Visionary Fiction

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Anthropology professor Marc Blake is on a "hero's journey." His challenge is to overcome a troubling medical diagnosis – a virus from a tick bite. May, an attractive Danish woman, also endures setbacks with resilience, gradually coming center stage in the story. Her husband Kai has a passion for growing herbs and healthy vegetables, marveling how gardening provides a sense of purpose, good health, direct contact with nature, and companionship. Marc's niece, a natural beauty and ex-model, offers readers a comical, on-again, off-again romantic episode with a Silicon Valley genius she fears might outshine her. Will her energy just as brightly as his?

Quirky humor injects both lightness and conflict into a 30-year marriage. A six-year old's "best summer ever" is a reminder that life is a miracle. Collectively this extended family contests a widespread belief that life is happening to us - that we are passive consumers. On the contrary, each character in this upbeat book is actively self-guided, perfecting their passions and offering generous support to family and friends.

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"The cast of characters is so vivid they are a part of my life, and the nuggets of philosophical wisdom are constantly there, makes you want to keep reading." **– Roger Allen, editor of Millennial Journal**

About the Author

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Suggested topics for podcasts

- Transitioning from writing non-fiction to fiction. I've written about sustainable living for years and have written my first novel featuring those principles.
- What it's like to live in "cohousing." I was a founder of Harmony Village, a 27-home community in Golden, CO. It's a "neighborhood on purpose."
- From surburbia to Superbia! How can sustainably-designed neighborhoods fight climate change and directly meet human needs?
- Affluenza, the All-Consuming Epidemic. What's the vaccine for this cultural epidemic?
- The Anthropology of Food. The average American dinner comes from 5 different countries.
- Climate Chains: How convenience, fairy tales, addiction and poverty are preventing humanity from rising to meet the crisis of climate change.
- Rumors of Rain: 40 years of organic gardening and what it's taught me.

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