

# Dr. K's Book Club Newsletter

September 20th, 2023



*Greetings My Friends,*

*I am a storyteller and will share with you stories from the past, present, and future to come.*

*I like to experiment with many forms of writing such as short stories, flash fiction, and of course, novels.*

*Although my books are currently sweet contemporary romance, I will share with you different genres from historical fiction to science fiction, to mysteries, and much more.*

*I also like to share the works of other authors, particularly, when they offer free books for you to click on.*

*Join me for this journey,*

*Katherine*

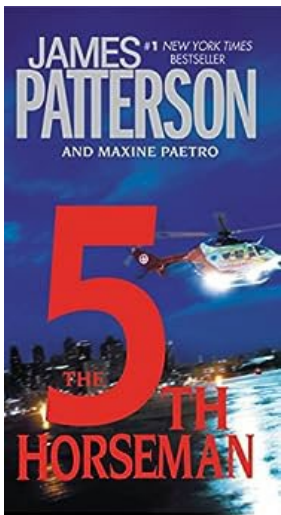
## The Author's Corner

### Books of the Month of September

**Four crime-solving friends face off against a killer in San Francisco in the Women's Murder Club novel that started James Patterson's thrilling series.**

[AMAZON](#)

Dare to face the most terrifying heights of suspense. From hospital murders to explosive court battles, the Women's Murder Club takes on their most harrowing challenge yet. It is a wild race against time as Lieutenant Lindsay Boxer and the newest member of the Women's Murder Club, attorney Yuki Castellano, lead an investigation into a string of mysterious patient deaths-and reveal a hospital administration determined to shield its reputation at all costs. And while the hospital wages an explosive court battle that grips the entire nation, the Women's Murder Club hunts for a merciless killer among its esteemed medical staff. With high-speed thrills and page-turning twists, The 5th Horseman proves once again that James Patterson "has mastered the art of writing" (Chicago Sun-Times).



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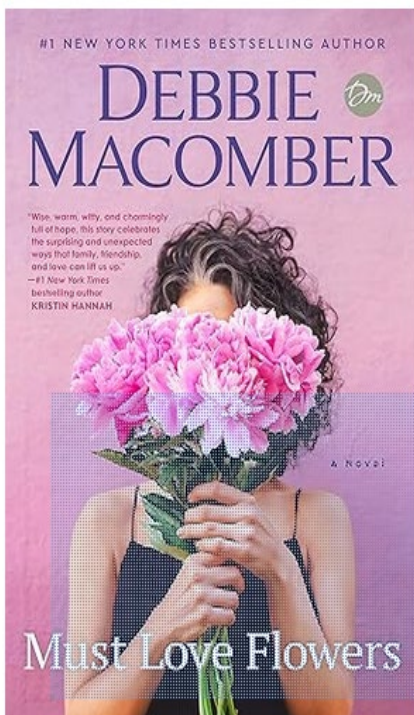


***Reeling from guilt and grief over a tragic loss, can an ambitious pilot earn the respect she craves?***

Propelled by grief and natural ambition, pilot Tris Miles is not content with her job as a First Officer for tiny Clear Sky Airlines. She wants to be a Captain--the only way she knows to prove her worth as a pilot and atone for a deadly mistake. To further her career, Tris accepts a prestigious job with Tetrax, Inc. But her dream of becoming pilot-in-command twists into a nightmare.

As the company's first woman pilot, she encounters resistance, marginalization, and harassment on a daily basis. Fortunately, Tris has one thing her co-workers can't deny--skill. In the skies over Europe, Tris, her passengers, and crew are in real danger. Will Tris lead the airplane to a safe landing?

[BUY FROM BARNES AND NOBLE](#)



**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • Two women at different stages of life find themselves on a journey of renewal after undergoing hardships in this uplifting novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Debbie Macomber.

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“Wise, warm, witty, and charmingly full of hope, this story celebrates the surprising and unexpected ways that family, friendship, and love can lift us up.”—Kristin Hannah, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Four Winds*

Joan Sample is not living the life she expected. Now a widow and an empty nester, she has become by her own admission something of a recluse. But after another birthday spent alone, she is finally inclined to listen to her sister, who has been begging Joan to reengage with the world. With Emmie's support, Joan gathers the courage to take some long-awaited steps: hiring someone to tame her overgrown garden, joining a grief support group, and even renting out a room to a local college student. Before long Joan is starting to feel a little like herself again.

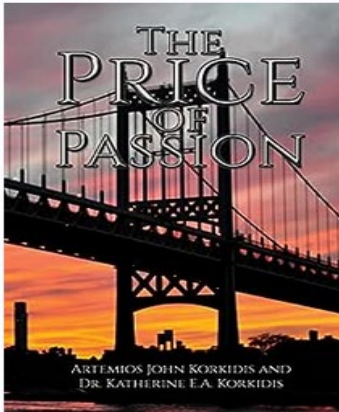
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## New Events and Happenings

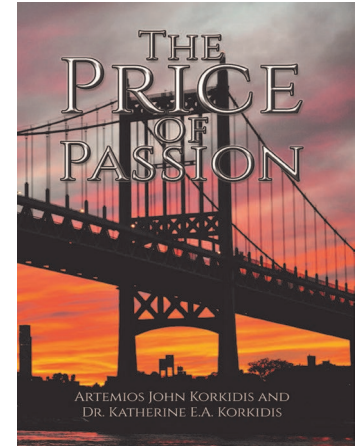
### 2023 Global Book Awards



Category:  
Romance - Contemporary



Book title: **The Price of Passion**  
Name of author: **Artemios Korkidis and Dr. Katherine E.A. Korkidis**  
View in Amazon: 



**The Price of Passion** is the story of two people in what should be a trusting and meaningful relationship. However, this is a tragedy in every sense of the word. A dysfunctional marriage leads to the destruction of a family. Jealousy and an excessive need for control lead to both madness and murder. The story is told from the perspectives of both spouses to help the reader understand human weaknesses and behaviors. Both protagonists suffer greatly but are ultimately unable to change their tragic character flaws. Available on all platforms including [Goodreads](#) and [Bookbub](#).



Sol Tyler

What a catchy tale

June 14, 2023

#### Verified Purchase

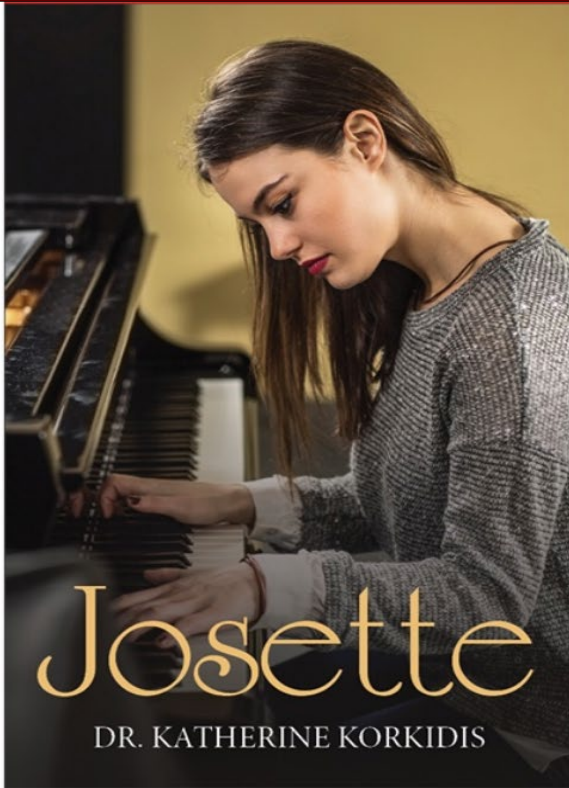
The Price of Passion by Korkidis is a book full of upside-downs that act as the beating heart of the story. This captivating tale sweeps readers away into a world of tragedies, in every sense of the word.

In my opinion, this book offers an immersive experience that leaves romance aside and fills that space with other strong themes, such as jealousy and the destruction of relationships and families, among others. These have been woven together in an intelligent way.

The characters are finely drawn, each with their own complexities, quirks, and vulnerabilities. Their personal journeys and the evolution of their relationships are portrayed with authenticity, allowing readers to become emotionally invested in their fates.



### Won The Silver Medal for Best Clean and Wholesome Romance!!!



"Josette"  
by Katherine Korkidis

#### Can Josette Find him in Time?

A sweet Contemporary Romance

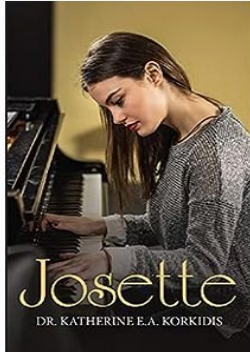
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The story begins with Josette at the age of 25 years old. She has just returned from a successful classical piano world tour. Attempting to capture the ghosts of her past she returns to her childhood home. She is haunted by the images of Daniel, her first love that stole her heart. She hears a voice and realizes it is Daniel calling her. The urgency in his voice compels her to find him. Will she find him in time?


[C.E](#)

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) [Onto book 2. Amazing!](#)

Reviewed in the United States on April 21, 2023  
The characters are well-developed and endearing, and the writing is both engaging and easy to read. I found myself rooting for Daniel from the very beginning and was not disappointed with the satisfying ending. I highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a charming and uplifting love story.




**Category:**  
Romance - Clean & Wholesome

 **SILVER MEDAL**

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Book title: **Josette**

Name of author: **Dr. Katherine E.A. Korkidis**

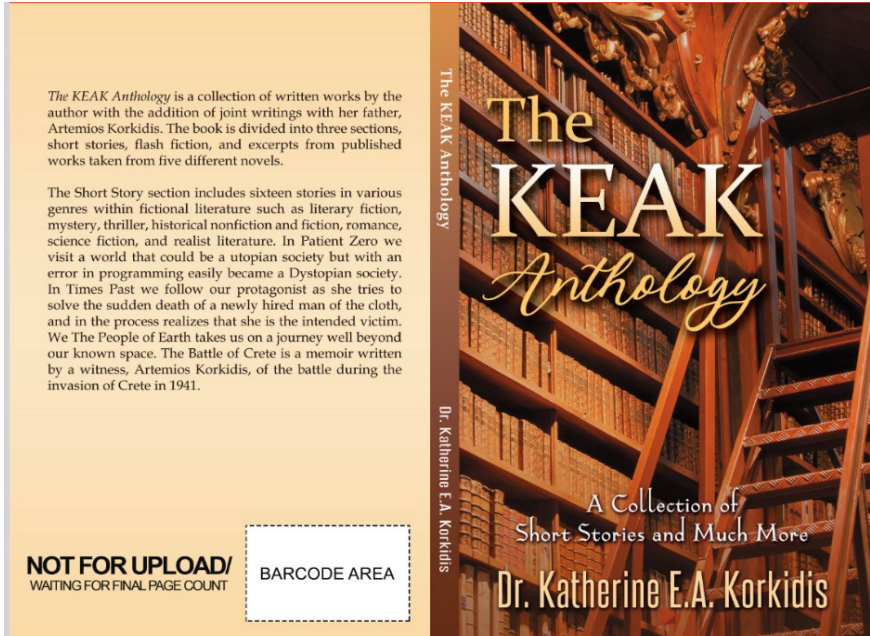
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## Available Now On All Platforms- The KEAK Anthology



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[Apple Books](#)

[Kobo](#)

[Goodreads](#)

[Book Bub](#)

### The KEAK Anthology Short

A Small Collection of Short Stories



By Dr. Katherine E.A. Korkidis

The KEAK Anthology Short is collection of written works by the author with the addition of joint writings with her father, Artemios Korkidis. The Short Story section includes six stories in various genres within fictional literature such as literary fiction, mystery, thriller, historical nonfiction and fiction, romance, science fiction, and realist literature.

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## CHECK IT OUT - MY FIRST REVIEWS OF THE KEAK ANTHOLOGY –

**5.0 out of 5 stars A Rich Tapestry of Stories**  
**Flavio B.**

Reviewed in the United States on September 7, 2023

The writing in this book is constantly of great quality, with each author exhibiting skill and imagination. The stories are well-crafted, interesting, and frequently leave an indelible impression. The authors' ability to arouse emotions and encourage thought is evident throughout the book, from tales of love and grief to speculative trips into the unknown.

Other creative works, such as poetry and artwork, are included to lend dimension to the collection. These extra components give readers a more complete aesthetic experience and highlight the different talents of the KEAK community. They supplement the stories and add to the anthology's overall richness.

[Available on Amazon](#)



[Chickers](#)

[5.0 out of 5 stars A wonderful collection](#)

Reviewed in the United States on September 9, 2023

I really enjoyed the diversity in this anthology! the stories are well written, interesting, and relevant! A worthy read!

[Ksenia](#)

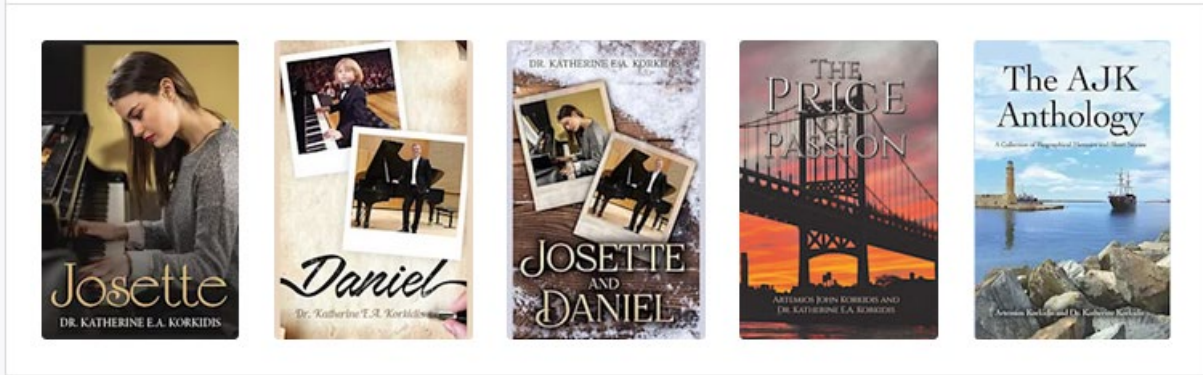
[5.0 out of 5 stars Captivating](#)

Reviewed in Germany on 7 September 2023

Literary gem that offers readers a diverse and captivating collection of written works by the talented author, including collaborative pieces with her father, Artemios Korkidis. Divided into three sections—short stories, flash fiction, and excerpts from published novels—the anthology showcases the author's versatility and storytelling prowess across a wide range of genres.

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Check Out the Books Page on [katherinekorkidisauthor.com](http://katherinekorkidisauthor.com)

## ***Coming Soon to Amazon, etc. - The KEAK Anthology***

### **Times Past**

**(Except from The KEAK Anthology)**

**Dr. Katherine E.A. Korkidis**

#### ***Flaming ambers in the night glowing with a ghostly light.***

It was a cold and dreary night, and she could feel the coldness of the night surround her body and enfold her soul. She walked slowly to the door compelled by some unknown force and flung it open, silently praying that only the night lies beyond her doorstep. There in the shadows stood a man or was he a man. The wind howled wildly through the trees, and as the branches gave way to their invader, the form began to move towards her. Her body and her will were paralyzed. She stood awaiting what was to come. From the darkness emerged two large, dark hypnotic eyes. As they stared deeply into hers, she could feel her soul burning with a fear beyond description. Yet within the bounds of her fear, a sense of compassion and understanding for this stranger began to take form. As the fear slowly subsided, she stared at the man who now stood steadfastly before her. His eyes were mirrors reflecting the brilliance of the moon, burning brightly as two flames in the night. The fire within his eyes seemed dangerously close, almost totally encompassing her, yet she stood there motionless intrigued by their beauty and longing for their warmth. He extended his hand at the moment she extended hers, almost as if their minds were one, and now the bridge to their souls was complete. And as if they were one, nature too seemed to respond to their peaceful embrace. Yet with the dying of the howling wind, came a sound more frightening and disturbing than ever before. For it was now that the cries from the village could be heard. She felt her arms relax and as she looked up the man was gone. Could she had imagined this beautiful moment? Who was this man? Could he somehow be the source of these horrific cries? As the cries grew louder and closer, she could not ignore them any longer. Her thoughts were interrupted by a loud banging on her door.

**[Read more....](#)**

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**Books You Might Like, Check Out the links below-**

## [Sweet September](#)



## [Falling in Love](#)



## [Check Out My Author's Interview](#)

**Interviewed by Diane Sperlazzi Guest: Dr. Katherine E.A. Korkidis**

**Topic: The Writings of Dr. Katherine E. A. Korkidis**

**Recording LIVE! Wednesday 7/13/22 from 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM ET on Blogtalkradio**



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## Romance For Reviews



## Dangerous Affairs

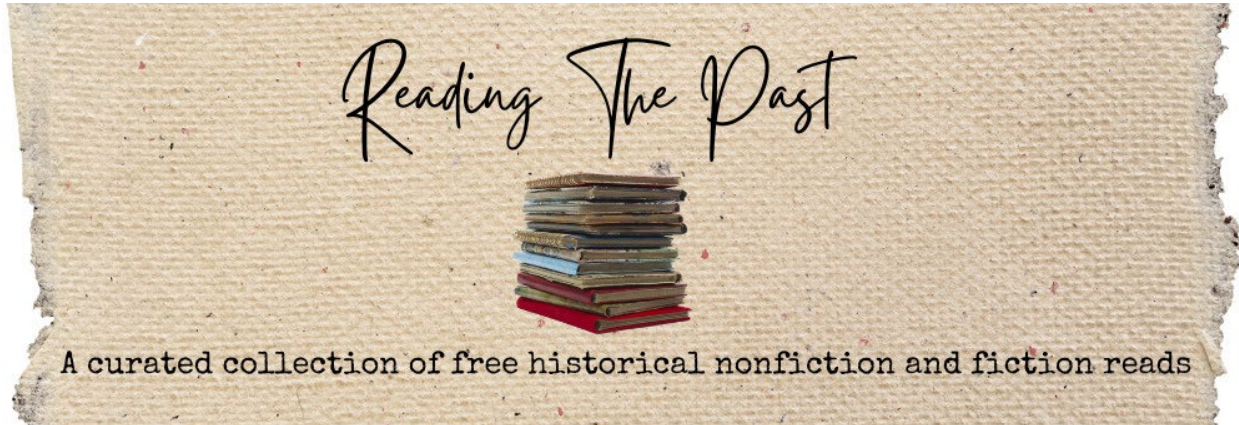


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## Reading The Past



## Free books Giveaways

### Cupid's Library

Cupid's Library  
FREE ROMANTIC READS





## Free books Giveaways

### Clean Romance



Exciting news! I would like to let you know that a giveaway for a book on Goodreads has just begun.

**[Enter the Giveaway](#)**

What are giveaways?

Giveaways are free books sponsored by authors and publishers for readers like you. There are hundreds of giveaways running on Goodreads right now. Enter as many as you like! Winners are chosen at random.

Best of luck!  
The Goodreads Team



The Perfect Holiday: A 2-in-1 Collection: That Wintry Feeling and Thanksgiving Prayer  
by Debbie Macomber



*Dr. K's Garden*

## How to Harvest Tomatoes



Your hard work and patience are about to pay off and your tomato vines are loaded with big, plump tomatoes! Visions of BLTs, caprese salad ([recipe at the end of this article](#)), and fresh salsa dance in your head and you just can't wait to pick them. *So how do you know when the right harvest time is?*

Unlike other veggies (i.e. peppers or cukes), tomatoes do not improve when left on the vine too long. Even picking a day early is better than waiting for that perfect moment. After all this isn't a grocery store . . . you have complete control over when you pick your precious tomatoes. Here's a few tips to make it perfect.

1. Tomatoes continue to ripen after picking (thank you Ethylene gas). Release of this gas is what turns the tomato from green to yellow, red, or orange. Store bought tomatoes are typically picked at the mature green stage and let to ripen in transit, but this does result in some loss of flavor and texture.

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2. As your tomatoes ripen, watch the color. A pinkish blush will start on the bottom and work its way over the top of the fruit. Once fully red (or yellow, orange, or pink depending on variety) and very slightly soft to the touch, you can harvest. See below for a handy color chart from the USDA. **Exception to this rule:** Heirloom varieties should be picked before they reach the “full color” stage. Pick when the bottom of the fruit has fully changed but the stem end still has flecks of green and the fruit is slightly soft to the touch. Let ripen the rest of the way on your kitchen counter. *A handy hint: fully ripe tomatoes will sink in water.*
3. If you have tomatoes on the vine at the end of the season when a freeze is imminent, pick them all and store in a brown paper bag with a banana peel or two. The released ethylene gas will continue the ripening process.



4. To pick without damaging the rest of the vine, gently grab the tomato with one hand and twist until the stalk breaks away from the plant. Do not pull straight up or out as this could dislodge the whole plant. If you’re growing indeterminate varieties (those that produce all season long), be careful not to knock off baby tomatoes or new blossoms.

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5. Gently wash and dry the fruit and store indoors and out of direct sunlight. **Do not store tomatoes in the refrigerator!**

**Cooking hint:** to easily remove the skin for making sauces or salsa, cut out the core and make a small X on the blossom end. Submerge in boiling water for about 30 seconds or until you see the skin start to split. Remove with a slotted spoon and submerge into ice water to stop the cooking. The skins will practically fall right off.





**Caprese Salad (Insalata Caprese)**



Everyone has a version of this, and I offer this up with complete deference to out there who make it slightly differently (with uncut leaves; with a balsamic reduction; without balsamic at all; with only Romas; etc.). All I know is my kids gobble this up and ask for more so that works for me. And here's a chef's bonus: you barely need to measure anything; it's easy to adjust to taste; you can make it fancy for presentation (like shown here); or skewer small cherry tomatoes, mozzarella balls, and whole basil leaves for a fun appetizer; or just chunk everything up and serve in a large bowl (which is delish on thick slices of French bread and under the broiler for a couple minutes). Enjoy!

***Ingredients:***

Lots of fresh tomatoes (any variety or a combo of what's ripe). Thickly sliced or chunked up.

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Fresh mozzarella (ONLY fresh mozzarella!!). Plan on about 4 ounces per large tomato. Thickly sliced or chunked up.

Big bunches of basil. Plan on about  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup chopped per large tomato (but you can never have too much basil!). Roughly chop but save a few whole leaves for garnish.

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup extra virgin olive oil

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup plus a little extra balsamic vinegar

Sea salt

## ***Directions:***

Alternately layer slices of tomatoes and mozzarella (or combine chunks in a large bowl). Whisk olive oil, balsamic vinegar, and salt until combined and drizzle over tomatoes and cheese. Sprinkle with chopped basil and garnish with whole leaves. Let sit for about 15 to 30 minutes – do not refrigerate!! Serve with thick slices of bread and watch it disappear.





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## Dr. K's Blog

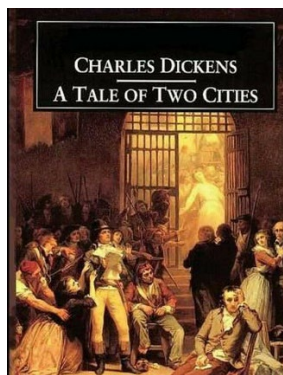
### Can reading a particular book influence our life decisions?

I can unequivocally say, yes. The first book that influenced my life was written by Charles Dickens, *The Tale of Two Cities*. I read it when I was 12 years old and decided that one day, I would like to write a book that describes our society with such intensity and detail. The opening lines define a time and place that could be here and now.

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way—in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.”

I was particularly taken aback by the sacrifice of Sydney Carton. He lived a rather selfish and many could say useless life. Yet in the end he became the hero. To offer a better life to **Charles Darnay** he takes his place at the guillotine. His parting thoughts are indeed provoking and offer redemption to all of us.

“It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known.”



### The Influence of A Book by Hannah Loewentheil (a few selections)

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“After I Read It, It Took Me Two Weeks To Fully Recover”: People Are Sharing Books That Have Genuinely Changed Their Lives.