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The Quarterly Newsletter of Modern Horror Author *G. Donald Black*

Welcome to 2024, Readers!

I'm so excited about this new year. I have so many projects in the works, and I can't wait for you to see what's lurking around the corner. Great new characters, awesome storylines, and more of the same cringingly creepy GDB stuff you crave. In this issue I'm sharing a taste of what's to come. I hope you're as excited as I am.

Stay well,



Something's in the Closet

I've been working on my novella *Scratch* on and off for a few years. It started as a short story, but then I kept coming up with cool things to add. Now it's a novella, and may yet turn into a full-length novel. For now, the unsettling tale of the McDonoughs and a stuffed bear named Craymon is still evolving, getting creepier and more disturbing as it marinates in my mind. But I can say this with certainty – whatever is in the closet is itching to get out. I'm aiming for a fall release! Until next time...



I hope you're holidays were great and you're checking off all your New Year's resolutions. We're still shoveling snow where I am, but we're used to it. And a warm (pun intended) welcome to all who are just joining us on the GDB journey. Thanks so much for following me – it truly means everything.

If you haven't already done so, be sure to visit my [website](#) and download my new free short story, *The Goonch*. I love the way it turned out – disquieting but thought-provoking. [Click here](#) to check it out.

On the Trail of a Killer

The idea for my novel *Tracks* has been banging around my brain for several years, but until 2023 I couldn't figure out how I wanted to present it. When the lightning bolt struck, though, my vision was complete - and my favorite protagonist to date was born.



I think you're going to love Dan Shepard. He's an alcoholic cryptozoologist, whose controversial views have made him an outcast in an already disfavored field of study. Along with Rudy, his overly-energetic sidekick, Shepard uses his gift of genius to solve a horrific murder and perhaps the greatest monster mystery of all time.

I already have plans for Dan and Rudy to embark on more cryptid mysteries around the globe. Who knows what they'll find?

UPCOMING RELEASE DATES

April 23 - *The First Christmas* (short story)

May 29 - *White Noise* (short story)



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