

The Great American Fortune Cookie Novel:

A Romance in Thousands of Fortunes

Dave Morice and Hundreds of Co-Authors

Illustrated by Daniel J. Eruska

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This unique romance novel by *Word Ways* Kickshaws editor Dave Morice embodies his wordsmithing creativity in a delightful collection of thousands of fortune cookie fortunes. Morice collected the fortunes over 20 years and wove them into 12 chapters, one for each Chinese Zodiac animal. Each chapter begins with a Zodiac animal illustration by Daniel Eruska. No words were added, deleted or changes from the original submissions. In addition to Dave, authors include creators and discoverers of the fortune cookie statements and friends who contributed.

The story came from the fortune cookie fortune “Help! I’m being held prisoner in a Chinese Bakery”. This love story is told through the fortune statements from the perspective of a young woman held captive in a Chinese bakery. Many lines remind one of familiar fortunes received over time. It is a delightful, philosophical, and sometimes whimsical contribution.

An Iowa City resident for 40 years, Dave has done over 60 poetry marathons and published 26 books of poetry, fiction, wordplay and illustrations, including three volumes of Poetry Comics. Today he teaches at Kirkwood College and works at Uptown Bill’s Small Mall. He is head of Sackter House Media which was established in honor of Iowa City legend Bill Sackter to give an avenue to the creative expressions of people with disabilities.

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