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Mystery Club Series
A series of “cozy” mysteries about a group of elderly women living in Rose Plaza who meet to discuss mystery books and find themselves involved in the real thing.

The Mystery Club Solves a Murder
Mary Higgins finds the body of Dora Reed on the roof of the Rose Plaza retirement building. She notifies the police, then tells the Mystery Club. They consider several suspects: Dora’s son Donald, the Plaza’s manager, or another Plaza employee. They initially dismiss Dora’s husband, Ed Sutherland, because Ed is in Hawaii. As captain of the yacht Miss Chief (with an all-girl crew) he seems to have a perfect alibi.

“The best yet!” – V. Brown, Houghton, Michigan

The Mystery Club and the Dead Doctor
Mystery Club member Viola Cartwright asks two friends to investigate her Medicare bills and they discover fraud. They also suspect that Viola’s home helper is using a stolen identity. Soon the investigation leads them into a sinister underworld of fraud and revenge, to murder and tragedy. Only raw courage in the face of evil can save the elderly women.

The Mystery Club and the Hidden Witness
“Calling the life at Rose Plaza tranquil is a bit of a buttery description…. The façade of rightness is swept aside when they discover one of the residents is a crook under WITSEC, the witness protection program. He apparently keeps dipping into the employee gift fund. The Mystery Club bands together to track down the missing money, but what they discover is danger….If you enjoy seeing how minds work, watching people join together for a common goal, and get a kick out of older humor, this might be just the book for you.” – Izzy at Fallen Angels

The Mystery Club and the Serial Widow
Caroline Kotinsky, new resident at the Rose Plaza, is a widow four times over and she’s looking for a fifth husband in retired General Hardcastle. One night she drunkenly confesses to murdering all of her husbands. Except for her confession, there’s no evidence. Now what?

More Mysteries

Murder in the Keweenaw
A CIA agent recovering from post-traumatic stress and a divorce has returned to the Keweenaw in northern Michigan. He snags a corpse while fishing in the bay. He has seen her face before, but where?
**Ben Zakkai’s Coffin**

“Herman Bachrach, a seemingly simple photographer, becomes involved with Diana, a breathtakingly beautiful woman, only to find he is the prime suspect in her murder. Confusion reigns in Herman’s life - his religious identification, the relentless pursuit by detective Sheehan who is convinced Herman is hiding something; and the demands by his boss Gabe Cohen to go to Switzerland and “finish” the job Diana began….I strongly recommend "Ben Zakkai’s Coffin" for readers of all ages.” - Susan Pettrone, for Reader Views

“You’ll enjoy this story.” - Andrew J. Grgurich, Marquette Monthly

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**The Gold Chromosome**

When Sadie Gold dies, her estate is placed in an irrevocable trust, the proceeds going to her niece Sarah Rottman. When Sarah dies, the remaining funds will be divided among the surviving cousins. It’s a fatal tontine established by Sarah’s brother. Would cousins kill each other for one million dollars? Sarah’s car is found in the river. Her disappearance is followed by a series of mysterious deaths. Adam Rottman and his psychologist wife Deborah must stop the chain before he, too, is eliminated.

“An entertaining, interesting, easy read that will surprise you in the end.” – A. Anderson, Hancock, Michigan

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**Conspiracy!**

Technical writer Tom Godot can’t believe his luck when his book “Conspiracy!” is a hit. Co-written with the elusive Harold Stevenson, “Conspiracy!” details a plot to hijack communication satellites. As Tom crosses the county on his book tour, he is disturbed by people interested in early drafts and dogged by an NSA agent. Communicating by encrypted e-mail with the mysterious Stevenson, Tom reaches out in his loneliness to his California girlfriend Sylvia Hanson who turns out to be a pivotal figure. There is another conspiracy, and Tom is part of it. (Zumaya paperback in 2008)

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**Scratch – OUT!**

German exchange student Klaus Hitz is more interested in making money than in asking questions about his work assignment. He doesn’t know that his punk girlfriend’s father is using him in a terrorist conspiracy to kill everyone in the United States with a mass mailing of a scratch and sniff virus. As realization dawns on Klaus, he is trapped in a predicament. How can he stop the plot without being murdered or imprisoned?

“This is a very suspenseful book. It is a book that is very difficult to put down.” – Andrew J. Grgurich, Marquette Monthly

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**What is the “Wonderful World”?**

“The Wonderful World of Dr. Sachs” was a weekly radio show on WMPL in Hancock, Michigan in the 1970s. Listeners would phone in three words and Harley Sachs would make up a story using the three words while on the air. Students at Michigan Technological University delighted in supplying challenges like “trogolodyte” and “amblyopia.” The latter was woven into a story about an Alaskan contest in which a moose with amblyopia (“lazy eye”) visited a psychiatrist in Fairbanks.
Science Fiction

The Search for Jesse Bram
Jesse Bram, the young hero of this metaphysical science fiction adventure, is unaware of his Jewish roots. An Eldre of mixed breed, he is marooned on the post apocalyptic shunned planet URth where technology and books have been destroyed. The URTlings variously view Jesse as a bringer of cargo for the half-breed prefect Hrod; as the reborn Savior by crypto-Christians, and as a link to the past by a remnant of Jews. The Galactic Federation suspects him of treason and he is pursued by an enigmatic Trinian policeman. If Jesse survives, will he be convicted? If acquitted, what next?

Short Story Collections

Threads of the Covenant: The Jews of Red Jacket
This short story collection about a Jewish community in Michigan’s remote Upper Peninsula centers on two main characters: David Katz, the only Jewish boy in Red Jacket, and Richard Goldman, the only Jewish faculty member at Copper Country Community College. The interwoven stories of the main characters form a loose novel as both David Katz and Richard Goldman develop an awareness of their own ethnic identities.

“These stories are really very well written and have a wonderful charm about them which opens one’s eyes to the difficult experience of 20th century living in small towns which befell many Jews over the years.” – Sybil Kaplan, The National Jewish Post & Opinion

“Af you read these stories you will feel you have made a new group of friends,” – Andrew J. Grgurich, Marquette Monthly

Misplaced Persons
It’s risky to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. In the novella “Limbo” an ex-G.I. looks for love in Copenhagen and mires among footloose expatriates looking for action. Five shorter stories include “The Lie” about a Danish drunk whose panhandling gets him exported to Sweden, “The Girls of Frederikshavn” about a pensioner caught in a deserted bus station by a gang of rowdy girls, and “Triumph of the Will” in which a clerk suffering from a nervous breakdown meets the undead.

A Troll for Christmas and Other Stories
Anna-Lena complains to Santa that she didn’t get what she wanted for her birthday. Her letter is found by the elves who have their own problem: Kalle, a displaced Swedish troll who is nothing but trouble. The elves send Kalle to Anna-Lena with dire results for the whole family. Other stories include “David’s Tree” about a Jewish boy who wants a Christmas tree, recollections of past Christmases about Belinda’s first pair of eyeglasses, and Cynthia’s doll, Suzy Baby, who was sent to “Santa” to be repaired. Included are new versions of fairy tales seen in a modern perspective.

“This was a wonderful, wonderful story! Although I don’t have any children myself, I do have several nieces and nephews and they all loved the reading of what they have come to call “Anna and the Troll.” I can easily see this story becoming a holiday tradition in my family!” – Amy L. Turpin, Timeless Tales
How-To

**Irma Quarterdeck Reports**
A series of anecdotes about Irma Quarterdeck and her bumbling husband Ralph in their many boating misadventures. Readers will find plenty of laughs and at the same time learn many boating fundamentals.

“This is a consistently amusing and diverting collection, good as a bedtime book or a welcome entertainment while sunning yourself on your own deck. Author Sachs, a certified guy….takes on a female point of view in recounting the sailing experiences of Irma and Ralph, her beer-guzzling husband. I like the riff on naming boats, from the Sin King to the Half Moon.” - James MacKillop

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Conversations between an author, his psychiatrist and his wife as he explores what is and is not real.

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**About Harley L. Sachs**
Born in Chicago and raised in Indiana, Harley Sachs lived in Germany, Sweden, Denmark and Scotland before settling in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with his wife Ulla and three daughters. Harley L. Sachs is the author of numerous novels, short stories, magazine articles and newspaper columns. His short stories have been broadcast on the BBC World Service short wave and on Oregon Public Radio’s Golden Hours. Harley has over 900 publications and his awards for writing are too numerous to list. Harley and his wife currently split their time between Houghton, Michigan and Portland, Oregon.