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**EVERYONE HAS SECRETS: A COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES to be published on November 1st, 2022 by emerging author and poet Meagan Elixabeth.**

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*LANCASTER, PA, October 1, 2022* - Emerging author Meagan Elixabeth announces the publication of her first short story collection. **EVERYONE HAS SECRETS: A COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES** is an anthology of literary fiction in the short, quick read format. The collection will be available to purchase on November 1, 2022 at [Smashwords.com](http://Smashwords.com) for \$5.

We all have a secret or two hidden within us. Sometimes they threaten to overwhelm us or escape into the wrong hands. **EVERYONE HAS SECRETS: A COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES** is a collection of characters who struggle with their own secrets and desires.

In the title story, "Everyone Has Secrets," a young man seeks help from his grandfather. He discovers that Grandpa has been hiding something in his basement for many years. Grandpa is able to help after all, but is it worth the price?

A businesswoman takes a weekend away from her husband and child in "How Business is Handled." Her husband calls as she receives an expected knock on the hotel room's door. The visitor is invited inside, but the businesswoman is left with an unexpected outcome.

"To Magnolia" is a story about the young, introverted Claudia who must make it to her date on time. It's not a date she wants to go on, but her mother insists that she needs romance in her life. On the way to her date, Claudia runs into an old friend.

Unwelcomed visitors appear in the story "The Ghosts That Haunt Me." It's Halloween night, but the hermit residing in the home does not want trick-or-treaters showing up on his porch. He must get rid of them to return to his peaceful, lonesome existence.

In the story "The Sky Cries More Than I," an elderly woman grieves for the death of her husband. Her home is filled with people who care about her. Her daughters are there. She has never felt more alone, in a room full of strangers.

Alex is also surrounded by strangers in "Happy Place." She struggles with her sanity and refuses to take the prescribed treatments. On her birthday, Alex receives a visit from her sister and is forced to reveal some unsettling truths.

Meagan Elixabeth is a novelist who writes literary fiction, poetry, contemporary romance, and creative nonfiction. She is currently earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing at Full Sail University. Meagan has a short piece published at [CafeLitMagazine](http://CafeLitMagazine). She is a current

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