

A NEWSLETTER FROM AUTHOR JB CAINE

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## BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE IN GRAPHIC NOVELS

As a novelist, I've always believed in the power of storytelling—but there's something uniquely magical about graphic novels. They blend words and visuals in a way that taps into emotion, movement, and atmosphere all at once. While novels let you paint worlds with prose, graphic novels let you see those worlds unfold frame by frame, heartbeat by heartbeat.

My love for graphic storytelling started young. I've been a superhero comic fan for as long as I can remember, and Spiderman was my gateway. Peter Parker's wit, struggles, and resilience—combined with bold, expressive art—pulled me in like nothing else. Even now, those stories inspire how I build character and tension.

Graphic novels carry that same electric energy. They invite collaboration between writer and artist, allowing for new layers of depth and nuance. A single panel can say what pages of description might struggle to convey. Mood, pacing, tone—they're all woven together seamlessly.

Whether it's a sweeping fantasy, a quiet character study, or a high-stakes thriller, graphic novels offer an immersive storytelling experience that's visceral and immediate. As a writer, I'm constantly amazed by how much heart and narrative power these illustrated pages can hold. They don't just tell stories—they ignite them.

## MY FIVE

### THIS MONTH: COMIC BOOK HEROES

1. SPIDERMAN
2. WOLVERINE
3. SCARLET WITCH
4. WONDER WOMAN
5. NIGHTCRAWLER

# WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH:

DADE CITY, I'M COMING  
BACK FOR MORE!

COME SEE ME IN DOWNTOWN  
TARPON SPRINGS!

I'll be here Apr 12!



**Embrace the Magic**  
on April 12, 2025  
as THE BOOK SHACK  
welcomes 4 local authors  
whose stories will  
transport you to  
places beyond your  
wildest imagination!

**12:00 - 4:00 p.m.**  
**37838 Pasco Ave.**  
**Dade City**



**TARPON SPRINGS**  
**BOOK**  
**Festival**

**NEW & USED BOOKS**  
**AUTHORS & ARTISTS**  
**ACTIVITIES FOOD VENDORS**

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 26**  
10am - 4pm  
Court Street  
FREE Admission

HOSTED BY  
TARPON SPRINGS  
MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

I'll be here Apr 26!

## FEATURED AUTHOR: JAMIE MCAFEE

JEC: GIVE US A 2-SENTENCE PITCH FOR YOUR ALEXIS WYLE SERIES!

JM: In a fight against evil and her own heart, Alexis Wyle faces her destiny as the chosen one to save what's left of humanity against a devilish threat.

JEC: TELL US MORE ABOUT ALEXIS'S DYSTOPIAN WORLD.

JM: Hers is a dystopian steampunk world with a cyber twist. Rapsidious takes over Earth and turns it into his dark realm. Those who survive the change fight to remain alive in Aziar, a hellscape filled with otherworldly creatures and villains who do his bidding. The universe is comprised of four main cities and different territories with different threat potentials.

JEC: HOW IS WRITING FOR GRAPHIC NOVELS DIFFERENT FROM WRITING REGULAR NOVELS?

JM: Writing for graphic novels is very different in that you have to compile your thoughts. You have to be able to break down your dialogue into small blurbs, so it's like script writing. You break down your scenes into what are called panels and truly think out what you're saying in the scene vs. what people will be seeing in the imaging, so that your illustrator can match it up precisely. It's like two art forms combining. I went to school to study cinema studies and English, so I think I enjoy scriptwriting more than novel writing. When it comes to novels, the process of writing the story is longer, but it is a faster way, as far as prduction goes, to get the reader the whole story you want to tell.

