MEDIA KIT

The Psychic Barista

The Brown Bean Coffee Shoppe

A Cozy Paranormal Mystery

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1. Book at a Glance

Title	The Psychic Barista: The Brown Bean Coffee Shoppe
Author	Tim Trott
Genre	Cozy Mystery / Paranormal / Slice-of-Life
Series	The Psychic Barista, Book 1 (Book 2, The Mentor, in development)
Structure	22 interconnected mystery stories plus a preview of Book 2
Setting	A picturesque coastal Georgia town; the Brown Bean Coffee Shoppe
Audience	Adult readers of cozy mysteries, strong female leads, and light paranormal fiction
Content	Cozy: no gore, no graphic violence, no explicit content
Authorship	100% human-authored (AI assisted only with cover and illustration images)
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One-Line Pitch

A small-town barista who can read more than coffee orders quietly solves crimes with the help of a TV reporter and a seasoned detective, all while trying to keep her gift a secret.

Short Pitch (50 words)

Samantha “Sam” Wilson pours lattes at the Brown Bean Coffee Shoppe in coastal Georgia. She also sees faces in cream swirls, hears ghosts in the stockroom, and senses danger before it walks through the door. With a reporter and a detective in her corner, Sam brews up justice one cup at a time.

2. Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Central Florida Author Tim Trott Serves Up Mystery with The Psychic Barista

Cozy paranormal collection follows a coastal Georgia barista whose hidden gifts help solve crimes the police can't crack

CENTRAL FLORIDA, – Author and podcast host Tim Trott announces the release of *The Psychic Barista: The Brown Bean Coffee Shoppe*, a cozy paranormal mystery built from 22 interconnected stories set in a charming 1940s-era coffee shop on the Georgia coast.

Samantha "Sam" Wilson is a barista in her mid-twenties with a growing set of abilities she never asked for. A face appears in the cream of her coffee minutes before a kidnapping hits the news. A frightened young man runs through the shop that no one else can see. A shipment of coffee beans arrives with a ghost attached. Sam doesn't fully control what she sees, and she isn't eager to explain it. But she can't ignore it either.

Teaming up with ambitious Channel 27 reporter Georgiana Phillips and the methodical Detective Ronald Johnson, who privately calls Sam his "secret resource," Sam helps stop a stalker, rescue trafficking victims, expose a Ponzi scheme, and bring a long-cold murder to light, all without blowing her cover behind the counter.

Beneath its warm, community-focused tone, the book takes on real social issues, including human trafficking, racial injustice, elder financial abuse, labor exploitation in the coffee trade, and homelessness, with respect and specificity.

The collection grew out of the *Coffee Plots* short stories Trott first shared with his Daytona Beach writers' group, a chapter of the Florida Writers Association. Fellow members encouraged him to write fiction and later to expand the stories into a full book. The result is entirely human-authored: "Every cup of coffee and every vision was drafted by hand," Trott notes.

The book closes with a preview of Book 2, *The Mentor*, in which a mysterious psychic named Celeste offers to help Sam understand her gift.

The Psychic Barista is available [TBD] in [TBD] formats. Review copies and author interviews are available on request.

About Tim Trott

Tim Trott is an author, publisher, and creative director based in Central Florida. He writes across genres including science fiction alien thrillers, political suspense, and

paranormal mystery, and hosts the *@AuthorToAuthor* podcast on YouTube. Learn more at TimTrottWrites.com.

3. Book Description

Back-Cover Copy

Some baristas remember your order. Samantha Wilson remembers things that haven't happened yet.

At the Brown Bean Coffee Shoppe, tucked on a side street in a coastal Georgia town, Sam spends her mornings steaming milk and bussing tables beneath slow-turning paddle fans and a radio tuned to cool jazz. But lately her talents extend well beyond the perfect latte. She dreams a stranger's nightmare and meets her the next morning. She feels a young girl's silent plea for help. She touches a customer's brochure and senses greed as plainly as the scent of espresso.

With TV reporter Georgiana Phillips as her confidante and Detective Ronald Johnson quietly turning her hunches into warrants, Sam finds herself in the middle of cases the police never expected to solve. All she has to do is keep her secret from her coworkers, her customers, and a skeptical new police captain who would love to know exactly how she keeps getting it right.

Warm, witty, and grounded in a community that feels like family, The Psychic Barista blends cozy mystery with a gentle paranormal touch. Pull up a chair. The coffee is fresh, and something strange is always brewing.

4. What Makes This Book Different

- **A gift that isn't a superpower.** Sam's abilities arrive as uninvited flashes and need interpretation. She is more embarrassed than awed, and the extraordinary is always grounded in the everyday rhythm of a working coffee shop.
- **Episodic and binge-friendly.** Each story is a self-contained mystery, while Sam's abilities, friendships, and secrets build across the collection.
- **Cozy with a conscience.** Trafficking, racial injustice, elder fraud, coffee-plantation labor abuse, and homelessness form the moral engine of the series, handled without gore or graphic violence.
- **A found-family workplace.** The Brown Bean staff, from no-nonsense manager Marge to ambitious college student David, give the book its heart and its humor.
- **Female friendship at the center.** The partnership between Sam and Georgiana drives the investigations and the banter.
- **100% human-authored.** Every story was written by the author. AI was used only to assist with the cover concept and interior illustrations.
- **A built-in series hook.** The Book 2 preview introduces Celeste, a practicing psychic who offers to mentor Sam.

5. Meet the Cast

Character	Who They Are
Samantha “Sam” Wilson	Mid-twenties barista with chestnut-brown hair and hazel eyes. Warm, intuitive, quietly brave, and quick to deflect attention with humor. Her gifts include precognitive dreams, empathic reading, psychometry, spirit communication, and a startling flash of telekinesis.
Georgiana Phillips	Ambitious Channel 27 field reporter in her signature red jacket. Skeptical by training but Sam’s closest confidante, she bridges Sam’s insights to the public record.
Det. Ronald Johnson	Seasoned, methodical detective in his late forties. Open-minded about Sam’s gift but careful with his reputation, he turns her visions into legitimate police work.
Margaret “Marge” Garrett	The Brown Bean’s manager. First in the door, not above cleaning tables, and gradually a silent keeper of Sam’s secret.
David Dillon	Business management student and morning barista, later assistant manager. Practical, earnest, and increasingly suspicious that something unusual is going on.
Sandra Smith	Hardworking afternoon barista and single mother of teenage twins Claire and Elise.
Captain James Lawson	Johnson’s new boss, a committed skeptic who wants Sam out of police business.

The Setting

The Brown Bean Coffee Shoppe occupies a 1940s storefront in the working-class commercial district of an unnamed coastal Georgia town. Dark hardwood floors, a pressed-tin ceiling, exposed brick, iron paddle fans, and shelves of antique coffee pots give it old-world charm, while one of those antique pots holds a secret of its own.

6. The Stories

Spoiler-free loglines for reviewers and interviewers.

- **Dreamscape:** Sam dreams a stranger's nightmare, then meets the woman from it the next morning.
- **Dangerous Brew:** A frightened girl at a corner table sends Sam a silent plea for help.
- **The Face in the Cup:** A face in the cream swirls appears minutes before the mayor's wife is reported kidnapped.
- **The Jogger:** A terrified young man runs through the shop, and no one else can see him.
- **Friends in Low Places:** Detective Johnson's old academy buddy gives off a very bad aura.
- **A Novel Investigation:** A famous mystery author visits the Brown Bean, and her bestseller hits close to a cold case.
- **The Intruder:** Credit card fraud victims share one thing in common: they all bought coffee at the Brown Bean.
- **The Mocha Murder Mystery:** A blind veteran's guide dog shows Sam what his owner couldn't see.
- **Trouble Brewing:** Sandra's first date in years is headed somewhere Sam can't let her go.
- **The Brown Bean is Closed:** Marge is mugged, and a single touch gives Sam a clue to her attacker.
- **Bitter Scoop:** David's new ice cream line is a hit, but Sam senses something wrong in the freezer case.
- **Black Gold:** A coffee shipment arrives with a ghost who needs Sam's help.
- **Spooking a Ghost:** Halloween at the Brown Bean, and a robber in a sheet gets more than he bargained for.
- **A Brewed Awakening:** A psychic-phenomena author is sure the Brown Bean is special, and he's asking the wrong barista.
- **Lost and Found:** A cold-case museum tour leads Sam to a missing professor who may not know he's missing.
- **The Missing Ingredient:** Sam follows a vision to a missing student and lands on a skeptical captain's radar.

- **Mocha Mirage:** A smooth-talking financial consultant is courting the Brown Bean's elderly regulars.
- **The Espresso Paradox:** Sam wakes up in a version of her life that isn't quite hers.
- **Mind Over Mocha:** A nervous customer named "Hannah" doesn't answer to her own name.
- **A Taste of Justice:** An anonymous tip about a corrupt judge points to a ledger hidden in plain sight.
- **Silent Witness:** A hungry girl stealing pastries holds the key to an unsolved crime.
- **Voices:** A college student studying at the Brown Bean hears someone planning a murder.
- **Preview: The Mentor:** A mysterious woman touches Sam's hand and says, "You have the gift."

7. About the Author

Short Bio (approx. 50 words)

Tim Trott is an author, publisher, and creative director based in Central Florida. He writes sci-fi alien thrillers, political suspense, and paranormal mystery, and hosts the *@AuthorTo Author* podcast on YouTube, interviewing writers about craft and publishing with presentations on topics of interest to writers and authors. Visit TimTrottWrites.com and YouTube.como/@AuthorToAuthor

Full Bio

Tim Trott is an author, publisher, and creative director based in Central Florida. His work spans fiction, training materials, and business communication, with a focus on clarity, structure, and reader engagement.

Early influences included the *Hardy Boys* series by Franklin W. Dixon and the works of Aldous Huxley and Robert Heinlein. Today Trott writes across multiple genres, and his novels explore the tension between hidden forces and ordinary people pushed into extraordinary circumstances.

The Psychic Barista began as a handful of short stories shared with his Daytona Beach writers' group (FWA), whose members challenged him to write fiction and encouraged him to grow the stories into a book. His other titles include the military science fiction thriller *The E-Team: Project Mogul* and the literary science fiction romance *Star Child*.

Trott also hosts the *@AuthorToAuthor* podcast on YouTube, where he interviews fellow writers about craft, process, and the evolving publishing landscape, and he is a licensed FAA Part 107 pilot and FDLE certified UAV instructor.

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Author photo: high-resolution file available on request)

8. Suggested Interview Questions

1. The book started as short stories for your writers' group. How did they grow into a full collection?
2. Why a coffee shop? What makes it such a good setting for a mystery?
3. Sam's abilities are never flashy or fully under her control. Why did you want her gift to work that way?
4. Cozy mysteries are usually light, yet you tackle trafficking, racial injustice, and labor exploitation. How did you balance those themes with a warm tone?
5. Which story was the hardest to write, and which is your personal favorite?
6. The partnership between Sam, Georgiana, and Detective Johnson drives the series. How did that trio come together?
7. You state that the book is 100% human-authored. Why was it important to you to say so?
8. You also write science fiction thrillers. What was it like switching to a cozy paranormal voice?
9. What can readers expect from Book 2, The Mentor?
10. As host of Author to Author, you interview other writers. What have you learned from them that shaped this book?

9. Book Club and Discussion Questions

1. Which story was your favorite, and why?
2. How does Samantha's psychic ability influence her interactions with others? Do you think it's a gift or a burden?
3. The stories balance cozy mystery with paranormal elements. How well do these genres blend in this collection?
4. How does the setting of the Brown Bean Coffee Shoppe enhance the tone of the stories?
5. Did any of the mysteries surprise you with a twist? If so, which ones and why?
6. Sam chooses again and again to keep her gift secret. When, if ever, should she tell the people closest to her?
7. Which supporting character would you most like to see in a story of their own?

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