

# THE MOUSE

*A novel of unrelenting terror*



From the Author of **FIRE IN THE MIND**  
**ARJAY LEWIS**

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## OVERVIEW

Sheriff Neil Trajan of South Paris, Maine, is haunted by the vision of his dead wife as she hung from his basement rafters, tortured and mutilated. He knows who did it— his horror-writing author neighbor, Jack Court. He just needs to prove it without getting fired for harassment first.

When Jack is hit by a pickup truck and rushed to the hospital barely alive, it's Sheriff Trajan's chance to get a search warrant for Jack's house and find the evidence he needs for a conviction, to keep Jack Court from killing again.

A secret sub-basement reveals all that's needed to bring in the FBI to help track down Jack Court, serial killer . . . including a gold bracelet Neil had once given his wife.

A manhunt throughout the Northeast brings the authorities closer and closer to their man as he continues killing, pointing toward a new prolific author of horror, Harry Godwine . . . but is Jack Court even a man anymore?

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## **BOOK REVIEW-5 STARS**

### **Reviewed by Rabia Tanveer for Readers' Favorite**

The Muse: A Novel of Unrelenting Terror by Arjay Lewis is the story of a very famous and enigmatic writer named Jack Court. He is wealthy, young and handsome on top of being successful. But all of this comes at a price. Jack has a sinister secret. Sure, he is very talented; however, that does not mean he did not get any help. He has a small yet menacing creature living inside him that demands Jack shed blood for his talent and his fame. This is a price that Jack gladly pays by becoming a serial killer, but things are about to change in his life.

When he is in an accident because of a reckless driver, the creature leaves Jack and finds refuge in an unsuspecting writer named Harold Godwine. Harold has no idea why all of a sudden he is writing better and neither does he know why he is having intense dreams of blood and bloodshed. He is perplexed, yet he has no idea how to stop them. Now Jack is on Harold's trail to get his creature back, but it is not that easy anymore. He is losing his humanity and an FBI agent is after him. What can Jack do now? Will he ever get his creature back?

Oh boy, this is one intense and wildly entertaining novel. Just saying that I enjoyed this novel would not be enough. I loved, loved, loved the way Arjay Lewis took hold of the story and took it to great heights. The novel is fast paced, engaging and simply too amazing to put into words. I loved and hated Jack, his development was on point. The suspense was killing me, but it was exciting and I didn't want the story to end. The Muse is truly an amazing novel. I wish I could forget it and read it again for the very first time! Intense, demanding and really good!

<https://readersfavorite.com/book-review/the-muse>

# AUTHOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Arjay Lewis (also known by his performing name R.J. Lewis) is an award-winning author, entertainer and magician. He has experienced every level of show business from street-performing to Broadway.

Arjay's published stories have appeared in *H.P. LOVECRAFT MAGAZINE OF HORROR, WEIRD TALES* and *SHERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERY MAGAZINE*. His writing has also appeared in the Anthology *THE ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN*. His Novel *HOMES & WATKINS*, was a finalist in the 2016 Murder & Mayhem Novel Competition for Chanticleer Book Reviews.

He has collaborated on several films including: *DOWN IN FLAMES, THE TRUE STORY OF TONY 'VOLCANO' VALENCI* which has won seven Film Festival awards. His screenplay for *DUMMY* (co-written with Pamela Wess) is the winning screenplay for the 2017 Garden State Film Festival. It also won 4th place in the 2016 Writer's Digest Screenplay Competition and was a Finalist in the 2016 Filmfest Screenplay Competition.

Arjay is married to his wife, Debra, and has one daughter Rayna. He is currently performing on the Ruby Princess for Princess Cruises as the 'Magic Maker' in the hit show, *MAGIC TO DO*.

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## SEGMENT IDEAS

### *Where do stories come from?*

No less than Stephen King has put forth the concept that stories are “found things” that exist all ready and the writer uncovers it one piece at a time. Is there an actual muse? Arjay Lewis, author of the horror novel, *THE MUSE* discusses the inspirations behind his own tales and how different techniques work for different writers.

### *From the streets to the seas*

Entertainer and author, Arjay Lewis speaks of his career as a street-performer in Manhattan in the 1970’s that lead to him being on Broadway in the 1980’s and to his performing today on the Ruby Princess as the Magic Maker in Stephen Schwartz’s new musical *MAGIC TO DO*. He also explains how his life on the high seas has given him extra time to devote to his writing.

### *The call of the odd*

From *THE DARK TOWER* by Stephen King to the *ODD THOMAS* books by Dean Koontz, novels featuring the paranormal are very popular. Author Arjay Lewis has written over 10 novels featuring the paranormal and discusses why the strange is still so popular among the reading public.

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Voice: Low E to High A	

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## THEATER

### BROADWAY

BARNUM Barker/H. Morrissey St James Theater

### PRODUCTION

BUSKER ALLEY Fire-Eater Tour

### OFF-BROADWAY

MONDAY NIGHT MAGIC Rotating Performer Bleecker Thtre

### PRINCESS CRUISES

MAGIC TO DO Magic Maker Ruby Princess

### OFF-OFF BROADWAY

HOBOKEN CHICKEN EMERGENCY Professor Jan Hus Playhouse  
DARLING NICKY...DEAREST ALEX Rasputin Amsterdam Thtre

### REGIONAL & STOCK

STAGE STRUCK Simon Society Hill; Phila  
MURDER UNDER THE BIG TOP Marco Claridge Casino  
SOAP SUDS OF DEATH Stud Silver Trump's Castle  
THE FANTASTICKS El Gallo Masque/Mime

### DINNER THEATER

A CHRISTMAS CAROL Charles Dickens Braddock's Tavern  
DEATH BY ENCHANTMENT Onnis McDuff Cousins  
GREEN BEER OF DEATH Sheldon Pending Cousins  
EVENING WITH THE STEINS Frank N. Stein Sweetwater Casino

## FILM

BEAR WITH US Arthur Bear With Us Film LLC  
DOWN IN FLAMES Tony Independent  
AFFLICTION David Independent  
BEYOND BELIEF Todd Independent

## TELEVISION

THE APPRENTICE- Season 3 Featured Spot NBC-TV  
LAW & ORDER Juggler NBC-TV  
MERLIN "Promotion" Wizard Hallmark  
LATE NIGHT W/ DAVID LETTERMAN Guest NBC-TV  
KENNEDY CENTER HONOR AWARDS Singer CBS-TV  
NOVA (Spaces Episode) Featured Spot PBS

## COMMERCIALS

On Camera Principal for National Network Spots (On Request)

## INDUSTRIALS

Live & On-Camera for Various Companies including:  
Mobil Oil, Acme Markets, Guardian Insurance, Roche Pharmaceuticals

## AWARDS

BEST ACTOR in a SHORT FILM 2013 BEYOND BELIEF LA Comedy Film Fest  
BEST ACTOR in a SHORT COMEDY BEYOND BELIEF Cinefest Film Festival

## SKILLS

MAGICIAN- Award Winning Sleight-of-Hand JUGGLER- Balls, Rings, Clubs, Knives  
FIRE EATER- Torches and Blow-Outs ACCENTS: Many, Including Authentic British

