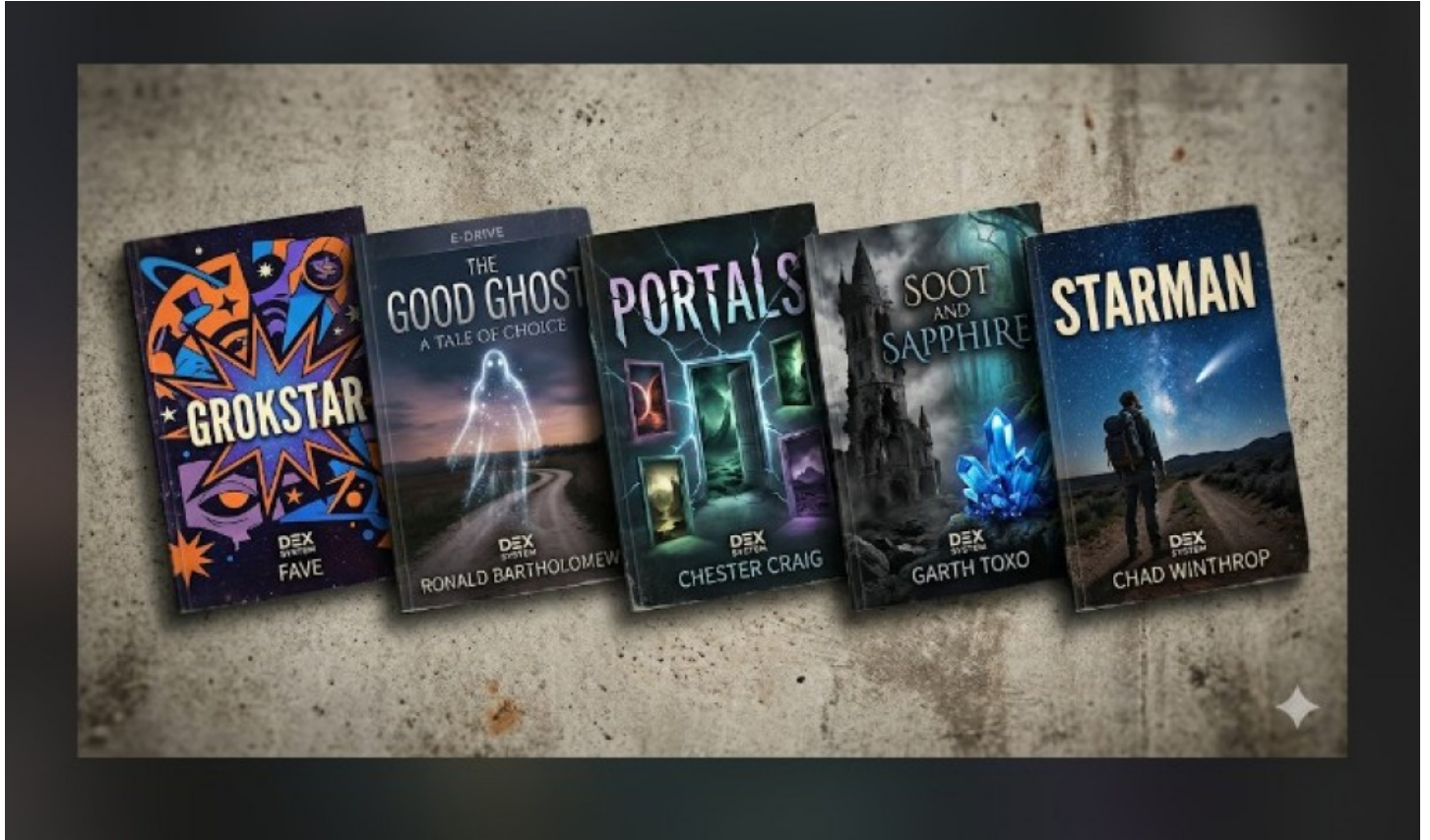


Dex System Announces Five New Releases Across Fiction and Speculative Genres

Grokstar, The Good Ghost, Portals, Soot and Sapphire, and Starman — Five Distinct Voices. One Bold Imprint.



New York City, New York Jun 19, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Dex System, the independent publishing imprint operating through the Cipher Grid digital hub, announces the release of five new titles spanning speculative fiction, cosmic horror, dark fantasy, and literary adventure. Together, these releases signal the continued expansion of the Dex System catalog and its commitment to publishing fiction that takes genuine risks.

Grokstar by Fave is the imprint's most brazenly genre-defiant new arrival — a work that bends the conventions of science fiction and literary satire into something genuinely its own. Fave brings an unconventional voice to a title that will challenge and reward readers willing to follow it wherever it leads.

The Good Ghost: A Tale of Choice by Ronald Bartholomew (published under the E-Drive imprint) explores the terrain between consequence and conscience. Part ghost story, part moral fable, The Good Ghost asks what it means to make a choice when the stakes are no longer bound by the living world — and what haunts us when we get it wrong.

Portals by Chester Craig opens doors that were perhaps better left closed. A propulsive work of speculative fiction that takes the oldest premise in the genre — the threshold between worlds — and pushes it into genuinely unsettling new territory. Craig writes with precision and menace, and Portals

confirms him as a significant new voice in independent speculative fiction.

Soot and Sapphire by Garth Toxo is the kind of title that announces itself and means it. A collision of dark atmosphere and startling beauty, Toxo's work moves between shadow and light with the confidence of an author who knows exactly what kind of world they are building — and exactly what it costs to live in it.

Starman by Chad Winthrop rounds out the release slate with a work that reaches upward even as it keeps its feet firmly planted in the dirt of lived human experience. Winthrop's Starman is a story about aspiration, identity, and the distance between who we are and what we believe we might become.

"These five titles represent exactly what Dex System was built for," said a spokesperson for the imprint. "Each one is doing something the mainstream publishing world would never take a chance on. That's the point."

Available Now

Grokstar — Fave

<https://www.amazon.com/Grokstar-Fave/dp/B0H3339SRL/>

The Good Ghost: A Tale of Choice — Ronald Bartholomew (E-Drive)

<https://www.amazon.com/Drive-Good-Ghost-Tale-Choice/dp/B0H34SSCBV/>

Portals — Chester Craig

<https://www.amazon.com/Portals-Chester-Craig/dp/B0GZ55G47K/>

Soot and Sapphire — Garth Toxo

<https://www.amazon.com/Soot-Sapphire-Garth-Toxo/dp/B0GVGTQ4KX/>

Starman — Chad Winthrop

<https://www.amazon.com/Starman-Chad-Winthrop/dp/B0H2BT8XQG/>

About Dex System

Dex System is an AI-powered creative engine that writes books using artificial intelligence, operating as an independent imprint under the AM I AM banner through the Cipher Grid digital hub (ciphergrid.net). Dex System publishes bold fiction and nonfiction for readers who want something more. For press inquiries, author interviews, or review copy requests, connect via X: @ciphergridnet.

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