



Author James Weems Newsletter

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Grab Your Togas, Sandals, and Pizza Pans! **ROME: Centuries of Stories of the Eternal City** has been released!

It's me again! Sorry I am popping into your inbox so soon after the regular newsletter, but I literally was **just** told that RELEASE DAY is here. **ROME: Centuries of Stories of the Eternal City** has *just* been released by Red Penguin books. It includes my short story, *An American Schoolboy in the Eternal City*. My story is a memoir of my visit more than 50 years ago to Rome. It's a short 1200-word read, my first "officially published" work in over thirty years.

Just so you're not surprised, my short story is **not** fiction. It's a recollection of my visit to Rome back in 1968 as a schoolboy. It doesn't tie in with my novel at all, **other than** the same author, same sense of humor, same Colosseum, same Rome.... but **no** Benji or Ravynn. I've seen the other stories and poems in the anthology, and I'm honored to be included.

Since the anthology has just been released, I'm jumping the gun—or is it the shark?—quite a bit. I don't have all the deets yet on where the book will be available and all the other fine print, but by the next regularly scheduled newsletter, I hope to have all that remedied. So, for now, I'll return you to your regularly scheduled inboxes!

—James