# ERIKA M SZABO

# Author Artist Publisher

## I'm a writer because when everyone said I shouldn't waste my time, I refused to quit.

"The writing bug bit me on a rainy afternoon when I couldn't find any new book to read. My daughter had enough of my moping around and snapped at me, "Mom, stop whining! If you haven't a book to read, then write one." Her challenge shocked me, but I started playing with the idea and I've been writing stories, that I like to read, ever since."

Erika loves to dance to her own tunes and follow her dreams, introduces her story writing skills and her books that are based on creative imagination with themes such as alternate history, urban fantasy, cozy mystery, sweet romance and supernatural stories. Her children's stories are informative, educational, and deliver moral values in a non-preachy way.

"I followed my dream to become a writer. As an artist, I paint pretty pictures with my brushes, and as a writer, I paint vivid pictures with my words."



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We often say that our muse talk to us or inspire us. I don't think I have a muse, but my imagination takes me to magical places.

Sometimes months fly by and I don't write a word and then suddenly, something triggers my imagination, and the thoughts, actions, and feelings start to flow almost non-stop until I finish the story.

The best I can describe my writing method is that it's like a string of pearls. If I catch the first pearl on the string and start writing, the sentences lead me to the next pearl and then to the next, until the story is complete.

I don't plan or outline the story in my mind, or like many authors do, write notes. I either don't write because nothing triggered the flow, or write non-stop until I'm, done.

## My published books

#### Fiction novels & novellas by Erika M Szabo



### Children's books & audiobooks by Erika M Szabo



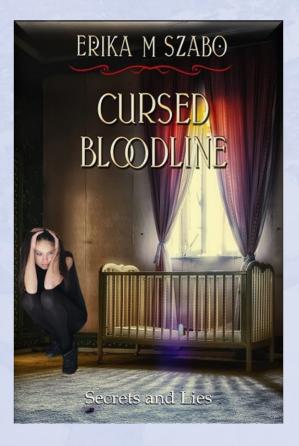
### Alternate history, epic fantasy series



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I wanted to write a story that I would enjoy reading, and I asked myself. What if there is a secret society with strict rules and laws that exist hidden among us? What if certain members come to possess magical powers? What if those abilities could be used to do good as well as evil? After being thrust into a world of clan mysteries, obscure traditions, and beliefs, Ilona's life is drastically changing. They travel back in time to when their people lived as nomads and to the castles of the 14<sup>th</sup> century as they struggle to overcome the obstacles placed in their path.





Dark family secrets separated Sofia and Daniel when they were children, but fate brought them together years later.

When Sofia's brother finds a leather book in his grandmother's secret room that was written in 426 by a shaman, dark memories of their childhood start to surface. Could they find the way to break the ancient curse? .

### **Historical fantasy novella**



# BLC LINE

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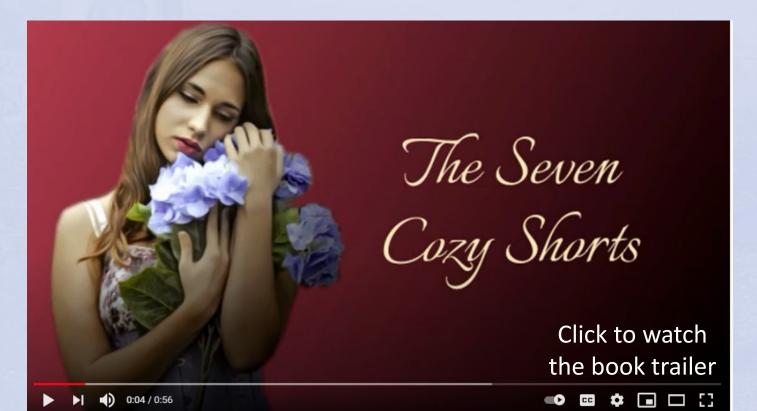


A collection of Magic Mystery Ghost Fate Love Deceit Omen

A story for every day of the week: Ghost: she breaks his curse. Omen: when the Raven calls. Deceit: dangerous love potion. Magic: broken hearts unite. Mystery: painting of a Musketeer. Fate: soulmates across timelines. Love: conquers misery and fear.

The 7 books included in this collection are also available separately on the following pages.

### EBOOK PRINT





Caleb lost his soulmate, Valerie. Could it be possible to find her in a parallel universe?

If his father succeeds to open the portal, will he find the same person in the alternate universe or a stranger? How far is he willing to go in finding the happiness he lost?

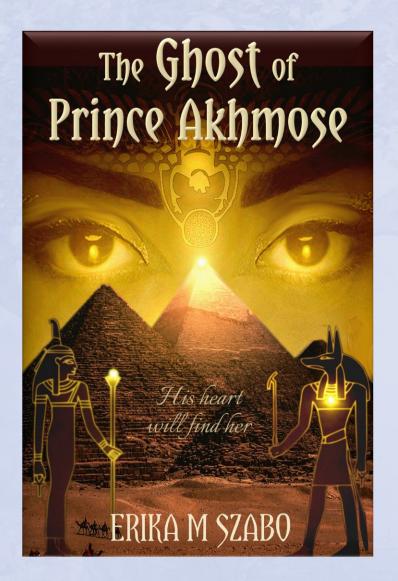
Will Caleb find his soulmate?

### A romantic sci-fi, dystopian novelette





### New release, historical fantasy novella



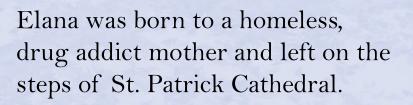


<u>EBOOK</u>

### LARGE PRINT

A powerful curse cast thousands of years ago by the Grand Vizier. Tanakhmet cursed Prince Akhmose to never enter the Field of Reeds, the heavenly paradise. Why did he want him to linger as a restless ghost among the living, forever?

By reading the hieroglyphs, Layla, a young Egyptologist, inadvertently breaks the curse and frees the ghosts of both Prince Akhmose and the Grand Vizier whose thirst for revenge is stronger than ever. With Layla's help, can Prince Akhmose finally cross into the afterlife? Or perhaps, because of the charms of the mortal woman, he doesn't want to... BITTERSWEET MEMORIES



Moving from one foster home to another, her life was a revolving door of shattered hopes and disappointments. Until she met Luca.

Allowing them only a short time of happiness, cruel fate tore them apart.

Will they meet again?

### Sweet romance novelette

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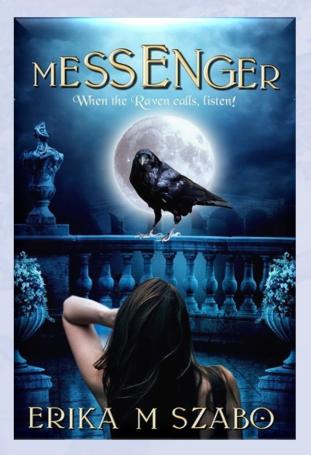
Danielle's life spins out of control when the snobbish new owner of the Couture mansion brings a seemingly worthless painting into her antique shop.

The ownership of the painting is questionable, and the town's future is threatened by the plans of the ruthless, rich owner. An unexpected visitor arrives, and he may possess the much-needed solution to everyone's problems.

### Cozy mystery novelette







Lauren has everything she'd ever wished for. Great career, financial security, loving husband, and devoted friends.

When her Raven spirit guide warns her of impending danger and after a brutal attack and the Raven's repeated warnings, she knows her life is in danger. Who wants her dead and why?

### **Cozy supernatural novelette**



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### YA supernatural fantasy

A love potion made with haste out of jealousy puts Dorian into a comalike state. A rare orchid that blooms only once a year could save his life, but the precious flowers are fiercely guarded by Liam and his werewolf pack. The acolytes of the coven are forbidden to enter the forest and the young apprentices volunteer to make the journey that will test their loyalty and courage.

### **Unconventional family life**

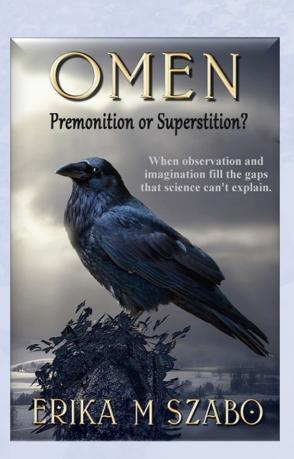
People are not perfect, and we all come with baggage. We can live a happy life or create a chaotic life. It all depends on the choices we make.

I wrote this short story remembering all the seemingly perfect families I've met in my life.

They show a picture perfect-family life but hide the struggles, heartache, compromises, and sacrifices they made to get there.



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### A journal

When observation and imagination fill the gaps that science can't explain. Most of the perceived omens remain unexplainable myths, but others... you decide.

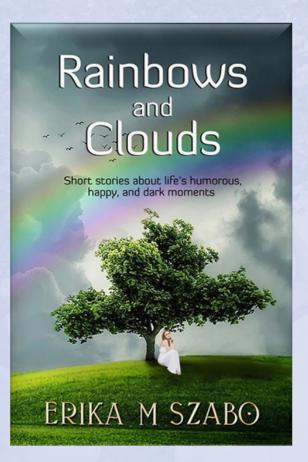
It's believed that crows are a symbol of bad luck and death. In this short journal I reveal some of my observations about knowing a crow family for decades, and I also share a great memory of watching and raising a litter of orphaned fox pups.



# MEN Premonition or Superstition?

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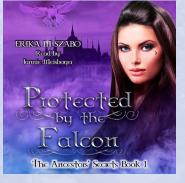
Short story collection Enjoy the collection of heartwarming animal stories, fun anecdotes from the author's nursing years and about friends, and slice-of-life tales about family lives and love that evoke a wide range of emotions.

In fond memory of the furry friends in my life, the proceeds are donated to animal sanctuaries





### Audiobooks









# Audiobooks are available on APPLE, AUDIBLE, and AMAZON











The Power of

The Sapphire Wand







# MORE



### Heroic fantasy for children 8-14 Nikki and her impish cousin, Jack, find a mysterious black pumpkin in the forest on Halloween.

Plenty of righteous motivations drive Jack and Nikki: they protect the weak and confront evil. They conquer their fears and gain courage, and in the final battle against Evila and her minions they grow into the warriors they were destined to become.

### Bilingual storybook for children 4-12

Pico, the parrot, is sad and frustrated. He screeches and squawks all day but because he speaks Spanish, nobody understands him. His story teaches children acceptance, compassion, and helping others.



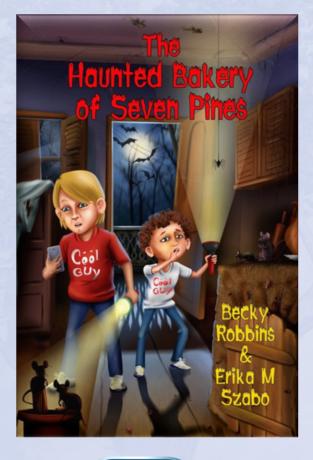


### A read to story for children 4-7 and read alone for ages 8-10.

Lucky, the sweet-natured little monkey was bullied by the animals who didn't take time to get to know her. They said she was a dumpy, chunky, silly, scaredy, grumpy, clumsy monkey.

Lucky was sad but instead of feeling miserable, she chose to listen to others who knew her and said she was a kind, lovely, cuddly, bubbly, spunky monkey.

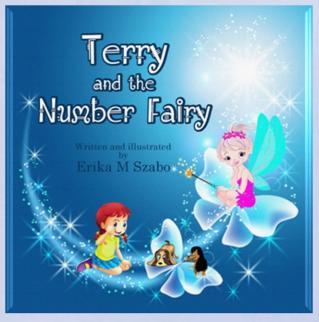




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### Adventure storybook for children 5-12.

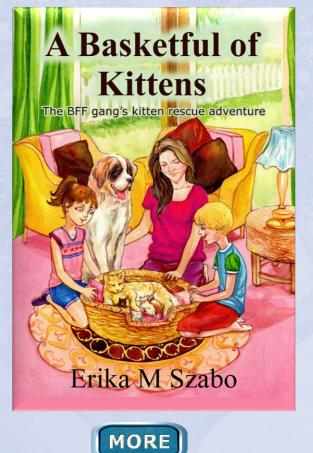
Best friends Albert and Timmy were mean bullies, and nobody liked them. One day a group of children that were fed up with the daily torture of name calling and pushing and shoving, dared them to go into the old building at night to see if it's really haunted. Albert accepted the dare and although Timmy had his doubts, he went along with his best friend.

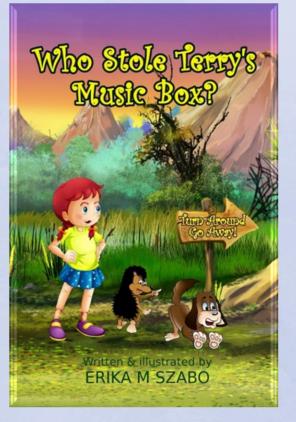


Picture book for ages 2-6

Terry is struggling to learn numbers. Pansy, Terry's dog, and Pansy's best friend, Oliver, the hedgehog, want to help but they don't know how. In the morning, Terry tells her mother that the fairy showed her the numbers in her dream.







**Storybook for children 4-12** When Bianca, Daniel, and Peanut, the St. Bernard, are confronted by Mark and his cronies, the children stand up to the brute bullies with the help of Peanut.

Their adventure continues when they see a woman throwing four tiny, meowing kittens into the river. Can the BFFs save them? Find out what happens to the kittens.

**Storybook for children 4-12** Terry is sad because she can't find her precious music box that was a gift from her Grandmother. With the help of her dog, Pansy, and the wise hedgehog, Oliver, they cross the portal to the magical world and Pansy leads them to Wolfgang's cave. Terry finds out why she has the ability to talk to animals and why the good witch enchanted her music box so long ago.









A little girl teaches her family and her friends how to relate to someone who is hearing impaired.

They start learning sign language and to "talk" with their fingers. Sandra and Grandma Rosa realize that with compassion, love, and hard work, they can overcome the obstacles of disability.

### Libro de cuentos para niños de 4 a 12 años

Cuando la abuela Rosa perdió la audición, Sandra encuentra un sitio web para personas con discapacidad auditiva que explica cómo se comunican las personas sordas. Empiezan a aprender el lenguaje de señas y a "hablar" con los dedos.



## My online magazines





Besides writing and publishing, I design book covers, logos, videos, portfolios, and help authors to publish their books at: https://www.goldenboxbooks.com







I'm blessed with creativity. My dad was artistic, and he made my first easel when I was just 4 years old. Although my heart made me follow my calling to become a nurse, I never abandoned art. Luckily, my daughter inherited the artistic talent, and she took it to a much higher level than I ever did. <u>Eszter Csaki</u>

### Watch Eszter paint in the video below.



### My passion is writing.



### And storytelling. Click to watch the videos.



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I write speculative alternate history fiction, romantic urban fantasy, historical suspense, cozy mystery, supernatural, and sweet romance novels as well as fun, educational, and bilingual books for children ages 2-14 about acceptance, friendship, family, and moral values such as accepting people with disabilities, dealing with bullies, and not judging others before getting to know them. I also like to encourage children to use their imagination and daydream about fantasy worlds.

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