

Good morning Blackstone!

Please sit with your advisory.

A circular image of the United States flag, showing the stars and stripes, with the text overlaid in the center.

Please stand for the
pledge.



Any announcements

Upcoming Events

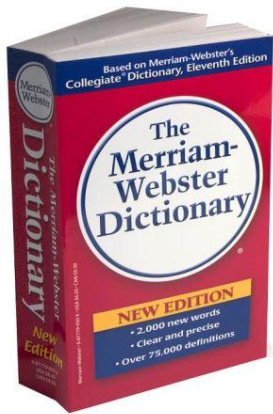
- NECAPS!
- No school Monday—Columbus Day!

Quote of the Day

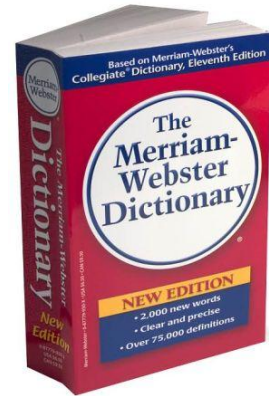
Based on what you know about him in history books, what do you think Abraham Lincoln would be doing if he were alive today?

- Writing his memoirs of the Civil War.
- Advising the President.
- Desperately clawing at the inside of his coffin.

—David Letterman



Word of the Week



Contentious (adj.)- Likely to cause disagreement or argument <a *contentious* issue>

Dangerous plans can be contentious if people are not willing to follow it.

College of the Week

University of Pennsylvania

- Tuition for undergraduate is \$39,088
 - Student - Faculty ratio is 6:1
 - SAT Scores
 - Writing 690 - 780
 - Reading 670 - 760
 - Math 690 - 790
- A total of 24,832 students attending UPenn
- The set of *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* was partially at UPenn

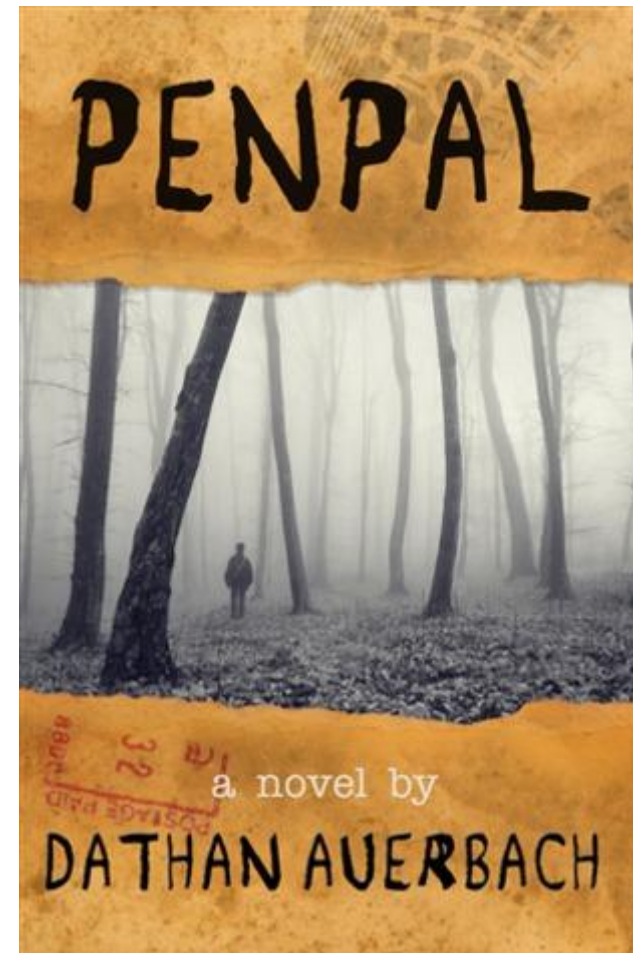


Book of the Week

Penpal by Dathan Auerbach



It all begins with the narrator's kindergarten class casting balloons to the wind. Each is attached with a note from a student in the hopes that whoever finds it will be penpals with them, sending a picture of where they live and a short note back to the school. The narrator thinks his balloon has been lost to the elements when he finally receives his own letter, but what he finds is the last thing he would have expected.



Clean up and go to class.

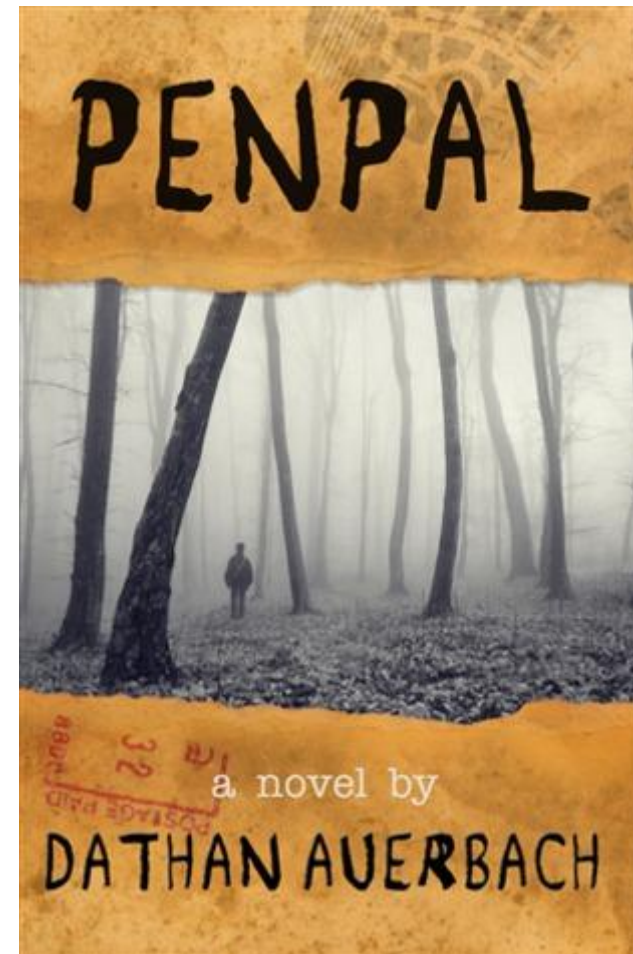


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This simple class project leads to the narrator's life being altered: he comes to the chilling realization that his he was never alone. Following him through to his teen years, the ostensible ghost that has been following him does more and more damage. His best friend Josh is and has been his only consolation. But would their closeness turn into danger for Josh as well?



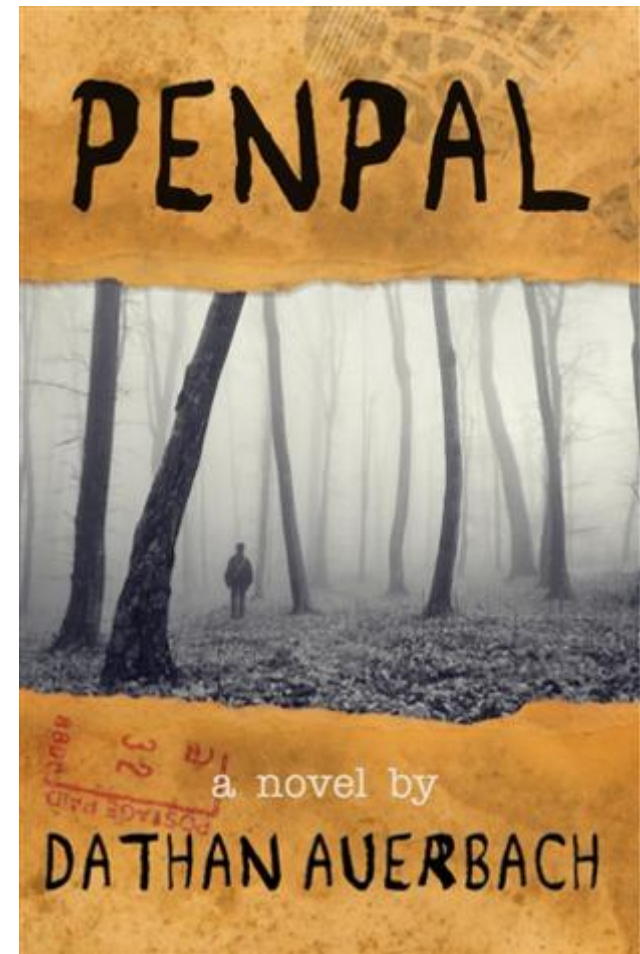
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Penpal is not only an amazing horror story, but is also a mind-boggling puzzle. It allows you to get into the brain of the criminal and dissect everything that happens.

I have passed this on to three people so far, and I only got it in the beginning of September! I would say that this book has gotten to be one of my favorites. I would most definitely recommend it to everyone here.



Quote of the Day

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

—Harold R. McAlindon

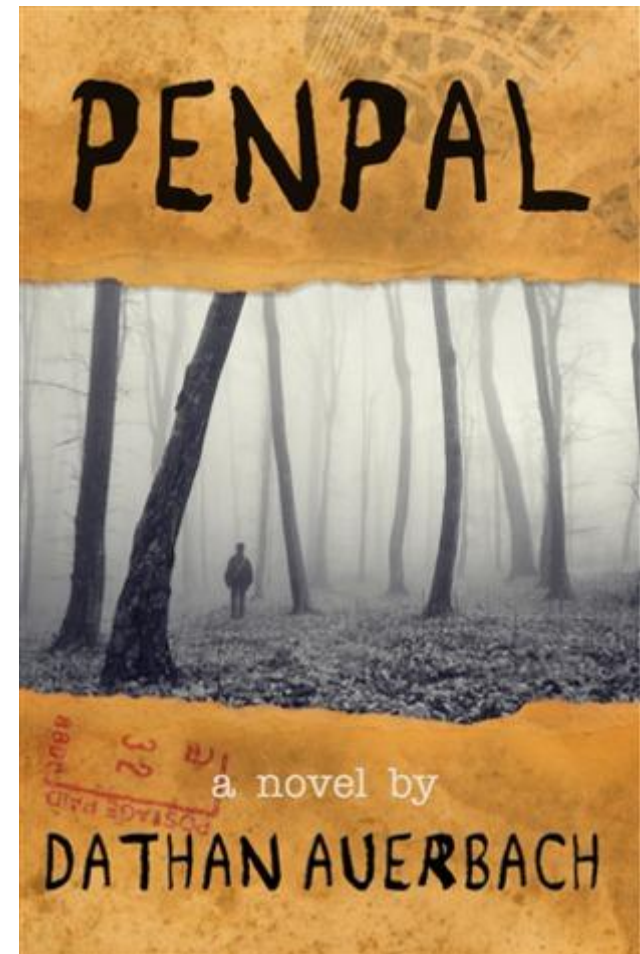
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Dathan Auerbach began his writing career on a popular website called Reddit, in a community called NoSleep. He posted a myriad of scary stories and eventually was moved enough by the support of his fellow Redditors to write his own novel. With a Kickstarter he managed to raise enough money to make his dream come true.

I'll be telling you all more about his book in the coming week.



Video Clip of the Day

- Demetri Martin: Important Things
 - Control: Good, Bad, Interesting

<http://www.comedycentral.com/video-clips/t3frq9/important-things-with-demetri-martin-control---good--bad--interesting>

Quote of the Day

Only trust people who like big butts. They cannot lie.

—Unknown

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Weighing in at 252 pages, Penpal is the gripping story of a young boy who just isn't allowed to live a normal life. It is written how the narrator first remembered each of the events of his childhood; everything fitting together like a puzzle that both you and the narrator solve at the same time. In fact, it fits together so horribly neatly that it leaves you to wonder how the narrator ever forgot in the first place.

