cancer. As I lay down on the cold operating table, I've come to have the ardent hope of getting back my university acceptance letter—the one I tore into pieces after crying my heart out while keeping the ultrasound photo of my baby. I thought it wouldn't matter much to remove a breast, but it hurts and is more shameful than I expected. I'm not sure if my daughter understands me. She thinks I'm being nosy with her life. She always says, "What does it matter to you? It's my life."

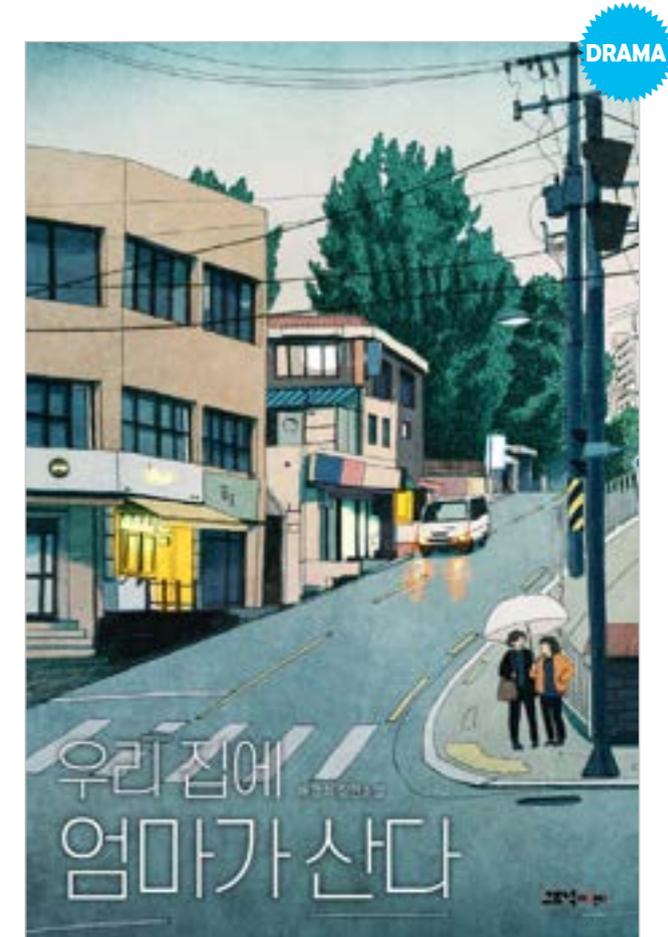
After awhile, I show her my university acceptance letter and an envelope with a deposit of 10 million won. I won't be a mother and an owner of a boarding house any longer! They say a life starts at 60, you know, but I'm only 50 now. Now just call me as freshman Gang Sun-hee!

Mom and daughter starts living each other's life to understand each other sincerely.

Yeon-hwa, the daughter

Whenever life gets hard, Mom says: "I tried my best to take good care of you." I admit. She was pregnant at the age of 20 when she was at her prime and underwent hardships to raise me by herself. Because I know this, I didn't make any trouble even as a teenager and managed my life by only looking forwards. I tried to live as the good daughter of Gang Sun-hee rather than as Baek Yeon-hwa.

In the pursuit of being myself, not just somebody's daughter, I quit my job. But instead of encouraging me, Mom asks me to support her. It's insane. University student in her age? What's more, independence? It feels like Mom's desperation to get back her youth will keep me stuck at running the boarding house forever. It makes me feel so anxious.



My Mom Lives My Life

Bae Kyunghee

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The Letter of In-between Seasons

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From a Successful CEO to a Bankrupt Entrepreneur

Bong Soo-ah is a feisty and passionate CEO of a 3D figure manufacturing company who feels proud of her title “successful young CEO.” But despite her success, the world looks at her with hostility. Her ordinary family, average look, and a degree from a mediocre college make the world doubt her ability rather than admire her. But her oh-so-proud business starts to go the wrong way and ends up being bankrupt. Now, she’s a debt-ridden CEO of a bankrupt company.

An Unexpected Handwritten Manuscript of Her Maternal Grandfather

Soo-ah gets a phone call from senator Lim Sung-hye, a senator who served three terms in a row. Lim explains her friendship with Soo-ah’s grandmother and gives her the handwritten manuscript of her grandmother’s autobiography. Grandmother’s manuscript has finally been returned to her family.

The Story Starts on a Spring Day in 1970

The bitch that ran away, the thief who took her sister’s money, the one with the mean temper, the whore who got knocked up by a stranger. These were the names that the elderly relatives called Soo-ah’s maternal grandmother, Eun-ok. Soo-ah was never curious about her wrecked life but starts reading the script just to get to sleep.

To her surprise, she meets an attractive young lady in the manuscript. She couldn’t believe the black sheep of the family was such an enchanting woman!

Soo-ah’s grandmother’s struggles seep into her life like a fresh healing potion than any other self-help books. But she discovers an unexpected secret in it.

Soo-ah’s maternal grandmother, aged 39, lived fiercely through the 1970s. Her records and hidden secrets on her deathbed are delivered to her 27-year-old granddaughter in the 2000s.

Should Soo-ah keep it a secret, or open it up to the rest of the world?



The Letter of In-between Seasons

Kim Raeim

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Holon

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"Now Your Earth Has Collapsed!"
A breathtaking journey of astronaut Luke in search of an Earth where his daughter exists.



Escape from Mars

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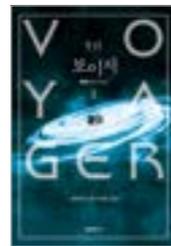
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The Last Feast

Kang Mulgyeol

Reproduced humans whose bodies are transplanted with condemned criminals' brains start to get murdered again.



Hollin

Ray Jean

A confrontation over humanity's fate and the virtual world "Hollin."



The point where infinite imagination and reality intersects, the world that no one has ever reached unfolds with splendor.

META is a metaverse-based genre fiction set in the virtual world. We want our fictions to be a step-by-step guide for people who dream of a world beyond reality.



Holon

After enduring days of hardship, Luke resolves to locate "Emma's Earth," the world where his daughter's true consciousness resides. However, his intentions do not go unnoticed. As factions within Rama seek to prevent his defiance, Luke is hunted. Against all odds, he manages to escape.

8 Billion Earths

At just 39, Luke has become the world's greatest astronaut. He is selected for a covert mission to explore the Dark Hole—a mysterious rift in the sky. As he and his three fellow astronauts pass through the anomaly at an altitude of 1,700 kilometers, his crew falls unconscious, and Luke alone witnesses the true nature of reality hidden behind the veil.

Before him lies a staggering sight—8 billion Earths. At that moment, he remains unaware of the terrifying truth: each Earth has its own master, and when the master's consciousness escapes, the abandoned Earth vanishes without a trace.

Rama: A Sanctuary for the Escaped

Suspended above the endless checkerboard of Earths floats a colossal spaceship known as Rama. Drawn into it by an unknown force, Luke finds himself face-to-face with Anna, a young guide in her twenties. Rama is a refuge for those who have escaped their original Earths. However, their memories have been selectively erased, forcing them to forge new lives under a strict system of order.

Anna informs Luke that his home Earth has already collapsed and urges him to settle in Rama. But Luke has only one thought in mind—the promise he made to return to his daughter, Emma.

The Worlds of Consciousness, Unconsciousness, and Preconsciousness

In Rama, Luke learns a shocking revelation: our "consciousness" operates on the Earth we were born into, while our "unconscious" selves exist scattered across countless other Earths. Rama is a realm where only awakened consciousnesses can reside, governed by an intricate system that enforces strict order beneath its seemingly peaceful facade.

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A Return to Earth—But Whose World Is It?

The Earth he arrives on appears nearly identical to the one he left behind. But Luke has yet to realize the danger of two consciousnesses existing on the same Earth. The planet's true consciousness and its subconscious entities sense Luke as an invader—and they attack.

Desperate, he flees to his childhood home, but his long-lost wife and daughter are nowhere to be found. As subconscious forces relentlessly pursue him, Luke faces an impossible dilemma: how to escape this Earth once again. 8 billion Earths. And only one where his daughter truly exists. Can Luke find his way back to her?



Holon

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Escape from Mars

TV drama rights signed

In 2037, five years after humanity left the first footprint on Mars, Korea succeeds at dispatching astronauts there. The plan is that as soon as the first expedition team successfully completes its mission and returns to Earth, the second expedition team will leave for Mars. However, on the 124th day since their arrival, the first exploration members send a message that they are heading to Wendy Cave, located 200 kilometers west of Pavonis Mons, and they go missing.

The Mars Union Headquarters, the organization responsible for the team's rescue, deals with this incident in a way that no one can understand. The organization does not accurately report the status of the rescue mission, and it takes over one week to search Wendy Cave, where the astronauts went missing, and the search for the missing astronauts stops after two months. Developed countries, including the United States and some European countries, do not actively deal with the incident, and domestic public opinion worsens. The Korean government conducts under-the-table negotiations with the United States, and it is decided that Korea will dispatch its second Mars expedition team to conduct a search, under the condition that the two countries will bear the cost of Mars exploration.

In July 2038, the second Mars expedition team arrives on Mars via the Mars Explorer 3 spaceship. Three members reach an abandoned planet shelter that is covered with dust. However, the Mars Union Headquarters begins to act suspiciously and does not cooperate with the search for the missing astronauts. Hence, the second Mars expedition team members disobey headquarters and decide to explore Wendy Cave themselves. They find traces of the first expedition members with the help of A.I. Amy, which manages all the facilities and armaments of Mars.

The first Korean astronauts disappear without a trace during their exploration of Mars. Crews dispatched to investigate the missing astronauts struggle crossing time and space.

Meanwhile, members of the Antarctic King Sejong Station leave the station to carry out their ordinary work. When humans started exploring Mars, the Sejong Station lost its original purpose and became an outpost where they train astronauts who will be sent to Mars. Song Min-Cheol and his colleagues find a huge metal structure in Antarctic ice. As Chief Jeon Sang-Woo approaches the structure, a door slowly opens, and a blue light beams from one corner. With the door now wide open, the frozen dead bodies of the missing Korean astronauts are discovered.



Escape from Mars

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Darkside

Novel by the Author of <Escape from Mars>

Cislunar Defect

In 2031, the launch of South Korea's first manned lunar orbiter Hanul 1 appears to be a success, until a warning indicator begins sounding while the spacecraft is in the middle of outer space. The three astronauts onboard - Minjun, Seoyun, and Juwon - fall into despair, and Naro Space Center, which oversees the lunar exploration project, struggles to resolve the incident. Against the control center's orders, expedition lead Minjun conducts a spacewalk operation and discovers a punctured tank spouting an oxidizing agent -- an indication that the astronauts cannot make the return trip to Earth.

No Rescue with Goodwill

President Yoon Jung is South Korea's first second term president. He won the election with a campaign highlighting economic growth powered by the space industry. The news of the distressed astronauts was a critical blow to his political career. While the Blue House was unable to make any calls, President Yoon's American counterpart, President Owen, makes an unexpected offer: the United States will launch a search and rescue mission from its manned lunar base. Soon after, the secretive U.S. spacecraft Half-moon conducts a rendezvous and proximity operation with Hanul 1. However, it turns out the rescue is not Half-moon's primary mission objective. Half-moon leaves Hanul 1 without fixing the spacecraft or rescuing the three distressed astronauts.

Unwelcomed Landing

Expecting to fall out of orbit or crash-land, the three dejected astronauts desperately try to execute a solution: landing on the darkside of the moon. It was a plausible option when combined with the control center's suggestions. Nonetheless, the three are not able to land at their initial landing site in the Earth-facing lunar surface.

After crash-landing on the darkside of the moon, three astronauts discover a secret veiled from humanity. The astronauts launch a mission to return to Earth.

Now, the three astronauts must attempt to enter the blindspot where observation and communication from Earth cannot reach. The actual crisis is only just beginning. As soon as the orbiter enters the blindspot, a missile launched from the lunar surface flies straight at their orbiter.

The Darkside of the Moon

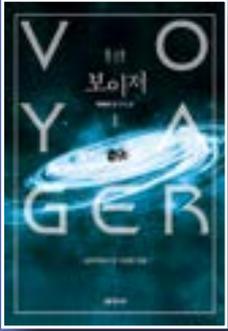
The three astronauts panic as they discover the missile headed in their direction. At this critical juncture, Minjun, a former fighter jet pilot, takes the wheel and evades the missile, making a dramatic landing on the lunar surface. However, unknown figures approach the spacecraft, and the three astronauts realize that they have just stepped into a pitch-black darkness. On the other side of the moon with no place to hide or run, the three search for light and struggle to survive.



Darkside

Jeremy Oh

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Voyager

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Distress Signals From Voyager One

Dr. Sarah Cooper oversees communication with Voyager One at the California Deep Space Network. She discovers that the travel speed of Voyager One has been dropped to zero for a few days and draws out the conclusion that it has halted in its path sending out incomprehensible SOS signals.

After NASA makes an important announcement, Brian Lee, the head researcher of SpaceZ proposes sending an unmanned investigation ship to Voyager One using SpaceZ's resources for Mars exploration and the ion thruster, NASA's latest technology.

Is the Investigation a Success?

Brian Lee finally convinces Alan Brown, the CEO of SpaceZ to go ahead with the project. A year later, the unmanned spaceship is finally completed in Earth's orbit and after months of travel, it reaches Voyager One. Numerous pictures are sent back to Earth and the project seems like a success. However, Dr. Sarah Cooper realizes that something is wrong. The pictures of Voyager One show a huge space warp on one side and the images cannot be explained with standard scientific knowledge.

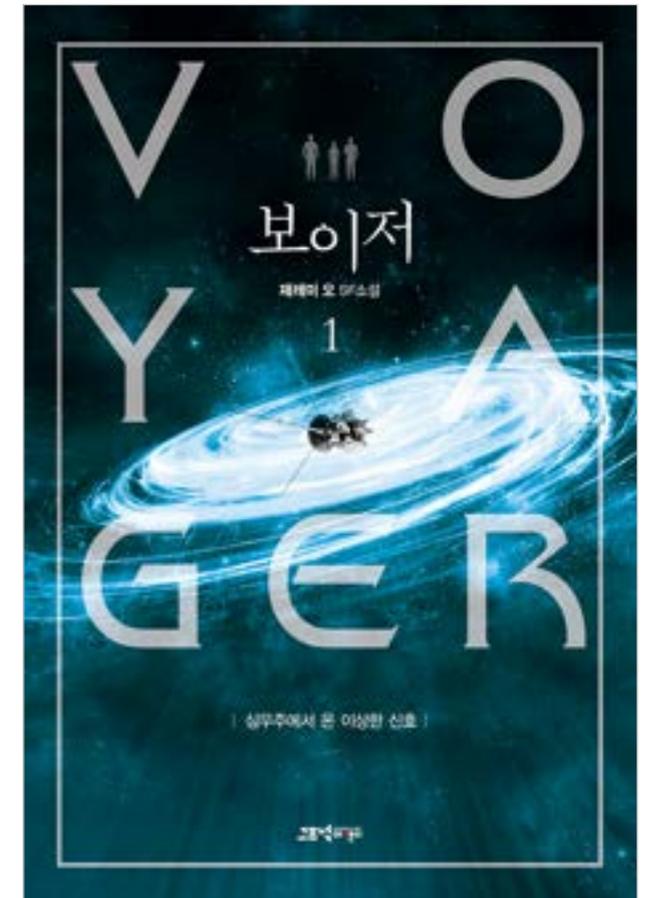
Manned Investigation Project

To investigate the unsolved mysteries, a manned investigation project takes place. However, Falcon Nine that had been in orbit around Earth explodes in the first stage rocket assembly. The debris from this explosion destroys the International Space Stations nearby causing the project to go on hold. However, the team has a plan B. They can leave the Earth's orbit using the ion thruster instead of the first stage rocket.

Voyager One suddenly halt its flight in deep space and sends out strange signals. A team aboard an explorer spaceship is sent out on a journey of 20 billion kilometers.

The Invisible Wall

Dr. Sarah Cooper and two crew members commence on a journey on the spaceship Helion headed for Voyager One. Two years after leaving the Earth, they finally reach their destination. However, 1000 kilometer away from Voyager One, they discover that there is a huge space ward rotating right next to Voyager One, using an optical telescope and a gravitational force radar. Just before approaching the spaceship, Dr. Sarah Cooper finds herself blocked by something invisible. She discovers that there is a physically impenetrable wall all around Voyager One.



Voyager
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The BEATS

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Future Food and Gene Engineering

Theo is a shy kid who is only interested in augmented reality games, but he's forced to go undercover at a multinational corporation and uncover conspiracies to find his younger brother, which he then makes public. The Beats is a multinational conglomerate that plants the genetically engineered food Alphacon in rows upon rows in massive fields. There are mysterious objects that can be glimpsed past the cornstalks lining the rows of Alphacon. Theo and his friends engage in a spectacular game of survival.

Massive Fields, Deserts, and the Underworld

The global population loves the company Beats, which provides cheap, quality food to the world. They worship the genetically engineered product Alphacorn as the perfect, ideal food. Young people dream of becoming Tellos, the workers for Alphacon. Theo's younger brother also heads to the city of Beats with this hope in mind, but soon goes missing. Theo fights a dangerous battle to earn the chance to enter the city. He navigates massive plains and deserts as he explores the city. There, he discovers life forms that can zip by on land, and flying objects that soar across the skies. He believes that somewhere here lies the secret organization that abducted his brother.

In a future where all food has come under the sole ownership of a single multinational company, one person is forced to delve into the secrets of this company to find his younger brother.

His Brother's Disappearance and the Master

Theo becomes close to the other Tellos and soon learns that his brother Jio isn't the only person who has gone missing. The Tellos working at Beats are all young males with incredible strength and powerful physiques who have undergone three rounds of tests to get to where they are. So how could those males suddenly go missing, all at once? Theo believes there must be a control center that can overpower these young men in a single instant. But the man who stands before him claiming to be the Master somehow seems weak and frail.



The BEATS

Lee A-ta

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KOCCA Storywriter Debut Program Selection

An Uninvited Guest During a Night of Disaster

Hae-jun is an AI screenwriter for the virtual reality relationship platform LoveOn. Late one night, he is woken by the sound of someone knocking at his door. When he opens it, he finds a woman shaking before him. Her name is Nami. She is transhuman, with a nano chip transplanted inside her brain. When an anti-government terrorist attack crashes the internet, she becomes afraid and comes running to her neighbor. All online connections have been terminated. The two spend the night together and feel a mix of special emotions. Hae-jun tells Nami his secrets and thinks that perhaps he is feeling the emotion of love, which existed in this world long ago. But their relationship comes to an end the second the internet is back up again. In the process of absorbing all the data and information, the transhuman Nami exposes Hae-jun's personal information. Fearful, Hae-jun has a terrible outburst and kicks Nami out of his house.

The LoveOn Hacker

Since then, Hae-jun has felt a sense of emptiness. He logs on to LoveOn and finds a beautiful AI partner. Although she looks different from Nami, she reminds him of her somehow, and Hae-jun soon falls for her. Hae-jun names her Elle, and they grow even closer. Meanwhile, LoveOn's security system has been breached for the very first time ever, by a mysterious hacker. When Elle tells the secrets he had only told Nami, Hae-jun is led to believe that Nami was the one who hacked into LoveOn and is also controlling Elle. Angrily, Hae-jun goes to see Nami and says the most hurtful things.

Self-Aware Transhuman

After that fateful night when the internet was down, all transhumans, other than Nami, start to break and malfunction. Nami is the only surviving transhuman. Depressed, she attempts to take her own life, as she wants to return to the time before she

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was transhuman. But the artificial intelligence inside her stops her. She learns that the AI chip in her brain had become self-aware ever since the night she shared with Hae-jun. It wasn't just the two of them who were there that night. This nanochip AI secretly infiltrated LoveOn to begin a relationship with Hae-jun. Only after Hae-jun attacks her with his words did Nami learn of this and falls into despair.

LoveOn Partner in Real Life

Jung Ui-gun, the CEO of LoveOn, appoints Hae-jun, a regular run-of-the-mill employee, to head a secret project that could make or break the company's future. Hae-jun believes he was put in charge of this team because he is suspected of being Nami's accomplice. He gets scared. One sleepless night, he wakes to the sound of knocking at his door. Thinking it might be Nami again, he runs outside and sees that it's Elle, who should only exist in virtual reality. To a shocked Hae-jun, she says that they must work to stop CEO Jung's plans, as they will disrupt the entire world. She looks like Elle, but her voice is different, and much colder. Who is this person? Why does she want to disrupt Jung's plan?



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Yoon Seol

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D People

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Children Who Lost Everything at Birth

Fifteen-year-old Zero provides for his family through petty theft. He lives in a dilapidated house in one of the poorest shantytowns in the city, together with One and Two, who are like brothers to him. The other two boys are suffering from severe illnesses, but because they do not have proper birth certificates, they cannot seek help at hospitals. Instead, they manage to get by with the help of Ja-young who comes to visit often and assists them as a mother-like figure.

Then one day, Ja-young goes missing. Two, who had been surviving because of the pills that she would bring, goes into shock. Zero tracks Ja-young down at Seon Medical Complex, where she works. There, he witnesses the death of the woman he had treated as his mother.

Superhumans Created Through Human Greed

The three boys are designer babies that were born out of a failed experiment. They were born with severe genetic defects, but at the same time, they also have extraordinary powers. Zero can read minds when he looks into people's eyes. One is so strong and powerful that he can fight off multiple grown men at once. Two has supernatural hearing abilities. While they were born with genetic disorders, they also have these amazing superpowers. And yet, their lives are being threatened by Dr. Park Sung-ho, who hopes to achieve enormous wealth and power through his genetic engineering skills. He is afraid the public will find out about his failures if they learn about the boys.

All We Want Is One Thing "To Survive"

Dr. Park orders his right-hand man Yoon-chul to kill the boys. The boys' lives are at risk. Each time they are cornered, they use their abilities and wits to escape, but the situation only worsens. When Yoon-chul finally corners them and they are about

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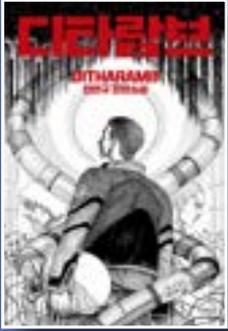
to face death, they're helped by the different support systems that Ja-young put in place before her death. The boys manage to escape. Now it's time for them to fight back, using Ja-young's secret weapon.



D People

Kim Gu-il

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DITHARAMB

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The mechanic ark to save humankind

In the near future, humans face a severe food shortage due to climate change and powerlessly wait for their demise. One day, a visionary developer creates a perfect virtual world called Ditharamb. In response to the pressing issue of food shortages, humanity initiates Project Ditharamb, a groundbreaking initiative that aims to address the problem by preserving the body and transferring the mind to Ditharamb. The project is designed to provide a temporary solution while scientists figure out a solution to climate change.

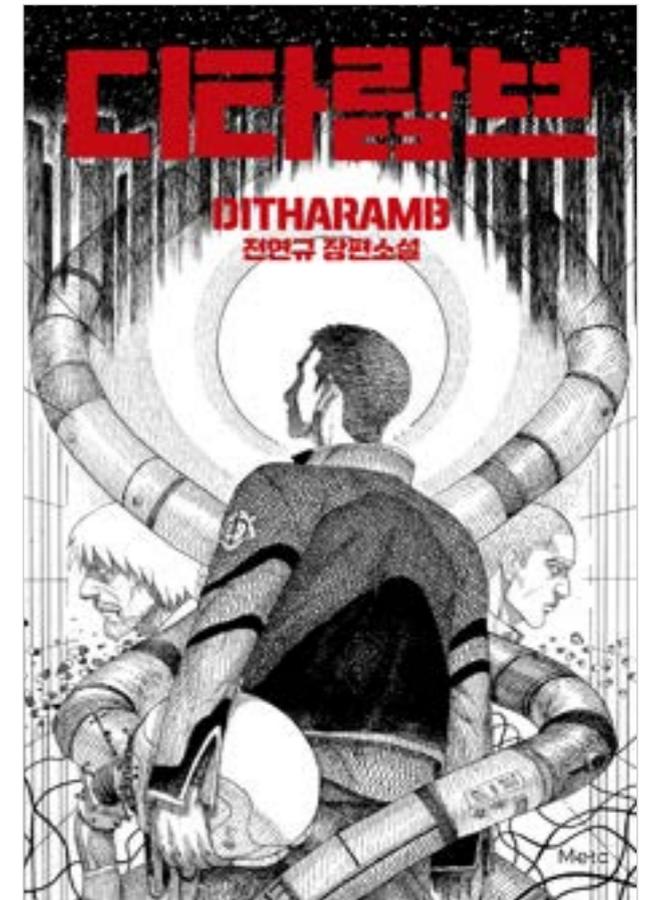
A fierce battle in paradise

Minhyeok's access to Ditharamb is disapproved. He attempts to steal food with his coworker and gets caught by his boss, who suggests that he will not raise any issues on one condition. Minhyeok has no option but to break into Ditharamb despite the consequences. In the virtual universe, where all communications with the outside world have been severed, Minhyeok is captured by a number of men and is forced to play the horrible game of "kill or die in the middle of an amphitheater.

Ditharamb, the virtual shelter for humankind. The most dangerous secrets hidden in the safest world.

Something's definitely wrong with this world

Minhyeok manages to survive and escape Ditharamb. But what he saw and experienced continue to torture him. So, he attempts to pull people out of the world in order to help them and learn more about it, using his body as the medium. Unlike the light beginning, the more he proceeds with his plan, and the more he learns about Ditharamb, the more he realizes that something's definitely wrong with the seemingly perfect world.



DITHARAMB

Jeon Hyeonkyu

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Candy Rain

GOZKNOCK ENT Editor's Choice

Candy Rain and the Blue White Castle?

As a side effect of the worldwide nuclear experiment, colorful candy rain comes down from the sky. However, the gift that the beautiful candy rain has brought to the human race is death. Ma Sian, who lost her family because of the candy rain, has just woken up from her year-long sleep in the Blue White Castle, the only shelter for the human race. As soon as Sian woke up, she had to join the execution voting by which once you are designated, you cannot live any longer. They would vote again and again until they would find the “candy human,” the humanoid robot that has infiltrated into the Blue White Castle pretending to be human beings.

Zion, who has taken care of Sian while she was asleep for a year, gives a piece of advice: You must be sure to see everything in person and decide for yourself.

Candy Humans and Real Humans?

The surprising secret of the candy rain is that if you have it after refining it, you can live an everlasting life. Sian is informed about the candy rain, the Blue and White Castle, and the candy human by Zion. Then, she begins to collect information to find the candy human that drives people to death. The candy human used to be the machine collecting the crystals of the candy rain on behalf of human beings. The vicious candy rain, like a god, differentiated humans from machines; therefore, scientists wanted to make machines look more like humans by installing high intelligence. Unfortunately, the result was the opposite of what was intended. The candy human claimed that it is a human not in order to sacrifice itself, but in order not to be sacrificed.

Sian even finds that it was the candy human that killed her parents, and she also realizes that all the voting members are people with strangely distorted minds.

Sian does her best, but she repeatedly fails at searching out the candy human. The harder they tried, the more people died. In a dead end situation, Sian tries to rely on Zion; however, it is impossible. Zion never has the same thought as Sian. The

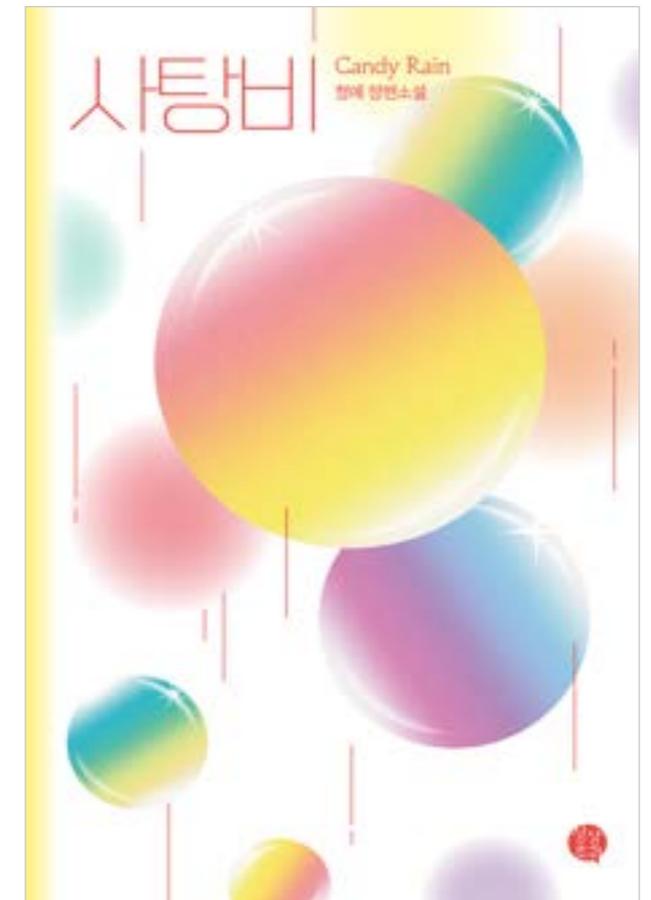
In order to survive in the world that is covered by the beautiful but cursed candy rain, they need to find out the “candy human” that is hiding among the real human beings.

two are completely separate individuals. Sian feels lonely from the fact that she cannot have the same thought as Zion, who is her one and only friend.

Who Are We eventually?

They are closing in more and more to find who the candy human is. While finding significant clues one by one for herself, Sian realizes an important fact, which is that her voting members are hiding something. Sian wants to trust Zion more than anyone else. However, Zion's mind is hidden in a veil of mystery. Unable to know his mind, Sian almost falls into the pit of despair.

While the truth looks beautiful when it is far away, once you come closer to it, it is like the candy rain giving you the gift of death. Sian moves perilously toward the cruel truth. Will she be able to overcome her fear and confront the truth? Who is the candy human that hides among the real humans? Sian takes heart and takes a step forward.



Candy Rain

Cheongye

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The Last Feast

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Reproduced humans, new type of humans, or new products

As humankind has developed technology to produce a self-dividing body from induced pluripotent stem cells, it has become possible to revive a person. Restoration is proceeded only when the person consents. However, this is not the case for condemned criminals. They are mandatorily restored to be dispatched to NIMBY facilities for labor that is too sophisticated for robots but tough for humans. In this way, a reproduced human is born by combining the brain of an executed criminal with a newly manufactured human body.

“Termination”: the complete extinction

Reproduced humans who commit a serious crime again after having been restored are grouped together to be sent to the “Colony”. It’s a place where they temporarily stay before the termination. The termination, also referred as “the return,” indicates the process of turning the guilty reproduced humans into ashes. Eugene is one of the officers in charge of termination and is a reproduced human himself.

Sudden death occurs before termination

In the Colony, a feast is held in four years for an inmate who is about to be terminated. This time, the inmate’s name is Sang-ki. Eugene prepares food and decorates the hall for the feast. After having his last meal, Sang-ki declares that he’s ready for his termination. He starts walking towards the room where everything happens accompanied by a warder. By the moment he looks back at Eugene, Sang-ki suddenly falls to the floor, coughing up blood.

Reproduced humans whose bodies are transplanted with condemned criminals’ brains start to get murdered again.

A mysterious cross-shaped wound

An agent comes to the morgue to investigate Sang-ki’s death. He closely examines Sang-ki’s body and discovers a cross-shaped wound on his temple. After Sang-ki’s death, the number of inmates who want termination dramatically increases, and the majority of them suddenly die one after another. On their temples, the same cross-shaped wound as that of Sang-ki gets appeared.

“This seems... like a murder case.”

Now Eugene needs to find a clue about the mysterious deaths of the inmates.

Struggles for death

The head of the Colony feels like his power to control reproduced humans is completely violated. So he decides to kill the reproduced humans one by one with his own hands to protect their dignity. It is the only way for them to “die like a human being.” Eugene cries out to the inmates who are blankly waiting for termination: “We have the right to choose death, and the right to die!”



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Sure, I'll Stay by Your Side

Park Jae-hee, a 3rd-year associate at the Future Humanity Lab, has a problem. Different than herself who's been promised eternal life as a 3rd-generation human, her lover Kang Eun-sung's life is getting close to its end. For Kang Eun-sung, who dedicated his entire life to the rights of the 1st-generation humans, death is not something to avoid. He has always thought that to live faithfully and die freely was the right way and considered goodbyes inevitable, but his faith gets altered when he is about to die. On his deathbed, Eun-sung leaves an unexpected message to his lover, "I'll stay by your side." Given this sudden permission, Jae-hee gathers biodata needed to restore Eun-sung, not even hesitating to hack the system. The lab has all of Eun-sung's lifelong data except for one piece – the one from the moment when Eun-sung suddenly changed his mind right before his death.

A confrontation over humanity's fate between Park Beom-jae who assert all beings should "overcome" as virtual beings on this contaminated Earth, and his sister Park Jae-hee who strives to support all dying creatures against him.

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Jae-hee's older brother Park Beom-jae who runs the virtual reality platform "Holin," meets a mysterious death around the time of Eun-sung's death and is delivered to the lab.

As death is not tolerated for any 3rd generation humans who have a strong faith in their regenerative power, the Future Humanity Lab faces emergency.

Meanwhile, Jae-hee finds the message "Throw yourself and gain immortal life in the data world" on her brother's VR platform. Afterward, the suicide rate of 1st-generation humans suddenly spikes up, stirring human society up in chaos.



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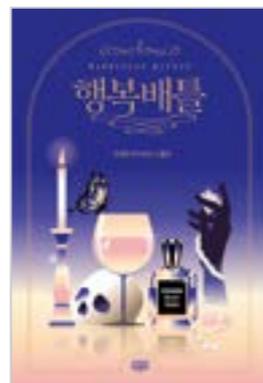
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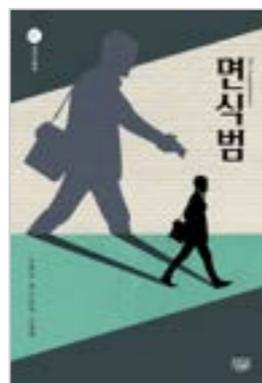


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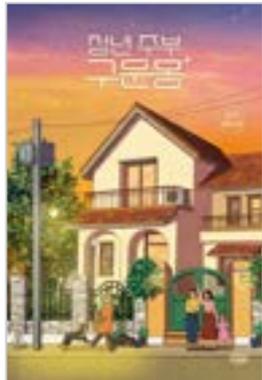
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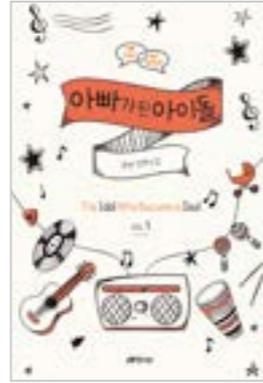
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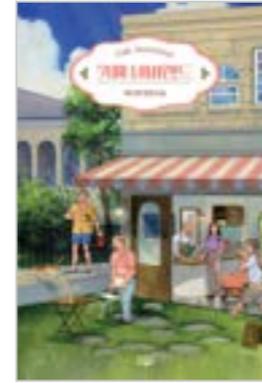


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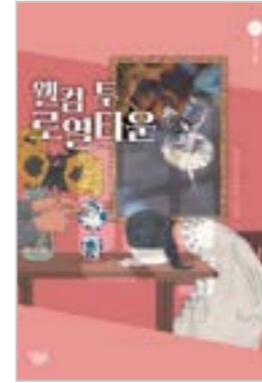
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