

January

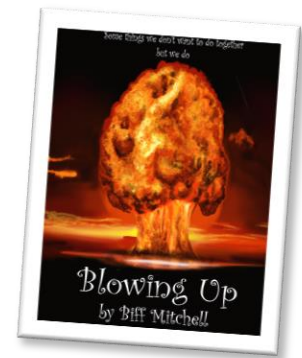
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From Blowing Up

I was stung one day taking a piece of European chocolate away from a wasp with whom I was sharing a ditch. The pain was like a tiny pocket of steam trapped under my skin and looking for a way out. It was such an interesting feeling that I encouraged the wasp to sting me again. It didn't feel the same the second time so I squashed the wasp and ate the chocolate.

(From the book's first story: Sleeping In Ditches)



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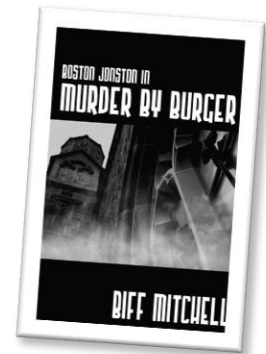
From Boston Jonson in Murder by Burger

And the marketing extended right into the toilets. A plaque on the door of every stall in every Barto Burger outlet in the world read:

Thank you for your deposit.

Your stool and/or urine will be analyzed to determine your culinary preferences.

Please be sure to flush so that we can serve you better.



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From Team Player

As he looked around at the pale faces of the marketing spies in the Most Secret Room in the World, Paul's mind was calm. It was just one more responsibility, another item in the list: a) Put together PACA stealth team, b) Build the Most Secret Room in the World (again), c) Develop the software, d) Implement the software, e) Kill Malcolm Gray.



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From The War Bug

"I love my daughter. But she's going to get us killed." The Zen-rhythm sameness of four large fan blades inscribing a monotonous circle on the kitchen ceiling captured Abner Hayes' attention. He felt like his mind was whirling with the blades, the argument going around and around, going nowhere. "They'll delete her. They'll delete you and I'll be Included," he heard himself say. "So what are you going to do? Lock her program?" Claire sat perfectly erect in a loose white sweater and baggy gray slacks, her hands folded neatly in her lap, legs crossed at the ankles, composed, a study in defiant patience. "Maybe you could recode her behavior modules? Treat her like another piece of software..."



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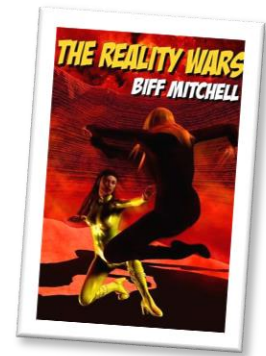
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From The Reality Wars

And they were all there – Jana, Balin, Martx, Kasna and Tig – the crew of the Finder – staring out the port window at the most amazing thing in the universe...just before it swallowed them.

But not before Jana had a chance to send one last Quan across the immensity of space to the inner universe. It was a message that would eventually change billions of lives and create new myths. It was just three words: It's a song.



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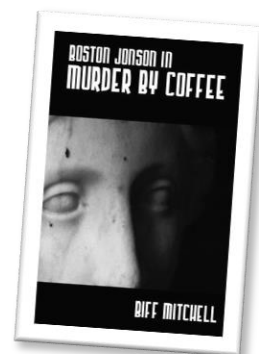
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Boston Jonson in Murder by Coffee

She had a withdrawn intellectual aura, ragged clothing, and brush-lonely hair. Her skin was white. Pure white. White neck. White hands. White enough to be dead. Not surprising though.

She was dead.



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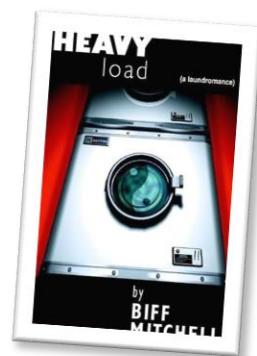
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From Heavy Load (a laundromance)

But let's get one thing clear: I'm not the building. I'm me. I live throughout the building the same as you live in your body, and your awareness is spread throughout your body, but you can lose a toe and still be you. Of course, if you lose your brain, that's another matter, and, hey, who can prove you lose your awareness when you lose your brain? Nobody! In my case though, unlike the relationship between your mind and your body, I can't move my building around. Believe me, I've tried.



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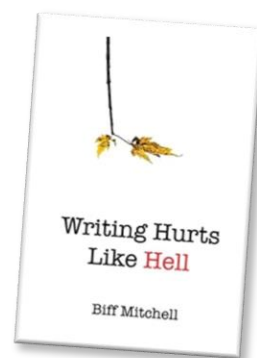
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From Writing Hurts Like Hell: How to Write a Novel When You Don't Have Time to Write a Short Story

I can't promise you'll write a best-seller that will turn into a blockbuster movie (none of mine have) but I can promise that, if you follow the directions in this book, do the exercise and apply yourself, you will finish your book.



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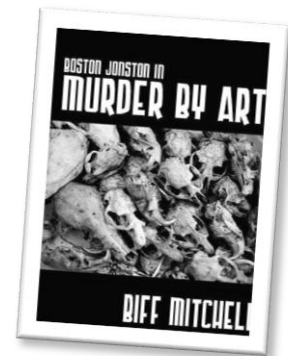
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From Boston Jonson in Murder by Art

Boston closed his eyes and slowed his breathing, taking the air deep into his tan dien – the area behind his belly button that served as a powerhouse of spiritual and psychic energy – expelling it slowly. He dropped his shoulders and let his awareness sink into his belly button. He cleared as mind of clutter and entered the void. He stood by the body, ignoring the stench, and searched the stuff of Creation for clues. As usual, nothing happened.



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From The Existential Adventures of Crazy Man and the Dog, Sidestepper

Some say that wishes come true only by choice, sort of like the things we search for. Some say that wishes come true when you clap your hands three times, jump up and down five times, spin in a circle ten times and stab a fruit fly to death with a silver sword. Once. Others say that wishes come true when you meet a talking dandelion.



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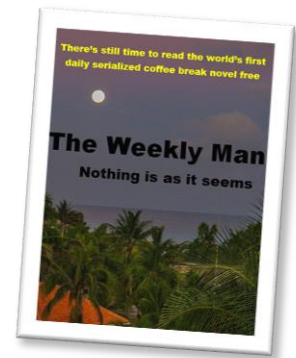
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From The Weekly Man

Death loves an expensive cigar.

And there were lots to choose from...a maze of flavors, sizes, and brands...preserved in glass tubes, metal tubes, plastic wrap, cedar boxes, plastic boxes and metal containers. She would have felt confusion if she had been able to feel more than just the passing of one pointless moment into the next.

Just get the most expensive one.



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From eMarketing Tools for Writers, 3rd Edition

Increasingly, book publishers are asking their authors to take part in the marketing of their books. In fact, most small to medium presses do only very basic marketing, if any, and the rest is up to you. If you want your book to sell, you'll have to fork over the money for a publicity or marketing agency—or do the work yourself. eMarketing tools are Internet technologies that you can use to promote your books to anyone with access to the Internet.



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