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BIO

Melisa Peterson Lewis is a science and speculative fiction author who loves answering weird questions in prose. She has published the Lazarus City and Somnus series and several short stories in anthologies. You can usually find her writing, gardening, or jamming at concerts.

Her books are available at all major distributors, including Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Kobo, Google, and Apple Books.

PUBLICATIONS

SOMNUS

November 12, 2024

A trilogy series in the works. The first book, Sleep Diet is live. Viotech's revolutionary Sleep Diet promises the impossible: lose weight, shed bad habits, and wake up the best version of yourself—no effort required. No hunger. No exercise. No side effects. Just a perfect new you. Far too good to be true. There are three Somnus programs participants go through. Each building the mystery of what Viotech's true goal is.

- Sleep Diet: Go to sleep. Wake up thin.
- Sleep Gym: Go to sleep. Wake up strong.
- Sleep School: Go to sleep. Wake up...something else entirely.

LAZARUS CITY

November 18, 2021

This four-book series is now completed and published. In a nightmarish scenario, Baltimore City falls to a zombie virus. The government quickly seals off the city, leaving survivors trapped. Desperate and alone, Shelby must prove her worth to a group of vigilantes or die alone. Her husband, Dean, stumbles upon a secret society of infected freaks like him. While he seeks order, he finds others want chaos.

- Lazarus City
- Sour Moon
- Salt Rush
- Rotters End

ANTHOLOGIES:

- Upcoming: Horror Anthology September 2025
 - Feed my Babies
 - Gound Hog Halloween
- [Starship Blunder](#): Green Glob September 18, 2024
- Pen in Hand: Literary Journal July 2021
 - The Gray Cat
- 30 Ways to Love Maryland: MWA 2019
 - Tilly and the Sykesville Sasquatch
 - Pattie and the SUN

OTHER EXPERIENCE

POWER3 SOLUTIONS Director of Operations

October 2019 – Present

Power3 is a Women-Owned Small Business offering fractional business solutions within defense intelligence and life science communities.

LEARN IT SYSTEM (Now LEARN Behavior) Employee Engagement Manager

August 2010 – January 2017

Served as an HR Generalist focusing on operations and recruitment at Learn It Systems, a nationwide provider of special education and therapy services for children K-12.

CATAPULT LEARNING Human Resources Manager

September 2003 – July 2010

Catapult Learning partners with public and non-public schools to provide gap assessment and k-12 instruction for students nationwide.

EDUCATION

Carroll Community College

2018

Continuing education for fiction and creative writing, marketing, and other writing courses

University of Maryland Global Campus

2007

Master's degree earned in Human Resource Management

University of Maryland Global Campus

2002

Bachelor's degree earned in Business Management, with an emphasis in Human Resources and a minor in Psychology. Prior undergraduate credits earned at the University of Maryland College Park and Greensboro College in North Carolina.

MEMBERSHIPS

Write all the Words

Acting admin for an inclusive Discord group for authors of various backgrounds, genres, and skill levels. Led activities and co-developed Badger Camp, a writing goal challenge set by authors and run by authors.

Maryland Writers Association

Ongoing member since 2019, participating in various events and seminars.

LINKS

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