**FICTION**

**Book Title:** *A Hero For The People*
Author: Arthur Powers
Publisher: Press 53
Release Date: May 2013
ISBN: 978-1-935708-83-4
Word Count: Not Available
Synopsis: A collection of short stories set in Brazil
SOA Awarded: First Quarter 2014

**Book Title:** *A Rock and a Hard Place*
Author: Deanna Klingel
Publisher: Shari Parker Publishing
Release Date: March, 2014
ISBN:
Word Count:
Synopsis: Rock and a Hard Place: A Lithuanian Love Story is the true story of a farm boy and a city girl, both born in prosperous Lithuania, in 1929. The country they love is slowly being taken over by Russia. When they are nine, both families flee to spend years as refugees. It's a story of heartbreak for the Baltic nations and the refugees caught between the Russian invasion and the German betrayal while communism nips at their heels. I had a wonderful couple of years interviewing this couple, listening to their stories, seeing their photographs and artifacts. They couldn't imagine anyone would want to hear their stories. Readers, you are about to be part of their amazing love story. From their happy childhoods, to their chaotic teen years as refugees, to their first look at the Statue of Liberty, their faith, courage and determination will swell your heart with pride and love. This is the story of millions of immigrants who brought that faith, courage and determination with them and created our mighty nation of the post World Wars.
SOA Awarded: First Quarter 2014

**Book Title:** *Bird Face*
Author: Cynthia T. Toney
Publisher: SharksFinn Books/Port Yonder Press
Release Date: 2/11/2014
ISBN: 9781935600435
Word Count: 35000
Synopsis: Anonymous sticky-notes, a scheming bully, and a ruined summer send almost-fourteen-year-old Wendy down a trail of secrets and self-discovery.

At the end of eighth grade, Wendy Robichaud doesn't care one bit about being popular like her good-looking classmates Tookie and the Sticks—until Brainiac bully John-Monster schemes against her, and someone leaves anonymous sticky-note messages all over school. Even her best friend, Jennifer, is hiding something and pulling away. But the Spring Program, abandoned puppies, and high school track team tryouts don’t leave much time to play detective. When secrets and failed dreams kick off the summer, will Jennifer still be around to support her?
Using humor and offering hope, this story for ages 11 to 14 delicately addresses issues of bullying, eating disorders, imperfect families, and teen suicide.

**SOA Awarded: Second Quarter 2014**

**Book Title:** A Subtle Grace  
**Author:** Ellen Gable  
**Publisher:** Full Quiver Publishing  
**Release Date:** 3/25/14  
**ISBN:** 978-0973673692  
**Word Count:** 126101  
**Synopsis:** 1896, Philadelphia. In this sequel to “In Name Only” (2009 FQP), “A Subtle Grace” continues the story of the wealthy and unconventional O'Donovan Family as they approach the dawn of a new century. At 19, Kathleen (oldest daughter) is unmarried with no prospects. Fearing the lonely fate of an old maid, her impatience leads to an infatuation with the first man who shows interest. The suave, handsome son of the local police chief seems a perfect match. But will her impulsive manner prevent her from recognizing her true beloved? A disturbing turn of events brings a dark shadow that threatens the life-long happiness she desires. Dr. Luke Peterson (the family’s new physician) also makes quite an impression on Kathleen. His affection for her leads him to startling revelations: about Kathleen, about his practice and, most importantly, about himself.  
**SOA Awarded: Second Quarter 2014**

**Book Title:** Andrew’s Key (Stories From Hartford)  
**Author:** Amanda Hamm  
**Publisher:** Before Someday Publishing  
**Release Date:** 1/30/2014  
**ISBN:** 978-0-985065959  
**Word Count:** 54000+  
**Synopsis:** Talk around Hartford is that the old Hilson house is haunted. Its new owner, Rebecca Hilson, doesn’t believe that. She’s more concerned with the decades of junk that has accumulated and for which she is now responsible. She doesn’t know what to do with any of it or even how to approach sorting through it all.  
Her new neighbor, Andrew Lately, is happy to offer some words of wisdom and the help of his grandson, Charlie, to get her started. Charlie makes it clear right away that he is interested in more than helping Rebecca move boxes. She doesn’t know if she can return those feelings. In fact, recent events have made her question her ability to feel much of anything.  
Will Charlie’s patience pay off or will it take a real ghost to help Rebecca understand the nature of love?  
**SOA Awarded: Third Quarter 2014**

**Book Title:** To the Heights: A Novel Based on the Life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati  
**Author:** Brian Kennelly  
**Publisher:** TAN Books  
**Release Date:** 7/31/2014  
**ISBN:** 9781618906328  
**Word Count:** 60000  
**Synopsis:** This is a historical fiction novel based on the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.  
**SOA Awarded: Third Quarter 2014**
**Book Title: Working Mother**  
Author: Erin McCole Cupp  
Publisher: Full Quiver Publishing  
Release Date: 12/28/2014  
ISBN: 978-0-9879153-8-2  
Word Count: 3000  
Synopsis: With her husband disabled and out of work and her child in mortal danger, a mother must leave her family and find work so they can all survive. The husband’s name is Joseph. The child’s name is Jesus. The working mother is Mary.  
SOA Awarded: Fourth Quarter 2014

**Book Title: Fatal Rhythm**  
Author: R.B. O’Gorman  
Publisher: Immaculada Books  
Release Date: 9/8/2014  
Word Count: 80000  
Synopsis: In the pre-dawn hours of the graveyard shift, the ICU at the Houston Heart Institute is quiet, and quietly, patients are dying. Joe must survive a two-month stint in an ICU rife with land mines--unexpected patient deaths, rival faculty, fellow-resident saboteurs, a cost-slashing administrator, a ruthless insurance executive, a seductive head nurse, a jealous wife, a critically ill son, an over-protective mother, and an orderly distraught over his daughter's death. Joe knows that a spectacular performance in the ICU will secure a coveted cardiovascular surgery fellowship. However, he must determine the cause of the suspicious deaths to salvage the career he thought he wanted. In the process, he reexamines the religious and ethnic heritage that he had previously rejected.  
SOA Awarded: Fourth Quarter 2014

**Book Title: A World Such as Heaven Intended**  
Author: Amanda Lauer  
Publisher: Full Quiver Publishing  
Release Date: 11/1/2014  
ISBN: 978-0-9879153-6-8  
Word Count: 67414  
Synopsis: The Civil War tore the United States apart and many friendships and families as well. In "A World Such as Heaven Intended," Amara McKirnan and Nathan Simmons share a devotion to their Catholic faith but their loyalties lie on opposite sides of the conflict. Dedicated to the Confederate cause, Amara offers to help out at her uncle's makeshift hospital in Atlanta. Fate brought Nathan to their doorstep and into Amara's life. Little does Amara know that the wounded soldier she cares for harbors a secret that will not only jeopardize his life but hers as well. Follow Amara and Nathan's story from the heart of war-torn Atlanta to the Northern Georgia battlefields to the plains of East Texas as their lives become intertwined in a way that shatters the separate worlds they once knew.  
SOA Awarded: Fourth Quarter 2014
YOUNG ADULT, MIDDLE GRADE, & CHILDREN’S

Book Title: a.k.a. Genius
Author: Marilee Haynes
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media
Release Date: 8/1/2013
ISBN: 978-0819808301
Word Count: 40,000
Synopsis: Thirteen-year-old Gabe Carpenter is just like any other middle-school boy at St. Jude Academy...well, except for the fact that based on his scores on some seventh grade test, he is considered a "genius" and is placed in an enrichment class with other gifted students. But he sure doesn't seem like a genius-after all, he can't even open his own locker and his brain stops functioning when Becca, his sister's best friend, comes around. As if these problems aren't enough to deal with, he is convinced that one of his arms is longer than the other and his second best friend is mad at him. Even worse, his nervousness causes some pretty embarrassing bodily functions. And at home, his dad expects him to be some kind of basketball star athlete instead of a science nerd who predicts the weather. Join Gabe as he navigates the trying times of middle-school, wonders what it means to have brains, and learns what it truly means to be himself.
SOA Awarded: First Quarter 2014

Book Title: Angel or Not? Angel for Sure!
Author: Lori Diez
Publisher: Angel's Books
Release Date: 2010
ISBN: 978-0-9844166-0-8
Word Count: 49,091
Synopsis: An engaging book for preteens, that focuses on real life ups and downs of being a girl in Catholic school. Follow Angel through fourth grade as she learns to handle her own conflicts while attempting to stay in 'angel-mode' even though, sometimes her thoughts and actions aren't so angelic. Stay with as she realizes that every action has a consequence. In this, the first book of the series, Angel is being bullied and must figure out how to handle the bully. You'll meet Sister Rita, Angel's family, friends and her first crush—Dreamboat Tony! It's easy to be drawn into Angel's world while she tries to solve the Sonya Mystery and you'll understand why she feels stuck in the "Twilight Zone." The book integrates Catholic faith with a fun story-line that Catholic students will want to read because they feel a strong connection with Angel, her family and her friends.
SOA Awarded: First Quarter 2014

Book Title: The Gate
Author: Nancy Carabio Belanger
Publisher: Harvey House Publishing
Release Date: 11/5/2013
Word Count: 98,700
Synopsis: For smart-aleck Josh, being a Christian in the eighth grade is completely irrelevant, especially
with the temptations that middle school can bring. Life is all about playing video games, getting money, and causing trouble. He doesn’t need anybody and he makes his own rules. When his teacher assigns a pen-pal project, Josh meets Pie, a spunky senior citizen with a love of his Catholic faith, Saint John Bosco, and the New York Yankees. But much to Josh’s surprise, Pie creates his own project for Josh, and Josh realizes that God has a plan — even for him. This inspiring novel radiates the dignity of the priesthood and the discovery of God's calling for each of us. As the friendship with his new mentor deepens, Josh learns that God has more in store for him than he ever imagined.

**Book Title:** I'm Bernadette!
**Author:** Emily Grace Ortega
**Publisher:** Half Moon Bay Publishing
**Release Date:** 10/15/2013
**ISBN:** 978-1492932840
**Word Count:** 11,878

**Synopsis:** Bernadette doesn’t know what to do when the principal, Sister Teresa Jerome, announces that the school will celebrate All Saints’ Day with saint costumes. That means no Halloween costumes and no princess dress for Bernadette! Everyone else is excited about finding a great saint costume. But Bernadette doesn’t want to think about it. To make things worse, her two younger brothers seem to be determined to make trouble for her at home! But with the help of her family, she’ll find a great saint costume and become better friends with her brothers. I’m Bernadette! is written for Catholic girls. In Bernadette, they’ll meet a modern, relatable character finding her way through real world troubles in a Catholic family. Young readers are enjoying Bernadette's lively pace, humor, and charming illustrations: “Bernadette is just like me!” -Sadie, 8 “I won’t have anything else to read until the next one!” -Elizabeth, 6

**SOA Awarded:** First Quarter 2014

**Book Title:** The Tree of Healing
**Author:** Diana Gonzalez Tabbaa
**Publisher:** CreateSpace
**Release Date:** October 2013
**ISBN:** 13:978-1475101119
**Word Count:** 28,277

**Synopsis:** Rose spends much of her time dwelling on her troubles. She lives in anxiety and loneliness, as her mother has been harsh and distant since the death of her father when she was an infant. One golden summer, as she leaves her childhood years behind, her grandmother and a heaven-sent friend teach her to bring everything in her life to God in prayer, and to bring His Life into her own. She comes to know and trust God deeply, especially when she discovers a message of love carved by her father in a great tree that forms the crucifix of a Rosary Garden. A Mary’s Garden that she plants reflects her own growth in a living faith that brings a garden of souls with her to God, including her mother. This timeless story of forgiveness and hope shows how suffering is transformed through union with Christ. Enriched with spiritual art, poetry, and quotes from Scripture, “The Tree of Healing” tells of the healing of one young girl and of all wounded humanity by the Sacrifice of Jesus on a new Tree of Life.

**SOA Awarded:** First Quarter 2014

**Book Title:** Ten Commandments for Kissing Gloria Jean [AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY]
Author: Britt Leigh
Publisher: Pauline Books & Media
Release Date: January 2014
ISBN: 0-8198-7491-4
Word Count: 43650
Synopsis: Between friends, lip gloss, boys, homework, pimples, fashion, and gossip, 14-year-old Gloria Jean has a lot to keep up with as an eighth grader—especially when Sex Ed and Confirmation classes are thrown into the mix. But one thing is particularly weighing on her mind: her first kiss. As if all of this isn’t enough to deal with, Gloria Jean gets diagnosed with Celiac disease, prompting important considerations about her body and her Catholic faith. Themes include: faith, choices, and sex & relationships.
SOA Awarded: Second Quarter 2014

Book Title: Book of Saints for Catholic Children
Author: Rev. Daniel A Lord
Publisher: WH Litho
Release Date: 11/1/2014
ISBN: 9781929198948
Word Count: 24000
Synopsis: Illustrated Stories of Saints for Catholic Children
SOA Awarded: Third Quarter 2014

Book Title: I Am Margaret
Author: Corinna Turner
Publisher: UnSeen Books
Release Date: June 27, 2014
ISBN: 978 1 903858 04 2
Word Count: 97000
Synopsis: IN MARGO’S WORLD, IF YOU DON'T PASS YOUR SORTING AT 18 YOU ARE RECYCLED. LITERALLY. Margaret Verrall dreams of marrying the boy she loves and spending her life with him. But she’s part of the underground network of Believers – and that carries the death penalty. And there’s just one other problem. She’s going to fail her Sorting. But a chance to take on the system ups the stakes beyond mere survival. Now she has to break out of the Facility - or face the worst punishment of all. Conscious Dismantlement.
“Great style – very good characters and pace. Definitely a book worth reading, like The Hunger Games.”
Eoin Colfer, author of ‘Artemis Fowl’
“An intelligent, well-written and enjoyable debut from a young writer with a bright future.”
Stewart Ross, author of ‘The Soterion Mission’
“This book invaded my dreams.”
Sr Mary Catherine Bloom OP
SOA Awarded: Fourth Quarter 2014

Book Title: Sisters of the Last Straw Book 2: The Case of the Vanishing Novice
Author: Karen Kelly Boyce
Publisher: Chesterton Press
Release Date: 2014
Word Count: 10,938
Synopsis: New mishaps occur in the Sisters’ convent when their neighbor dislikes their new puppy and their new postulant goes missing!
**Book Title: The Sisters of the Last Straw: The Case of the Stolen Rosaries**

Author: Karen Kelly Boyce  
Publisher: Chesterton Press  
Release Date: 8/15/2014  
ISBN: 978-0-9899411-3-6  
Word Count: 11910  
Synopsis: A renegade rooster terrorizes the Sisters' back yard and a mysterious thief snatches the Sisters' rosaries in this third adventure about a convent of misfit nuns. The Sisters of the Last Straw are a group of misfit nuns who struggle with their problems while seeking to love Jesus more. A fun story that teaches tolerance and forgiveness in the midst of many comic exploits.  

**Book Title: I Forgive You: Love We Can Hear, Ask For and Give**  

Author: Nicole Lataif  
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media  
Release Date: 8/1/2014  
ISBN: 978-0819837264  
Word Count: 584  
Synopsis: Written by Nicole Lataif, author of the award-winning Forever You: A Book about Your Soul and Body, this book teaches children ages 4-7 a balanced, Christian view of forgiveness. Simply structured sentences and scenarios paired with whimsical illustrations show children the power of three simple words: I Forgive You. Examples of when to forgive are illustrated, along with simple explanations of what happens when forgiveness is withheld. Children are encouraged to forgive as God does - gently, and with the willingness to do so again and again. They also learn how to forgive without compromising their safety. This resource sparks conversation with children about when to forgive in a healthy way. It stresses God's never-ending patience and love, laying the foundations for a young child's faith formation. Ending with a petition to God for help in forgiving others, I Forgive You demonstrates to children the peace that comes with forgiveness.

**NONFICTION**

**Book Title: Chosen to Heal**  

Author: Laura Wright  
Publisher: Immaculate Heart Press  
Release Date: 11/7/2013  
Word Count: 26,600  
Synopsis: Many people today think and act like the signs and wonders of Jesus’ time on Earth are over. But the six gifted U.S. Catholics profiled in this book show us that Jesus’ miraculous healing power is as real today as it ever was. Journey with these Catholics, learning about their healing ministries and how God has used them to bring healing and hope to a broken world. Some of the people profiled include Stella Davis, a demon fighting grandmother; Tom Naemi, a Detroit mobster turned charismatic Catholic,
and Father Richard McAlear a brown-eyed priest whose eyes mysteriously appear blue to many of the people he prays over. Powerful testimonies of cancer cured, anxiety relieved, belief restored and much more fill the pages of "Chosen to Heal" and inspire readers to move past their doubts and seek their own miracle.

SOA Awarded: First Quarter 2014

**Book Title:** Crazy Love  
**Author:** Eileen Leamy  
**Publisher:** Crazy Love Publishing  
**Release Date:** Winter 2013  
**ISBN:** forthcoming  
**Word Count:** 76,020

**Synopsis:** My husband and I were married on January 17, 2004. I was 57 and he was 64, and we both had grown children, but we were the big love of each other's lives. For two and a half years, we lived like 20 year-old newlyweds until Harry was diagnosed with leukemia and died two years later. Crazy Love is the story of how God brought us together and healed each of us through the transformative power of love and suffering.

SOA Awarded: First Quarter 2014

**Book Title:** Tales of Glory: The Stories Icons Tell  
**Author:** Matthew W. Gaul  
**Publisher:** Leonine Publishers, LLC  
**Release Date:** October, 2013  
**ISBN:** 978-0988772991  
**Word Count:** 57,379

**Synopsis:** Long before modern communications, the Eastern Church taught and prayed with sacred pictures - "icons." This book is an exposition of that lived treasure, embodied today in St. Nicholas Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in New York. The large, beautiful hardcover includes: glorious full-color photography and rich explanations of the Twelve Great Feasts, many favorite saints and angels; a comprehensive glossary of iconography; and much more! Gaul explains the initial reaction a modern American would have when confronted with the overwhelming beauty of Byzantine iconography: "When I first arrived I felt hesitant and even unworthy, for the presence of God was so obvious and arresting that I almost did not know how to handle it. It was an honor simply to be let in the door." Tales of Glory is a story of sacrifice and redemption, ever-new for the faithful today. Turn the pages and enter into another world.

SOA Awarded: First Quarter 2014

**Book Title:** Yes, God!  
**Author:** Susie Lloyd  
**Publisher:** Ave Maria Press  
**Release Date:** 11/25/2013  
**ISBN:** 1594714061  
**Word Count:** 30305

**Synopsis:** In a culture that is often dark and discouraging, where can parents look for help in raising their children? By profiling ten men and women on their journeys to the priesthood and the convent, award-winning author Susie Lloyd discovered lessons that can be used by any parents who want to raise
faithful children. Here are the heartwarming stories of five priests, five nuns, and the parents who raised them to be open to God's call. Lloyd relates some of their joys and setbacks, reveals their guiding principles and rallying cries, and passes along tips from the "master" parents. The mother of seven, Lloyd also shares some of her own (often humorous) parenting tales, and she helps readers understand the various dynamics of Catholic family life and the diverse factors that influence a child's decision to say "yes" to God.

SOA Awarded: First Quarter 2014

Book Title: Beloved: A Collection of Timeless Catholic Prayers
Author: Margaret M. Dvorak
Publisher: Liguori Publications
Release Date: 2/26/2014
Word Count: 208
Synopsis: Beloved: A Collection of Timeless Catholic Prayers honors the rich prayer life of the Catholic Church and provides an opportunity to pray with Scripture. Many will remember with great fondness the chaplets and litanies included in it, and will find helpful the prayers for various intentions (for the sick, to know the will of God, etc.) These prayers also help petitioners remember that their voices are joined with those of the saints and holy people who have gone before them. Younger Catholics, perhaps discovering these prayers for the first time, might use them to deepen their prayer life.

Beloved is a book of traditional Catholic prayers and devotions with accompanying scriptures which help focus the reader while quieting their minds from outside distractions.

SOA Awarded: Second Quarter 2014

Book Title: Miracle Man
Author: Judy Landrieu Klein
Publisher: Self
Release Date: December 2013
Word Count: 85000
Synopsis: "Miracle Man" is the true story of an authentically Catholic near death experience and death bed conversion. It follows Bernie Klein's journey to heaven and back after Bernie inexplicably survives "the widow maker" and comes back from "the dead" to share his dramatic encounter with Jesus. Bernie's "come to Jesus" brings him to radical conversion, answering the prayers of his wife, Judy-- a Catholic theologian who has prayed fervently for his conversion for many years. Bernie's personal experience with God also brings about Judy's own deeper conversion, as she learns to let go of fear and surrender completely to God. "Miracle Man" is a book that readers widely claim they "can't put down." Pregnant with teaching about the Catholic faith, "Miracle Man" has been called "a must read" by readers of all denominations.

SOA Awarded: Second Quarter 2014

Book Title: I Thirst For Your Love
Author: Michael Seagriff
Publisher: Createspace
Release Date: 5/24/2014
Word Count: 21400
Synopsis: The sad but truthful reality is that in far too many of our Catholic parishes we have lost the sense of the sacred and an appreciation for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that are both essential for fostering and maintaining a belief in the Real Presence. As Jesus hung from the cross more than 2000 years ago, He let us know He was thirsty – not a physical thirst - but an unquenchable spiritual thirst to be loved by those He created and for whose eternal benefit He died. If we really believed Jesus Christ was truly here with us, we would go visit Him. Nothing and no one would prevent us from doing so. We are the only ones who can quench His thirst. It is the author’s hope that after reading this book you will make it your personal mission to do so.

SOA Awarded: Third Quarter 2014

Book Title: Trusting God with St. Therese
Author: Connie Rossini
Publisher: Four Waters Press
Release Date: 7/16/2014
ISBN: 978-0692248522
Word Count: 72609
Synopsis: Trusting God with St. Therese tells the story of how Therese of Lisieux learned to trust God through tragedy, scruples, spiritual darkness, and physical suffering. Connie Rossini pairs each episode of the saint’s life with a story of her own quest to trust. With Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and insights from psychology, Rossini leads readers to surrender their lives completely to Christ.

SOA Awarded: Third Quarter 2014

Book Title: Contraception and Catholicism: What the Church Teaches and Why
Author: Angela Franks
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media
Release Date: 11/2013
ISBN: 819816388
Word Count: 25400
Synopsis: Catholic teaching on contraception...a hard pill to swallow? Despite the Catholic Church's clear opposition to contraception, many individuals, including Catholics, consider the Church's stance misogynistic and outdated. But really, it is not. Author Angela Franks, PhD, an experienced pro-life speaker and educator, discovered this truth herself. Dr. Franks presents you with a comprehensive look at the Church's view on the meaning and purpose of sex as love and life, unity and procreation. She equips you with the information that you need to understand, adopt, and/or teach the Church's position on contraception.

SOA Awarded: Fourth Quarter 2014

Book Title: Blood of the Lamb Catholic Bible Study
Author: Beth Leonard
Publisher: AuthorHouse
Release Date: 3/14/2014
Word Count: 46899
Synopsis: If blood were money, then Jesus left this world penniless. For our sake and the will of his Father, Jesus completely emptied himself for the amassed debt of mankind. From the droplets of circumcision to the outpouring of blood and water upon the cross, Jesus gave all he had to give so we
might share in his resurrection. Holy Scripture waits for our stillness before it speaks to us, for its great value and mysterious contents are hidden from the one who passes by quickly. For the one who sits with patience, it speaks volumes, revealing worth and fortune we did not know were possible. The Blood of the Lamb Catholic Bible Study creates an atmosphere for learning, reflecting and sharing. By blending Holy Scripture, Catechism and Liturgy with anecdotal stories, it strikes a refined balance to studying the Bible.

Book Title: *Meditating on Christ's Passion*

Author: Michele Bondi Bottesi
Publisher: Joseph Karl Publishing
Release Date: 3/14/2014
ISBN: 978-1-935356-37-0
Word Count: 64,310

Synopsis: Spend priceless, intimate, and eternally valuable time with Jesus each day meditating on His Passion and on your Redemption. Experience God's extravagant love for you while growing ever closer to the Love of your eternal life. Be transformed into His likeness along the Way, and see things through the eyes of the One Who loves you more than you can ever imagine. Take what you learn and apply it to the unique mission God has entrusted to only you. Meditating on Christ's Passion places you right on the Way of Sacrificial Love. From there you will see the most incredible things.

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