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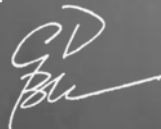
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The Quarterly Newsletter of Modern Horror Author *G. Donald Black*

Welcome back, Readers!

Summer is here and temperatures are rising, just like the anticipation for my new novel *Scratch*. It's coming along nicely – you won't be disappointed. I'm sprinkling some next level love on this one – so please be patient – and I am still shooting for an end-of-year release. And I apologize for missing some of the short story release dates I had promised, but we had some family health issues we had to deal with, so I was sidelined from writing for a few weeks. All is good, though, and I'm back at the computer cranking out the goods. It's going to be a long summer...

Stay well,



The Goonch is Real...

One of my favorite stories I've ever written is yours for free! If you haven't already done so, please [click here](#) to check out my short story, *The Goonch*, free of charge. Without giving too much away, it's the story of a boy and his dog living in an impoverished land where monsters dwell. But make no mistake, the monsters are real. Look it up! But only after you read *The Goonch*. Enjoy!

Summer Merch Drop is here!

The latest round of GDB merch has dropped, just in time for summer. If you're looking for ways to stay cool, and look cool doing it, check out the new branded tank tops. Six different sizes, three different colors, and two themes – what are you waiting for? And while you're relaxing by the pool, at the beach, or in your hammock reading a great GDB story, wrap your favorite beverage with a GDB can cooler. They come in regular and slim can versions, both only \$5.99. Show some love this summer for your fave modern horror author, G. Donald Black! Visit the merch market [here](#).



What's new with GDB?

All work and no play makes GDB a dull boy. So I've been taking some breaks the last couple months to recharge my batteries and ensure the creative juices keep flowing. We went to the Jersey shore for a weekend to visit some friends (I had never been – and I loved it), took in a Canadiens game in Montreal (go Habs!), and then jetted down to Texas for a close friend's 40th birthday celebration (I can still taste the tequila...). If you didn't already know this, burnout is real. No matter what you do, you have to commit to taking vacations, no matter how brief, to keep from sinking into the bottomless pit of burnout. I encourage everyone to hit the beach or the lake or the hiking trails this summer and breathe some fresh air and soak up some sun. You'll thank me later. And be sure to bring me with you – in book form, of course. Wink, wink.

UPCOMING RELEASE DATES

July 15 - *The First Christmas* (short story)

August 16 - *White Noise* (short story)

September 20 - *It Never Gets Old* (short story)



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