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by Darrell Lee



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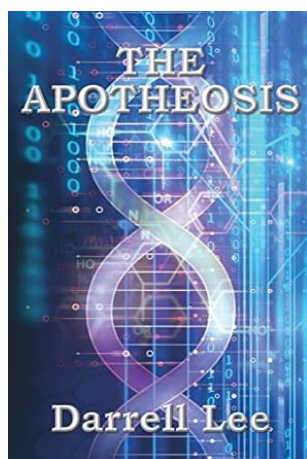
Book Review



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In *The Apotheosis* by Darrell Lee, when Dr. John Numen's father dies suddenly he inherits a major stake in a successful pharmaceutical company. Using the company as a cover, John Numen begins his own medical research which could change human life as we know it. As the decades pass, John discovers the meaning of abandonment by those close to him but also true unconditional love. His research and his plan to boost his wealth even further takes him down a morally disturbing path. Following a series of devastating events, he finds himself on the run from the FBI. There is now no turning back and John is determined to see his experiment through, no matter who has to suffer, in the name of progress. Follow John through many decades and continents as he tries to master his life's work and get his retribution before the FBI can stop him.

This science fiction thriller will hook you from the first page. The suspense throughout this fast-paced plot will always keep you in anticipation. The medical jargon is just enough to understand and enjoy the story but it is clearly very well researched. John Numen is a disturbed character who believes his macabre work is for the benefit of mankind. Whether he is a villain or a misunderstood hero will be for the reader's belief system to decide. The tangled web of deceit and corruption in the story is woven throughout with nail-biting conflict. Not often does a novel make you question your own values but this one did mine. Each of the characters was well created and three-dimensional, especially Irina, a strong-minded fighter with a fierce attitude towards the cold-blooded and callous Roman. The hunt by the FBI at the end had me on the edge of my seat, followed by an excellent twist that was absolutely masterful.



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Author Biography



By day, I am a software engineer. I have worked on NASA's manned space flight program, including the Space Shuttle, Houston Mission Control Center, and Kennedy Launch Control. Currently I work on assorted software systems and payloads for the International Space Station program which require testing at the Marshall Space Flight Center and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

By night I am a writer, secluded in my home office with a wife that softly brings me snacks and falls asleep on the couch waiting for me to go to bed. I am a member of the Houston Writers Guild and the Houston Writers House.

My wife and I reside in Houston and enjoy all that the big city has to offer: restaurants, ballet, symphonies, plays, and Astros baseball games. We also enjoy time at our lake house, a warm and cozy space on the shore of a lake nestled among tall pine trees. On the weekends and holidays we spend there, we enjoy summer afternoons fishing on the water and crisp fall mornings walking in the woods.