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**Emerging author J. Penelope Baker publishes a collection of fantasy and literary fiction titled *Mirror Image and Other Stories* through Smashwords.com.**

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WINTER PARK, Florida - September 18, 2022 — J. Penelope Baker's debut eBook collection of short stories is now available on Smashwords.com for \$1.99. This collection includes 7 fantasy and literary fiction stories and is available in all the major eBook formats.

The titular story, "Mirror Image," is a Cinderella retelling, in which a girl named Ella has rushed to a royal ball to save the prince from certain death. She has just gotten him alone and starts to warn him of the bloodthirsty creature bent on his destruction when the being appears in the gardens with them.

"Message from a Bottle," is fantasy-horror and opens with an early morning jogger finding a message in a bottle half-buried on the beach. What follows is the eerie tale of a stranded ship's crew being stalked by terrifyingly beautiful beings.

The first contemporary fiction story is "Clio's Monster," in which a young girl called Clio fakes being sick so she can skip school. Instead, she spends her day hunting for the monster she's convinced is living in her basement.

"Plastic Cup" is one of the shortest stories in the collection. It tells the story of a girl named Miranda, who finally confronts her father about his selfishness in a hotel room after an emotionally devastating family funeral.

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