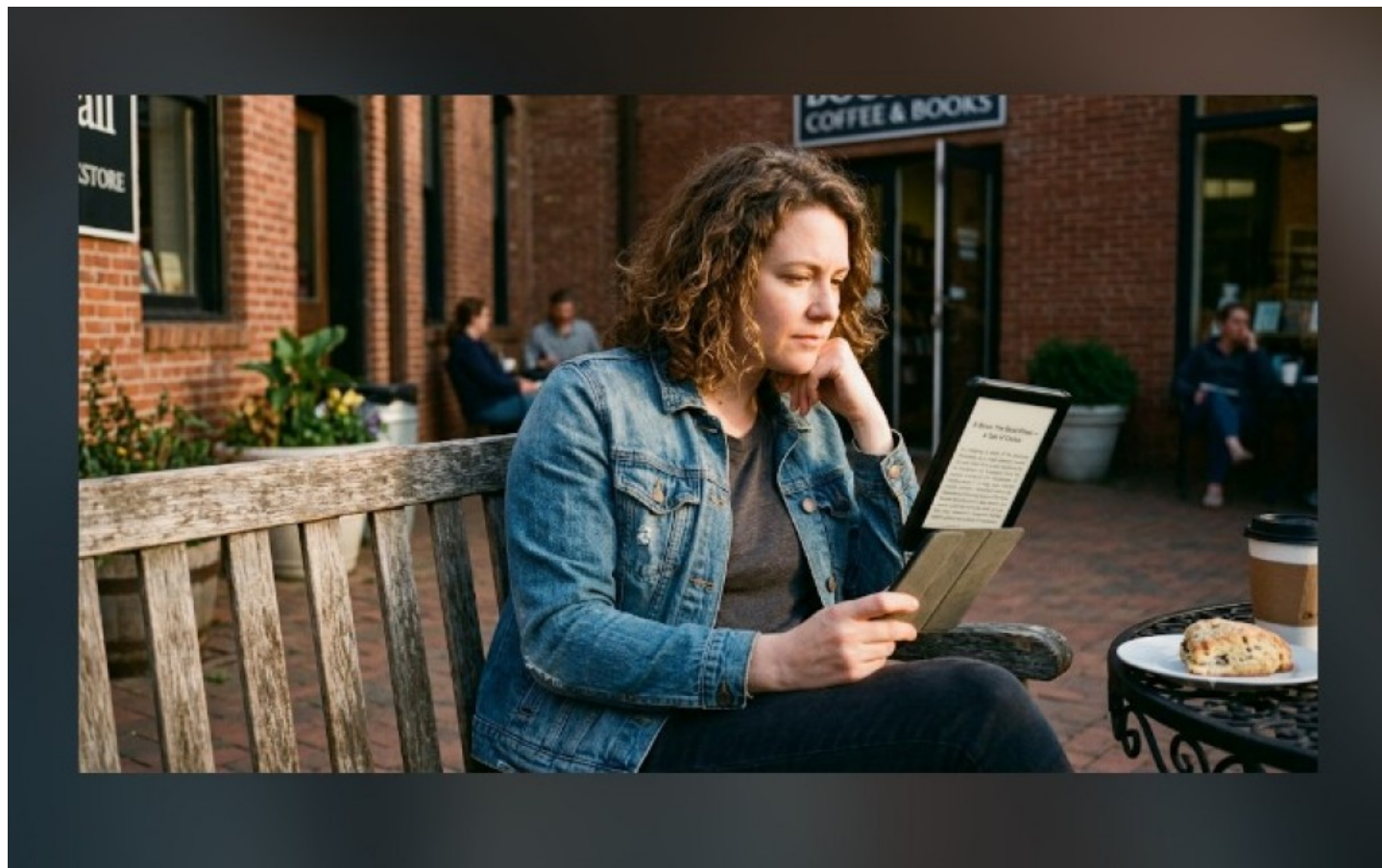


New Novel Reminds Readers That Breakthroughs — In Fiction and in History — Are Never as Instant as They Look

The Long Fight Before the Breakthrough



Boston, Massachusetts Jul 1, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - It's tempting to think of the American Revolution as a single dramatic event. In truth, more than a year separated the first shots at Lexington from the signing of the Declaration of Independence — a long, uncertain middle stretch that rarely makes the fireworks-and-bunting version of the story.

Ronald Bartholomew's new novel *E-Drive: The Good Ghost — A Tale of Choice* is built around a similar kind of gap. The ship Acheron's temporal E-Drive doesn't ignite in an instant of inspiration — it's the product of months of quiet, unexplained change: a fixed coil that grows and reshapes itself over a nine-month stretch before anyone understands what it means, followed by a jump sequence in which pilot Mortimer loses a piece of himself in the very moment the drive fires.

"The dramatic instant gets all the attention, in history and in fiction," said a Dex System spokesperson. "But *E-Drive* is more interested in the long, strange runway that makes that instant possible — which is a very Semiquincentennial way to tell a story."

E-Drive: The Good Ghost — A Tale of Choice is available now.

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

- Fable: <https://fable.co/book/x-9798235710047>

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