

Tucson Author Caitlin E. Myers Explores Modern Anxieties and Queer Identity in Provocative New Short Story Collection

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Tucson, Apr 7, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Following her acclaimed historical fiction novel *Beyond a World Apart*, Tucson-based author **Caitlin E. Myers** returns with '[Lean Love and Other Shorts](#)', a compelling collection of three short stories published by CEM Publishing LLC. This new work delves into the complexities of contemporary life, tackling themes of societal pressure, queer self-discovery, and the often-fraught relationship between humanity and technology with a distinctive and unflinching voice.

The collection offers readers a sharp, insightful, and sometimes unsettling look at the world we live in.

- **"Lean Love"** presents a near-future glimpse into society's dangerous obsession with perfection, following a character navigating the perilous world of an experimental weight-loss drug. It blends dark humor with biting social commentary on body image.
- **"Chicken in the Oven"** offers a poignant and painfully relatable exploration of adolescence, shame, and burgeoning queer identity, as a young girl grapples with family discovery of her private thoughts and drawings.
- **"Hunger"** tackles themes of isolation, disability, and the search for connection in the digital age through the lens of a woman and her AI boyfriend, examining the nuances of modern relationships and body image.

Myers, known for her passion for uncovering LGBTQ+ history and telling queer stories, brings a unique perspective and emotional depth to each narrative. Her writing navigates hope, loss, love, and transformation with skill and relatability. The collection also includes a preview of her award-winning novel *Beyond A World Apart*, further showcasing her versatility and talent in capturing diverse aspects of the human and queer experience.

About the Author: Caitlin E. Myers is the author of *Beyond a World Apart* and the short story collection *Lean Love and Other Shorts*. She focuses on telling compelling queer stories, often drawing from hidden LGBTQ+ histories. She lives in Tucson, Arizona with her wife and two dogs.

'Lean Love and Other Shorts' is available now through major platforms, including Amazon and Kindle. Find purchase links at: <https://books2read.com/u/mYex6W>

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