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## **New Flint-Based Art Project Will Combine Novel and Performance Art**

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**Flint, MI / April 18, 2013** – We usually think of both reading and writing as solitary activities, but what if they *weren't*?

The Gothic Funk Press and Flint-based author Connor Coyne plan to answer this question with *Today's Youth Isn't Lazy, They're Just Depressed*. The free novellette will only be available online at <http://connorcoyne.com/depressed> between 3 AM and daybreak during the month of May. The first chapter will be published on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 AM, and an additional chapter will be published each Monday and Friday through the remainder of the month. While the novel is online, Coyne will accept comments suggesting themes, ideas, and plot developments from readers, which he will write about in later chapters. The novellette will be taken offline permanently at daybreak on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Depressed* traces the imaginings and hallucinations of a family of three trying to survive rain and hunger during the tragic week of April 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Candace Clamp has lost her job after a costly move across town, and now insomnia is playing tricks with her head. Her three-year-old daughter, Krista, is waking up in terror each night, haunted by monsters that crawl around her bed, and Candace's father, Charles, has just begun his own long struggle with dementia. Meanwhile, the television fills with images of violence in Boston, impasse in Washington, fires in Texas, and flooding in Chicago. Largely confined to a tiny, isolated house in a deteriorating neighborhood, the Clamps find that their lives respond strongly to whatever they imagine. If only they could imagine a better life.

Author Connor Coyne founded Gothic Funk Press to publish his novel *Hungry Rats*. The press has subsequently published Coyne's second novel *Shattering Glass* and coordinated the first ever Flint Area Scavenger Hunt. As Flint's independent and avant-garde literary publisher, Gothic Funk Press will also launch a new literary journal in 2013 and solicit submissions from writers in the Flint area and the world at-large.

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