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### **New Novel Turns Science Fiction Heavenward**

Nashville, TN, January 12, 2025 – Could God be at the end of our search for alien life? Fiction author Dan Whicker thinks so. The sci-fi newcomer is hoping that his new novel *Planet of Eden* will shake up the genre and inspire other writers to put the “speculative” back into speculative fiction.

“*Planet of Eden* is different for a lot of reasons,” Whicker says. “The biggest is probably that the story assumes our highest reality to be God.”

Whicker points out that most science fiction presupposes naturalistic evolution and humanism as explanations for the origin of life and for its meaning. In contrast, his new book turns typical sci-fi on its head when the main characters discover intelligent, extraterrestrial beings who confirm theism.

“As a devout Christian and fan of the sci-fi genre, I was tired of reading books and watching movies that treated evolution as fact instead of theory.” So, the professional-marketer-turned-author decided to write his own story. “I asked myself: what if there really were advanced beings living on other planets? But what if those people believed in God? What would that do to the search for life beyond our planet?”

But *Planet of Eden* was not written merely to be a thorn in the side of evolutionists. Whicker also weaves other themes into the story through various subplots and character experiences.

“I tried to put something in it for everyone,” the author points out. “It’s a story of discovery, adventure, trust, new friendships, reclaiming what was lost, and even newfound love.”

Something else that makes his book different: its messages are positive and permeated with hope. With current sci-fi and fantasy novels heavily based on dystopic societies and dark themes, *Planet of Eden* is a breath of fresh air.

“This novel portrays many contrasts; one of those is utopia versus dystopia,” Whicker notes. “You’ll see a seemingly near-perfect society that—at first hard to accept—will awaken a part of you that craves what humans had in the real Eden.”





Dan Whicker, Author

Whicker enjoys tackling the deeper issues of life in his writing. Another theme in *Eden* that will challenge readers is body acceptance. On an Eden-like planet, the inhabitants would have little need for coverings.

“If you and five strangers were accidentally taken to a utopian planet with a civilization of Adams and Eves, how would you react?” Whicker asks. He takes the concept seriously, never straying from the higher moral ground. “This story will not titillate,” he cautions. “It explores how people relate to their bodies when confronted with what they think are imperfections.”

*Planet of Eden* is the story of a covert alien mission to Earth that turns into an accidental abduction. According to the author’s website: “When the mission goes awry and six Earth people are accidentally and very publicly captured..., two planets inhabited by contradictory people are suddenly thrown into chaos as each contends with the existence of its opposite.”

Taking us on the ride to Eden are a twenty-two-year-old loner named Jay; a young, traditional married couple enroute to a weekend getaway; a university professor dedicated to atheism, a feisty medical student, and a government official with suspicious intentions. Each one must “learn to trust each other and their alien hosts when they are reluctantly taken to the utopian planet of Hourou. There, amidst an archetypal paradise, they experience living among a near perfect race of humans who seem to have remained isolated from all evils...or have they?”

Back on Earth, “Laura Turgis is tasked with investigating the world’s first bona fide alien abduction while society unravels around her. Learning the truth about extraterrestrial life gives rise to fear and distrust across the planet. Amidst increasing global volatility, how will humanity react to Laura’s discovery that the aliens are coming back again...to retrieve one of their own who was left behind?”

Just like his story, Whicker’s writing style dares to be different. In his words: “I want the *characters* to tell the story. That’s what makes my writing so distinct. I want the reader to be absorbed into the story, vicariously exploring and unraveling mysteries as if being right there in the middle of the action.”

*Planet of Eden* is available to purchase through [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) and booksellers everywhere. For more information, visit [danwhicker.com](http://danwhicker.com).

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Dan Whicker believes that the best stories leave you feeling hope, no matter what galaxy they take place in. Drawing from his degrees in marketing and theology, as well as nearly 30 years working as a professional communicator, Dan has developed a writing style that leads the reader to experience a story primarily through the dialogue of its characters. Though he loves fiction, Dan also enjoys subjects as diverse as modern culture, metaphysics, philosophy, religion, biology, business, leadership, and relationships. He has written many articles for various periodicals and online channels. When Dan is not behind a computer, he is honing his singing voice and teaching himself to play the guitar. Often, you can find him doing something outdoors in Tennessee where he lives with his two sons. Connect at [danwhicker.com](http://danwhicker.com).