

PRODUCT INFORMATION

SHORT STORIES



Curious and Unusual Tales

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Synopsis: The twenty-eight short stories presented in this collection are the author's favorite tales from her written works in this genre. They are divided into seven different categories: animal antics, criminal conduct, extraordinary events, fairy tales, puzzling places, unusual individuals, and states of mind.

They were inspired in a number of ways: drawn from peculiar dreams, ancient myths,

creative tales, instructive fables, family pets, world travels, fascinating characters, and strange experiences, all developed with a vivid imagination. Some will amuse you, amaze you, surprise you, or even scare you. Some will warm your heart, inspire you, make you laugh, make you think, teach you a lesson, leave you awed, or make you scratch your head. Some can be enjoyed by children and some are more for adults. But one thing is sure, they will entertain you.

All of the stories have three things in common: they focus on a singular dramatic event, they contain few characters, and they leave the reader with a memorable feeling. The curious and unusual combine to make this group of stories unforgettable.

International Crime & Murder Mystery



Panic in Patpong

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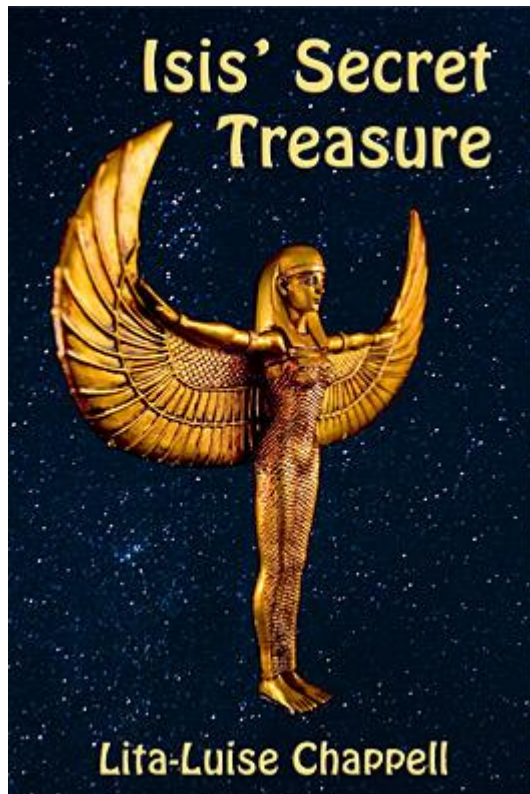
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Synopsis: Programmer Cody Hudson works for an information technology business called Track IT. The company's employees are in Bangkok to celebrate the sale of a custom software package to one of Bangkok's most prestigious gem and jewelry stores, KC Gems. Cody and his two coworkers, Charlie and Evan, are directly responsible for developing the advanced point-of-sale software. Cody is hesitant about going to Thailand. Perhaps it is because he is still a young, shy, and quiet

man, naïve about the world, and totally devoted to his wife Kelsie at home. But Charlie and Evan take it upon themselves to widen his horizons by introducing him to Bangkok's entertainments.

Before departing Thailand, the three men go shopping at KC Gems with their awarded discount. While there, the computer system freezes. Cody is there to fix it, but worries about what caused it. Was the problem caused by Track IT's new software? Could the strange code he finds mean some kind of industrial sabotage, or is something else at play? Before he knows it, Cody is fleeing in panic through Patpong, Bangkok's famous red-light district. He finds himself kidnapped, accused of blackmail and theft, and thrown into the dark underworld of the blood gem business. Along the way, help comes from a young boy named Chati, a bargirl named Frangi, a kathoey named Cherry Ju-Bilee, and a man who is not who he claims to be.



Isis' Secret Treasure

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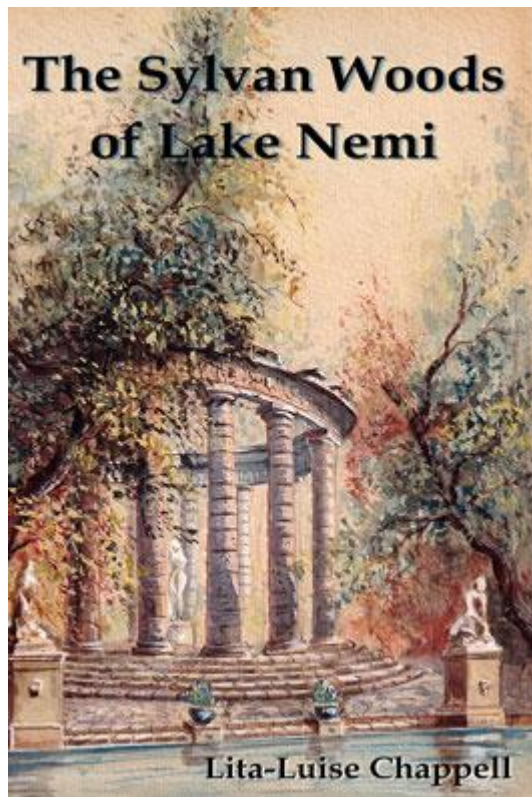
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Synopsis: Professor Sheridan Chase wasn't always a professor of African Studies at the University of California at Berkeley. What no one knows, is that behind the distinguished role of professor, long ago he discovered a love for the ancient Egyptian goddess, Isis.

After purchasing a set of ancient Egyptian canopic jars, his cat knocks over one of the jars which loosens a small papyrus that had been placed inside the jar's lid. The papyrus

reveals both a warning and an ancient clue to a possible treasure. Professor Chase finds out that the jars came from a small island in the middle of Lake Nasser in southern Egypt, called Qasr Ibrim. What intrigues him is that the clue also hints that there is a temple to Isis on the island, but no temple to Isis has yet been found.

He enlists one of his top students, Benjamin, to search the island and report back with any leads. But three days after Ben has been exploring the island, he disappears. Stunned and worried, now the professor has no option but to go himself. But Ben's best friends convince Professor Chase that they are going too. But their problems do not end there, as they search deep under centuries of ruinous tunnels, surrounded by water.



The Sylvan Woods of Lake Nemi

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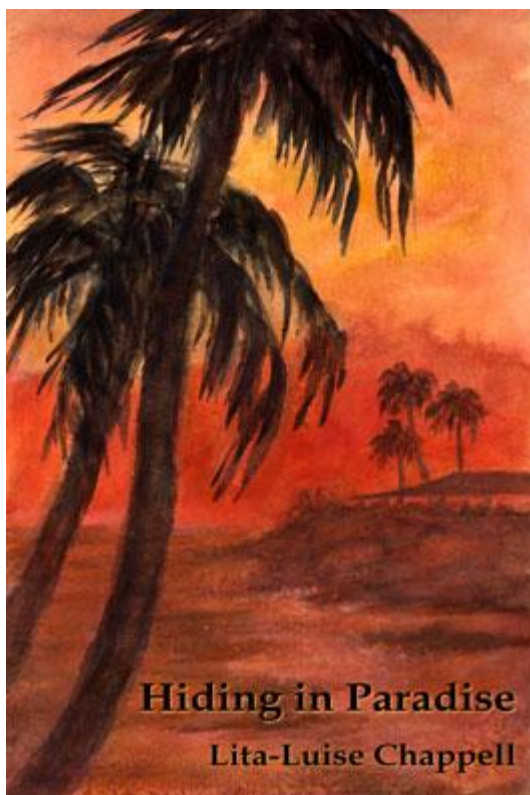
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Synopsis: Elena Morandi has only her fieldwork left to complete her degree in anthropology. Her topic: how the ancient cult of Diana and its practices influenced the social structure and culture of the Roman people. She takes the summer to work under the supervision of a local history specialist, Professor Riccardo Benenati. She also adds to her knowledge by helping the well-respected archaeologist Doctor Vincenzo Nerezza, who

is working on a dig at the famous Temple of Diana on the northeastern shore of Lake Nemi.

Elena discovers a secret tunnel under the Nemi cliffs and a way back in time to Nemi's ancient sylvan woods. Between keeping in touch with her husband Leo back in Portland, her work with the professor and archaeologist, and her visits to the ancient cult of Diana's priestesses, she is also trying to figure out who is stealing temple antiquities. She doesn't know who she can trust, but she ends up learning a lot more about human behavior and an ancient culture than she ever expected.



Hiding in Paradise

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Synopsis: Samena Branko is the daughter of Zelimir Branko, the Croatian ambassador to the United States. On a break from university, she meets up with her long-time lover Conley Manning for a romantic interlude in Barcelona. Conley is a highly-trained Croatian undercover agent, and he teaches her some rudimentary aspects of his work. But one day he disappears without a word. Soon afterward, Samena's world is turned upside-

down when she witnesses a double murder. Fleeing the scene, she finds herself in possession of critical evidence implicating the Croatian mafia. Pursued by ruthless criminals, she uses her new skills to evade them on a harrowing chase through Croatia, Spain, Italy, and the United States. She eventually finds refuge in the jungle paradise of a little-known village on the western coast of Mexico. Sought by the mafia, the authorities, and her lover, the only question is: who will find her first?

-The Puzzler Series-



The Treasure Hunt

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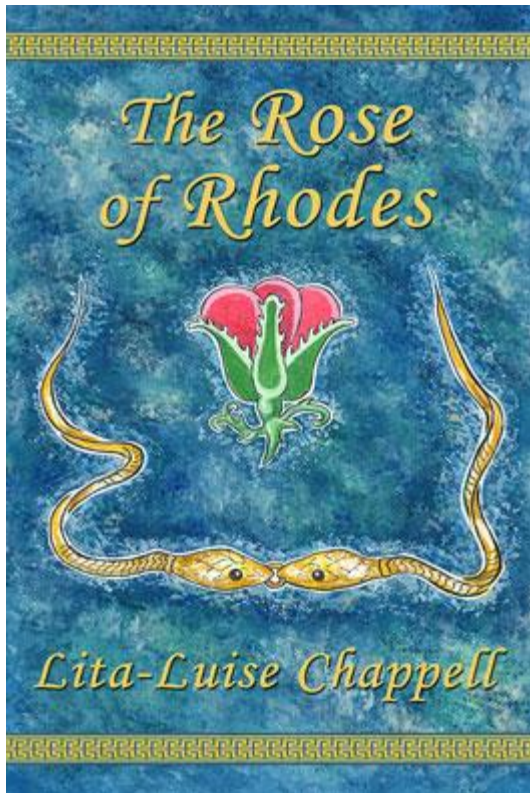
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Synopsis: In the first book of the Puzzler Series, Detective Chief Inspector Alfred Flavian Bowman of London's Criminal Investigation Division applies his knowledge and intuition to solve unusual crimes. Critically injured just short of his retirement, he takes up doing jigsaw puzzles, which help him see the clues of a crime like pieces in a puzzle, thus earning the nickname "the puzzler." His housekeeper, Ulma, her son Jason, and Jason's wife Gia, enjoy acting as his eyes, ears, and legs on volunteer missions to

assist him. Together with Detective Inspector Chester Hughes, they work to solve unusual crimes.

Grayson Carter inherited his wealth from the success of his grandfather's early locomotive designs. When Grayson and his brother Conrad were children, their grandmother, Amelia Carter, taught them the Treasure Hunt Game to keep them entertained while their parents were busy socialites. She hid treasures in her garden for the boys to find. After their mother passed away, their father married a young uneducated woman named Molly. Soon, items in the house begin to disappear. Grayson joins forces with his chauffeur, Kasper, to search for the missing items. Meanwhile, a series of thefts occur in London, and oddly, flower petals are left behind at the scene of the crimes, challenging Alfred and Chester. Who is behind the thefts, what do the flowers mean, and how do they lead to one of London's vast underground economies? Chester and Alfred dub the case "The Treasure Hunt."

-The Inspector Reynard Series-



The Rose of Rhodes

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Page count: 290

Synopsis: Book Four of The Inspector Reynard Series. Detective Lucien Reynard is sent by UNESCO's Paris office to investigate an archaeological theft on the Greek Island of Rhodes. Lucien's father Gervais, his wife Chante, and their daughter Melodia settle in to a B&B in the Old City. They hire a private tour guide to take the family sightseeing, while Lucien sets to work. He questions the entire team of archaeologists and guards, but no one seems to know anything. The family is threatened, and a

man who could have been a lead to the theft is murdered, which only increases the number of suspicious characters. Of all the people they have met and questioned, who can they trust? Together with Rhodes' Inspector of police, Chante and Gervais' excellent research skills and Lucien's impeccable sleuthing, they draw nearer to solving the crime.

The Cypriot Secret



Lita-Luise Chappell

The Cypriot Secret

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Page count: 418

Synopsis: In this third volume of The Inspector Reynard Series, Chante, Lucien and Gervais Reynard decide to take a holiday and follow the only clue they have concerning the secret they discovered in Mystras, Greece. All they know is that when Lord Cantacouzenos died in 1380, his wife Isabelle Lusignan, who they know had the secret, left for Cyprus to rejoin the Lusignan family. Where did she go on Cyprus, to whom did she tell the secret before she died, and how did it find its way

back to Greece? Lucien realizes that Cyprus is well-known for antiquities smuggling, and as an experienced police inspector who specializes in the recovery of art and antiquities, he decides to offer his services to the director of UNESCO on the island. The Reynards are asked to pose as tourists and are assigned Aleixo, a part-time agent who acts as their driver and interpreter. They tour the island's archaeological sites and museums, searching for lost items and leads on smugglers. While the Reynards become educated on the history, culture and politics of Cyprus, Aleixo brings them a lead about a possible smuggling operation. The more they learn, the more danger ensues, causing the Reynards to rethink their plan. The Cypriot police and UNESCO agents are eventually drawn in to the investigation. As a result of the Reynards indomitable desire to uncover the secrets of the past, they discover the answer to a long-standing mystery on Cyprus, which in turn leads them to Italy, and then to Malta, where the most surprising answers come from an unexpected source.

**Murder
of the
Mystras Nun**



Lita-Luise Chappell

Murder of the Mystras Nun

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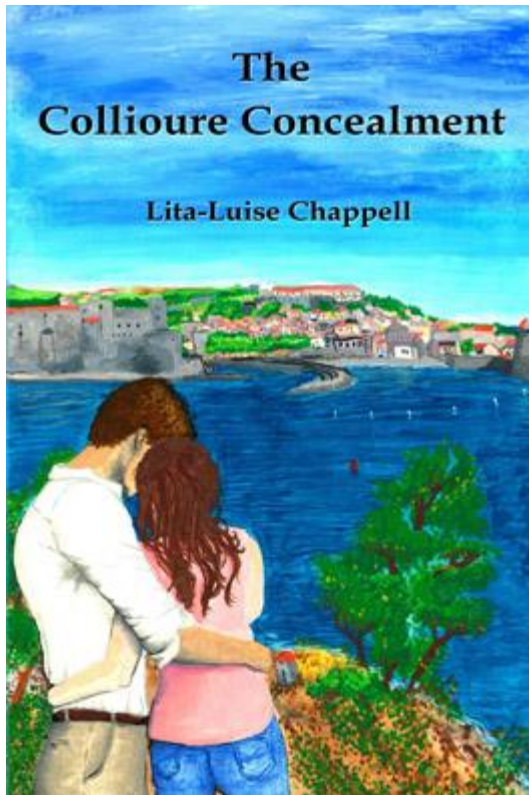
Formats available: Paperback & Kindle

ISBN -13: 978-0996627221

Page count: 424

Synopsis: In this second volume of The Inspector Reynard Series, Chante and Lucien are about to celebrate their second wedding anniversary when Lucien's father, Gervais, a well-known European historian, and Chante, his full-time research assistant, are hired to identify a Byzantine princess whose tomb has been discovered in the ancient Greek city of Mystras. Lucien, now an inspector who investigates art and antiquities smuggling, goes along to help. While Chante and Gervais

dig through historical files and old chronicles to answer the mystery of the princess' identity, Lucien entertains himself by reading a Venetian detective's diary about a nun who was murdered in Mystras in 1715. Caught up in the story of that investigation, Lucien discovers there is more to the tale than just murder, for clues found within the narrative lead all three of them on another surprising historical search. When they finally decide to follow the biblical stories illustrated on the frescoed walls of an ancient Greek Orthodox church, they discover a secret that could change the world's understanding of one of the most significant religious stories of all time.



The Collioure Concealment

Publisher: Templar Media

Publication Date: December 23, 2016

Formats available: Paperback & Kindle

ISBN-13: 978-0996627214

Page count: 426

Synopsis: The first book in The Inspector Reynard Series. On the southeast coast of France, just north of the Spanish border, lies the quaint seaside village of Collioure. There, a chance meeting takes place between Chante Morgan, an American divorcee, and Lucien Reynard, a sergeant based at Fort Miradou atop the hillside above Collioure. Their romance turns into a dangerous adventure when they discover a Templar secret under the town. Lucien enlists the help

of his father, history professor Gervais Reynard, and Alerion Bellamy, whom Lucien works with. Chante, Lucien and Gervais eventually realize they have discovered a treasure worth more than gold. But they are not the only ones who want it. At the same time, an elusive thief is operating in the area, Alerion disappears, and a body is washed up on the beach. Could these crimes be related to the discovery of the treasure? Chief Souveterre of the Collioure Police must wade through a string of lies, deception and betrayal, in order to catch the thief, the kidnapper, and finally the murderer.

FANTASY



Pearl and Garridan: A Roma Love Story

Publisher: Templar Media

Publication Date: September 15, 2022

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Page count: 357

Synopsis: Two stories come together in one book about a family of Roma Travelers set in Romania in 1871.

Part One, “*The Heart of Romani Pearl*” is a romance about young girl named Pearl who travels in a vardo wagon with her family. She meets Garridan who lives in the ancient Hoia Baci Forest of northwestern Romania. Love comes to the fore and they become trapped in

the forest. They must deal with a mysterious overlord, Spiridon Ardelean, who has control over all souls living and dead, and his overseer Varujan who does his lord’s bidding. There is only one way to break the spell, but it cannot be achieved without the talents of Pearl’s family, the local townspeople, and the strength of Pearl and Garridan’s love.

Part Two, “*The Soul of Garridan Searle*” begins after they are set free. It tells of Garridan’s exceptional talents as a wood carver. After he makes a new sign for a cobbler, this starts a slew of new carving in town. In the evenings, he is called by spirits to visit their elemental domains. The Zânespirits seek to lure him, but he captures their power into the wood he carves. Each carving brings a spirit’s gift to one who needs it, and harm to those who don’t. The mayor, the miller, the fisherman, and the blacksmith have one thing in common, a two-faced gift. A plea is sent for help and four sacred dancers heed the call to work their magic. A heart-warming story about Romanian culture, a secret carried by Pearl’s family, and how the town rewards them all.

Historical Fiction

The Santon Sacrifices



Lita-Luise Chappell

The Santon Sacrifices

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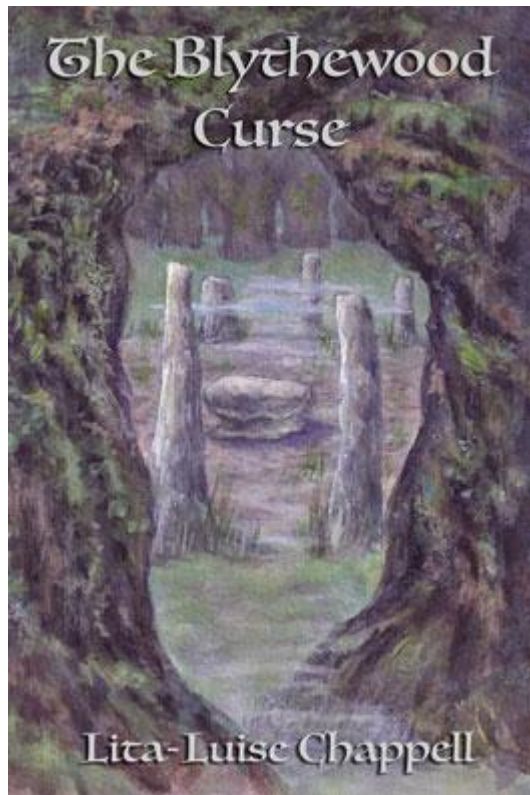
ISBN-13: 979-8986984858

Page count: 268

Synopsis: On the last day of November 1891, a village in southern France is preparing for the Christmas season. Small clay figurines called santons, representing the nativity scene, go on display in the church for everyone's enjoyment. Surrounding the Holy Family are other santons which represent the traditional tradespeople of the village. But on the first of December, one of the children notices that a santon is missing. Later that day, the man represented by that

santon is found murdered.

The country guard, Bailey Dufort, is asked to find the murderer. But the next day, another santon goes missing and another man is murdered. Guard Dufort is trained only to catch poachers, and these murders go far beyond what he knows how to handle. The mayor sends for help, and a day later two officers from Aix-en-Provence arrive to help solve the crimes. But the santons keep disappearing and the murders keep happening. The villagers are terrified and the officers are faced with a harrowing task. Of the two thousand residents of the village, who among them is a killer, and why? Eventually, the clues begin to add up, but not before this quiet and quaint village experiences its worst nightmare since the French Revolution.



The Blythewood Curse

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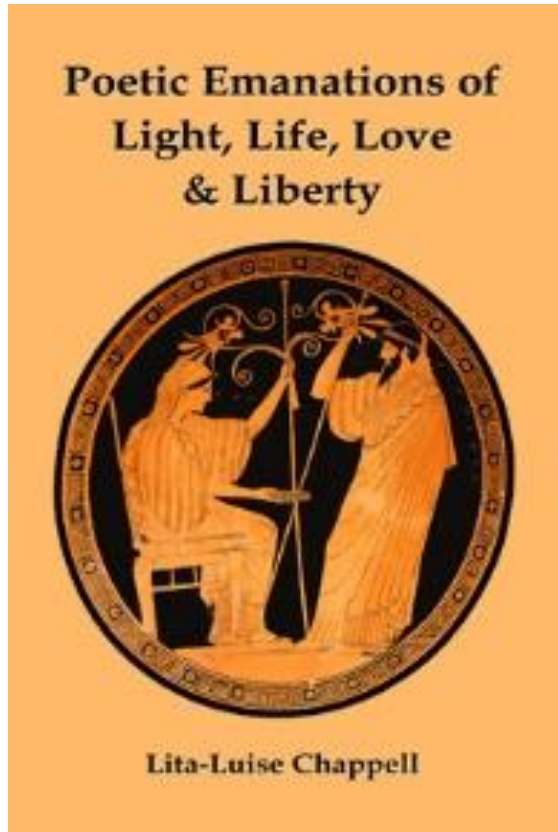
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Synopsis: In 1890, Amelia and her brother William are informed that their estranged father has died, and they have inherited his home in England's North York Moors. William escorts Amelia and her son Rowland from London to the house, only to find many unanswered questions. Why had their father left London without telling them? How had he come into possession of the house? Why were several of the rooms left untouched by

not only their father, but the previous owner? Why does their father's grave have a strange epitaph? What are the strange lights in the forest at night? Who is willing to tell them what really happened to their father? Despite these curiosities, Amelia enrolls Rowland in the local primary and they meet the headmaster Giles Arden, Rowland's teacher Beth Cagar, and her daughter Tess. Each befriends the family in their own way. Tess seems to have a magical way with animals, and Rowland wants the same power. Beth says she can help him, but Rowland senses that something is not quite right. The townspeople know what happened ten years ago, but only a few of those, who did ritual within the stone circle, know about the curse and its devastating effects. It takes William's discovery of a hidden diary, Amelia's blossoming affection for Giles, and a curious Rowland, to discover the truth.

Poetry



Poetic Emanations of Light, Life, Love & Liberty

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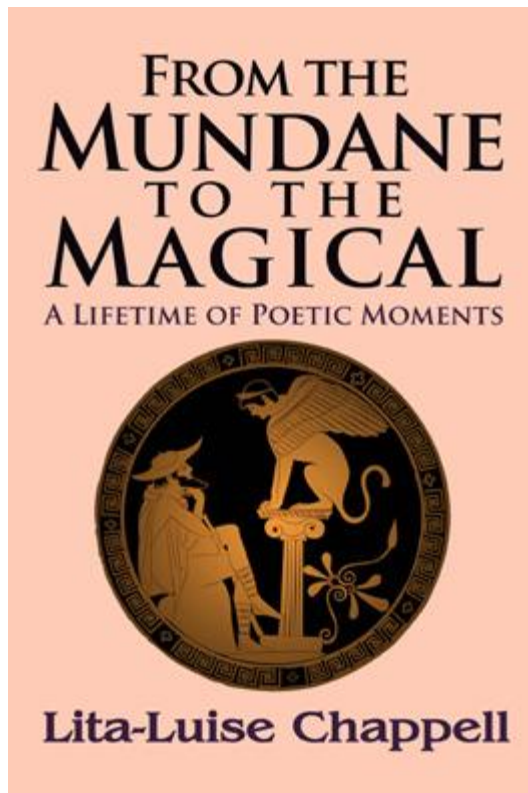
Formats available: Paperback & Kindle

ISBN-13: 978-0996627245

Page count: 194

Synopsis: In this second collection of poetry, Lita-Luise Chappell explores the themes of light, life, love and liberty, inspired by Aleister Crowley's description of his Thelemic laws. There is the light without from the sun and the moon, how the ancient people worshiped it, and created ways in which that light could reach further. Humankind has replicated this light with fire and has harnessed it for cooking

food, and produced light for heating the body and habitable spaces. There is the life of nature and her seasons, of plant, and animal, along with the life of human existence with the family from birth to the end of life. There is poetry that delves into all the manifestations of love, as the Greeks characterized it. And finally, there are the variations of what liberty is and can be, from natural and civic to economic, political, and national liberties. Thus, are these four emanations presented in poetic verse.



***From the Mundane to the
Magical: A Lifetime of Poetic
Moments***

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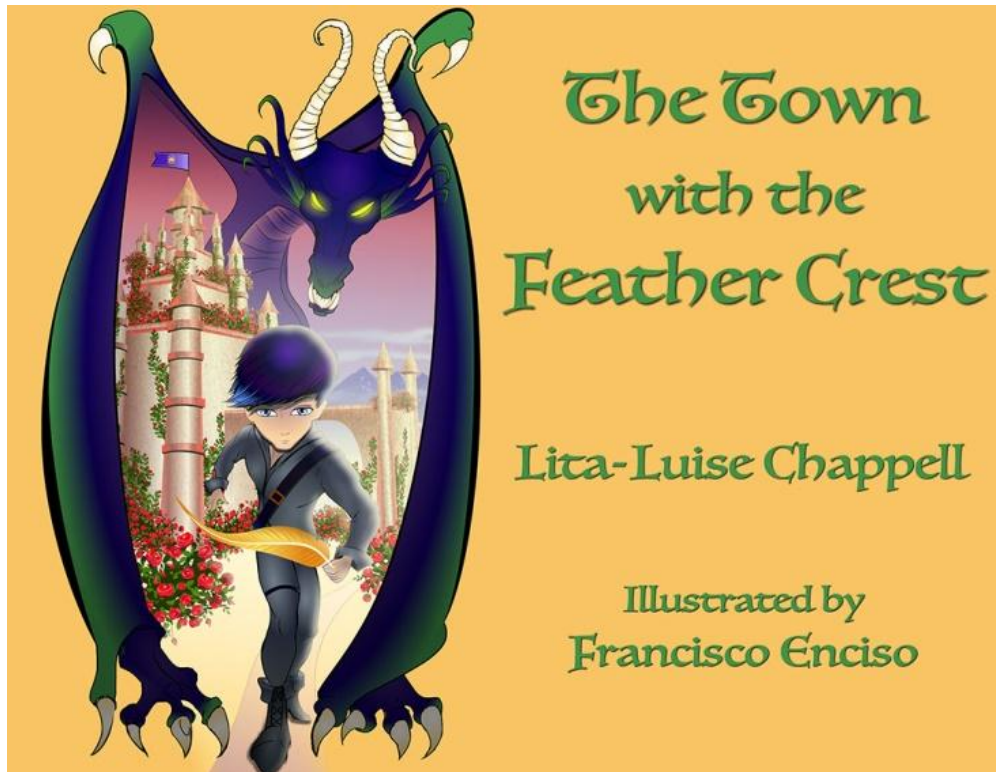
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Synopsis: This book of poetry embraces fifty years of reflections on the author's life. It begins with her world travels, from her home town of San Diego, and many places throughout Europe, to western and southeast Asia. Then there are poems that express her political leanings. Included are her feelings and experiences about love

found and love lost. Spanning thirty years of many magical traditions, she brings the gods and goddess to life, and then she brings to the reader the natural regards for all those special moments and events that humans encounter. In her final chapter she includes three poems of length. There are many forms of poetry utilized: ballad, concrete, dramatic, free verse, narrative, ode, pastoral, and rhythmic works of many different meters.

Children's Book



The Town with the Feather Crest

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Formats available: Kindle

Publication Date: February 13, 2022

Page count: 46

Synopsis: This adventure in poetic rhyme by poet Lita-Luise Chappell tells the story of Drew, a young man who comes across a fantastic castle. He learns from Will, the guard at the gate, that the town is under a spell. By day all are safe, but at night a hungry dragon haunts the area looking for people to eat. But Will sees that Drew has a true heart and is the one to break the spell. So the lad sets off to the mountain in the distance where the dragon lives, not knowing how to accomplish the undertaking. All he knows is that there is the feather which can accomplish the task and change everything. The lad's ingenious delivery system wins the day. The book teaches empathy for the greater good, courage to go forth in the world, and ingenuity to fulfill a difficult task.

Non-Fiction



Sticks and Balls:

A Sexologist Pokes Fun at Sports

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Synopsis: An informative and entertaining reference guide that explores the relationship between sports and sex, most especially in thirty-five stick and ball sports. Within is an introduction to each sport, a detailed description of the sticks and balls used, and a very specialized list of real terms that abound with sexual innuendo and slang. Sports and sexuality prove to be curious and fascinating bedfellows.

COOKBOOK



The Thelemic Cookbook: Cooking with Correspondences Second Edition

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Second Edition: July 27, 2023

Formats available: Kindle Edition

ISBN-13: 978-0-9966272-0-7

Synopsis: The Thelemic Cookbook: Cooking with Correspondences was written to provide specialized recipes for the Thelemic calendar of feasts. It offers a unique insight into foods by explaining their elements, ruling planets, astrological signs, and chakra attributions. It was also written for those who want to incorporate magical

correspondences into their ritual meals, and for any person who wants new recipes with good food for their own cooking and eating pleasure. The author has drawn upon her knowledge of foods amassed over a lifetime working as a chef and caterer, living as a magical practitioner, and collecting a repertoire of international flavors from her world travels. This is not your typical cookbook. Its 656 recipes offer something no other cookbook has: magic in every bite!

All are available at: [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)