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Electric Soul: The Story of Helix Studios Model Joey Mills. Written By Taylor Saracen

13 Red Media has released the third book in its Rise Up Series. Written by Taylor Saracen, **ELECTRIC SOUL** is coming-of-age novel that chronicles Helix Studios model Joey Mills before he was famous. Readers meet a teenage Mills: reckless, brazen and unapologetically outspoken, who - for reasons he can't explain - chooses to hide a key part of his true self from the world. **ELECTRIC SOUL** is a journey in self-discovery, as well as an unconventionally heartwarming story of the relationship between a troubled teen and his mother as they confront life's challenges. **ELECTRIC SOUL** by Taylor Saracen is available now in select bookstores, Amazon and most e-book retailers worldwide.

"ELECTRIC SOUL is a view at teenage life that isn't necessarily what parents or educators want to believe is true in America today, but it is," explains author Taylor Saracen, a former middle and high school teacher. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Applied Developmental Psychology and is particularly interested in the plight of youth whose path to adulthood may appear unorthodox to most. "I seek to de-stigmatize those who work in the adult film industry by showing how closely their struggles mirror our own," she says. "They are a community that has been marginalized and maligned. They deserve better representation."

ELECTRIC SOUL is her third novel in the series, Rise Up. It follows His Own Way Out, inspired by the early life of Helix model Blake Mitchell and Twink, a book about Helix model Kyle Ross. While the characters change and the stories vary in each Rise Up novel, common themes - including the struggle for independence, identifying one's passions, searching for acceptance and for love - are interwoven through the pages in all.

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Dungeons and Drag Queens: Fire Island Through The Eyes of Its Worst Drag Queen. By Greg Scarnici

In his second collection of humorous essays, comedian Greg Scarnici recounts some of his most shocking and scandalous experiences over twenty-five years of summering on New York's Fire Island. From tea dances in Fire Island Pines to drag competitions in Cherry Grove, Greg Scarnici's **DUNGEONS AND DRAG QUEENS** paints a picture of what a typical summer on the island of misfit boys is like.

"If I were to explain Fire Island to someone who's never been there, I would describe it as a bathhouse on the beach," Greg Scarnici explains. "Or Provincetown with more meth."

Nothing is sugarcoated in **DUNGEONS AND DRAG QUEENS**. Scarnici spills all the hot tea from riding aboard a ferry in a dress with two hundred other drag queens during the annual Fourth of July Invasion, to getting innocently lured into a sex dungeon that was actually a 3x4 garden shed. He discusses his adventures in the notorious Meat Rack and dancing until the sun comes up at the island's annual beach celebration, Pines Party.

Every essay exposes a different, accurate and hilarious facet of Scarnici's Fire Island. From "MuuMuu Land," which talks about the magic that can happen by throwing on a five-dollar caftan, to "Suffolk County Realness," which details the creation of his alter ego, Levonja Jenkins. The bearded Levonja (pictured on the cover) has had the honor of being crowned "the worst drag queen in Cherry Grove" four times, proving that one does not need a perfect beat or wig to be a crown-snatching female impersonator.

DUNGEONS AND DRAG QUEENS simultaneously weaves in some of the island's extraordinary history and introduces many of its true-life colorful characters.

Greg currently works as an Associate Producer at Saturday Night Live. Books include his debut collection of humorous essays: I Hope My Mother Doesn't Read This and **SEX IN DRAG**, a parody of Madonna's infamous **SEX** book shot entirely on Fire Island.

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