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Welcome to the fourth edition of Hodge Podge magazine! (Do to family issues, there was no 3rd, or summer, edition.)

We hope that you enjoy the poetry, short stories, interviews, reviews, artwork and photography contained herein, and hope that you'll keep submitting your work to us.

Hodge Podge is a mesh of all things done creatively; a chance to see your work in print, or just add your name to something that will eventually become a respected and enjoyable magazine.

On a personal note, there is a section in this issue dedicated to the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, since his passing earlier this year.

In closing, thank you so much for reading, and, as always, take care.

Adie Bishop

Adie Bishop, Editor

**Sorry, no ads
in this
magazine!**



Book Reviews

"Sexual" yet sophisticated ... explores why people seem to be "loose." -dill

Loose
Girl

a memoir of promiscuity

LOOSE GIRL by Kerry Cohen



Imagine if you were *that* girl. The one who gives it away so easily. Boys know you're a sure thing. Girls talk about you behind your back. You're loose, and you know it.

But perhaps there's something more.

Perhaps you're loose to fill the void within yourself. Perhaps your mother doesn't pay you much attention (or she pays you too much). Perhaps your father isn't around (or doesn't care). You'll get love any way you can, and to you, love is sex. So you give it away, hoping to get it in return. But you never do.

So why can't you stop?

Find out in Kerry Cohen's book, LOOSE GIRL.

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(reviewed by Adie Bishop)

Author Biographies



Adie Bishop was born April Coleman in Raleigh County, West Virginia. Born weighing only one pound, eleven ounces, Adie is one of the last of her generation to have been diagnosed with retrolental fibroplasias (ROP, retinopathy of prematurity), and due to such had her right eye enucleated at one and a half years of age. Unknown to most, she is legally blind and unable to drive.

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She attended Concord College (now Concord University) in Athens, West Virginia, studying English Literature with an emphasis on writing, and art. She left Concord, got married, divorced and bought her own home, and then remarried. She currently resides in Fort Knox, Kentucky with her husband, a Captain in the U.S. Army, their daughter, her mother-in-law, and four spoiled cats.

A bit of everything...

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1958 - 2009

Michael Jackson

29 Miles (by Adie Bishop)

29 miles to home
 Winding roads, double line
 Wind blowing, feeling fine
 And then I won't be alone.

20 miles to home
 Radio blaring, driving fast
 Soon will be there at last
 And then I won't be alone.

15 miles to home
 Figuring time, estimating arrival
 Silence now, for survival
 And then I won't be alone.

10 miles to home
 Religion sounding, heart pounding
 Storm clouds surrounding
 And then I won't be alone.

5 miles to home
 Holding on, slipping away
 Out of gas, walking the way
 And then I won't be alone.

1 mile to home
 Almost there, it's in sight
 Feet walk along, forget the fright
 And then I won't be alone.

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member of the Romance Writers of America.

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How far would you go for love?

Tina has her life planned out down to the letter: Go to college, start a career, have a life. Falling in love with an attractive lead singer of a rock band was never part of the plan.

Until now.

Noah Bitte is the lead singer for the prominent rock band Azrael's Candy. Hot on the music scene, it seems there's no place to go but up for this talented musician. When the band suddenly explodes onto the music scene, Noah and Tina are thrown headfirst into a world of fortune and fame. It's a roller coaster ride of sex, drugs, and rock and roll, and while Noah is trapped in the front seat, his wife and baby girl are left to stand afar and watch the derailment.

Can love save them before it's too late, or is there a limit to how far love can go?

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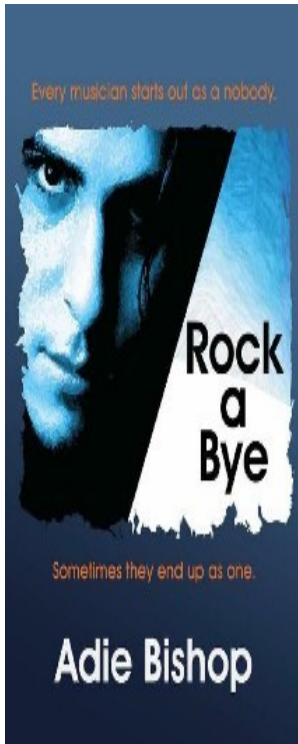
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Rock A Bye Book Release: 10-17-09



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ROCK A BYE

Fort Knox Woman Signs Publishing Contract

Fort Knox, KY (August 18, 2009)---Adie Bishop has made a hobby of writing since she was a young child. She has previously published four books, a poetry collection titled *Search 26*, a short story anthology titled *Tie Rose...and Other Works*, a novelette titled *Dancing with Strangers*, and another novelette, titled *Eros* (available free on her myspace blog).

Now comes her fifth (publicly available) book and first novella, titled *Rock A Bye*, which is being published by the publishing company PublishAmerica and will be available in book stores near you on October 17, 2009.

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My Depression (by Adie Bishop)

Fat, ugly, feel that way, hate the way I look
 Story of my life, but can't write the book
 Convoluted, upside down, can't seem to smile
 Doesn't make me feel good to know it's not worth while

Wait for mail, for this and that, for calls that never come
 Most of the time I just feel like, 'I quit,' 'I'm done.'
 Can't believe I feel this way even after all these years
 Seems a million miles ago, seems a million tears

Yet, here I am, still the same, not unlike the last
 Wondering, pondering, over a broken past
 Need help, need to talk, but can't say a word
 Screaming inside my head, but can't be heard...

Special: Remembering the King of Pop, Michael Jackson

"Few celebrities' lives (and deaths) are epic. Elvis Presley. Marilyn Monroe. Princess Diana. Michael Jackson.

Few entertainers have entertained us the way Michael has. Few musicians' music has touched us and inspired us the way Michael's has.

He will live on in our hearts forever, and his music will continue to inspire countless millions around the world.

May he finally rest in peace. "

~Adie Bishop



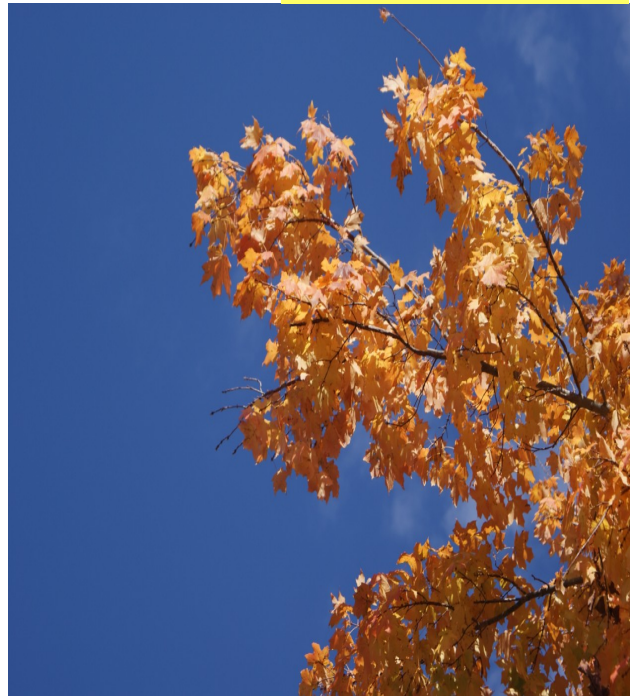
"Well, His death has me completely in awe. I am sad and can't stop crying. I still can't believe it. My Mother just gave me his "Thriller" doll (unopened) about 3 weeks ago. This entire tragedy has made me feel hopeless. Michael wanted to do so much for humanity, he was such a fragile, loving person. As Liz Taylor passed out...well so did I. I needn't any recognition in your magazine but I wanted to let you know how much Michael affected me, watching the Jackson 5 cartoons. I am stunned and heart broken that Michael was so sad and held it inside, albeit his close ones knew.

If you really loved Michael, He will come see you in your dreams. Hold tight to those memories. Michael is and always be the "King of Pop". I miss him so. May his family find comfort in all that Michael achieved for the love of human society. "

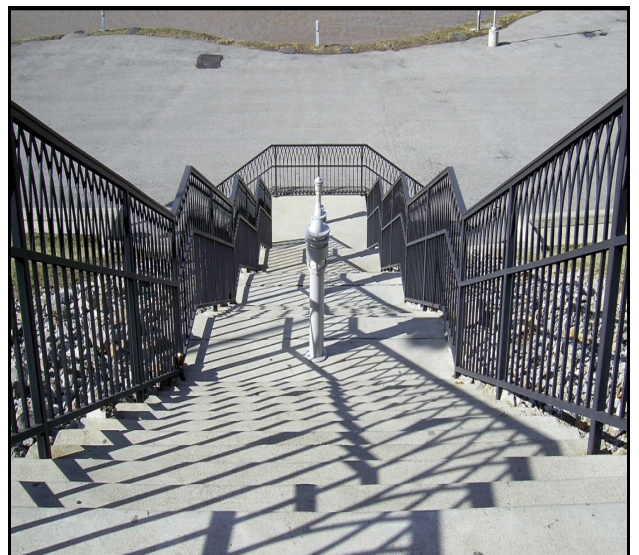
Sandra Marie Anne

P.S. Thank you for asking.

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Three to Go (by Adie Bishop)

From the Writer's Digest Prompt: "Your friend tells you he can pick up any girl at the bar, no matter what he says. You bet him \$100 he can't. Create the world's worst pick up line and send your friend off into the crowd. What happens?"

(<http://forum.writersdigest.com/forums/thread-view.asp?tid=25828>)

Three to Go

"I'm telling you, I can say *anything*, and get her to go home with me."

"And I'm telling you that you're full of shit."

"Oh yeah? Wanna put your money where your mouth is?"

Brad thought a minute. "Okay, wiseass, I tell you what. You see that blonde over there?" Brad pointed to her, legs for days, hair long and lustrous, a smile to end the world. Tony nodded.

"I'll lay you a hundred that you can't get her to go home with you."

Tony extended his hand, and Brad shook it. "You've got a deal," and he guzzled his beer and made his way toward the woman.

"Excuse me, but you've got three minutes to go home with me."

The woman stared at him. "What?"

"You've got three minutes to go home with me." He paused.

"I'm dying, you see, and if you say no, it'll break my heart."

The woman laughed, and Tony frowned, grasped his chest, and began faking a heart attack.

Finally, the woman agreed. "Okay, okay, God, just don't die!"

They headed for the door, but were stopped by the bartender.

"What's going on here?"

"He told me I had three minutes to go home with him or else he'd die."

The bartender looked at the woman, who just so happened to be his girlfriend. He pulled her aside and stared at Tony, crossed his arms. "And you've got three seconds to get the hell outta here before I throw you out."

Tony headed out the door alone as Brad laughed, turned his attention back to the big screen TV, patted his wallet in his pants pocket, and smiled.

A bit of everything...



Like a comet
Blazing 'cross the evening sky
Gone too soon

Like a rainbow
Fading in the twinkling of an eye
Gone too soon

Shiny and sparkly
And splendidly bright
Here one day
Gone one night

Like the loss of sunlight
On a cloudy afternoon
Gone too soon

Like a castle
Built upon a sandy beach
Gone too soon

Like a perfect flower
That is just beyond your reach
Gone too soon

Born to amuse, to inspire, to delight
Here one day
Gone one night

Like a sunset
Dying with the rising of the moon
Gone too soon
Gone too soon

Michael Joseph Jackson

1958-2009



RIP

A bit of everything...

Bio: Jerry Markham



Jerry Markham was born in Dallas, Texas, on December 22, 1972. He learned to play keyboard at the age of eight.

He drew his musical influences from Howard Jones and bands like Genesis and Information Society.

Jerry's works include: Step Into These Shoes - A Tribute to Howard Jones (1998); Calibrate (2001); Big Deal (2006); Underground to Camden Town/Future Music UK Edition October Issue (2007); Rock A Bye: The Soundtrack (2008); and his works have also been featured on the Podsafe Music Network. Jerry was also the keyboard player for Group Therapy (www.grouptherapy.com) for a while, and now continues to write and record his own music.

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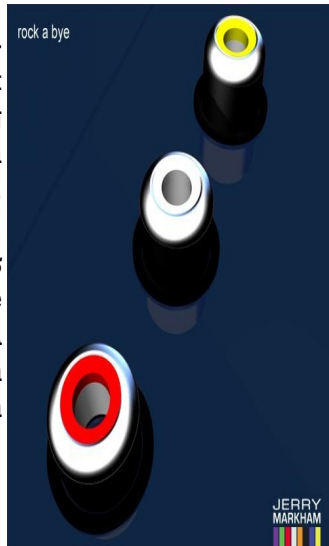
www.jerrymarkhamart.com

Rock A Bye—Jerry Markham

When I first asked Jerry to compile the soundtrack for my book ROCK A BYE, I wasn't expecting the end result to be an album that's both eclectic and haunting.

From the cool sounds of *Music Is My Mistress* to the haunting tune of *Chaos* and *Koinonia*, ROCK A BYE: THE SOUNDTRACK is an album that no Jerry Markham fan should be without.

***** stars



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CD Reviews

big deal

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