

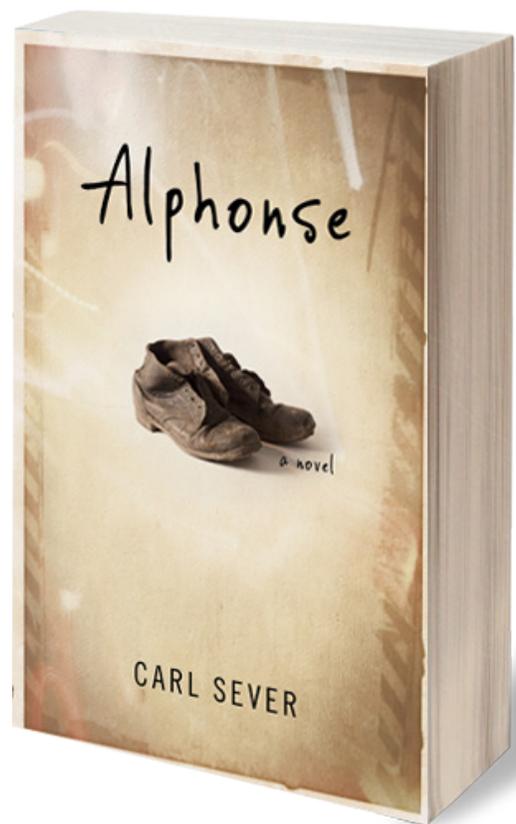


# Alphonse

*A coming of age novel set in small town 1950s Indiana, marking the launch of an exciting debut writer*

After twenty years of riding the rails, Alphonse has earned a reputation for being a kindhearted soul always ready to help. When he helps the Sadlers, a young couple seeking a better life in small-town 1950s Indiana, he doesn't intend to stay. But stay he does, keeping a close eye on the Sadlers and their two young sons—and an even closer eye on the town's new priest, Father Brennan.

On the surface, Brennan seems perfect for the job—but Alphonse crossed paths with him years earlier in the railyard jungle, and he knows better. Brennan doesn't recognize Alphonse, but Alphonse has never forgotten Brennan . . . or his crimes. So when Brennan assigns the Sadlers' son, Francis, who is now thirteen, the thankless task of cleaning and maintaining the church's bell tower—work that often continues into the night—Alphonse immediately grows suspicious. Soon, he discovers that his worst fears have come to pass, and he races to find a way to protect Francis and reveal the truth to the Sadler family.



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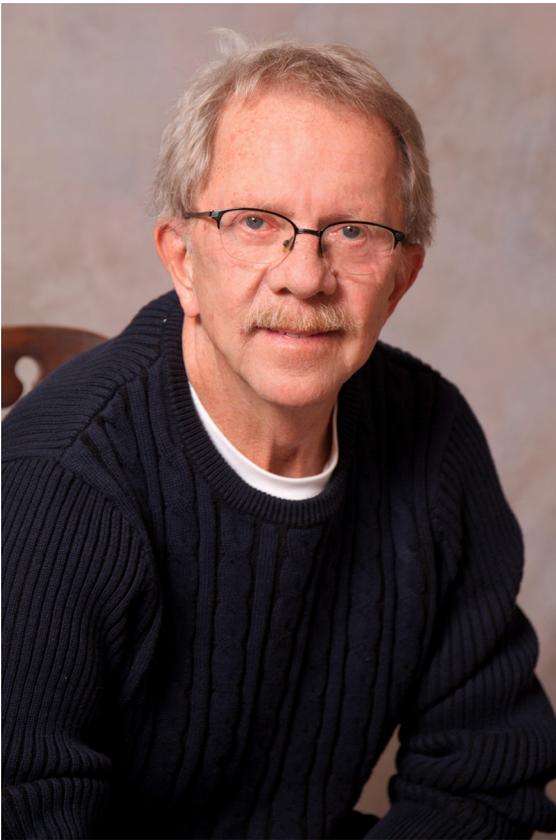
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