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Welcome to LibertyCon 31!

by Brandy Bolgeo Spraker, Chairman

Welcome to LibertyCon, the family you get to choose! This year, we have so many amazing things to do that you'll need to go home and take a few more days off of work to rest up. Our first year at the newly renovated Marriott hotel and Convention Center allows us to continue to expand our programming events -- because you can never have too many choices! We will have maps everywhere so that you can find all of the nooks and crannies (and actual rooms) where things are happening. It's always a good idea to simply take a walk in both of the buildings so that when you have that special event that you just can't miss, you won't be running around looking for it in our new space.

With our perfect size of no more than 750 paid attendees, you'll get to spend plenty of time with this year's all star lineup -- Literary Guest of Honor Mike Resnick, Artist Guest of Honor John Picacio, our Science Guest of Honor Dr. Kevin Grazier, our Special Guest David B. Coe/D.B. Jackson and our Master of Ceremonies Chuck Gannon. LibertyCon is lucky to have these amazing professionals at the top of their game. We also have a host of other guests throughout the weekend, many of them former Guests of Honor who simply like to come back and hang out with us every now and again.

The first thing that we all do when we get to a convention is to check into the hotel and pick up badges at the registration desk. When you get there you'll get this program book and the badge with the gorgeous cover art that John graciously agreed to let us use. You'll also get to browse our limited t-shirts for sale (I hope you preordered!) by our long time family artist Melissa Gay. You are going to love our Lady Liberty this year, modeled after the talented Lorraine Flegal, wife of our previous AGoH Sam Flegal. Be jealous, because the original is mine!

As always, LibertyCon continues to host the most talented authors, artists and scientists from around the country to spend the weekend with you in more than 270 programming events! We have over 160 professionals who participate in discussions and workshops in the areas of literature, art, science, and other fandom topics! There is just too much to list here, so please take a look at everything that we have to choose from using either the pocket program or the LibertyCon app. And speaking of John Picacio, don't miss his Loteria

game, it's a blast!

The Artshow, as it has been from the beginning, has work from many of the best artists in the country for sale at prices that you could never match anywhere else. The Art Auction on Saturday night will host the pieces that people are warring over as well as some of the charity pieces. This year our charity of choice is the Chattanooga Room at the Inn. This charity is a three to nine month residential program for homeless women and children. Services include transitional housing, three meals a day, access to affordable or free health care, life skills training, parenting classes, assistance with finding affordable housing and so much more. So come bid on the charity items sold in the Artshow as part of a silent auction, and those bigger items in our Art Auction, an event not to miss!

This year you can find Vonn and her ConSuite crew on the 16th floor in the Presidential Suite. There will be food and beer galore, so pull up a chair and enjoy the company! And speaking of room parties, don't forget to visit the 16h floor each evening to browse the goodies and drinks that our amazing room party hosts and hostesses are offering.

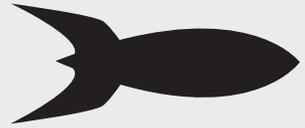
Our Huckster Room is chocked full of goodies for you to purchase... from leather goods to of course books (because what would LibertyCon be without books??) you will find many things to tempt you and drain your wallet. And remember that the Huckster Room is also host to our author autograph sessions, so keep an eye on the schedule. You don't want to miss these guys!

As you can see, there really is something for everyone this weekend. And none of it would be possible without our wonderful staff. Each and every one of these people spend their time, effort and love to make this a fun and relaxing weekend. When you see someone with a staff badge, please thank them. Or better yet, please volunteer a few hours in a department that seems fun to you -- it's a great way to meet people and give back to our fandom community.

Brandy Bolgeo Spraker
Chairman, LibertyCon 31

LibertyCon Rules

(AKA The Things We Have To Tell You)



“How dreadful..to be caught up in a game and have no idea of the rules.”

- *Caroline Stevermer, Sorcery & Cecelia or The Enchanted Chocolate Pot*

ATTENDEES 17 YEARS OLD AND UNDER

All convention attendees who are 17 years of age or younger must be accompanied by a LEGAL GUARDIAN. A Legal Guardian is a person 21 years of age or older who will take financial and legal responsibility for the minor and will sign for each minor person for which he/she is responsible. A parent or Legal Guardian must accompany children under 7 years of age at all times.

BADGES

Badges must be worn in plain sight above the waist at all times.

**If you have a question or concern,
don't hesitate to ask or talk to STAFF**

BATHING

Remember, “**If in doubt, take a bath!**” Your fellow attendees will appreciate your courteous actions.

DRINKING AGE is 21! ~ IT IS THE LAW! ~ NOT UP FOR NEGOTIATION!

To get a drinking badge you must produce a VALID military ID or Drivers License with your picture on it to prove that you are at least 21 years of age. Minors caught drinking at LibertyCon will be hung, drawn, quartered, and thrown out of the convention. Also..

***WE WILL CONTACT YOUR PARENTS AND/OR THE LAW - AND YOU WILL NOT
BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO FUTURE LIBERTYCONS!***

ROOM PARTIES

If you are having a room party, remember, this is the South: We are friendly and inclusive. If your party is approved by Brandy and in a hotel room on the Party Floor with the door open then the expectation is that the party is open to all LibertyCon attendees. If your party is intended to be private then please keep your door shut so that misunderstandings and hurt feelings don't occur. Also, Tennessee State Law does not allow the consumption of alcohol for anyone under 21 years of age. ***If you are serving alcohol, please check everyone's ID. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS NO MATTER WHERE YOUR PARTY IS LOCATED.*** LibertyCon will not assume any responsibility to check badges for any type of party. Don't assume if someone has a drinking badge that they are 21 or over... badges can be swapped.

GRILLS & OUTDOOR COOKING

No grills are allowed on the hotel premises. The hotel has informed us that this violates their insurance policy. We like the hotel management and would like to keep our great relationship with them.

EJECTION FROM THE CONVENTION

If you are ejected from LibertyCon because of violation of the convention rules or Tennessee State Law, then your attendance fees will not be refunded.

LOST BADGE POLICY

If you lose your badge at the convention, then you will have to purchase another one at the full admission price of \$50. We are sorry to take this rough stance, but incidents with people (Not Fans) purchasing a replacement badge to give/sell to a friend at a reduced price only increases the cost of the convention for real fans and this is the only way we can curb it.

SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS

If you have a medical condition, please ask the registration staff for a sticker for the back of your badge. This sticker should contain the nature of your medical condition and any special steps to be taken in an emergency, including the name and phone number of the person to contact should the need arise.

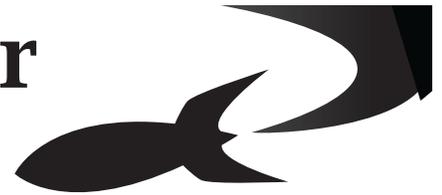
WEAPONS POLICY

All weapons and models of weapons must be “Peace Bonded” by one of our security staff before they may be worn with your costume or normal wearing apparel. This weapons policy will be strictly enforced.

ATTIRE

We at LibertyCon love costumes! However three strategically placed seashells does not constitute a costume. Please remember that we are a family friendly convention.

Literary Guest of Honor



Mike Resnick

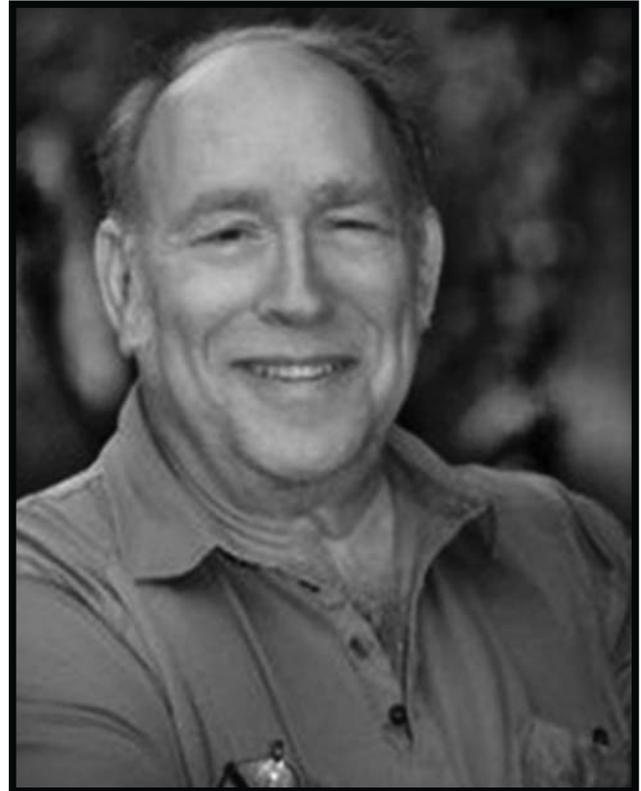
Mike Resnick – Appreciatively

by Jody Lynn Nye

If you happen to be hanging out in the con suite and hear a man with a slightly nasal but resonant baritone voice talking very loudly about breeding dogs, the Cincinnati Bengals, or horse racing, there's a good chance that you're within earshot of your Guest of Honor and maybe the hardest working writer in science fiction, Mike Resnick. Look for a broad grin bracketed by Azimovian mutton-chop sideburns, pull up a chair, and join what I know will be an interesting conversation.

You might look at Mike as something of an overachiever. In the fifty-one years since he began publishing science fiction, Mike has turned out forty-nine novels in eleven different series plus twenty-six others, alone or in collaboration. He's put out a host of nonfiction books; edited dozens of anthologies, alone or with a co-editor; published mystery novels; written screenplays (one almost produced!); and edited magazines including Baen's *Universe* and *Galaxy's Edge*. On top of those, he has published over 280 short stories at the time I write this, and could easily have added a dozen more in the interim. He submits his work not only to English-language markets, but to countless foreign publishers as well. He is also one of the fiction judges for the Writers of the Future, the largest speculative fiction contest in the world. He and author Barry Malzberg carried on a witty, years-long conversation in the pages of *SFWA Bulletin* on the state of publishing and other topics of interest. Mike is well known for his sense of humor, and has published novels, short stories and anthologies with a humorous theme, such as *Shaggy BEM Stories*, *Girls for the Slime God*, or *This is My Funniest*. His delightful wife Carol is his constant advisor, and partner in crime on convention costume design, most notably their *The Avengers of Space* burlesque tableau, four costumes constructed for less than a hundred dollars which won Best in Show at NorthAmeriCon. Their daughter, Laura Resnick, is also a successful science-fiction and romance writer, a Campbell-award winner, and a columnist for Novelists, Inc.

Mike has been nominated for more Hugo awards than anyone else, thirty-seven times, and won five of them. He has won the Galaxy Award from China for Most Popular Foreign Author as well as numerous other awards, both domestic and international.



Hanging out with Mike you might spot a number of female writers. This is not just because Mike is a wonderful raconteur and a charming man (how'm I doing, boss?)*, but he has also made a long practice of sharing his byline with many up-and-coming writers he calls his "writer daughters," including such co-authors as Campbell-nominated Lezli Robyn. Working with Mike has given talented newcomers a boost in visibility as well as guidance from one of the most experienced pros in the business. Last year, the Writers of the Future recognized Mike's generosity with the L. Ron Hubbard Lifetime Achievement Award.

Take your opportunity to get to know Mike this weekend. He's very approachable, and has a great story for every occasion. Mike and Carol have traveled widely, especially in Africa, bred prize-winning collies, and have been a part of SF fandom since the 1960s. You'll almost certainly come away with your own story about Mike himself.

Jody Lynn Nye

**My husband and I write the Book Recommendation column for Galaxy's Edge.*

^ Be sure and ask him about his numerous books for Beeline Press.

David Drake: Master of Military SF and Grand Adventure

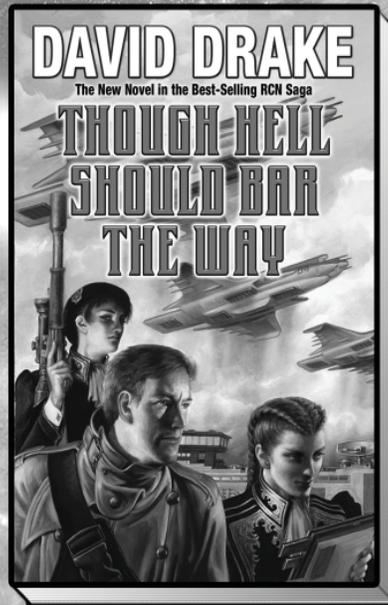


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A Champion will Rise

In his rural homeland, Pal was able to think himself a warrior because he could wield the weapons left behind by the ancients. Now, in the capital city of Dunn Add, he's about to learn how far he must go, and what he has to sacrifice to become a true Champion.

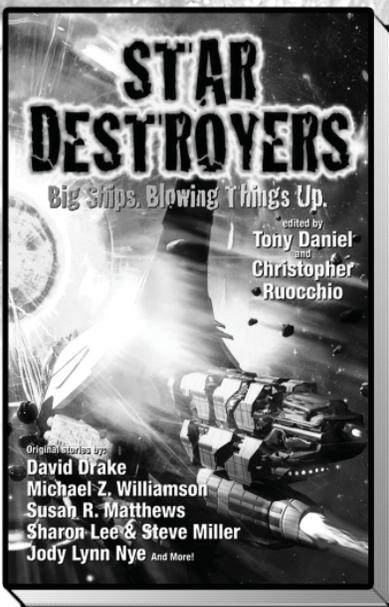
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Artist Guest of Honor

John Picacio

Sometime around the turn of the millennium, I was in a convention in Texas. I'd just met the late great Graham Joyce, who told me that I had to meet a "young artist" he'd himself just encountered named John Picacio. Graham was strangely insistent, but whether I would have listened to him or not, I don't know. However, as it turns out, when I left Graham, and walked maybe thirty paces away, I see this guy, dressed in his signature all black and showing someone work in his black portfolio, and think, "That's got to be him." I go up to him when he's finished and say, "Are you John Picacio? Because Graham Joyce says we should meet."

And that was history.

John and I hit it off pretty much instantly. We were both just starting out. He'd done a small press cover for a Michael Moorcock reissue; I'd worked in a dot com in the ebook space that was SF&F-friendly, and we were each of us taking our first steps into seriously pursuing genre as a full-time career. I was trying to put together a small press anthology drawn from the aforementioned dot com, and John agreed to do the cover.

And thus began a collaboration that would last for the next 14 years, and a friendship that's still ongoing. Right from the start, I was impressed by John's dedication and drive. In those early days, we kept each other's enthusiasm high, spring-boarding off the other's passion, our lives moving in freakish parallel as I went from freelance editing to creating and running an imprint for a mid-sized publisher and he went from success to greater success as an illustrator. When I expanded my job to become an art director, we did a lot of covers together. Those were vital efforts, two guys that weren't afraid to butt heads in the service of the work, and the results always showed. Along the way, John went on to work with every major SF&F publisher, providing cover illustrations for novels by greats like Harlan Ellison, James Dashner, Brenda Cooper, Robert Silverberg, Jeffrey Ford, and George R.R. Martin.

And as his work went from highpoint to highpoint, the awards came rolling in. Hugos, Chesleys, Locus, International Horror Guild, World Fantasy Awards. (We flew to Japan together for my first Hugo nomination, his second or third.) Over nearly two



decades, I've watched my buddy go from a young artist starting out to one of the most celebrated and recognized visionaries in the field. And now, with his Loteria project, he's reaching beyond the field into whole new explorations of fantasy intersecting culture.

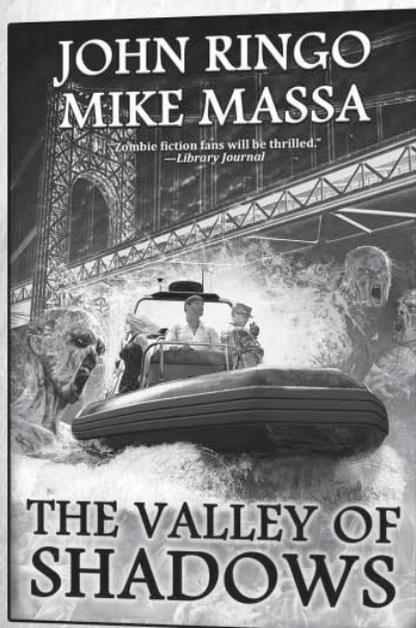
Eighteen years on, and I don't think I've ever seen his drive or discipline waver even once. He's never been less than a consummate professional, phenomenally dedicated to his craft, and yet equally dedicated to serving the needs of his clients, deeply knowledgeable about the history of art and illustration (both within and without genre), and magnificently generous to his contemporaries in the field.

I'm deeply proud to know him, honored to call him friend, and I can't wait to see what he brings to us in the next decade.

Lou Anders

Lou Anders is the author of the Thrones & Bones series of middle reader fantasy adventure, as well as the forthcoming Star Wars: Pirate's Price. In another life, he was a Hugo-winning editor and a Chesley-winning art director. Visit him at www.louanders.com, and on Facebook and Twitter.)

Fear This Evil

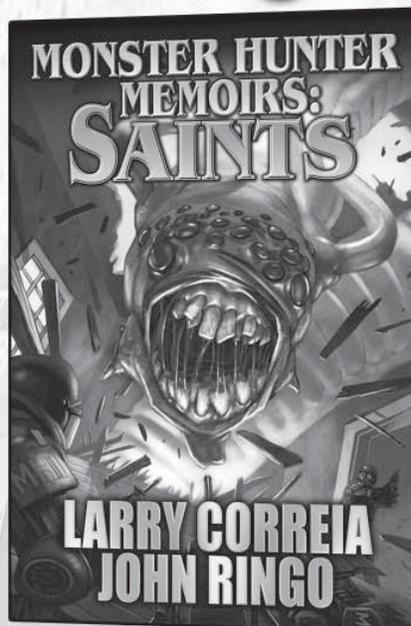


978-1-4814-8355-1 * \$25.00/34.00

From his corner office on the forty-fourth floor of the Bank of the Americas tower on Wall Street, Tom Smith, global managing director for security, could see the Statue of Liberty, Battery Park—and a ravaging zombie horde. Good thing Smith, late of the Australian special forces, isn't a man to give up easily. But saving civilization is going to take more than the traditional banking toolbox of lawyers, guns, and money.

A new novel set in John Ringo's best-selling Black Tide Rising series.

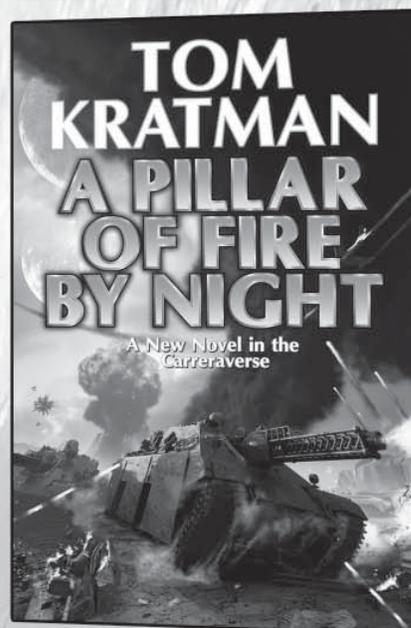
Saints and Monsters Come Marching In



978-1-4814-8307-0 * \$25.00/34.00

A larval Great Old One is growing in power beneath the city of New Orleans. If premier monster hunter Chad Gardenier can't convince the powers that be to get involved—and soon—the entire world, that will fall under the power of the nastiest of nasties. Now on the outs with the US Government and in exile from his usual job of saving the world, Chad must rally the forces of light against the coming darkness. The problem is one guy with a sword and a sub-gun isn't going to solve this one.

Carrera is Back!



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Carrera's held off his enemies coming by sea from the north, in the process dealing the naval and amphibious forces of the Zhong Empire a stinging defeat. Now, though, his adopted country of Balboa is under assault from the east, from the south, from the west, from the air, and from space. It's beginning to look like the game is up for Balboa and Patricio Carrera. But Carrera's been planning this war for fifteen years. He certainly hopes his enemies think they're winning.

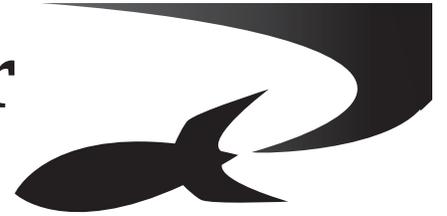


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Science Guest of Honor



Dr. Kevin Grazier

Dr. Kevin Grazier is formally a planetary physicist specializing in dynamics of the early Solar System and numerical method development.

He is currently a professor of computer science at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. Grazier is also the writer/creator for the animated edutainment series *Space Quest*, currently in production. Grazier was the science advisor for the TV series *Eureka*, *Defiance*, and the Peabody Award-winning *Battlestar Galactica*, as well as for the features *Gravity*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales*.

Grazier is also the co-author of the *Hollyweird Science* series of books, and is currently wrapping up *Hollyweird Science of the Third Kind: From the Undead to the Augmented*. Grazier also appears regularly on documentary television series like AMC's *James Cameron's Story of Science Fiction*, History Channel's *The Universe*, and Science Channel's *NASA's Unexplained Files*.

And he REALLY likes rats.



Kevin's well loved rat, Anubis. Photo gleefully stolen from Kevin's Facebook feed.

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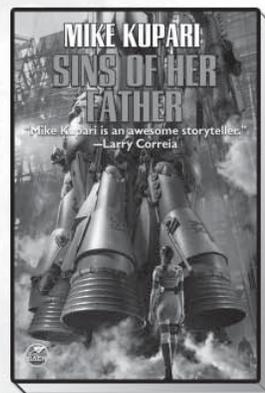
Season of the Witch

In an alternate America, where magic works, Sarah Calhoun has paid a hard price for her entry onto the stage of the Empire's politics. But she has survived. Now she rides north into the Ohio and her father's kingdom, Cahokia. To win the Serpent Throne, she'll have to defeat seven other candidates, win over the kingdom's regent, and learn the will of a hidden goddess—all while mastering her people's inscrutable ways and watching her own back.

Sequel to the acclaimed flintlock fantasy *Witchy Eye*.

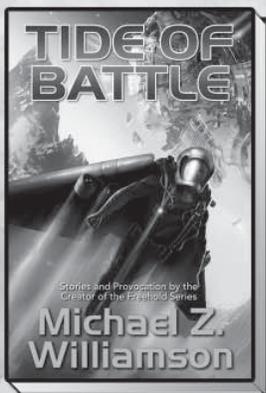
The Razor's Edge of Tyranny and Freedom

It's been fifteen years since Zander Krycek fled his homeworld of Ithaca. Now, exiled against his will, Zander has left his years as a revolutionary, president of Ithaca, and the Butcher of Jonasport behind him. But Ithaca needs him once more. At the behest of his daughter Talia, Zander must travel clandestinely to Ithaca to save the world he left behind. To do that, he'll need help. Enter privateer Captain Catherine Blackwood and the *Andromeda*.



978-1-4814-8283-7 * \$16.00/22.00

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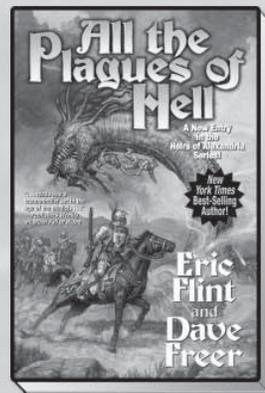


It's Williamson's World. We Only Live Here.

Enter the mind of multiple bestseller Michael Z. Williamson with this new collection of stories, essays, and provocations, sure to entertain, thrill—and scandalize. Here you will find stories set in Williamson's Freehold series, John Ringo's Black Tide Rising universe, and much, much more! Williamson concludes with more of his Inappropriate Cocktail recipes, frequently both delicious and outrageously snarky, commemorating celebrities, events and cultural memes.

New Entry in the Heirs of Alexandria Series

Orkise is loose. The snake-god of plague has been awakened by Lucia del Maino. With the venomous magic of Orkise at her command, Lucia plots to marry and then murder the usurper who now rules Milan, the condottiere Carlo Sforza—known to friend and foe alike as the Wolf the North. On his side, Sforza has only the skill and cunning of his physician, Francisco Turner. But will that be enough to save the Wolf of the North? For out there in the countryside of northern Italy, Orkise is uncoiling all the plagues of hell.



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Special Guest of Honor

DB Jackson/ David B. Coe

I met David B. Coe at a writers con in South Carolina in the year 2007. We took one look at each other and were BFFs. It was that that instant almost-recognition that makes people believe in past lives and old friends again-once-met. He was also the author of my very favorite epic fantasy series, the *LonTobyn Chronicle* (first released in 1997), which had been recommended to me by my local Waldenbooks back when I was first thinking about trying to write in the fantasy genre. I was the tongue tied fangirl, because I hadn't realized the Famous Author would be at the con. Mind you, I had a good fifteen or more mystery/thriller novels under my belt then, under another name, but I was totally star struck. And we've been besties ever since.

David plays amazing guitar, has a wonderful singing voice, and is an avid birdwatcher who travels all over to catalogue and observe and photograph birds. Yes, he's also a fantastic nature photographer, specializing in landscapes and macro-photography, whose work should be available on the commercial market. Hint, hint—David, make it so!

He's a man who appreciates a good scotch—preferable old and finely bottled—nice beer and sushi, though maybe not all at once. Buy him a scotch, make him play guitar for you, then get him to do a reading of his work. That is a marvelous evening's entertainment if you can finagle it. A renaissance man of the finest order.

Dr. David B. Coe (yes, he has a PhD in U.S. 20th Century Environmental History) is a doting father of two adult daughters, a loving husband to a brilliant, beautiful, and accomplished wife, and a man of honor. He has the rare ability to see people as individuals and not shove them into comfy niches based on what they write, what their religion or ethnicity is, or how their politics lean. He's a good listener, an eloquent speaker, and an excellent writing teacher. He is a good and faithful friend. And a good man. I could not be happier that he is being honored at this, LibertyCon 31 in his hometown.

A full time writer from the very beginning of his career, David is the author of twenty novels and as many short stories, and he started off his career with a bang. *The LonTobyn Chronicle* (my introduction to his work) won the William L. Crawford Fantasy Award in 1999 as the best new fantasy. He followed



it up with the critically acclaimed *Winds of the Forelands* and *Blood of the Southlands* series. He's a versatile writer, not trapped in one genre, and he branched out a few years back into contemporary urban fantasy with the trilogy (so far) of the *Case Files of Justis Fearsson* published by Baen Books, and the four books (so far) of his historical fantasy series the *Thieftaker Chronicles* published by Tor, under the pen name D.B. Jackson. He has done a movie tie-in and an audio tie-in, and he has new projects under his belt and ready to be announced.

He can write anything.

David's books have been translated into a dozen languages.

Faith Hunter

Faith Hunter is author of the Jane Yellowrock series, the Soulwood series, and the Rogue Mage series, as well as over a dozen mysteries, thrillers, and police procedurals under two pennames.



HONOR'S FINISHING WHAT SHE STARTED

Honor Harrington has worn the Star Kingdom's uniform for half a century. Very few people know war the way Honor Harrington does. Very few have lost as many men and women, friends and family, as she has. Yet despite that, hers has been a voice of caution, and the strategy she supports has been working: the Solarian Navy finally realizes it cannot face an Alliance battle fleet and win.

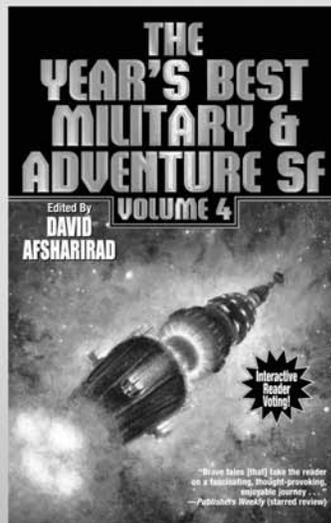
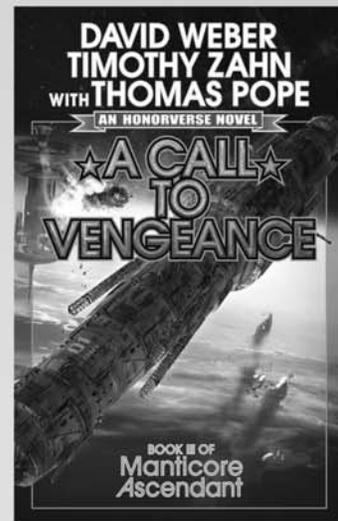
But now, the Solarian League Navy has committed atrocities such as the galaxy has not known in a thousand years. And they have finally killed too many of the people Honor Harrington loves. Hers is the voice of caution and compromise no longer, and the galaxy is about to see something it has never imagined.

Honor Harrington is coming for the Solarian League, and Hell is coming in her wake.

Vengeance for the Star Kingdom

Travis Long has risen from humble beginnings to become one of the Royal Manticoran Navy's most valuable assets. With a penchant for the rules—and an uncanny ability to think outside of them—he's foiled plots from within and without the Star Kingdom. Twice he's saved the RMN, but now he faces his greatest challenge yet. One that will test his mettle as an officer and as a man of honor. Vengeance is calling—and Travis Uriah Long is willing and able to answer!

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by Toni Weisskopf

Chuck Gannon does not think small. Some writers think in short story arcs. Chuck does that. In fact, that's how I was first introduced to his work, back in the 1990s, working in Jerry Pournelle's *Warworld* universe, and then much later working in David Weber's *Honorverse*. Some writers think of novel arcs. Chuck does that, too, as when he stepped seamlessly into Weber & White's *Starfire* series of novels working with Steve White, or working with Eric Flint in the *1632* universe. But not a lot of writers come to me with a multi-world, multi-arc planned and populated universe for their first solo novel proposal. But Chuck did. And of the writers who do come so prepared, a vanishingly small number can pull it off. But Chuck did.

Chuck's early writing years were spent in the gaming world, writing modules for the great SF game *Traveller*, and other GDW RPGs, including *Twilight 2000*, *Dark Conspiracy*, and *2300 AD*. He took a detour to work in broadcast television, get a PhD from Fordham University, and to raise a family. (He didn't think small there, either; he's got four kids who keep him hopping.) During that time, his nonfiction work *Rumors of War and Infernal Machines* won the 2006 ALA Choice Award for Outstanding Book. So you get the idea that what he turns his hand to, he succeeds at.

It is one of Chuck's virtues as a convention panelist and as a writer that he can take complex issues, see the arguments on all sides, and distill them down into statements understandable by those who have not spent decades studying them. His experience as a Fulbright scholar and a university professor have stood him in good stead here. He is comfortable in front of an audience, and well able to hold his own in any intellectual forum, yea even unto Facebook. I was first made aware of this ability we served on convention panels and he was able to present my arguments better than I could myself.

He has been tapped to be a member of SIGMA, the science fiction writers military advisory think tank, and has been a subject matter expert for various intelligence and defense agencies. But luckily for us, what he really wants to do is



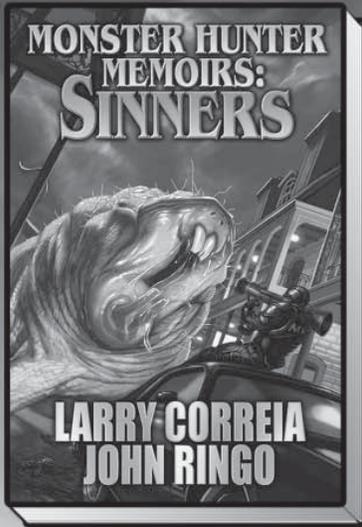
write science fiction. And that he does with glorious enthusiasm, drawing readers into his worlds and taking them on amazing voyages.

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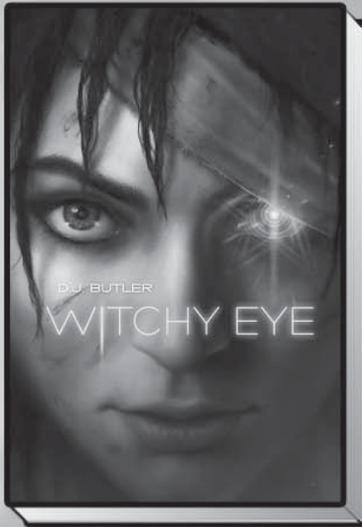
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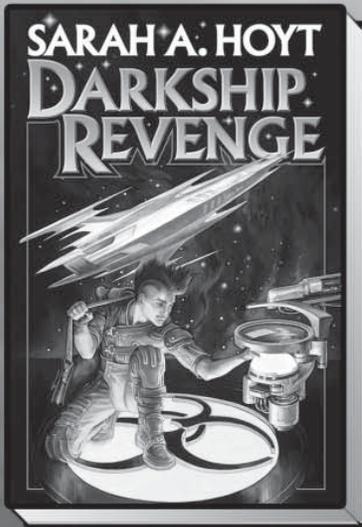
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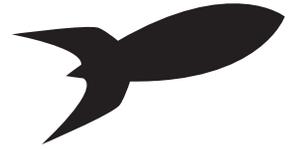
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Here are some of the many pros
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Quincy J. Allen Quincy is the nationally best-selling author of the *Blood War Chronicles*, *Endgame Trilogy*, and *Colt the Outlander*. When *MysterySceneMag.com* said his novel *Chemical Burn* begins and ends in violence, piling up a body count seldom achieved in more straightforward thrillers, he knew he had found his super power.

Arlan Andrews Dr. Arlan Andrews, Sr., has been an SF fan since age 10, an SF writer for 38 years, and a retired engineer for 5 years. He is an active futurist, consultant, and SF writer, and the founder of SIGMA, the science fiction think tank. Among his more than 500 publications of all kinds are recent SF stories in the *Mensa Bulletin*, in *Astounding Frontiers* magazine, and in the *Superservice Planetary Anthologies*.

Steve Antczak Stephen L. Antczak is a writer who lives with an artist and a dog in Atlanta. He is a regular contributor to the PBS-affiliated web site, *NextAvenue.org*. He also writes fiction, with over 40 short stories published, and screenplays, with several short films and 2 feature films produced. He has written comic books, graphic novels, and plays. His novels *God Drug* and *The Oracle Paradox* are published by Digital Fiction Publishing based in Windsor, Ontario.

Lou Antonelli Lou's had 115 short stories published since 2013. He was a 2013 finalist for the Sidewise Award in Alternate History for *Great White Ship* (*Daily Science Fiction* - May 2012, a two-time Hugo nominee (Short Story, Best Related Work) in 2015, and 2017 finalist for the Dragon Award in Alternate History).

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Jonathan David Baird Happily married and living in Lenoir, North Carolina, Jonathan Baird is retired from Archaeology in 2011 after 15 years doing field work. He has Masters degrees in American History (with a focus on the colonial frontier) and English Literature (with a focus on Gothic horror).

Scott W. Baker Scott W. Baker's students think it's weird that he teaches math and writes. To him, it's a natural fit. His short stories span the speculative genres and have appeared in places like *Escape Pod*, *Daily Science Fiction*, and *Writers of the Future*. He lives in Murfreesboro, TN and online at scottwbaker.net.

Griffin Barber A veteran police officer, Griffin Barber is also a lifelong Speculative Fiction fan and avid gamer. He's had several shorts published in the *Grantville Gazette* and co-authored *1636: Mission to the Mughals*, with Eric Flint. He also penned a well-received novella for RSI's website called: *A Separate Law*. <http://therantinggriffin.blogspot.com>

Jeff Barnes Jeff Barnes is a lead safety engineer for the FAA. He is a regular contributor to the *Sha'Daa Tales of the Apocalypse* shared universe anthology. And if he looks familiar, it is because he has been a regular in Chattanooga fandom since ChatCon 3!

Paul Barrett Paul has been writing since he was eight years old. He is a movie producer with two feature films (*Cold Storage*, *Night Feeders*) and three published novels (*A Whisper of Death*, *The Malaise Falchion*, *Knight Errant*.) He is currently working on *A Cry of Decay*, the follow up to *A Whisper of Death*. He lives in North Carolina.

Jim Beall Jim Beall (BS-Math, MBA, PE) has been a nuclear engineer for 40+ years, a wargamer for 50+, and an avid reader of science fiction for even longer. Experience: operations (nuclear officer USN), design (Duke Power), construction (United Engineers & Constructors), inspection (USNRC), and energy policy (USNRC Commissioner Reactors Assistant).

James "JD" Beckwith J.D. Beckwith — a mechanical engineer with delusions of writing grandeur. He writes, reads, plays tabletop & RPG games, grows tomatoes, herds cats, and hides out in the woods of Northwest Georgia. His first novel, *eConscience Beta* (Sci-Fi/ Technothriller/ Comedy) was self-published in 2017. His Blog: *Words from the Wampuscat* (wampuscatenterprises @wordpress.com)

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Michael Bielaczyc Michael Bielaczyc has been making art his whole life. In fact, he doesn't spend much time not creating new things. He is a founder and lead make up FX artist at Aradani Studios, creating masks and appliances for people all across the world. He is also a painter, designer and writer. See his work at michaelbielaczyc.com

Paul Bielaczyc Chesley Award winning artist Paul Bielaczyc co-owns Aradani Studios with his brother Mike, a costuming and art company founded in 2002. Based in Nashville, they travel mostly in the Southeast United States,

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Rick Boatright Rick Boatright has been the "tech guy" for the 1632 series since 2001. He's published in the hardcover *Grantville Gazette*s as well as the *E-Zine*. Rick's common activities at cons feature his "Weird Tech" presentation, which he insists has nothing to do with steampunk. Outside of the SF universe, Rick is a partner in a small software development firm.

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Scott Bragg Scott Bragg, is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. His head in the clouds, earning his keep building clouds for IT companies. An amateur photographer, he prefers shooting people who generally don't shoot back. He is kept sane and well-grounded by his wife, the always-awesome Wendi Bragg.



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Doug Burbey Army Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Douglas Burbey is constantly preparing to: repel the zombie hordes, defend America from all enemies foreign and domestic (particularly Hipsters and Fashionistas), brew beer & defeat the Rebel Alliance. His debut series *Blood War* has beer, dead demons, corrupt politicians, and rage issues.

David L. Burkhead Indianapolis writer David L. Burkhead is a physicist working in Atomic Force Microscopy. In addition, he is an author of science fiction and fantasy with books such as *Survival Test*, *The Hordes of Chanakra*, and *Big Blue* currently available. Current projects include a sequel to *The Hordes of Chanakra*.

Dave (D.J.) Butler has mostly recovered from being a lawyer. He writes fantasy for adults (*WITCHY EYE*, Baen) and kids (*THE KIDNAP PLOT*, Knopf), loves languages and board games, and plays bad guitar. He's married and has three kids. Dave is also acquisitions editor for Kevin J. Anderson's WordFire Press.

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Joseph Capdepon Joseph designs fire alarm systems and has been working in that field 13 years. His first short story, *Night of the Fireflies* appeared in Vol. 59 of the *Grantville Gazette*. *To Face the Tide* (forthcoming) in *Sha'Daa: Toys* (Copper Dog) with his talented, and somewhat handsome co-author Chris Smith. Joseph and his lovely, *younger* wife Bonnie live in Houston with their poodle, Oberon, King of the Floofs.

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Jack Clemons Jack Clemons is an SF author and member of SFWA. He was an engineer and team leader on NASA's Apollo and Space Shuttle Programs, and he appeared in Discovery Channel's award-winning Apollo documentary *Moon Machines*. His memoir, *Safely to Earth*, will be published by University Press of Florida later this year.

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Doug Dandridge Doug Dandridge has been writing since he was kicked out of graduate school in 1996. Hundreds of rejections later, he finally self-published some of his backlog at the beginning of 2012. By March of 2013 he quit his day job to become a full-time writer. From then until the present he has self-published thirty-four books and sold almost a quarter million copies of his work. He has also appeared in numerous anthologies and is slated to appear in several more in the near future. Doug has a novel in the works with Arc Manor Publishing, and is working on book two in the series. There is also a novel, *When Eagles Dare*, in the *Four Horsemen Universe*, in the works.

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Ben Davis Dr. Ben Davis holds a Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics and an M.S. in Nuclear Astrophysics from the University of Notre Dame. He is a former college professor of mathematics, programming, astronomy and physics. He has a successful career in software development and engineering. His interests include history, futurism and skepticism.

Jonathan Del Arroz According to PJMedia.com, Jon Del Arroz is "the leading Hispanic voice in science fiction". He is author of the award-winning steampunk novel, *For Steam And Country*. As a contributor to The Federalist and dangerous.com, he is also recognized as a popular journalist and cultural commentator. Jon loves steampunk and space opera, and is releasing several books this year in both subgenres.

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Dr. Robert E. Hampson Dr. Robert E. Hampson (aka "Tedd Roberts") is the brain scientist behind the science fiction at Baen Books. A neuroscientist with 35 years' experience in laboratory and clinical research, as well as public speaking, he writes science fact and fiction for SF/F audiences and advises authors on cutting edge science for their novels.

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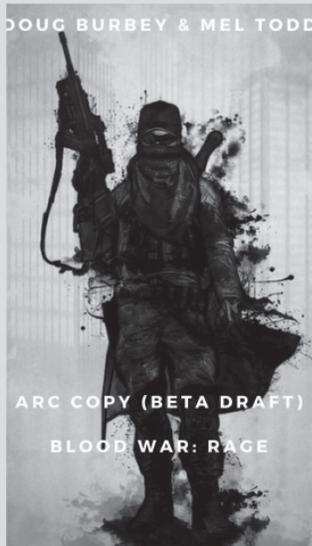
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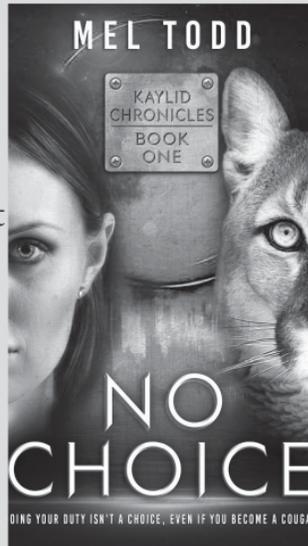
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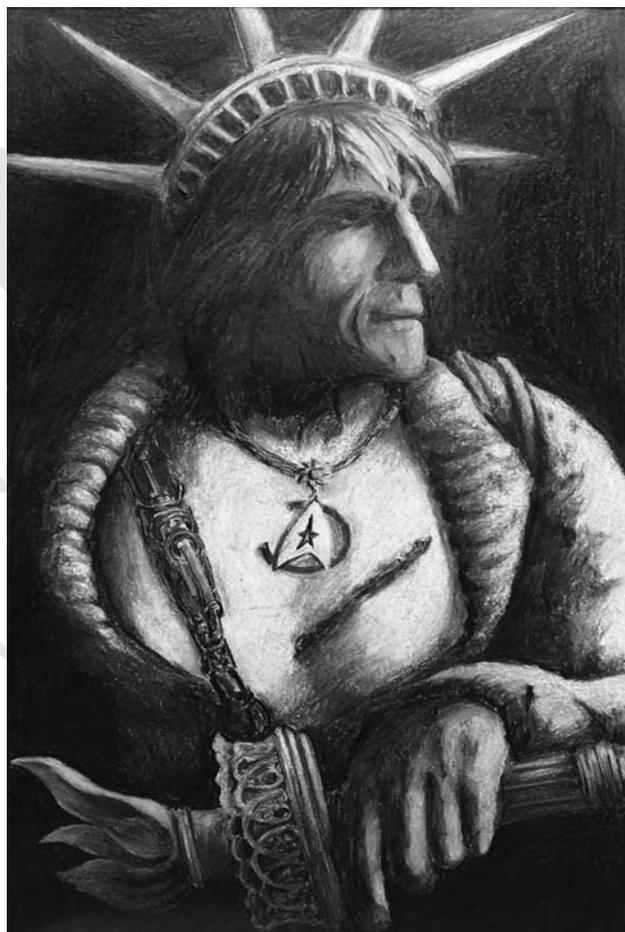
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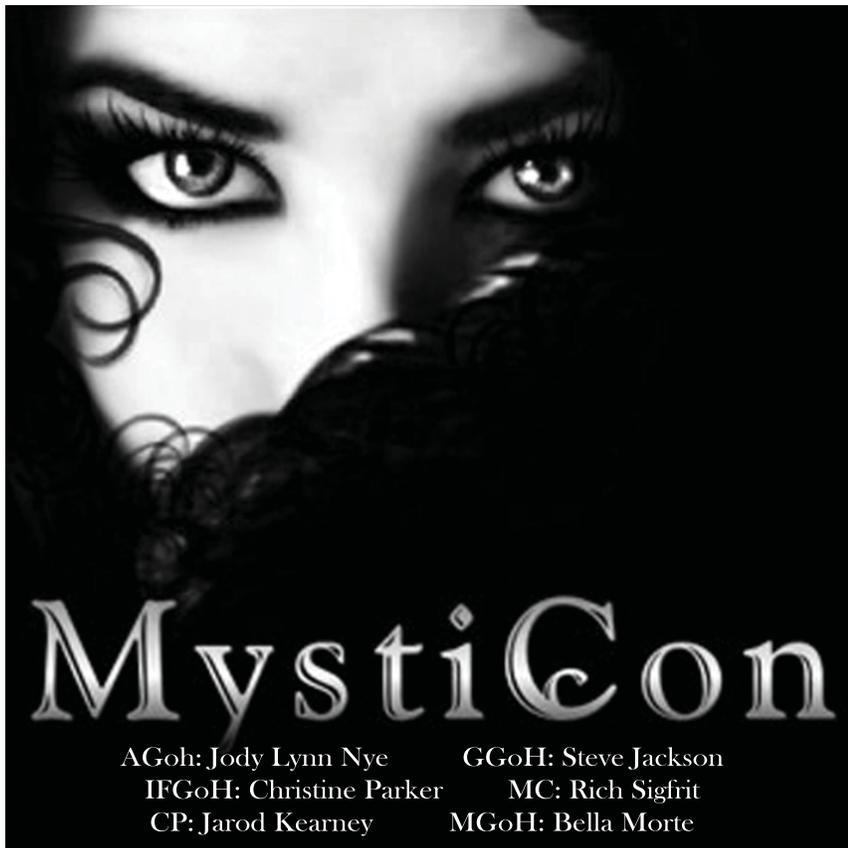
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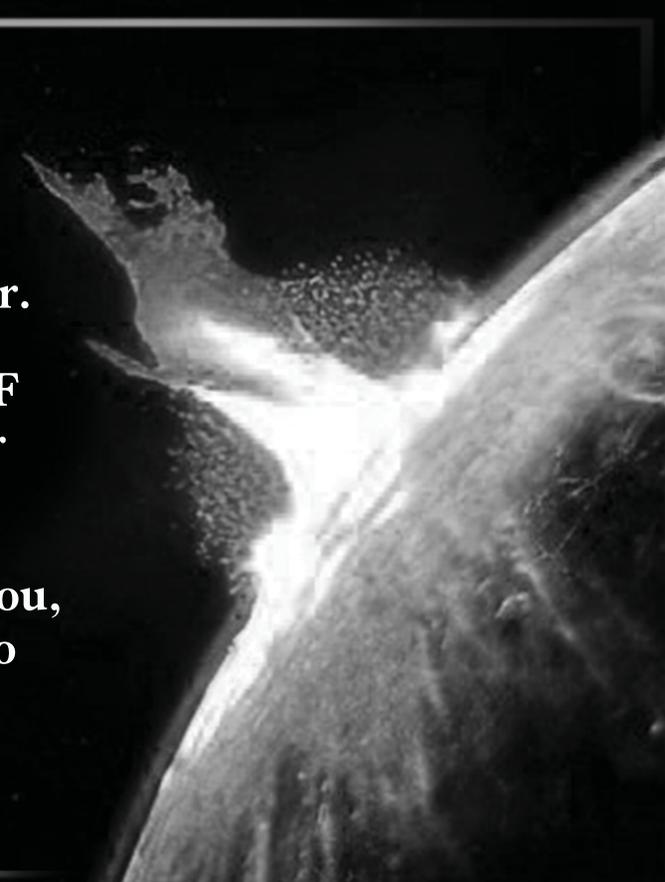
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Marisa Wolf Co-author of *Assassin (a Four Horseman Universe novel)*, and two short stories. With an English major/Astronomy minor and teaching middle school science/history, knows a little bit about a lot of topics (enough to get in trouble...not always out). Clumsiest of black belts; once headbutted by an alligator.

Chris Woods Christopher Woods, a carpenter of twenty-five years, has spent most of his life with a book in hand. In 2014, he released his first book, *Soulguard*. He now lives in Woodbury, TN with his wife and stepdaughter. He has released numerous books since that day in 2014.

John Wright Acclaimed science fiction and fantasy author, John C. Wright, only once had to go on the lam to hide from the police. He presently works in Virginia, where he lives in fairy-tale-like happiness with his wife, the authoress L. Jagi Lamplighter, and their children: Pingping, Orville, Wilbur, and Just Wright.

James Young James Young is a Missouri native who escaped small town life via service to the Republic. Currently living in the Midwest with his loving, kind, and beautiful spouse, Mr. Young spends his time researching history and plotting new and interesting way to torment characters.

LibertyCon 31

Hours of Operation

Friday, June 29, 2018

Registration: Noon - 10pm

Authors Alley: 1pm - 11pm

Art Show: 4pm - 10pm

ConSuite: 3pm - 2am

- Last Call 1:30am

- Doors locked at 2am

Dealers Room: 3pm - 8pm

Opening Ceremonies: 5pm

Saturday, June 30, 2018

Registration: 8am - 6pm

Authors Alley: 10am - 11pm

Art Show: 10am - 4pm

ConSuite: 9:30am - 2am

- Staff and Honored Guest open at 8:30am

- Last Call 1:30am

- Doors locked at 2am

Dealers Room: 10am - 6pm

Sunday July 1, 2018

Registration: As needed

Authors Alley: 10am - 3pm

Art Show: 10am - 1pm

ConSuite: 9:30am - 2pm

- Staff and Honored Guest open at 8:30am

Dealers Room: 10am - 3pm

Closing Ceremonies: 3pm

DeadDog: 6pm

ConSuite: 16th Floor

Party Floor: 4th Floor

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- **LibertyCon Website**
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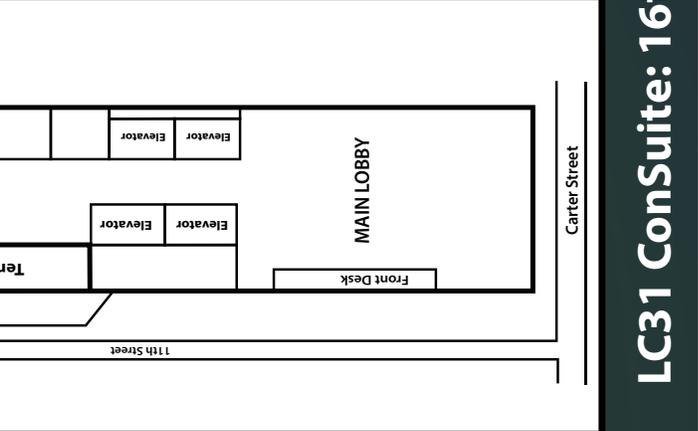
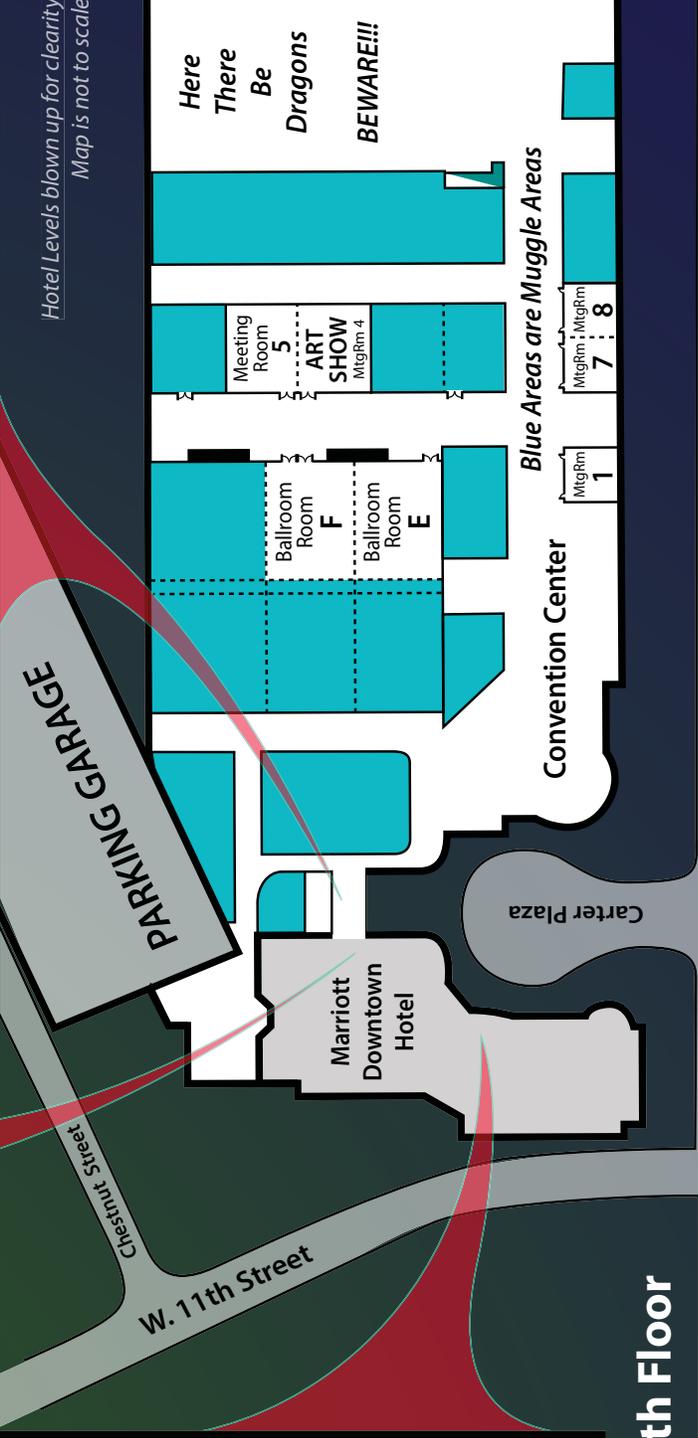
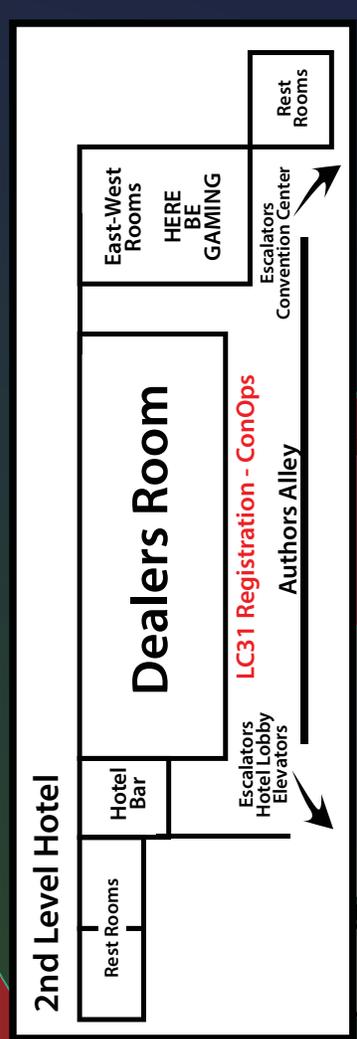
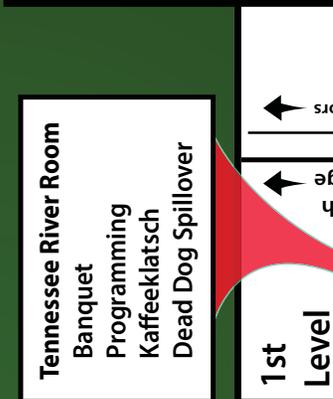
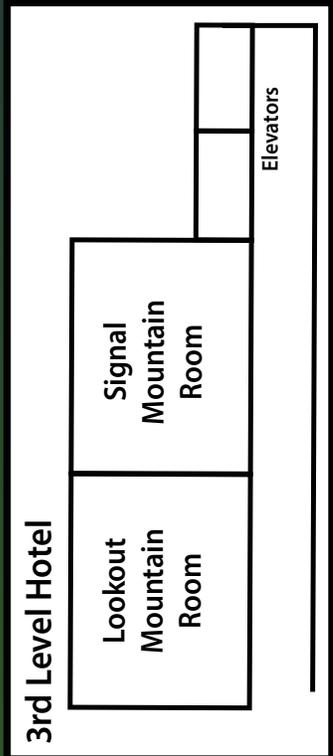
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