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...SUMMER APPROACHES WITH ALL THE SUBTLETY
OF A DRUNKEN POLTERGEIST—LOUD, UNWELCOME,
AND IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE!

*Morgana Calder
Editor in Chief*

THOSE OLD SUMMER DOLDRUMS ARE BACK!

Dear Subscribers, Fellow Outcasts,
and Assorted Night Dwellers,

It is with tremendous reluctance and the enthusiasm of a vampire facing dawn that I pen this seasonal greeting. The Summer Solstice approaches with all the subtlety of a drunken poltergeist—loud, unwelcome, and impossible to ignore.

While the rest of humanity prepares for their inexplicable celebration of solar tyranny, we at the Wyrldverse (okay me...it's really just about me) brace ourselves for three months of atmospheric hostility. The sun, that blazing despot, has already asserted its dominance with the cruel authority of an interdimensional overlord, turning our beloved shadows into mere suggestions and our comfortable gloom into a distant memory.

I write this from my office, already dreading the inevitable transformation of my sanctuary into what can only be described as a greenhouse of suffering. The central air unit—a mechanical demon that devours both electricity and hope—whistles and wheezes from the other room like a dying banshee. My pale complexion, cultivated through years of dedicated indoor scholarship, will soon face its annual trial by fire. SPF 50 has become less a cosmetic choice and more a survival strategy.

The irony is not lost on me that summer, the season most associated with life and vitality, fills me with the existential dread typically reserved for cosmic horror. While others frolic

in their sun-drenched delusions, I retreat further into the blessed darkness of research, seeking solace in tales of creatures that, sensibly, only emerge after sunset.

I swear by all the unholy gods, there is an alarming rise of “fresh air advocates”—a suspicious organization that promotes the clearly unnatural act of voluntarily exposing oneself to unfiltered sunlight and moving air currents.

I encourage you all to print out and use this publication as I intend to: as a paper fan, a window shade, or simply as evidence that somewhere, someone understands your seasonal despair. Remember, in just three short months, Autumn will return like a dear friend bearing gifts of comfortable temperatures and socially acceptable pallor.

Until that blessed equinox delivers us from this solar purgatory, I remain your devoted and increasingly wilted editor, counting down the days until I can once again venture outside without resembling a lobster who's had a particularly bad day.

Stay indoors, stay pale, and stay wyrd.

With maximal air conditioning and minimal optimism,

Morgana

Editor-in-Chief, The Wyrldverse

P.S. - My annual “Celebrating the Summer Solstice by Ignoring It Completely” indoor gathering has been moved to the outdoor root cellar. BYOF (Bring Your Own Fan).

from da boss



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WHAT'S REALLY MADE THIS TRANSITION FEEL LIKE MAGIC, THOUGH, IS THE PEOPLE. THE FOLKS I'VE MET THROUGH WORK HAVE BEEN WELCOMING AND WONDERFUL—AND ON TOP OF THAT, I'M NOW LUCKY ENOUGH TO RECONNECT WITH SOME OF THE DEAREST FRIENDS I'VE EVER KNOWN.

*Hadley Thorne
Founder/CEO*

SUNLIGHT, STORIES & THE START OF SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

After months of suitcase living, VRBO hopping, and reading real estate listings like tarot cards, I've finally landed in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. And while I'm still not fully unpacked (the guest room looks like a storage closet holding its breath), I know I'm home.

This house? She's a quiet kind of magical. Sunlight floods every room, the kind that makes you believe in second chances and good endings. Out back, there's a firepit just begging for ghost stories, and beyond the fence lies a wildlife refuge, where the birds, breezes, and unseen things stir with wild rhythm (can we say Bigfoot?). It's peaceful, potent, and a little bit wyrd—just how I like it.

Wilson has taken his role as Chief Watchdog of the Realm very seriously—patrolling the yard, sniffing the winds, and keeping a close eye on passing shadows. Boo, meanwhile, is fully embracing his life as a sun-worshipping ambassador, flopping into the warmest rays and charming every neighbor within earshot. We should all aspire to his level of contentment.

What's really made this transition feel like magic, though, is the people. The folks I've met through work have been welcoming and wonderful—and on top of that, I'm now lucky enough to reconnect with some of the dearest friends I've ever known. After years of long-distance love, I get to see Morgana, Audrey, and Misty in real life again—laughing over coffee, dreaming up wyrd ideas, and picking up right where we left off.

I haven't made it to a festival yet but the art, music, and spirit of this town are undeniable. And of course, I couldn't resist jumping into something beautifully rooted—I've joined the board of a local Irish heritage arts group. Because if there's a Celtic fiddle, a myth about fae folk, or a story carried on the wind, you know I'll follow it.

My Wyrd Office is slowly taking shape—books waiting to be shelved, crystals soaking in the morning sun, and the podcast mic standing by. I'll be rejoining the Wyrd Realities crew soon, with Coffee Chats, special guests, and a few haunted surprises in the works.

But first... this house needs a name.

Enter the "Name My House" Short Story Contest:

Write me a tale—1,000 words or less—that captures the spirit of this space. Think moss, moonlight, myth, and a dash of ghost. The story that sings loudest? That's the name she'll wear.

Winner gets:

- To co-host an upcoming Wyrd Realities Coffee Chat with me
- A wyrd little gift in the mail
- Eternal naming rights and bragging glory

Deadline: July 1, 2025

Send entries to: wyrddrealities@gmail.com

Subject line: Name the House

Until then—

Stay wyrd. Stay wild. Stay Sassy,

Hadley
Founder, Wyrd Realities

Watching Wyrd



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—WATCHING WYRD features horror, science fiction, survivalist, paranormal, and urban fantasy authors Scott Baker, Allen Gamboa, Rich Restucci, and Hadley Thorne as they discuss, dissect, and debate movies based on predetermined themes. Wyrd Realities posts selected films to its Facebook community a week before the show to encourage participation. Hosts interact with Wyrd Realities fans during the live stream chat, creating a fun atmosphere.



Coming this month on Watching Wyrd...

6/5/2025

Time Travel and High-Stakes Action

Returner (2002)
Predestination (2014)
Source Code (2011)



6/12/2025

War and the Cost of Sacrifice

Hamburger Hill (1987)
Born on the Fourth of July (1989)
12 Strong (2018)



6/19/2025

Deep Sea and Alien Encounters

The Abyss (1989)
Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977)
The Fourth Kind (2009)



6/26/2025

Workplace Comedies and Personal Chaos

Liar, Liar
Office Space (1999)
Horrible Bosses (2011)



7/3/2025

Military Dramas with Humor and Humanity

Mister Roberts (1955)
Good Morning, Vietnam (1987)
Stripes (1981)



Wyrd Awakenings

Join Morgana Calder and her cohorts, Steven Hill, Cecil Fletcher, Henry Tully, and Hadley Thorne on Friday nights as they discuss anomalous phenomena... the strange, the curious, the extraordinary, the bizarre... throw in the occasional conspiracy theory, and you've got the Wyrd Awakenings crew!



June 13: The Men in Black: Paranormal Bureaucrats

Long before Hollywood's alien hunters, the Men in Black terrorized UFO witnesses—pale figures in outdated suits who arrived to deliver one message: forget what you saw. Witnesses described plastic-looking skin, monotone voices, and disturbing unfamiliarity with human customs. They drove pristine vintage cars, possessed impossible knowledge, and moved with uncanny valley stiffness. Whether government agents or something stranger, they remain UFO lore's most chilling figures—anonymous, omnipresent, and utterly inhuman.



June 20: Transhumanism: Hacking the Human Condition

Transhumanism proposes we needn't accept biological limitations evolution handed us. This movement envisions technology allowing us

to transcend mortality, enhance intelligence, and fundamentally redesign humanity through genetic engineering, cybernetic implants, and consciousness uploading. Critics warn of ethical dangers and class divisions, but transhumanist influence grows as biotechnology advances. The question isn't whether it'll happen, but whether we'll guide this transformation wisely or stumble into a posthuman future unprepared.



June 27: America's Dark Geography

Certain American locations attract darkness like magnets—places where tragedy and inexplicable phenomena cluster with disturbing persistence. The Bridgewater Triangle plagues Massachusetts with UFOs, cryptids, and unexplained deaths. Skinwalker Ranch terrorizes Utah researchers with interdimensional anomalies. The Pine Barrens harbor centuries of disappearances in twisted cedar swamps. Whether genuinely cursed or repositories for collective trauma, these coordinates remind us that some places carry weight beyond their physical properties.



June 6: The Pyramid Paradox: A Global Obsession

Across continents and millennia, isolated civilizations all decided the best way to honor gods or bury kings was to stack enormous stones into triangular monuments. From Egypt's Giza to Peru's Huacas, these cultures created eerily similar structures—aligned with stars, incorporating hidden chambers, and requiring impossible engineering feats. The real mystery isn't how they built them, but why the human psyche seems irresistibly drawn to reaching toward the heavens in perfect, pointed stone.



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Our Shows

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—WHERE IN THE FOLK IS A
COLLABORATION FROM WYRDLINGS,
HENRY TULLY AND CECIL FLETCHER.



*A global conspiracy,
paranormal, true crime,
cryptid and parapsychology
podcast from the mountains of
Appalachia.*

*Our mission is to learn
as much as we can about
the subjects we talk about,
while attempting to build a
community of like-minded
individuals. We are always on
the lookout for guests to come
on and share their knowledge.*

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for watching us, because we are
watching you!*

Where in the Folk hosts occasional
Saturday long form shows. These
episodes can include in-depth
subject matter that simply cannot
be covered in an hour, to shows
with special guests who are experts
in their fields.

Then join us every Friday night as
we dive into ALL of the crazy stuff
going on in the world.

It may be insane news stories, news

that ran under the radar, or
things that didn't get covered, we
go over these stories together and
give our thoughts.

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STAY TUNED FOR...



Keep an eye out on social media and www.wyrdrealities.net for the next episode of Folking Wyrd. Join the crew, including Cecil Fletcher, Henry Tully, Steven Hill, Heather Bradley, and Morgana Calder, as they explore places of historic or special interest and watch with them in real time as they explore the footage with the audience. Who knows what you might see?

- Disembodied Search Beam
- Man from Taured
- Project Chatter
- Grunch Road Monster
- Eye of the Sahara
- Ball Cemetery NE
- NC Bigfoot Battle
- Throne of Kai Kavus
- Grabovoi Codes
- Time Lost Hair Gained
- The Minnesota Iceman
- Project MK Ultra
- Project Midnight Climax
- Mercy Brown
- The Yazoo Witch
- The Bridgewater Triangle



Pull up a log, roast a marshmallow and settle in as these blondes, Bethany and Michelle, and brother, Rikki, talk spooky tales and classic horror icons. Of course, as the fire gets low and the night wears on, you never know who else may drop by. Exciting guests, perky blondes and sinister tales make this podcast as good as a double-stacked s'more.

ALL SHOWS START AT 8CST/9EST.
CATCH US EVERY OTHER TUESDAY.



Ever wonder how authors juggle writing with a 9-to-5? “Write With Me” is your behind-the-scenes pass to the writer’s life.

Join Joe and Hadley on the 3rd Sunday of each month as they tackle their joint book project, discussing the real challenges and practical tips for fitting writing into a busy schedule. If you’re seeking inspiration and community, “Write With Me” is for you.

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COMING SOON TO WYRD REALITIES JOIN US FOR CREATOR’S CORNER

Unraveling the Tapestry of Worlds: Exploring the Major Arcana of the TOW Tarot

I am pleased to announce the upcoming livestream/podcast Creator’s Corner as part of Wyrdverse! I will take you on a mystical journey as we explore the rich symbolism and profound meanings hidden within the Tapestry of Worlds (TOW) Tarot. I’m looking forward to unraveling the secrets behind these powerful cards in our upcoming podcast/live stream on Wyrd Realities Network with my beautiful friend Sarah the Psychic Medium. Prepare to be wowed as we introduce several incredibly gifted guests from the psychic and metaphysical communities.

coming

Creating the Cards: A Collaborative Journey

As I design and write the meaning of the symbolism of each card for the TOW Tarot, Sarah will share her unique perspective and intuitive insights to the table. Every stroke of the brush will be infused with personalized meaning based on the characters and storyline in the Tapestry of Worlds series, ensuring that each card resonates deeply with its symbolism and message.

Exploring Symbolism and Meanings

From the enigmatic Fool to the transformative World, the Major Arcana cards are a roadmap of the human experience. In our podcast/live stream, we'll dive deep into each card's symbolism, exploring its historical significance and modern interpretations. Sarah's psychic abilities will offer a fresh perspective, shedding light on hidden truths and guiding us through the labyrinth of the Tarot. We might even be able to get her to do a live chatroom reading for our listeners!

The Impact of the Tapestry of Worlds-verse

Tarot decks are not just decks - they are gateways to a mysterious, magical universe. Embedded with the essence of the Tapestry of Worlds-verse, each card invites you to explore its depths and discover its secrets. You might be a seasoned Tarot reader or a curious newcomer, but the TOW Tarot will surely enrich your spiritual journey and illuminate your path.

Join Us on the Journey

We invite you to join us for this transformative experience! Stream the Creator's Corner podcast/live stream on Wyrld Realities Network to unravel the Tapestry of Worlds.

Time and dates will be announced, but I look forward to leading you on a journey of self-discovery and enlightenment through Tarot.

Get ready to be captivated, enchanted, and inspired as we explore the TOW Tarot.



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MEET OUR WYRD PARTNERS...WE COULDN'T
HAVE BETTER PARTNERS! THANKS FOR BEING
A PART OF THE WYRD TEAM!

ALLEN GAMBOA, AUTHOR

AURA'S LIGHT BEYOND THE GATEWAY

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Cryptid Corner



The Mogollon Monster:

Arizona's Hairiest Secret

High in the pine-covered peaks of the Mogollon Rim, where the winds whistle through canyons and campfires flicker nervously in the dark, something ancient stirs. Arizona may be famous for its desert heat and iconic cacti, but its coolest cryptid lives in the shadows of the forest—welcome to the legend of the Mogollon Monster.

Known to some as “Arizona’s Bigfoot,” this elusive creature has been haunting tales and trails for over a century. Descriptions vary, but most eyewitnesses report a towering, ape-like figure—over seven feet tall, covered in shaggy black or reddish-brown hair, and reeking of decay and musk. Locals swear its eyes glow red in the dark, and some say it lets out bloodcurdling screams that echo through the canyons at night.

The earliest documented sightings date back to the early 1900s, when settlers reported seeing the beast while prospecting or hunting.

But Native American stories long predate that, warning of a “hairy man” who roams the woods, guarding sacred ground. Whether spirit or flesh-and-blood creature, the Mogollon Monster commands attention—and respect.

One chilling encounter in the 1940s described the creature tearing through a campsite, scattering gear and howling into the trees. Another, more recent tale from a hiker in 2006, claimed the beast followed him for over a mile, snapping branches and letting out guttural growls, vanishing just before dawn.

Skeptics chalk it up to bears, pranksters, or overactive imaginations in the wilderness. But those who’ve seen it? They’ll tell you it’s no bear. It’s something else entirely.

So if you ever find yourself camping along the Mogollon Rim—near Payson, Strawberry, or beyond—keep your eyes peeled and your marshmallows close. The Mogollon Monster doesn’t like visitors... especially loud ones.

Spooky Tip: Want to lure the Mogollon Monster? Some say it’s drawn to the scent of cooking bacon and the sound

of harmonicas. Just don’t be surprised if you get more than you bargained for.

A cryptid is a creature or entity whose existence is suggested by anecdotal evidence, folklore, or alleged sightings, but lacks conclusive scientific evidence for its existence. These entities often exist in the realm of myth, legend, or unverified reports. Examples of cryptids include creatures like Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster, the Chupacabra, Mothman, and many others.

Cryptids can be animals, plants, or even beings with supernatural or paranormal attributes. They’re subjects



Wyrd Arizona

SUNSTROKE & SUPERNATURAL: ARIZONA'S ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP INTO THE UNKNOWN

Buckle up and slather on some sunscreen—because the desert gets weird after dark.

—UNDERNEATH THE blazing sun and iconic red rock vistas, Arizona hides some of the strangest, spookiest, and most stubbornly unsolved mysteries in the American Southwest.

So fill your canteen, watch the horizon, and don't stray from the trail—we're heading into the weird heart of the Grand Canyon State.

THE MOGOLLON MONSTER: ARIZONA'S HAIRY MYSTERY

—Payson, AZ

Lurking in the Ponderosa pines of the Mogollon Rim is a creature whispered about in campfire circles for over a century. Towering nearly eight feet tall, covered in black or reddish-brown fur, and reeking of decay, the Mogollon Monster is Arizona's very own Bigfoot.

Stories date back to the early 1900s, with reports of the beast howling in the night, shaking RVs, and vanishing

into the thick forest with impossible speed. Some say it's a lost hominid species, others believe it's a spirit guardian. Either way, if you're hiking near Payson and hear heavy breathing behind you... maybe don't turn around.

THE LOST DUTCHMAN'S GOLD & THE CURSE OF THE SUPERSTITION MOUNTAINS

—East of Phoenix, AZ

Greed, ghosts, and gold converge in the rugged terrain east of Phoenix. The Lost Dutchman Mine, allegedly packed with untold riches, has lured prospectors into the Superstition Mountains for generations—and many of them never came back.

Jacob Waltz, the "Dutchman" (actually German), supposedly revealed the location on his deathbed in 1891. Since then, dozens have disappeared, fallen ill, or met mysterious ends while searching for the mine. Apache legends long warned that the mountains were

SUNSTROKE & SUPERNATURAL:

ARIZONA'S ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP
INTO THE UNKNOWN



THE MOGOLLON MONSTER
PAYSON, ARIZONA



SUPERSTITION MOUNTAINS
EAST OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA



THE PHOENIX LIGHTS
PHOENIX, ARIZONA



SKINWALKERS



JEROME, ARIZONA

* Maps are an artistic visual reference only. They are not intended for accuracy. We recommend Google World for trip mapping.

TAKE A TOUR OF WYRD ARIZONA

Wyrd Arizona invites you on a backroads road trip through the Grand Canyon State's strangest legends, creepiest creatures, and haunted hotspots. From the ghost towns of Jerome to the shadowy trails of the Superstition Mountains, this is a journey into the unexplained, the uncanny, and the utterly unhinged. Whether you're chasing the Mogollon Monster, hunting cursed gold, or just hoping not to get abducted, one thing's for sure: Arizona is more than just sun and sand—it's a portal to the paranormal.

EXPERIENCE THE HAUNTING HISTORY OF YUMA TERRITORIAL PRISON

For over three decades, the imposing walls of Yuma Territorial Prison contained the American West's most dangerous criminals. More than 3,000 inmates passed through its gates during its years of operation. Though the gallows never claimed a life here, death found 111 prisoners within these walls, and their final resting place remains just beyond the prison grounds—104 souls buried in unmarked graves that bear witness to forgotten lives.

The prison cemetery overlooks the mighty Colorado River, where tragedy echoes across time. On nights when moonlight dances on the water, visitors sometimes glimpse a spectral figure wandering the riverbank—a woman forever searching, forever mourning the daughter she couldn't save from the rushing waters more than a century ago. LaLarona still haunts the banks...don't go too close else she draws you to an early demise.

Step inside the shadowy corridors where desperation once lived, and listen carefully. Whispered voices drift from the cells, sharing fragments of long-buried stories through motion-activated recordings that bring the past uncomfortably close to the present. The sudden sound of these ghostly narratives will quicken your pulse, even when you know their mechanical origin.

Cell 14 holds particular sorrow. Here, in a moment of final despair, John Ryan—imprisoned for what the records cryptically termed “crimes against nature”—ended his own suffering. Visitors often report an inexplicable chill when passing this cell, as if the Arizona heat cannot penetrate the lingering sadness within.

The most dreaded punishment awaited in the Dark Cell, where the prison's most troublesome inmates faced absolute isolation. Shackled to the cold stone floor for days or weeks, they existed in crushing darkness that seemed to swallow hope itself. Standing in this claustrophobic chamber today, you'll feel the weight of despair that once filled this space, as the rock walls seem to press closer with each passing moment.

Visit:

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sacred—and cursed. Whether treasure exists or not, something in those peaks doesn't like being disturbed.

THE PHOENIX LIGHTS: MASS SIGHTING OR MASS DISTRACTION?

—Phoenix, AZ

On the night of March 13, 1997, thousands of Arizonans—from police officers to the Governor—watched a massive, silent, V-shaped formation of lights drift across the sky. The Phoenix Lights, as they're now known, remain one of the most famous UFO sightings in U.S. history.

The military claimed it was flares. Eyewitnesses say otherwise—describing a mile-wide craft that blacked out the stars. Even today, new footage and testimony surface every year. Was it extraterrestrial? A top-secret craft? Or something stranger still?

SKINWALKERS: SHAPESHIFTERS OF THE NORTHERN DESERT

—Multiple locations in Arizona and other states

In Navajo legend, Skinwalkers are powerful witches who can transform into animals—wolves, coyotes, owls—and move unseen through the desert night. These stories aren't shared lightly, and even speaking of Skinwalkers is taboo in many communities.

Still, reports persist in northern Arizona of glowing-eyed figures,

animals walking on two legs, and sudden, unnatural silence blanketing the land. Whether cryptid or cautionary tale, Skinwalkers remain one of the most chilling and culturally rooted pieces of Arizona folklore.

JEROME: THE WICKEDEST TOWN IN THE WEST

—Jerome, AZ

Perched precariously on Cleopatra Hill, Jerome was once a booming mining town filled with saloons, brothels, and brawls. Today, it's an artist haven—and one of the most haunted towns in America.

Ghosts of miners and “ladies of the night” still reportedly haunt the Jerome Grand Hotel, which was once a hospital. Guests report whispering voices, flickering lights, and doors slamming on their own. The town embraces its spectral residents, offering ghost tours and paranormal events. In Jerome, history doesn't just linger—it follows you home.

FINAL DESTINATION: WYRD, AZ

From cryptids in the high country to UFOs over the desert sky, Arizona offers a unique blend of mystery, folklore, and downright weirdness. It's a land of contrasts—harsh yet sacred, vast yet secretive. So whether you're chasing ghost stories or just taking the scenic route, remember:

In Arizona, the desert keeps its secrets—but not always quietly.

For the senses

SCENTS OF SUMMER: HERBS & AROMAS TO EMBRACE IN JUNE

Ah, June. The month where spring hands over the reins to summer, and everything starts to smell like sunshine and late-night bonfires. If you've ever stepped outside in early summer and caught a whiff of something green, floral, or just alive, you know that scent is one of the strongest memory-makers we've got. And this time of year, herbs and aromatic plants are in full swing.

Here's your guide to using June's best herbs and scents to enhance your home, body, and spirit—with a few easy blends and recipes along the way.

HERB OF THE MONTH: LAVENDER

Lavender is practically the queen of early summer. Not only does it

smell like calm in bloom, but it's also a powerhouse in the world of home herbalism. Lavender is known for its calming properties, helping to ease anxiety, promote sleep, and even soothe headaches.

TRY THIS:

Simple Lavender Pillow Spray

½ cup distilled water
1 tablespoon witch hazel or vodka (acts as a preservative)
10 drops lavender essential oil
Optional: 3 drops chamomile oil for extra chill

Shake it up in a spray bottle and mist lightly on your linens before bed. Sweet dreams, guaranteed.

JUNE HERB HIGHLIGHTS

Mint – Cool, refreshing, and easy to grow even in a windowsill. Perfect for summer teas, freshening up foot soaks, or muddling into a mojito after a long day.

“TAKE A DEEP BREATH — JUNE IS IN THE AIR, AND IT SMELLS AMAZING.”

Rosemary – A slightly piney scent that keeps bugs at bay and sharpens mental clarity. Add a few sprigs to your lemonade or steep it in hot water for a fragrant facial steam.

Basil – Not just for pasta. Basil's spicy-sweet aroma is uplifting and energizing. Bonus points for being a natural insect repellent!

MAKE A JUNE HERBAL INFUSION

This is basically sunshine in a jar. Great for sipping cold or using as a refreshing facial toner.



Fresh-picked lavender, mint, and rosemary bask in the early summer sun—June’s scents in full bloom, ready to soothe, refresh, and inspire.

Summer Solstice Infusion

1 tbsp dried chamomile
1 tbsp dried rose petals
1 tsp dried mint
1 small slice fresh orange peel
(organic if possible)

Place ingredients in a large jar, cover with boiling water, and steep for 1–2 hours (or make a sun tea by leaving it outside for 4–6 hours). Strain and enjoy over ice. You can also splash a bit on your face for a cooling, floral lift.

JUNE SCENT BLENDS FOR THE HOME

If you’re into essential oils or incense, here are some go-to blends that capture June’s bright, blooming spirit:

Desert Bloom (energizing & grounding)

4 drops rosemary
3 drops lemon
2 drops sage

Summer Porch (relaxing & nostalgic)

3 drops lavender
2 drops vanilla
2 drops cedarwood

Garden Party (floral & fresh)

3 drops geranium
3 drops bergamot
2 drops spearmint

Diffuse them, dab onto scent stones, or blend with a carrier oil for a roll-on vibe.

BONUS TIP: DRY THOSE HERBS!

If your herb garden is booming (or if you scored big at the farmer’s market), don’t let anything go to waste. Hang bundles of mint, lavender, or rosemary upside-down in a dry, shady spot for 1–2 weeks. Once crispy, crumble and store in airtight jars. Use them for teas, baths, or potpourri all year long.

FINAL THOUGHT

So whether you’re mixing up a sleepytime spray or just sniffing your way through the garden center, take a deep breath—June’s in the air, and it smells amazing.



the wyrd kids

MEET THE WYRD KIDS

Wyrd Realities Network provides creators of all types a space to connect, share ideas, and discuss their passions. Our network of podcasts feature conversations with some of the most innovative and creative people in the industry. Our focus is on creating positive, engaging, and thought-provoking content that inspires curiosity and a hunger to know more in our listeners. As a platform, we aim to showcase the diversity of perspectives and experiences within the creative, supernatural, and unknown world surrounding us. Tune in to our shows and see what inspires us.



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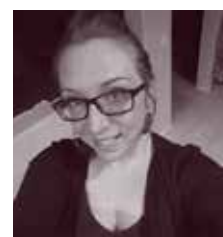
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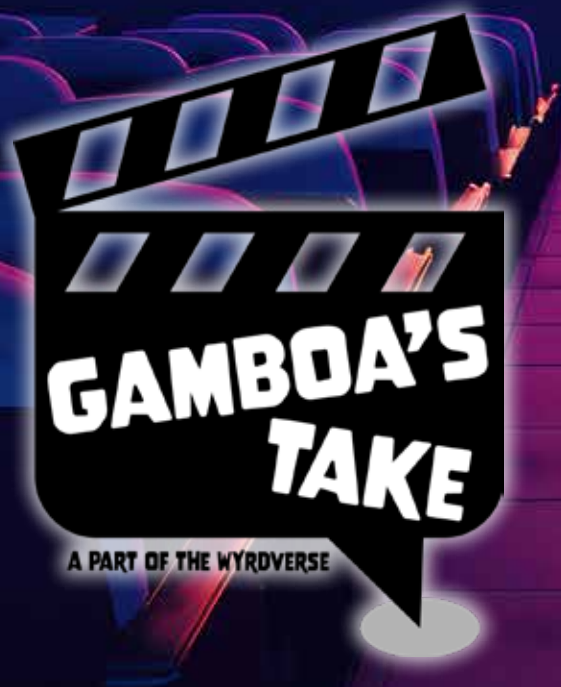


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Gamboa's Take

Was s'okay. Not the worst DCU movie I've seen. CGI was a small cut above most of the newer superhero flicks. Eclectic cast, kid from Cobra Kai, Susan Sarandon, gal from the original Predator movie, scum bag George Lopez, dude from Narcos, bad guy from Riddick and the familiar from what we do in the shadows. Yeah, I just fell down a rabbit hole. I liked the 80's style cinematography and a nice reference to the original Blue Beetle. This has a decent dose of humor for a DC movie. Being Hispanic, the poor me stuff got old but like I said it's s'okay. Wouldn't have dropped a 50 on it at the movies. There is one end credit scene. 3/5 that's my opinion and we'll you know what they say...streaming on all the places.



Snakebite Reads

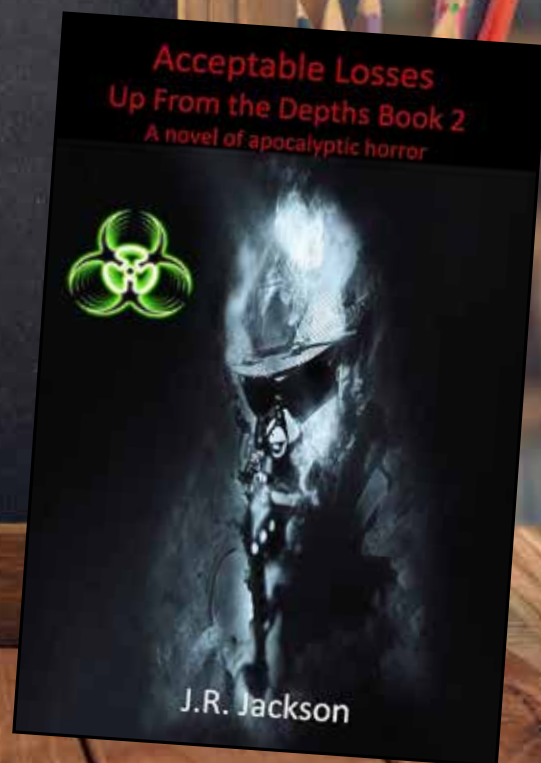
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UP FROM THE DEPTHS: ACCEPTABLE LOSSES

Read it in one night.

Preparedness guru James Jackson weaves a gripping tale of tactics, fear, and military might in an undead world. Soldiers, SEALs, hitmen, and nerds all battle the living dead using bullets, resolve, technology, and intelligence. Both witty and riveting, *Up From the Depths: Denial Measures* is a must read for any fan of the ever expanding zombie genre. A cliffhanger ending leaves you hungry for a sequel.

J.R. JACKSON





GIVE IT UP FOR OUR WYRDO OF THE MONTH!

CRAIG BOLEN

That's right — this legend isn't just any wyrd-o...

He's OUR wyrd-o, and honestly, we couldn't be more proud if we tried!

You've been rocking the wyrdness like a cosmic superstar — tuning in,
showing up, and keeping things gloriously strange.

From the bottom of our bizarre little hearts: **THANK YOU.**

You're the kind of wyrd that makes the world a better
(and way more interesting) place.

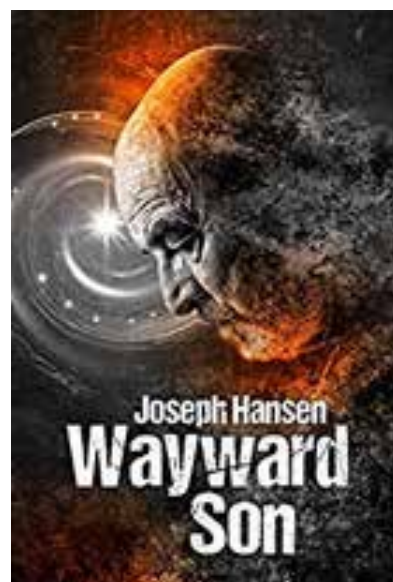
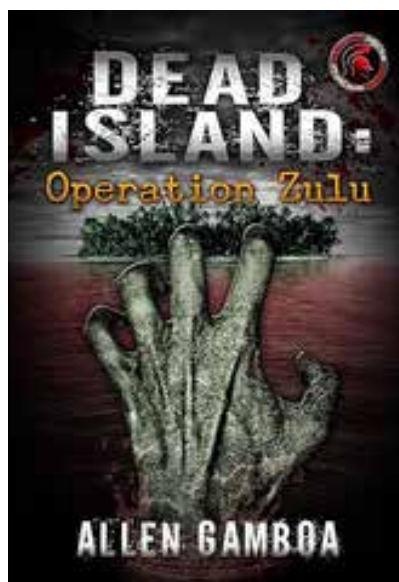
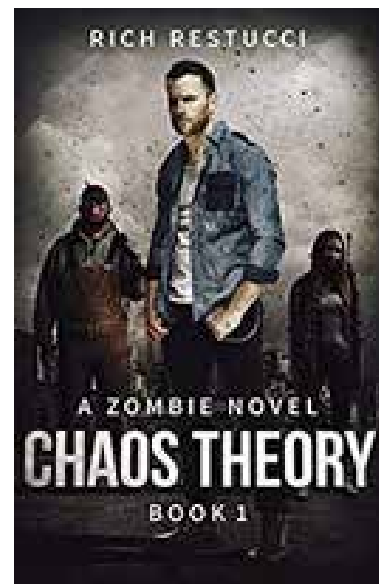
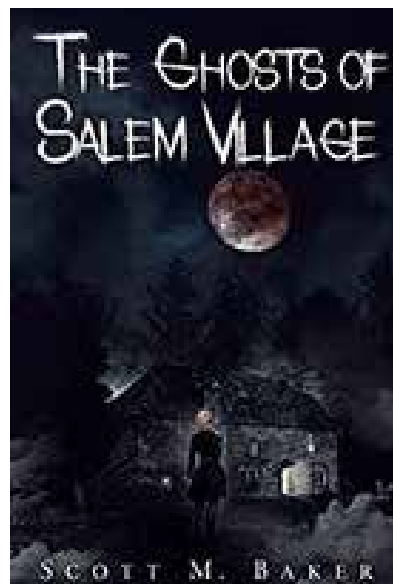
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STAY CURIOUS. STAY BOLD. STAY WYRD.

WE LOVE YA!

Check out these titles from our amazing writers!

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ABOUT THE WYRD-VERSE

The Wyrd Realities Network was founded on the idea that we all have a little bit of weirdness in us. Our podcast provides a lively platform for creative minds to share their experiences, passions, and stories related to the paranormal, history, science, conspiracies, and folklore. We believe that the best way to appreciate the unknown is to approach it with curiosity, respect, and open-mindedness. We invite you to join our community of explorers and share your perspectives on the wyrdness of reality.



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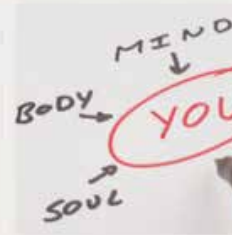
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We're more than just a podcast network. We're a community of curious minds exploring the fringes of human experience.
Join us as Every Week for:

Thursday

THROWBACK THURSDAYS
9 PM - WATCHING WYRD

Monday

MYSTERY MONDAY

Friday

FORTEAN FRIDAY
6 pm - WITF Friday Nite Live
7 pm - Awakenings

Tuesday

TRIVIA TUESDAY
8 pm - Blondes, Books, &
Campfire Tales (every other
Tuesday)

Weekend

**SELF PROMO
SATURDAY AND
SUNDAY**

Wednesday

WYRD WEDNESDAY



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SCAN ME

A person dressed as Bigfoot, with long, shaggy orange-brown fur and a large, hairy body. They are sitting on a wooden dock, holding a small object in their right hand. The background shows a calm lake, trees, and a small building on the shore under a clear blue sky.

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**All newsletter content due no later than the 15th of the month.*

Calendar of Events

- Monthly Observances -

Pride Month

Caribbean-American
Heritage Month

Audiobook
Appreciation Month

Rainbow Book Month

- 2 -

Shavuot

- 4 -

Hug Your Cat Day

- 5 -

Environment Day

- 6 -

D-Day

- 7 -

Eid al-Adha
(Tentative Date)

- 8 -

Pentecost

- 10 -

Oak Month Begins

Ballpoint Pen Day

- 11 -

Full Strawberry Moon

- 12 -

Loving Day

- 13 -

Friday the 13th

- 14 -

World Blood Donor Day

Flag Day

- 15 -

Father's Day

- 19 -

Juneteenth Freedom Day

- 20 -

World Refugee Day

June Solstice

Litha

- 21 -

International Day of Yoga

- 23 -

Day of the Lady and
Lord of the Sidhe

National Typewriter Day

- 24 -

Cat World Domination Day

- 27 -

Muharram
(Tentative Date)

- 30 -

Asteroid Day

June 2025



holidays

From the Wyrd Kitchen



Steak Lettuce Wraps with Peanut Sauce

Yields: 4 - 6 serving(s)

Prep Time: 20 mins

Total Time: 1 hr

Ingredients:

- 5 Tbsp. soy sauce
- 1/4 cup hoisin sauce
- 1 Tbsp. chili-garlic sauce
- 1 Tbsp. grated fresh ginger
- 1 Tbsp. rice vinegar
- 1 tsp. toasted sesame oil
- 1/2 cup chunky peanut butter
- 1 1/2 lb. flank steak
- 1 tsp. vegetable oil
- 2 oz. thin rice noodles
- 2 heads butter lettuce, leaves separated
- 1 1/2 cups matchstick carrots
- 1 English cucumber, sliced into matchsticks
- 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves

Instructions:

Whisk together the soy sauce, hoisin sauce, chili-garlic sauce, ginger, vinegar, and sesame oil in a large bowl. Remove 1/4 cup to a medium bowl and whisk in the peanut butter and 1/4 cup hot water. Cover and set aside for serving.

Put the steak in a shallow dish and pour the remaining marinade on top, flipping to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes and up to 2 hours.

Brush a grill or grill pan with the vegetable oil and heat over

medium-high heat. Remove the steak from the marinade and pat dry with paper towels. Grill 4 to 6 minutes per side for medium-rare (a thermometer inserted into the center should read 135°F).

Transfer the steak to a cutting board and let rest 5 minutes. Meanwhile, cook the rice noodles according to the package directions. Slice the steak against the grain. To serve, fill the lettuce leaves with the noodles, steak, carrots, cucumber, and mint and drizzle with some of the peanut sauce. Serve any remaining peanut sauce on the side.

Serving tip:

Serve with a mixed greens salad tossed in lemon vinaigrette and a slice of crusty bread.

Beating the Summer Heat Never Tasted So Good!

You don't want to spend the first day of summer cooped up in the kitchen—and thankfully, you don't have to. Just because you're out enjoying the sunshine doesn't mean you're stuck with boring salads or freezer meals. That's where this roundup from *The Pioneer Woman* comes in. Titled "95 Easy Recipes for When It's Too Hot to Think," it's packed with delicious summer dinner ideas that let you spend less time cooking and more time soaking up the season.

Whether you're planning a backyard barbecue or a laid-back picnic in the park, you'll find recipes that make summer cooking a breeze. Think quick 30-minute meals, juicy marinated chicken, vibrant pasta salads, and fun ways to feature fresh seasonal veggies. Love to grill? You'll find plenty of inspiration—from classic burgers (beef, turkey, and veggie) to clever hot dog twists, including one recipe made in the air fryer.

If you're looking to make the most of your garden haul, don't miss dishes like tomato pie, stuffed zucchini, or a bright summer pesto pasta. Hosting a pool party? Try crowd-pleasers like shrimp skewers or mini zucchini pizzas. Or, for a totally stove-free option, whip up a chilled salad with creamy burrata and marinated tomatoes.

And no summer meal is complete without something sweet and sippable—top things off with frozen treats and refreshing cocktails to truly keep your cool.

With so many tasty and stress-free options, you can enjoy the best of summer without ever breaking a sweat. Whether you're cooking for family, friends, or just yourself, these easy recipes are sure to bring big flavor to your table with minimal effort. So fire up the grill, pack that picnic basket, or simply chill out with a cool drink in hand—because summer dinners should be as relaxed and joyful as the season itself.





NAME MY HOUSE

Then Join Me on a Wyrd Realities Coffee Chat!

A HAUNTED HAVEN NEEDS A NAME... AND A STORY

After months of drifting from one VRBO to the next—saltwater in my hair, moonlight in my coffee—I’ve finally found my new forever (or at least “for now”) home in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. And let me tell you: this house? She feels like a story waiting to be told.

She’s got the bones of a beach cottage, the whispers of something older, and maybe a ghost or two peeking through the blinds.

Now all she needs...is a name.

The Wyrd Realities Short Story Contest is ON.

To name her, I want your best short story—1,000 words or less—about the kind of house that could belong to a barefoot witch with podcast gear, two spoiled dogs, and a flair for the wyrd and wyrder.

Think:

- Singing rivers and sleepy bayous
- Pirates and smugglers
- Sandhill cranes and pelicans overhead - maybe some crows
- Shadowy figures in Spanish moss
- And yes, maybe even a Bigfoot neighbor

The Reward?

The winner gets to co-host an upcoming Wyrd Realities Coffee Chat livestream with yours truly—Hadley Thorne—and help officially name this strange, sacred space I now call home. As well as the story will be put in the newsletter and on the website

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Deadline: July 1, 2025

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