

From an early age, Ken had a great affinity for books. Reading *Jurassic Park* during fifth grade especially sparked his interest in writing. From time to time, he would write short excerpts and store them away, not knowing if or when he would ever use them. Gradually, Ken's interest turned to the science fiction and fantasy genres, with *Star Wars* becoming one of his all-time favorites.

While acting in the Titusville Summer Theatre, Ken met Sonia, his future wife. "We both performed in the production of *Hello Dolly*," Ken remarked. "It was then that I realized how much Sonia and I complemented each other. It also became apparent to me that she found my strange little quirks interesting." Although Ken appears to have a nerdy persona, in addition to challenging video games and board games, he also appreciates ballroom dancing.

Ken encountered difficulties finding a job in his field after graduating from Penn State with a degree in video and film — which helps to explain his current position as a Pharmacy Technician. Throughout his time searching and working, however, Ken always kept busy honing his writing skills.

Two years ago, Ken came across a website devoted to film festivals and competitions. He became more actively involved in his writing with the intention of entering the contests. As he did further research, he discovered CreateSpace, the self-publishing website that allows writers to retain their content rights as well as their profits from sales. "I don't expect to be the next New York Times best-selling author, but I do want people who read my work to enjoy it," Ken said.

Currently, Ken works two jobs. Extra time is a rarity, yet he steadfastly dedicates a few hours each evening to his writing, sometimes as much as five hours on his days off. "I have so many ideas in my head that I have difficulty concentrating on one novel," he stated. "My journal is always nearby so I can jot down ideas as they pop into my head."

Ken's published works include a screenplay, *Dumped in Space*, as well as the novella prequel, *Before the Trash*. He is also writing a series entitled, *A World of Magic and Dragons*. The first book of the

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series, *The Invasion of Magic*, has been published and he is currently working on the second volume.

To try something a little different, Ken also recently began working on a paranormal/romantic-comedy series and has completed a second draft of the story. "The struggle comes after a self-published work," he explained. "Its success relies on word of mouth. I do my own publicity by posting on my Facebook page that is devoted to my writing, as well as participating in local book signings. I don't know where this will lead, but eventually, I hope that someone will be

as enthused as I was. I want my readers to be entertained by being taken to another place and time. I guess in a way, my writing is a lot like my job as a Pharmacy Technician; they both require organization and execution."

Ken continued, "I earn six cents a word, but right now I would be lucky to break even as a self-published author. If I can cross into the world of professionally published authors with the matching sales, I can start looking at a better return on my writing."

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