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BAY FOREST BOOKS

Compelling Stories • Gifted Storytellers

Discover the Brave New World of Cinematic Fiction.

Cinematic novels all have one thing in common – they all start with a great story. About real, vulnerable characters you can fall in love with.

Skillfully weave those elements together and an amazing thing happens. Readers aren't mere spectators anymore. They're participants who are emotionally invested in what happens next. That's when books become page-turners. And Bay Forest Books is in the business of delivering books you can't put down. Novels that are created for the big screen... as well as the theatre of your mind.

BOOKS LIKE...

- *Sudan*, the gripping saga of a Sudanese father's desperate struggle to save his kidnapped daughter.
- *The Disappearing Man*, the amazing true story of a slave who mailed himself to freedom.
- *Home Grown*, the chilling fact-blended-with-fiction tale of a small town newspaper editor's battle to save her community from dope-growers.

Each cinematic novel in the Bay Forest imprint is full to the brim of unforgettable characters. Bobo, the crazy grandmother who's been "going home at the end of the week" for five years. Or Bubba Jamison, who slits Rottweiler puppies' throats to make them silent killers in his marijuana fields.

It takes writers with enormous talent and honed skill to stitch stories and characters like these together. Bay Forest's writers are its greatest asset, gifted story-tellers with years of experience and a staggering wealth of imagination.

These writers charm and entertain readers. They make them laugh and cry. But one thing they don't do—they don't leave readers as they found them.

Come take the journey through the Bay Forest – it will remain with you forever.

Susan Blount
Acquisitions

Art Ayris
Publisher

Steve Blount
President

NEW RELEASES
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HOME GROWN

by Ninie Hammon

A tale of greed, corruption, kidnapping, murder – and grassroots justice.



February 2011

978-0-9799035-6-4

US \$14.99

Fiction based on a true story

When Sarabeth Bingham's father is murdered, she returns and takes over his small weekly newspaper. She discovers that marijuana-growing has corrupted her idyllic home town and she uses the newspaper to declare war on dope. The growers have to shut Sarabeth up. And dopers fight dirty.

MARKETING AND PROMOTION

- Social media marketing campaigns
- Targeted e-blasts to prospective buyers and influencers
- Author/book website with book trailer
- Author speaking tour and book signings
- Print advertising in book trade and consumer publications
- Exhibits at book trade shows nationally and internationally



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THE DISAPPEARING MAN

by Doug Peterson

Now you see him. Now you don't.

February 2011

978-1-936164-33-2

US \$14.99

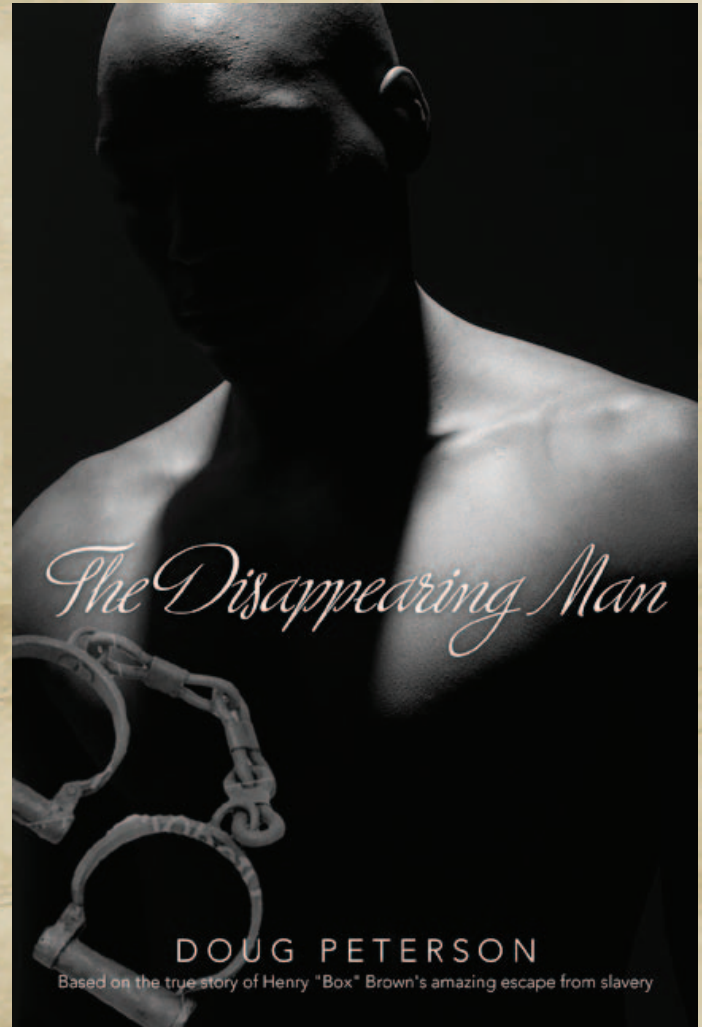
Fiction based on a true story

“Go and get a box and put yourself in it.” Those words would change the course of one man's life. Based on a true story, *The Disappearing Man* tells the tale of Henry Brown, a slave who was sealed inside a wooden box and mailed to freedom.

With his family split apart, Henry risked everything. He was shipped from Richmond to Philadelphia—a harrowing, 27-hour ordeal that shows the lengths one person will go for his family and his freedom. *The Disappearing Man* brings to light one of history's greatest escapes.

“Doug Peterson has rescued a compelling tale from the dusty attic of American history. This is a story that blends the enduring power of romantic, committed love with a fundamental devotion to freedom. I heartily recommend this book!

– Dr. William Sutton
University Laboratory High School
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



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Doug Peterson is the author of fifty-eight books, including forty-two for the popular Veggie Tales series. He is also the co-storywriter for the best-selling Veggie Tales video, *Larry-Boy and the Rumor Weed*, which sold over a million copies.

His book, *The Slobfather*, won the 2004 Gold Medallion Award for the best Christian preschool children's book of the year. Doug is the author of over 400 articles in 15 magazines and serves as a science writer at the University of Illinois.

He is currently writing his second cinematic novel for Bay Forest Books, a thriller from the Cold War entitled, *The Puzzle People*.



FIVE DAYS IN MAY

by Ninie Hammon

Life can change in an instant. Are you ready for what today may bring?



May 2011
978-1-936164-31-8
US \$14.99
Fiction

On May 11, 1963, a Category 5 tornado roars across the plains toward Graham, Oklahoma, and the lives of four people collide under circumstances none of them would ever have imagined.

Without warning, they find themselves in situations where their choices have eternal consequences and where the penalty for making a bad decision is death. All of them wage terrifying, desperate battles to survive and to save those they love. But they don't all succeed.

Who among them will live and who will die?

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THE TRIAL OF ALEX LORD

by Ray Blackston

The jury is out. But this time there may not be a verdict.

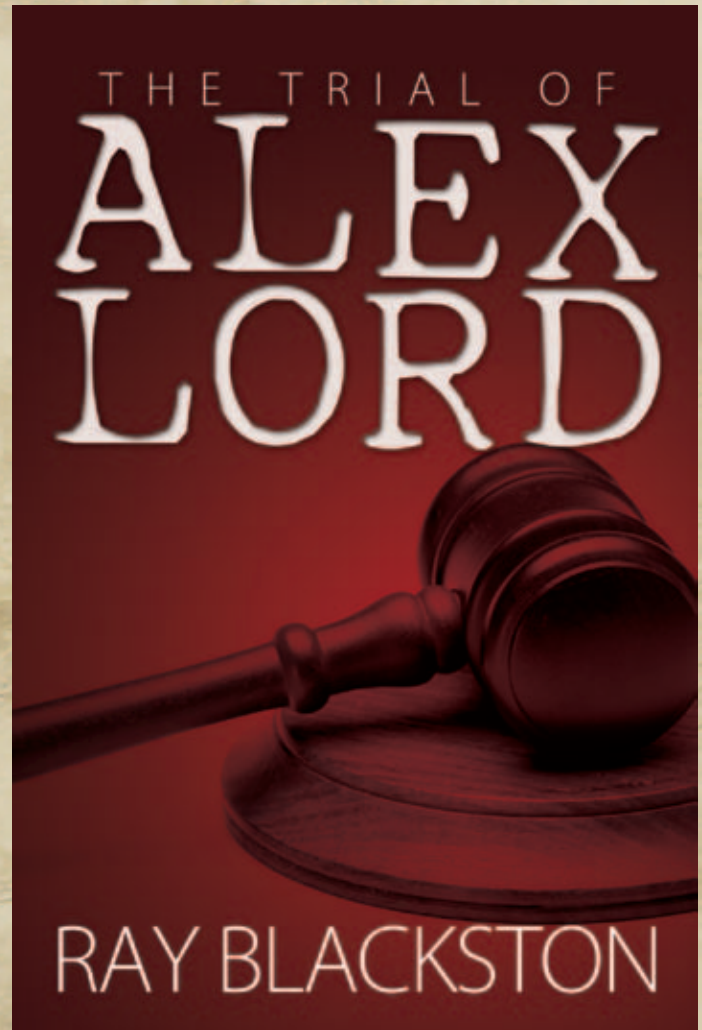
May 2011
978-1-936164-34-9
US \$14.99
Fiction/Legal Thriller

As Alex Lord turns 30, he seems to have all an ambitious young lawyer could want. He is a rising star at the largest law firm in Orlando, has a killer BMW, a beautiful house, and a gorgeous wife.

But as quickly as his life escalates, he starts getting threatening phone calls, his briefcase is stolen and his yard is vandalized. Who is sabotaging his life? And will he be able to save everything from being destroyed?

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Ray hails from Greenville, South Carolina where he worked as a buyer and broker for eleven years before cashing in his 401k and leaving his corporate cubicle to write full time. He is the author of six novels, including the quirky and comic *Flabbergasted*, which was shortlisted for a Christy Award, chosen as inspirational novel of the year by the Dallas Morning News and re-released by Revell in June 2010.

In *The Trial of Alex Lord* Blackston takes readers on a legal thrill ride through central Florida with the novelization of the award winning screenplay of the same name. The screenplay won the prestigious Scriptapalooza, one of the top writing contests in film, and was penned by central Florida appellate attorney Chris Carlyle.

Ray teaches writing at numerous conferences, is active in his church's mens ministry, and enjoys playing uncle to his nephews and nieces.



UPCOMING RELEASES

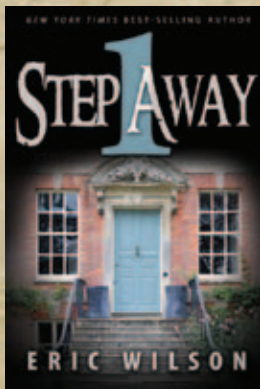
Coming Fall 2011 and Spring 2012

Introducing a new Bay Forest author... and his first book in the *By the Numbers* series



Bay Forest Books is proud to announce a Fall 2011 launch for the first book of the new *By the Numbers* series by New York Times best-selling author Eric Wilson. Eric has written 11 novels, including the Jerusalem Undead Trilogy, and has established himself as a master of the spiritual thriller. His novelization of the hit film *Fireproof* won a Gold Medallion Award for best Christian fiction of the year.

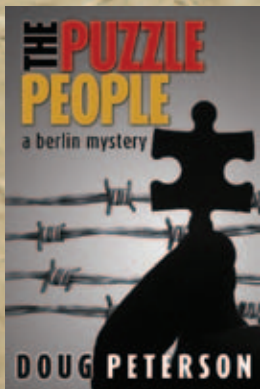
Eric has a gift for weaving spiritual realities into the extreme difficulties and challenges of real life characters. *One Step Away* is his first novel in the *By the Numbers* series for Bay Forest.



ONE STEP AWAY

Eric Wilson

One Step Away is his first novel in the *By the Numbers* series for Bay Forest. The Vreeland family has wallowed for years in financial difficulty. They've been responsible with the little they have been given, but always just one step away from success. Now their faith is about to be put to a different kind of test.



THE PUZZLE PEOPLE

Doug Peterson

In 2002 Kurt Hilst and Anna Robinson are assigned to begin piecing together documents found after the East German police began shredding documents after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. They encounter and follow two couples whose lives were changed forever by one of the most dramatic events in modern history in August 1961—the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall. They uncover a deeper story of a fragmented country, fragmented relationships, and of four people trying to put the pieces back together. *The Puzzle People* is a story of love, heroism, and the ultimate divide—murder.



BLACK SUNSHINE

Ninie Hammon

Will Givens was one of two survivors of the 1981 explosion that killed 52 Eastern Kentucky men in the Harlan #7 Coal Mine. But Will carries a terrible secret hidden from all about the tragedy that occurred *after* the explosion under Black Mountain. But when he comes home 20 years later to face his past, he tips a delicate balance that will result in a second disaster worse than the first. As his life entwines with a grandmother whose grief has imprisoned her, a beautiful young woman who carries a terrible secret of her own and a mentally handicapped boy who carves coal statues, he's unaware of the danger—or that the boy holds the key to it all. Will he figure that out before it's too late?

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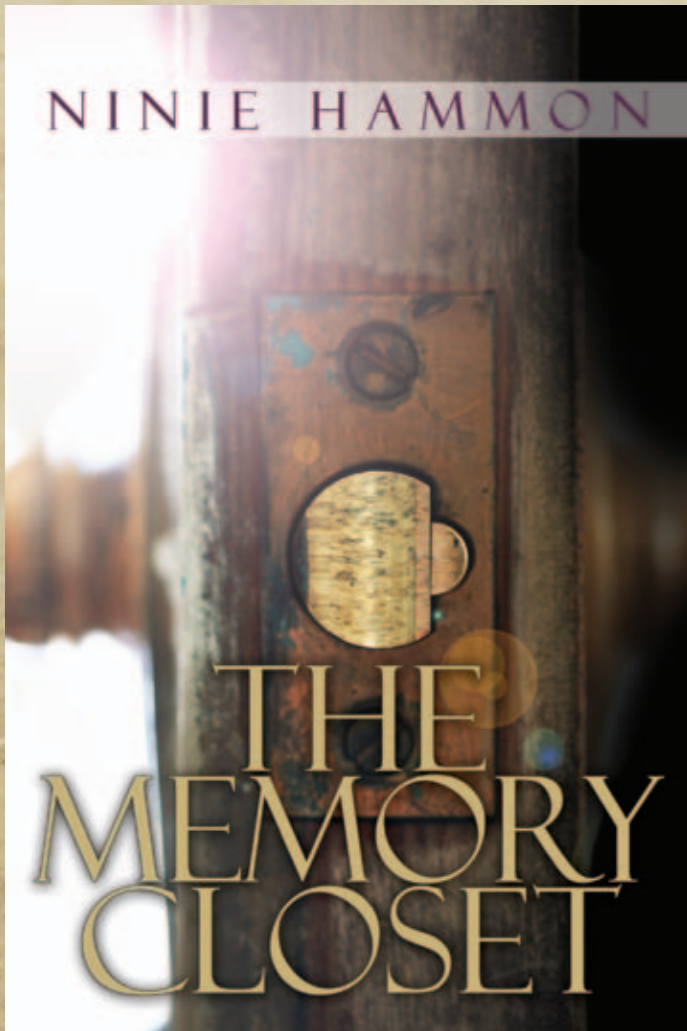


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THE MEMORY CLOSET

by Ninie Hammon

The cost of regaining her memories could be her sanity.



978-0-9799035-3-3

US \$14.99

In a rare lucid moment, Anne Mitchell's 84-year-old grandmother warns her to give up her quest to find her missing childhood.

"Don't go digging 'round in what's dead and buried, Annie, 'cause you can't un-know the truth. Once you see it, you'll have it in your head forever. And it'll haunt you—like it done your poor mama, haunt you 'til the day you die."

Something happened to Anne when she was 11 years old so horrible her mind erased the whole first decade of her life. Twenty-five years later, she has come home to Texas to live with her crazy grandmother in the rambling old house where she grew up—in a desperate effort to remember.

Unless she remembers, Anne will never understand the meaning of the anguished confession her mother choked out as she lay dying. And she will remain forever a slave to what she calls the "Boogie Man"—images from her lost childhood that appear unbidden in her paintings, stalk her dreams and lurk behind her reflection in mirrors, window panes and wine glasses.

But Anne doesn't know how expensive remembering will be. The cost of her memories could be her sanity. She might even have to pay for her childhood with her life.

READERS GIVE NINIE RAVE REVIEWS!

"If this woman wrote a grocery list I'd buy it!"

"When I start one of your books, I have to clear off my calendar because I'm not going to get any sleep until I finish it." — Randy



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SUDAN

by Art Ayris and Ninie Hammon

A modern day tale of slavery and redemption.

978-0-9799035-2-6
US \$14.99

Raiders attack a remote village, kidnap a simple Dinka farmer's beloved little girl, and carry her away into slavery, where she is starved, beaten and brutalized. Her father sacrifices all he has in a desperate attempt to get her back before her innocence is stolen from her. The odds are against him. So is the Sudanese government, bent on genocide.

"a story of convicting significance."

Governor Mike Huckabee, FOX
News Channel

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"I cannot tell you how deeply I loved reading *Sudan*! What an amazing piece of literature. Broke my heart and will be with me for a lifetime!" – Nancy

"I ordered all your books for myself and then several copies of each to give to friends. I'm reading *Home Grown* first, and I am totally enthralled with your ability to weave fact with fiction. Makes me want to go back and re-read all your newspaper stories and columns." – Donna



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