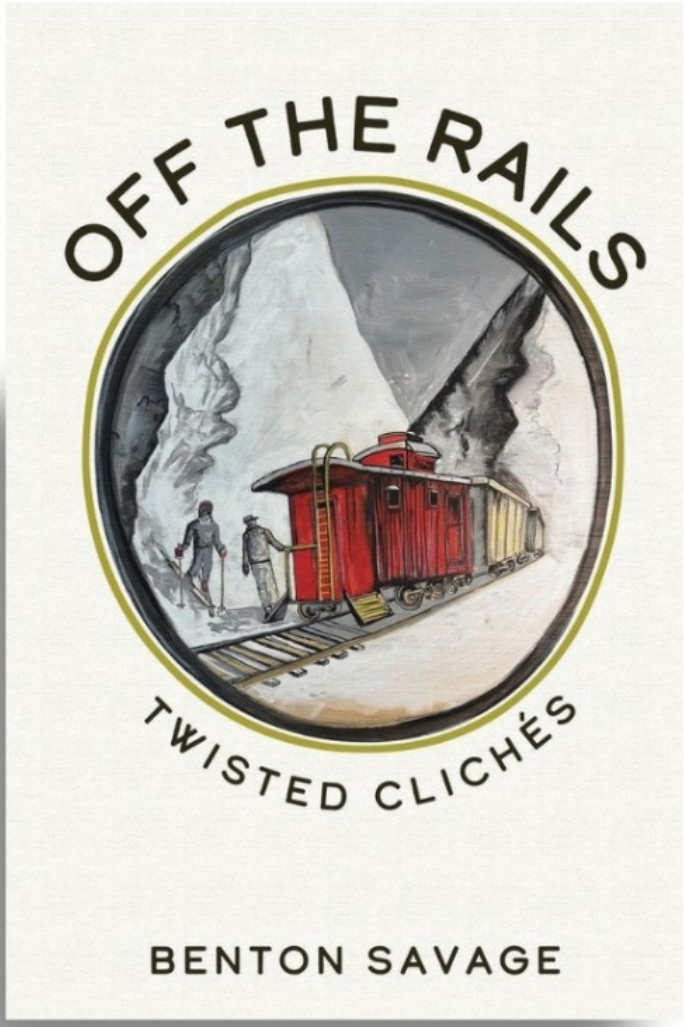
Explora Books Releases ‘Off the Rails’ by Benton Savage, a Collection of Twisted Clichés

Familiar sayings take an unexpected turn in ‘Off the Rails,’ a new collection of over 300 twisted clichés by author Benton Savage, published by Explora Books this month.



Vancouver, British Columbia Nov 12, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - Each entry takes a well-known expression—“the icing on the cake,” “burying one’s head in the sand,” “a fish out of water”—and pushes it one literal or logical step past its expected sense, turning comfortable, half-heard language into small, unexpected jolts of recognition.

The collection's defining quality is precision. A twisted cliché only lands if the twist is exact, and Savage rarely misses: "There's a light at the end of the tunnel, with one fireman's last words" earns its laugh by collapsing an entire idiom's optimism into a single grim reversal. That same economy carries the collection from wordplay ("Beyond the pale needs mopping") into sharper social and cultural territory ("If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, why do so many people not like what they see in the mirror?") without explaining the joke. Arranged alphabetically by the clichés it dismantles, from "off the deep end" through "life of the party," the book maintains its rhythm across 331 entries, with each variation resetting the pattern before it becomes predictable.

What distinguishes *Off the Rails* from a simple collection of puns is its willingness to move between light wordplay and subjects such as addiction, mortality, and self-deception. More serious observations appear alongside purely silly ones, giving the collection a tonal range that extends beyond the mechanics of the joke. The form remains compact enough for a quick read while allowing individual entries to invite a second look.

Benton Savage is the author of *Fortune Cookies: 100 Sayings to Help You Navigate Life's Challenges*, a short-form collection that reached #1 in new poetry on Amazon and shares *Off the Rail*s' concise, quotable format. The collection also addresses addiction, a subject Savage explored directly in the memoir *Wrong Side Out: Madness Misdiagnosed*, which reached #1 in Psychology for new books on Amazon in January 2026, and *The Stoic Alcoholic: It's Not Only About Counting Days*, an account of his three decades with addiction. While those books confront the subject directly, *Off the Rails* approaches it through humor and wordplay. Savage currently lives in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Off the Rails is available through Amazon and other major online bookstores. For more information, visit www.bentonsavage.com.

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