

Summer suspense

Based on author **Tim Callahan's** summers spent with his grandparents in the hills of Morgan County, *The Cave, The Cabin, & The Tattoo Man* brings home the world of 9-going-on-10-year-old Timmy as he finds adventure and danger.

Timmy comes to spend a few months with his grandparents to enjoy fishing and exploring the area. But then an elderly neighbor is murdered, and Timmy stumbles upon the might-be killer. He races against time to find the killer, save his grandparents and enjoy the summer while learning valuable lessons of trust and faith.

Filled with memorable characters, suspense and mystery along with growing pains, this is the first in Callahan's Kentucky Summers series.

THE CAVE, THE CABIN, & THE TATTOO MAN
By Tim Callahan
Tate Publishing & Enterprises
\$16.99 (P)



—LAURA KELLERSBERGER

In the cards

Calvin Turtle learned early in life that the hand he was dealt was worse than bad; it brought out the demons of pure and painful disillusionment. He was raised dysfunctionally as a berated non-person in Louisville by rich and sleazy parents, proprietors of a playing card company. He felt the incessant, never-ending pain of his little sister's death, which he blamed on the two. Not surprisingly, Calvin is accused of being responsible for their fiery deaths in an Independence Day 1972 car crash.

Traveling circuitously a life path aimed to bring peace to his tortured soul, young Calvin seeks direction, in of all things, a special kind of card-playing solitaire called "Klondike." His pursuit leads him to a telling battle against his arch-enemy, Karl Buntingstrife, at his father's prized but

hellish hunting preserve in Gaheena, Ark.

Squire Babcock, director of Murray State University's low-residency Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing, presents a riveting interior struggle relating to life at its worst, yet with the flickering possibility of light—found somewhere.

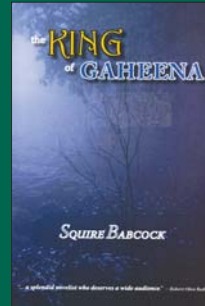
The novel is written in a haunting present tense, allowing the reader to discover, along with Calvin, pieces of his almost unfathomable personal complexity.

In doing so, the author skillfully touches the deeper recesses of Calvin's mind—and ours.

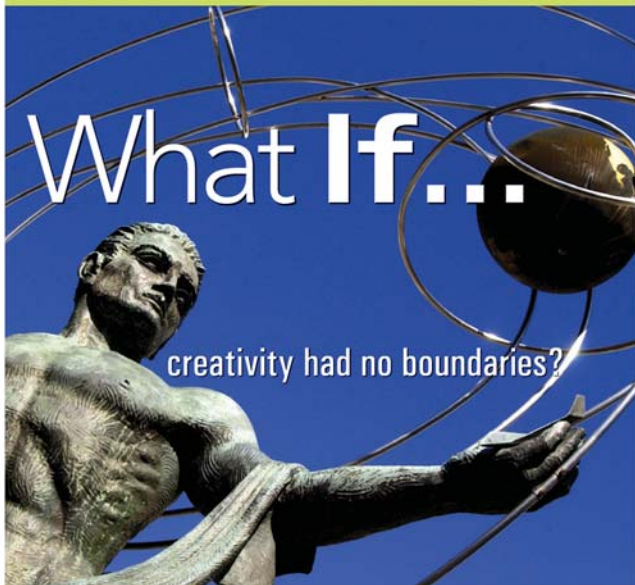
Babcock's compelling and serious work will be discussed by many for a long time.

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