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## **Holding on to Autumn**

By Brittany Berger

It's peaceful here, avoiding my labors  
Where I can appreciate the fresh air,  
gaze at the opulent autumn flowers,  
and watch restless wildlife dart here and there

Multicolored leaves hint at an ending  
Soon the air will be crisp with winter snow  
It will cover every sprout and sapling  
until the spring comes to revive their glow

But for now, the light breeze isn't too cold  
So I can relax and enjoy my day  
Surrounded by leaves of amber and gold  
And I wish it could always be this way

But soon I must put an end to my rest  
Go back to the real world, leave this forest



By Andrew Fitzgerald

# Character Sketches

## By Members of Teen Zine



Juanita

Name: Juanita Consuela

Age: 40

Born October 23, 1970

I was waiting for Alice and her friends to join me for my tea party. I set up their plates so they don't have to take the time to set it up themselves. Everything on the table was in perfect order and I couldn't wait for my new friends to show up. I stood up, crossing my arms, only to have nobody show up.

Maria-Viola

Name: Maria-Viola

Age: 62

Occupation: N/A

Maria has a trophy collection. None of the trophies are hers – they belong to her children. They grew up being pressured into playing sports until they were good enough to win a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy. Now that Maria's children are grown and live across the country, she occupies her time with polishing their dozens of trophies.





Fred Voltan

Name: Fred Voltan

Age: 19

At the age of 12, Fred accidentally walked into an electric shop and his life was changed forever. Gadgets and robots became his companions, along with other friends and best friend Jim, and directed his life to his future. Fred has begun building gadgets to help humanity and just recently completed a “self-moving cart” that can push heavy loads easily and even people.

Jim Kukkiwon

Name: Jim Kukkiwon

Age: 20

Jim has been practicing kung fu for over 12 years. He has almost mastered crane style, which came in handy when he fought and beat down a bully who bullied his friend Fred (see above). He is soon ready to continue college in science and become a master in crane style.



Julia

Name: Julia

Julia was at a fancy dinner/dance party with her boyfriend, Lorenzo. She had to go to the bathroom and left Lorenzo in the dance room with her drink. When she came back, she found Lorenzo slow-dancing with another girl! She ran back to the bathroom crying. She had to think of what to do and decided to leave Lorenzo. She later became a model, married Lorenzo’s cousin’s friend’s brother, and had three kids named Jack, Emily, and Beth.



## Burning

By Brittany Berger

### It's hard to fight the sadness

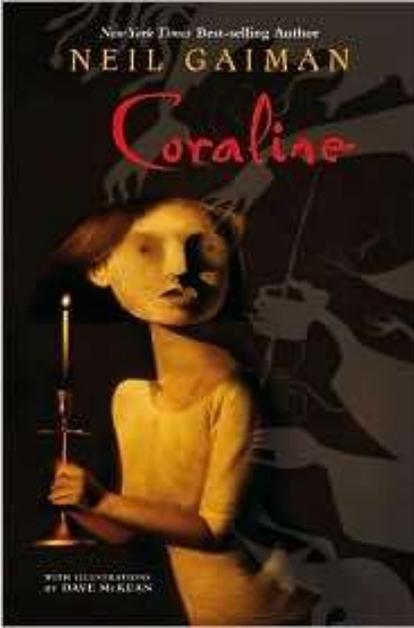
By Angelica Cataldo

My life is fading fast  
Good times don't seem to last  
Life too short to stand the wait  
A stolen heart at the hands of fate.  
I want it to be over  
It's hard to fight the sadness.



Drippy Drop  
By Andrew Fitzgerald

## Book Reviews



### Coraline

By Neil Gaiman

Adventure

Fantasy

Mystery/Thriller

(review by Andrew Fitzgerald)

\* \* \* \* Stars (Great!)

Coraline, the main character, who is sometimes a bit annoying, goes into a universe created by her “other mother” who wants to capture her soul. The other mother creates a world identical to Coraline’s but with an endless amount of possibilities. The book gives great detail, so it’s easy to imagine the world and characters.

### Good Omens

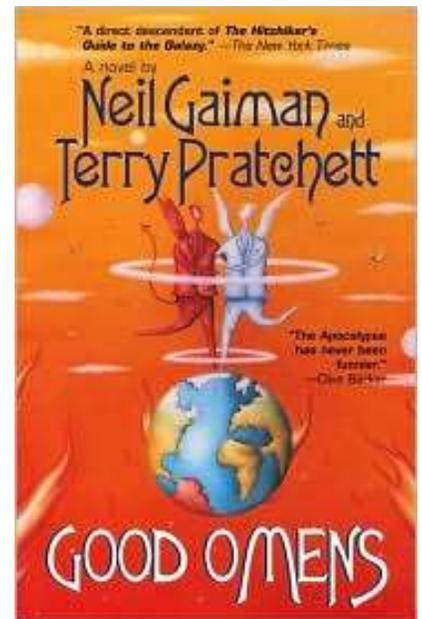
By Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett

Fantasy

(review by Brittany Berger)

\* \* \* \* \* Stars (Amazing!)

An angel named Aziraphale and a demon named Crowley try to stop the anti-Christ, a young boy named Adam, from starting the Apocalypse. *Good Omens* is my favorite book. The writing is superb, the characters are lovable, and the plot is hysterical.



### The Murder Room

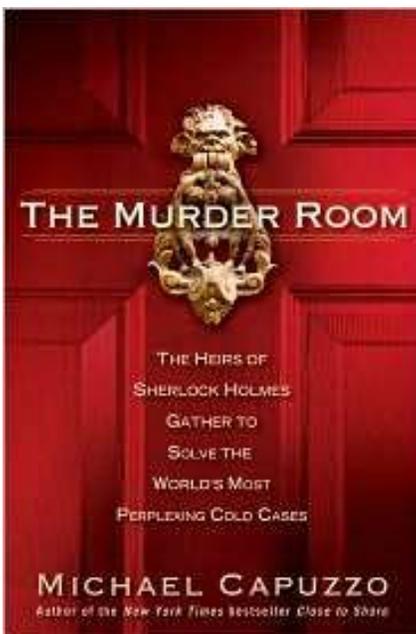
By Mike Capuzzo

Historical Fiction

(review by Zak Klehr)

\* \* \* Stars (Pretty good)

The book talks about a group called the Vidocq Society that has the top forensic scientists who look into cold cases and solve many of them. It shows the dark side of humans and the good people who arrest them. It is a good book.



Red, orange, yellow leaves  
Break away from their branches  
Flutter to the ground

None of this matters  
Ultimately time passes  
And tomorrow comes

Bright flash of lightning  
Illuminating the sky  
Then darkness once more

Such a pretty lie  
All I want to do is believe,  
Abandon all truths

Rain falls from dark skies  
Splashing pavement, grass, buildings  
Leaves the ground muddy

Sign says homeless teen  
People pass by without a glance  
I am no different

Ducklings in a line  
Always following mama  
So cute, innocent

Butterfly fans wings  
Showing the world its beauty  
Then takes to the air

## Poems

By Brittany Berger



Flowers  
By Brittany Berger

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