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We produce high quality romantic stories of Filipino protagonists savored by international audiences. We take pride in introducing a new brand of beautiful discreet romance covers to Philippine readers.

## ANGEL

A Novella

*She only ever saw and loved him in the shadows...*

He was her twisted guardian angel-someone she only ever saw in the shadows. In the face of a deadly turf war, could she make him stay in the light...or will he disappear into the darkness forever? Recommended for readers 18+

*Angel* has sold more than 4000 copies and reached #3 in Amazon's 'Mafia Romance' bestsellers of April 2024.



- ISBN: 978-621-490-061-9 & 978-1-961052-88-8
- Author: Shirley Siaton
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- Pages: 88
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## HEART CHAINED

*A love they could never outrun...*

They have the perfect friendship-but their hearts refuse to let each other go. After a night of revelations, will they be brave enough to admit the true ties that bound them...or will they forever be doomed to run in chains? Recommended for readers 18+



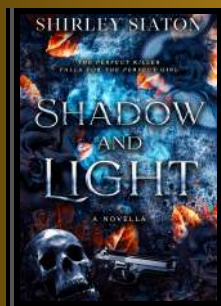
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## SHADOW & LIGHT

*The perfect killer falls for the perfect girl...*

She was like the sun, on a day without clouds-he was only a shadow, steeped in a legacy of secrets. With time running out, could he tell her the truth about his heritage...or will he remain hidden in his blood-drenched past? Recommended for readers 18+



*Shadow and Light* has reached #5 in Amazon's 'Mafia Romance' bestsellers of May 2024.



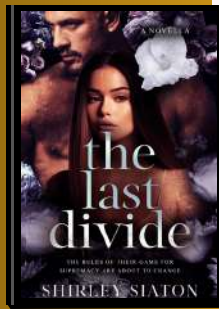
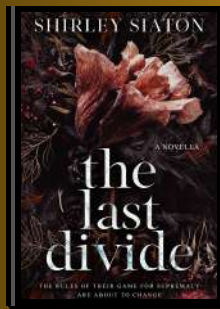
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## THE LAST DIVIDE

*The rules of their game for supremacy are about to change...*

Rivals, competitors, training partners-never friends. Brought together after 15 years by a passion that could put a raging storm to shame, will they finally reach out for a love long since hidden...or will the walls of the past keep them apart? Recommended for readers 18+

*The Last Divide* has sold more than 7000 copies worldwide.

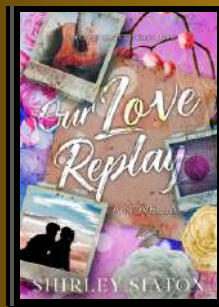
## OUR LOVE REPLAY

*A second shot at first love...*

After years of loving each other from a distance, an acoustic songstress and a basketball superstar are reunited in the idyllic countryside. Burdened by secrets and the facade of fame, will they be brave enough to admit their true feelings, before the shot clock runs out? Recommended for readers 18+


*Our Love Replay* has reached #3 in Amazon's 'Rockstar Romance' bestsellers of September 2024 and was included in the Philippine New Adult & Romance selection at the October 2024 Frankfurter Buchmesse, the world's biggest book fair.

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Our children's literature offerings have reached global bestseller charts, succeeding in some small part at bringing Philippine culture and heritage to the world through books.

## FIRE OF COURAGE

*Will the fire in my heart be enough for my greatest battle?*

A 12-year-old girl, Uryana of the Baraw tribe, faces the greatest foe of her people. Set against the backdrop of ancient Philippine mythology and fully illustrated by Rozy Clemente and Rein Geronimo, this book was touted by the *Philippine Star* and *Adobo Magazine* as one of the Top Illustrated Books of the 2023 Manila International Book Fair. Recommended for readers 7+

*Fire of Courage* has reached #1 in Amazon's 'Asian Folk Tales' bestsellers in November and December 2023.

## A GIRL & HER MONSTER

*A classroom's secret after sunset...*

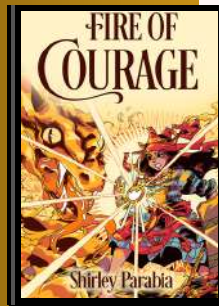
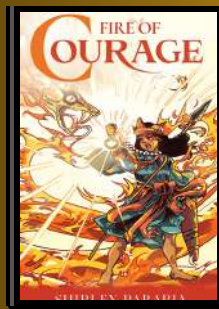
An eight-year-old girl, Rana, returns to her hometown after tragedy strikes her small family. Coping with her loss and a new school, she turns her attention to her art project, a monster made of cardboard she names Shadow Blue. Once the sun goes down, magic happens...but is there a deeper, darker secret she was never meant to know? Co-written with Arya at eight years old! Recommended for readers 7+

*A Girl and her Monster* has reached #1 in IngramSpark's international 'Juvenile Fantasy' bestsellers in January 2025.

## HEART OF COURAGE

*The sequel to 'Fire of Courage'*

Will the fire in their hearts be enough to stand against the rising tide? Young warrior Uryana of the Baraw teams up with the reluctant boy-king of Laksay, Lihum, to find answers on the threat of a world-ending monster from the sea. This is the second installment of the international bestselling 'Fire and Tide' series. Recommended for readers 7+



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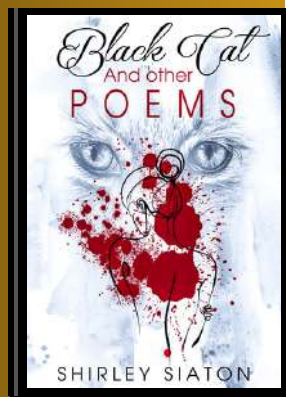
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POETRY COLLECTIONS

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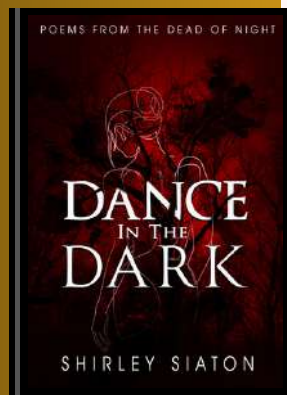


## BLACK CAT

*A Poetry Collection*

A collection of free verses written over the years in various stages of a young woman's life, this book is a journey of self-discovery, awareness and growth. Each poem is a story culled from an existence well savored, much like a cat's fabled nine lives. There are tales of lust, loss, melancholy, decay and awakening. Recommended for readers 13+

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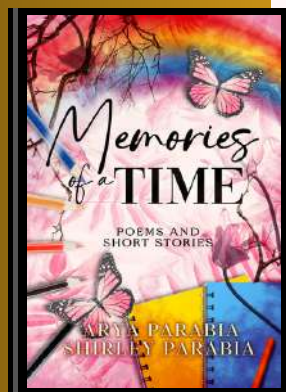
## DANCE IN THE DARK

*Poems from the Dead of Night*

Through poetry, experience a distinctive, unfiltered view through the eyes of a woman raised and reared in the unforgiving cities of the Philippines, as she journeys through a world of greed, poverty, crime and despair with determination and hope. Recommended for readers 13+

This book was featured in the piece 'Stories Poetry Tells' of the *Philippine Star's* 14 August 2023 web and print editions.

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## MEMORIES OF A TIME

*Poems and Short Stories*

An unforgettable journey into a child's vivid dreamscape, with modern-day classroom monsters and mythical fire serpents. This middle-grade literary collection interweaves two standalone short stories with nine poems and haikus, combining magic and myth with snippets of everyday life growing up. Recommended for readers 7+



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## BOOK PUBLISHING



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## WE ARE INKY SWORD

We are a small, fiercely independent international publisher of stories borne of heart, soul, and blood. Our books include fiction, poetry, and children’s literature. Based in Iloilo City, Philippines since February 2023, we have released 120 editions all over the world.

## WHAT WE AIM FOR

### Our Mission

#### *Quality books at international standards*

Our goal is to produce quality Filipino English-language books meeting international specifications for print and digital literature.

### Our Vision

#### *Bringing Philippine literature to the world*

We intend to bring Philippine literature to the world, in print and digital format, by creating the highest quality books that share our stories, culture, and heritage.

## WHAT WE CREATE

### International Bestsellers

#### *Our books are on global Top 5 lists*

We make books that reached the top of Amazon charts, such as *Fire of Courage* (#1 Children’s Folk Tales) & *I Bleed Words* (#1 Asian Poetry), and IngramSpark bestsellers, *A Girl and her Monster* (#1 Juvenile Fantasy).

### Groundbreaking trade & children’s books

#### *Our books break creative barriers & molds*

Our fiction books for children and adults feature Filipino leads but are relatable to all audiences. Our covers showcase current trends in international publishing, including discreet covers in romance, made available in the Philippine and global markets.

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