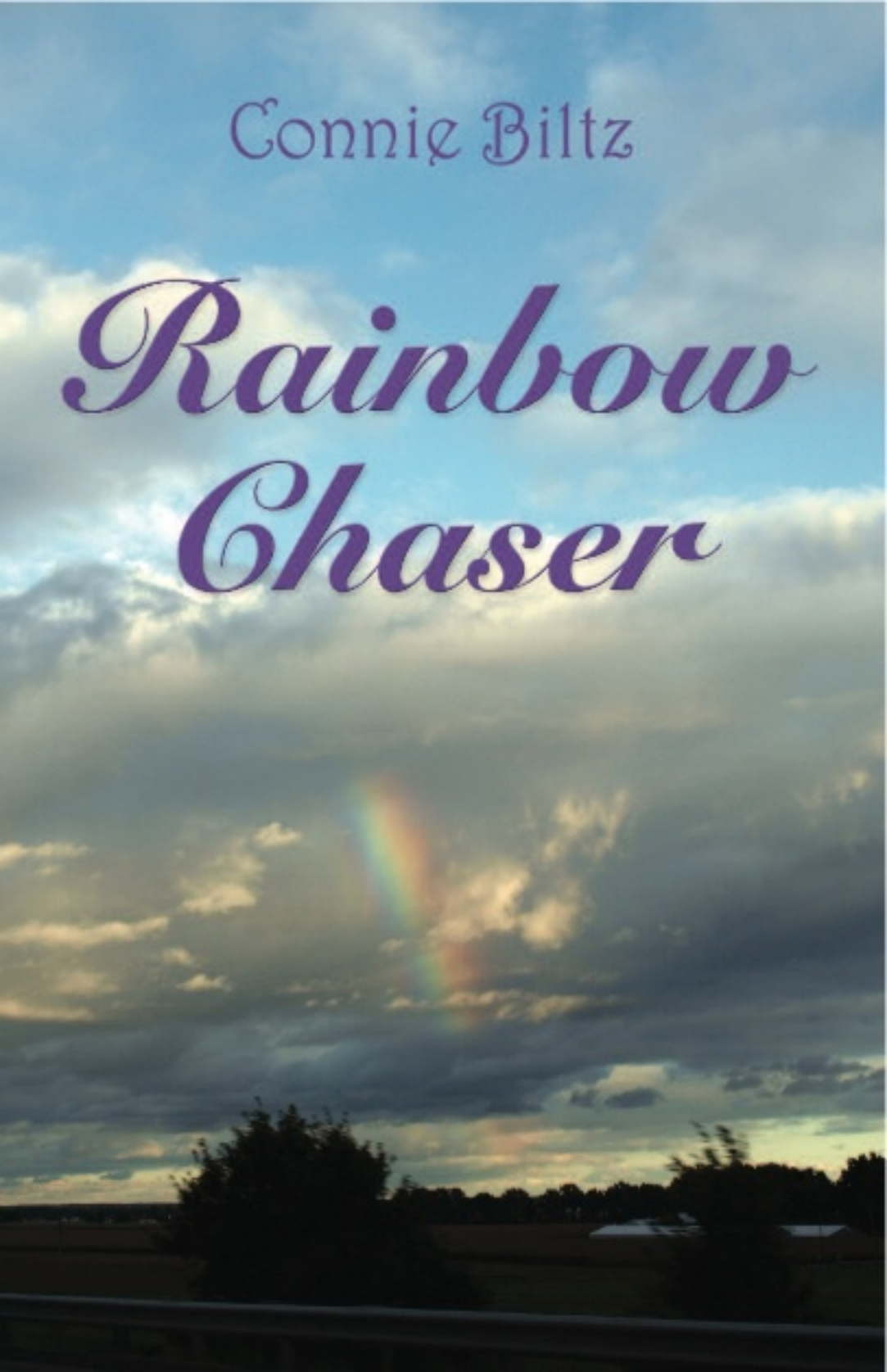
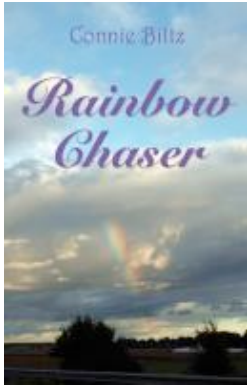


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# RAINBOW-CHASER

Rainbow-chaser, dream-follower, fantasy-seeker,  
the name-callers taunt me with those words.  
As if looking for the good and focusing on the light,  
is the folly of fools. Insanity! Stupidity! For the birds!

Violence, epidemics, fires, and floods fill the evening news.  
Threatening the children in locked-down schools  
are drugged-out teens with guns, wild eyes, and a short fuse.  
With so much in the world that is evil, ugly, scary, and sad,  
why is it so wrong to be a champion for the glad?

I, for one, could use more softness and joy,  
more laughter, more flowers, more wonder.  
Bring on the colors, the glow, and the hope.  
I no longer want to be below the dark cloud above  
raging with blackness and thunder.

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So call me a rainbow-chaser, it's who I am.

I freely admit it.

Bring on the balloons, the chocolate, and the confetti,

I guarantee we won't regret it.

I'll be here taking pictures of that bit of rainbow in the sky,

humming a tune under my breath,

smiling, and not caring that time is passing by.

## **The Last Bit of Day**

The last bit of day slips away,  
sliding off the horizon  
and into the night,  
pausing for a moment  
right at the edge,  
shimmering, hesitating,  
in satiny light,  
and then letting go  
and plunging  
into the black,  
giving up,  
without a fight.

It's probably best  
to just take what comes,  
embrace it,  
and know you're blessed,  
for as sure as each day arrives

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and greets you with delight,  
you know it will slip away  
and leave you like the rest.



## **Dirt Cellar Delights**

As a child I would slowly creep down to my Grandma's cellar.

The crumbling concrete stairs were small and steep.

It was dark, damp, and musty there.

A single bulb above lit the space.

To turn it on, I pulled a tiny chain.

Shelves full of canning jars lined the clay walls in that cramped place.

Strawberry jam, elderberry jelly,

tomato juice--spicy and plain.

One Saturday, I went down looking for Grandma's cat--

Jinxy, a skinny Siamese that liked to hide.

I was a little fearful I might find, instead, a spider or a bat.

I kept Grandma's flashlight close by my side.

Jinxy the cat was nowhere in sight, but I found an old metal tin.

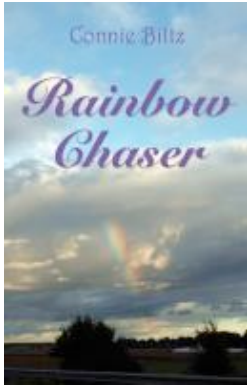
Inside were items of delight:

a kaleidoscope of colors to spin

and sparkling marbles in a drawstring sack,

puries and cats' eyes, smooth and round.

They clinked under my fingers with a click and a clack.



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