

An AMAZING Amazon Kindle DEAL on my debut novel, out in July. News on my talk at the UK's Stratford Literary Festival, FREE books, short stories, news and views, and lots more!

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All about books and reading. This month, BIG NEWS...

Hello!

It's 'joyous June' and, depending on where you are in the world, the height of summer - or the depths of winter - is fast approaching.

Also rapidly coming down the track is publication of my debut novel, next month. A mix of 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' and 'The Three-Body Problem', meets 'Black Mirror', 'The X-Files' and Dave Eggers' 'The Circle'. You'll also meet a unique character in fiction... Alexa Moore; a seventeen-year-old girl from southern England, with cerebral palsy and, perhaps, the answer to mankind's biggest question. Due to her disability she couldn't speak her ideas. However, thanks to a new, wonderous AI technology, that might be about to change.

But, if you had the means, wouldn't you want to know those world-changing ideas before anybody else? Secret black programs have never been so dark.

Everything you know, everything you think you understand... could be wrong. *Click the 'Pre-order' button, below, to read more.*

The BIG NEWS is that I've decided to set the Amazon Kindle pre-order price for the book - and for the first two weeks following publication - at a heavily discounted \$0.99 (and comparable prices in other territories, i.e. £0.99 in the UK).

That means you can pre-order the Kindle eBook, **TODAY**, at the significantly reduced price. ***There isn't long to go now...***

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From 22 July, 2025, *The Otero County Disclosure* Kindle version will return to the full price of \$4.99

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Why am I doing this you may wonder? Selling a new, debut novel for less than a dollar?

Simple. I want to give back to those folks who love books and reading, and have given so generously by supporting me with their patronage; readers like you, who subscribe to my newsletter, read my short fiction, or follow me on social media, book platforms, read my blog, and those who've already pre-ordered, for example.

It's also a thank you to the many people, from my creative writing tutors, editor, designer, and fellow authors and publishing professionals, who've so kindly offered me help and support along the way. I owe it to them that as many people as possible get to read the novel.

Some criticise such a 'discounting' tactic, saying it damages readers' perceptions of a book's quality. May be. I am aware of the risk. But I also happen to think a good book, whatever the price, will bring its own reward. It's a risk I'm prepared to take. ***What do you think? Drop me a line.***

Secondly, I'm a newbie author and writing is what keeps me happy and engaged. It makes me feel alive. It's the one thing, outside of my wonderful family and friends, that motivates me to leap out of bed in the morning (and to put pen to paper). My mum keeps telling me how proud Dad would be, my older brother too - the inspiration for this first novel. Both are sadly passed, years before their time. I don't want any regrets. It's taken me nearly a quarter-of-a-century to get to this point - to complete and publish my first book. I'm not about to give up now, or create a potential barrier to readers wondering if the price is worth taking a shot on a new author. *This writer would love readers, otherwise what's the point!*

Hopefully, a dollar will help.

I want everybody who can, to take as much pleasure from reading these stories as I had writing them. I've been working on *Otero* since the end of Covid lockdown #1, with the help and support of many others. I owe it to a lot of people, that I share this book as far and wide as I can.

And write the sequel. And the threequel...

Yup. I've been working on the outline for the next two books in the trilogy. It wasn't supposed to be an Otero series! But every advanced reader has cried... "I've gotta know what happens next!"

The plan is to publish books' two and three, simultaneously, from Summer 2026. That's next year...

So, I guess I also owe it to myself; to make sure as many people come along for the ride, to ensure books' two and three have an audience. Which reminds me, if you'd like to join me on the writing journey for the final two novels in the now trilogy, and act as a beta reader (reading my drafts as we go, and offering criticism and feedback - that's all you need to do), I would be thrilled if you joined me. Just drop me a line to register your interest.

The story will pick-up where *The Otero County Disclosure* ends, but it's going to take some strange and dark turns (if it hasn't already - if you read the first book, you'll see what I mean), reflecting the present times we're living through. That's all I'll say for now.

Have a great June.

Huey

Don't forget, as per usual, the FREE giveaways, from hundreds of authors, across a range of genres, are available at the bottom of this newsletter. Enjoy.

"I'm Huey, a brand-new author based in the UK. I'm a former journalist, travel writer and magazine editor. In 2012, I studied creative writing at UEA, in the UK. I write contemporary and speculative fiction. Conspiracies and thrillers, about ordinary people living through the extraordinary. My debut novel, **The Otero County Disclosure**, arrives July 8, 2025."

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Launching the novel... at the birthplace of Shakespeare

No pressure then!

That's right, on the evening of Thursday, 8 May, I soft-launched *The Otero County Disclosure: A novel for our times*, at the Stratford Literary Festival, one of the UK's foremost book events. It takes place over four days, in the hometown of one William Shakespeare, and involves dozens, if not hundreds, of authors (big and established, new and unpublished, fiction and non-fiction), journalists, poets, actors, broadcasters, and plenty of others besides. There are many, many events that take place across the town over the period.

So it was that I nervously launched my debut to a room full of strangers. And my wife, daughter and mum (visiting from down south for the occasion).

I'll be honest, I was so terrified I don't remember what I said, using a small prompt card, and a proof copy of the book as a stress toy. I hid behind the lectern too. That being said, I managed to speak slowly, and with no small amount of passion, for my allotted time (less than five minutes). Thankfully, I received a very warm applause at the end. Sadly, I have no pictures from the launch - I was too busy, along with others, handing out the promotional cards (see the image at the top).

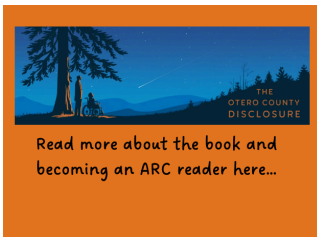
But here's the thing. When I returned to my table, a fellow author leant over to me and said the book sounded 'really interesting' and wanted to know more. We got talking. It turns out he's a former MI6 agent and was there to promote his new non-fiction book. He nodded in acknowledgment when I mentioned some of my book's themes: black programs, secret projects and UFOs, to name just a few.

What amused me was the irony. If I'd met him three or four years earlier, he might've saved me months of background research into the activities of clandestine organisations! I've never met a spy before. Well anyway, I hope to speak to him again in due course. You never know, he might be able to help with *Otero's* sequels.

So, it's done. I've officially birthed the book. There's no going back now. All that remains is the small matter of writing books two and three.

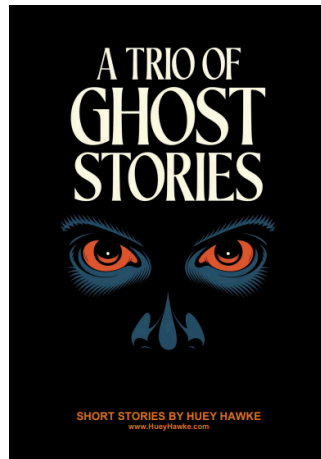
Huey's Stuff

Click the images below to read more. I'll be publishing more free short stories, here, in this newsletter, in the coming months.



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I'm looking for up to 15 book lovers to read and review *The Otero County Disclosure* before anyone else...



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Huey Q&A

Ten things about me you might be interested to learn. Including my time on a Netflix show...



Huey's News & Views - Blog

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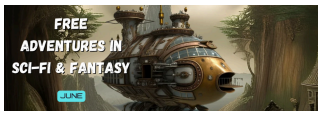


How I Came to Write The Otero County Disclosure

From fascination with the current global zeitgeist, UFOs, my wonderful big brother, to my professional experiences as a journalist and consultant... it's been one hell of a journey.

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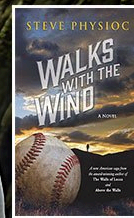
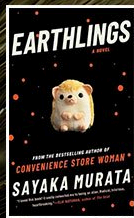
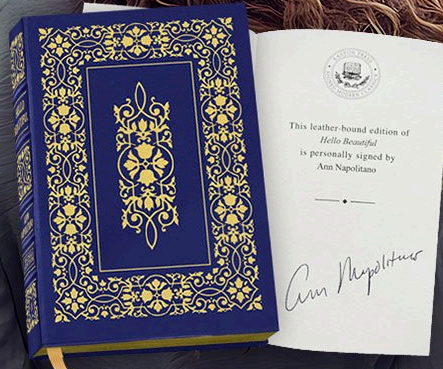
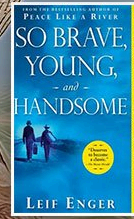
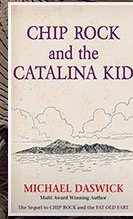
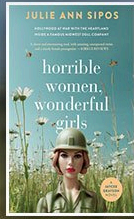
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