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The logo for 'pigments' features the word 'pigments' in a dark blue, lowercase, cursive script. Above the letter 'i' is a decorative graphic consisting of a cluster of small, dark blue dots of varying sizes, arranged in a roughly circular pattern that tapers to the right.

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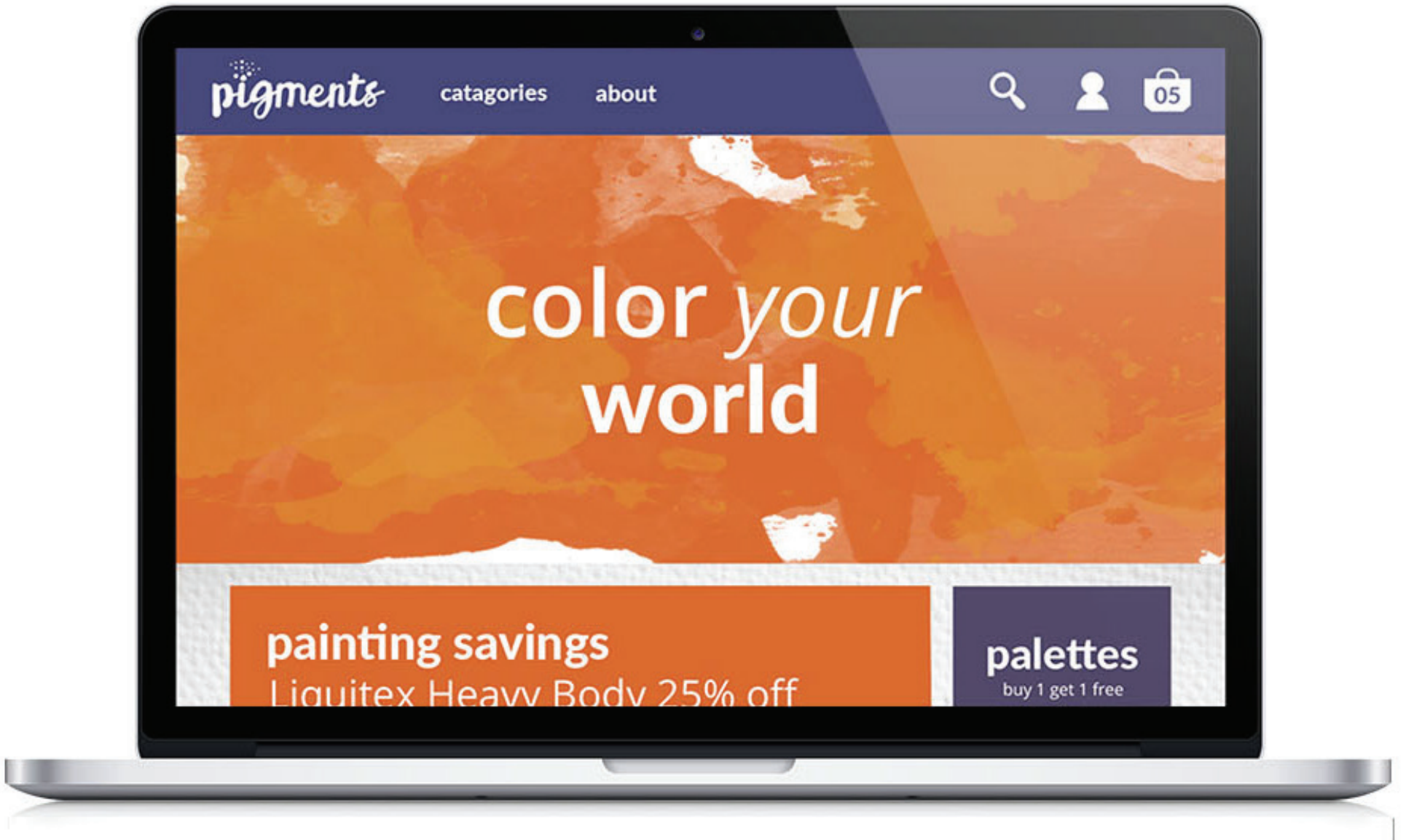
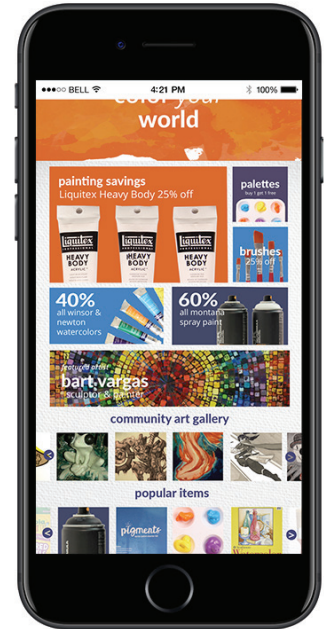
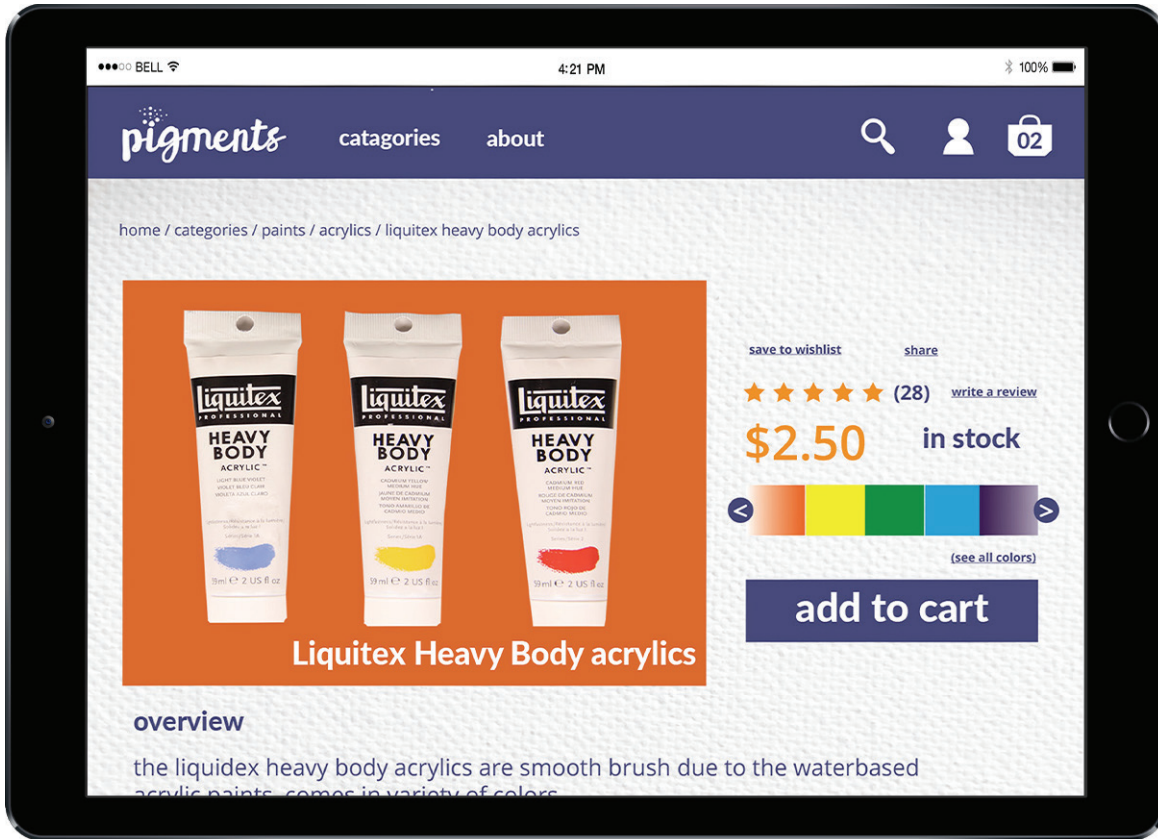
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**“in acrylic, happiness comes a
bit faster.”**
- Robert Genn

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- 5 Liquidex Professional Heavy Body acrylic
- 3 Heartbay acrylic brushes
- 1 well palette tray
- 1 8x8 canvas





Mary Mullner | Goody The Green Jelly Bean Book Cover





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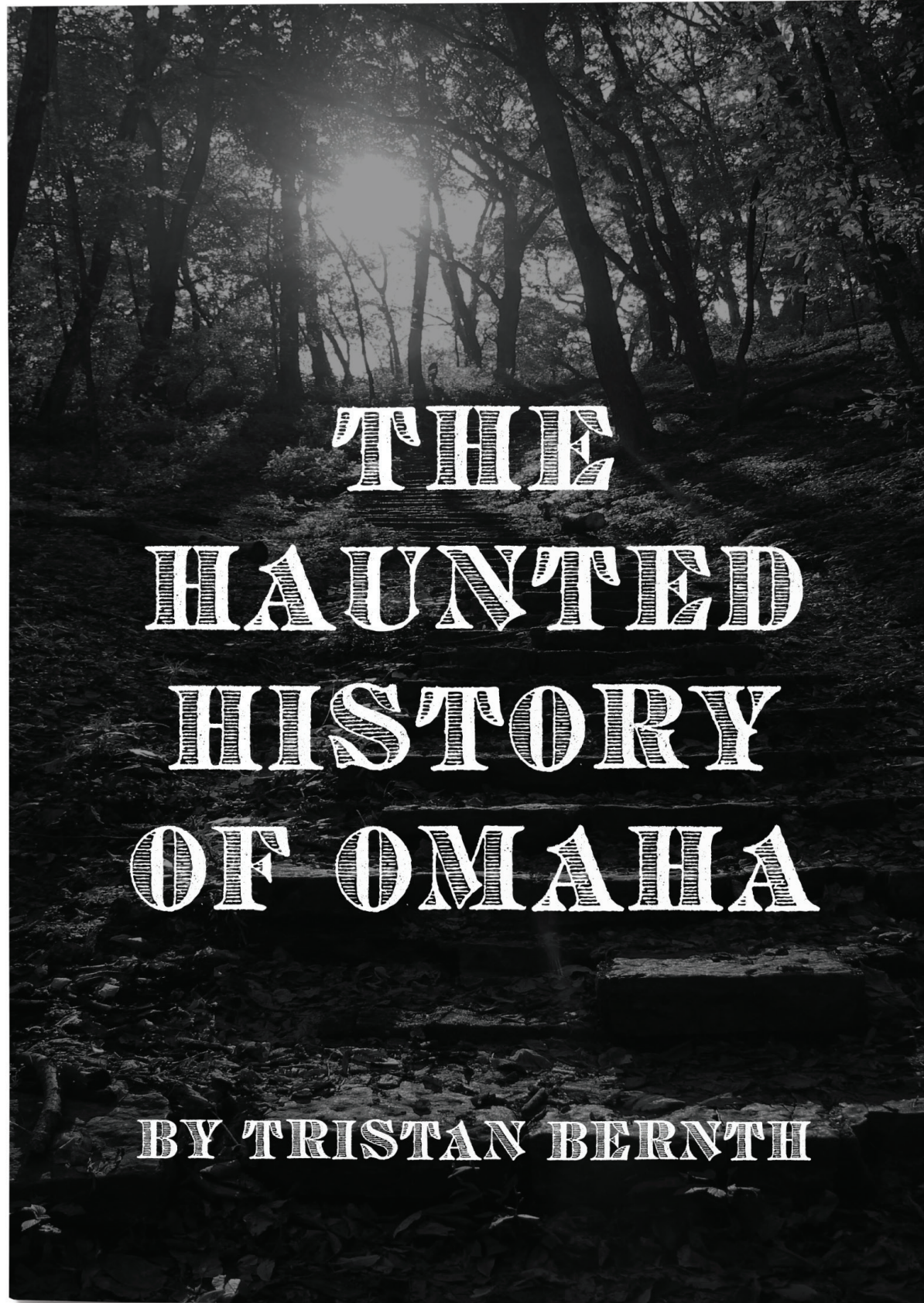
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THE
HAUNTED
HISTORY
OF OMAHA

BY TRISTAN BERNTH

THE LEGENDS OF HUMMEL PARK

Known as one of the most haunted places in Omaha, Hummel Park is full of urban legends, myths, and ghost stories. This comes off as how big and deep the woods is and how eerie the vibe of the place gets. The road to get to the official park is filled with twist and turns, while the inner walking paths are made from dirt and are starting to fade. But ever since this park has been founded in 1930 various stories have emerge. Everything from various bodies being found in the forest to it being an colony of Albinos living in it's trees. Some of these stories are true, while others are either false or stretching the truth. We are going to delve deep into the history of the park and the lore that surrounds it.

THE HISTORY

Hummel Park was originally founed as a fir trading post back in 1823. It was started by a man named Jean Pierre Cabanne as Fort Robidoux for the American Fur Company. The post was located along the Missouri River and is near the northeast corner of the park. In 1930, the land was donated to the city of Omaha to become the 200 acre park. Hummel Park was named after Joseph B. Hummel who was a longtime super intendant of the land.

THE ENDLESS STAIRCASE

One of the most popular haunted stories of the park is "The Endless Stairway" also known as either "The Morphing Stairs" or "The Stairway to Hell" (pictured left). It gets it's name from the long path the stairs takes leading deep into the woods and how the steps "morph". it also comes from the stairs being located in a part of the woods known as "The Devil's Den". It is said that the stairs change it's numbers everytime your walk upon it. The number of steps are not the same as when you walk down the stairs and up the stairs. A good reason for the stair count being different all the time is because the stairs are falling into decay. Parts of the stone steps are breaking apart and the area which has fallen off could be considered a "stair" by some. The stairs have avery broken path and one should be aware when walking down them to not injure themselves upon it.

ALBINOS IN THE TREES

Another famous story that is rumored in Hummel Park is the colony of Albinos that live in the woods. The rumor varies from person to person. Some say that there is a colony of albinos who live in the trees and watch people who roam through the park and only come out at night. Another story is a society of albinos that were living in a nearby



THE BURNING WOMAN

Before Carter Lake was known as a place of yachting and rich neighborhood, Carter Lake was the main recreational destination in Omaha and was home to the most richest men in the Omaha area. Carter Lake has gone through many name changes through the selling of the land. Originally known as Oxbow Lake, it eventually changed to Cut-Off Lake, then Lake Nakoma/Nakomis, and eventually Carter Lake.

During when the lake was named Lake Nakoma, it was owned by the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Car Company. The owner of the company decided to make the land as recreational and opened the once private land to the public in the 1890s.

Lake Nakoma had four recreational areas long the lake. There was Courtland Beach: a place where there was a resort, boating, and an amusement park, Bungalow City: the housing area of Lake Nakoma for the wealthy, Municipal Beach: another beach located along Lake Nakoma, and the Rod and Gun Clubhouse.

In 1893, Mabel Oakley, wife of H.C. Oakley was cooking in the family cabin near the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. She had touched a lighted match to a gas stove and was engulfed in flames. The cabin was on engulft and Mabel had ran out to get out of the blaze. Mabel couldn't put herself out in time and died in her husband's arms. The cabin burnt to the ground.

Eventually the location of the old cabin became the Rod and Gun Cafe. In 1912, a newspaper article for the Lincoln Daily News, head chief Gep Sing has noticed something unnatural roaming around this sleeping quarters at night. It was of a woman engulft in flames carrying a lighted match.

Gep stated to the paper that the flames were so bright that he couldn't distinguish her face. The ghost had approached him and was holding the match towards Gep. He pushed her arm away, but noticed that there was no pain when he had touched her. Night after night, the ghost came back and would only show when there were no lights in the the Cafe. He kept insisting to this superiors to move his sleeping quarters elsewhere



THE BUS STOP

On December 9, 1955 at 10 PM, Carolyn Nevins had just gotten off of her job as a library assistant at the University of Omaha. She was waiting for her father to arrive to pick her up and travel home that night. Due to other errands that night, her father didn't show up until later on in the evening. It became 11 AM when Carolyn decided to take the bus home.

Approaching the bus stop, she was greeted by one of her teachers. She told her teacher that her father was running late and was planning to take the bus home. Her teacher had then offered a ride, but Carolyn declined.

During her time at the bus stop, she was approached by a tall slender man. There was a struggle between the tall slender man and Carolyn most likely sexual assault according to Criminologist LeMoyne Snyder. She was shot twice with a .32-20 revolver and fell unconscious to the ground. Her father had arrive at 11:25 PM, discovering her daughter wasn't there. He must have left thinking his daughter had rode the bus or somebody had taken her home.

It has been stated that she had revived two hours later, made it 40 yards before collapsing into a ditch and dying along what today is University Drive East. The next day, a delivery driver discovered her body covered in fresh fallen snow at 4:10 AM. The murder of Carolyn Nevins was a shocker to her family and to the university. Over 30 detectives and policemen were working on the case. The university had also hired private investigators Samardick and Company to help find out who the murderer was.

The police had tested over 300 .32-20 revolvers that area residents had turned in and over 92 people had taken lie detector test. There was no murderer found and the case forever went cold.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha's Paranormal Society (UNOPS) has stated that the shade of Carolyn Nevins still roams the campus particularly the Arts and Science building which was the old Administration Building stating students and faculty to "Help her Walk."

