



R. E. KEARNEY

Sci-Fi Thriller Writer

Who is R. E. Kearney?

“The best way to predict your future is to create it,” Abraham Lincoln said and as bestselling author, entrepreneur and agent of change Seth Godin wrote, *“If you are deliberately trying to create a future that feels safe, you will willfully ignore the future that is likely.”* Now, you may ask why I am beginning my biography with these two quotes. I am starting my biography with these two quotes because they represent the type of thinking that shapes my reasoning and my life and my writing.

I am a future fanatic. As far back as I am still capable of remembering, I have always been interested in what is next, what is over the horizon, what will be the next innovation or invention and how it will change the world. Unfortunately, I am neither an inventor nor an innovator. Instead, I have been lucky enough to be required to adopt, adapt and employ inventions and innovations in my work as a writer.

For several years, it was my challenge as well as my pleasure to write military scenarios for NATO and U.S. military training exercises, and lately, scenarios for developmental wargames for the U.S. Army’s Future Warfighting Division. All of the scenarios I developed and wrote required that I look to the future and consider environmental challenges, incorporate socio-economic changes, recognize cultural and demographic differences, and introduce newly developed weapons and tactics. To use the proper military acronym I was responsible for ensuring that my scenarios moved all the elements of PMESII, which stands for Political, Military, Economic, Social, Infrastructure, and Information, into the future.

Now that my time with the military is done, I am engaging those same forecasting skills and my diverse knowledge to investigate, consider and discuss what the future may hold for the world. I don’t know what I don’t know I admit, but I am always ready and excited to learn something I didn’t know and then to share that information with others. For as Charles F. Kettering said, *“My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there.”*

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Sample Interview Questions

1) What's the story behind your career? I am writing because I am attempting to generate thought and conversation concerning what the world may be like in the near future due to the many changes which are occurring in the present, such as climate change, increasing use of robotics, biotechnology, nanotechnology, etc. I am a future fanatic.

I started writing as a television reporter in the late 1970s. Although, I'm not certain that writing a fifteen second story introduction and ten second stand-up wrap can truthfully be called serious writing. In 2004, I started writing scenarios for US and NATO military exercises. In 2009, I transferred to writing wargame scenarios for the US Army Future Warfighting Division. The wargame scenarios were written to occur in 2020 or 2030 and led me to my interest in what the future of the world will resemble.

Now, I am merging my military background with my business and economics knowledge along with my interest in the future to develop the Endless Fire series.

2) What makes your subject interesting? If it is interesting to anybody other than me, it is because it involves primarily two, very human individuals, Robert Goodfellow and Mugavus Komfort, attempting to prevent a war between the US and Russia in the near future that is the result of a cyber killer programmed to assassinate the US and Russian leaders. The story also involves a seasteaded corporate state named the Society Preserving Endangered Agriculture or SPEA. The corporate state of SPEA exists because it is turning the problems resulting from climate change into profits. An autistic citizen of SPEA, Pion, working on a SPEA coffee plantation in southwest Ethiopia is the controller of AIDAS and the only person who can stop the killings and prevent the war. Both the US and Russians are pursuing Pion. The title Future Furies refers to the Greek and Roman mythological Furies.

3) What makes you an interesting author? My previous experiences. My knowledge. My interest in the future. My view of the world.

4) Who are your favourite authors? I read far more nonfiction than fiction, such as Brave New War, Future War in Cities, The Naked Future, The Next Convergence. Fiction: David Baldacci and Tom Clancy

5) How much time do you spend writing? Three to four hours daily. Every afternoon and evening, if possible.

6) What are you reading right now? The Industries of the Future by Alec Ross – a non fiction.

7) What's the biggest hurdle to getting words on the page and how do you overcome it? Conceiving of how the future will look and transforming those possibilities into an interesting part in a fictional adventure. I overcome it by reading about new developments and then converting them into plot points.

8) How do you feel about ebooks vs. print books and alternative vs. conventional publishing? Love ebooks. They are the present and will be the future. Print books still have a place and many people still like the feel of a printed book. Conventional publishing is too controlled and the publishing houses are censors and blocks. Conventional publishing is a failing industry.

Book List



Future Furies (Endless Fire: Book 1)

“I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.” Albert Einstein’s warning ricochets inside Robert Goodfellow’s thoughts as he races to stop the cyber and robotic murders of American and Russian leaders propelling the United States and Russia into war.

Part-time cyberwarrior and conflict avoiding cerebral soldier, Robert has been ordered to locate and protect Pion, the autistic, cyber savant US officials believe is their best, and maybe only chance to prevent catastrophe. Reluctantly joining him in his quest is Mugavus Komfort, a female partner from his past. From the highly advanced, newly independent seasteaded State of SPEA to the ancient African nation of Ethiopia, Robert and Mugavus battle their way through a near-future, dystopian world ravaged by the Endless Fire of climate change, chaos and conflict. US and Russian assassins, predator robots, terrorists and rebels surround and imperil Robert and Mugavus as they struggle to save the world from itself. It’s a race against time. In the end will they be too late?

Aethon Arises (Endless Fire: Book 2) - COMING SOON

Robert and Mugavus battle Agroterrorists and fight to save the planet’s food, as cyberterrorists of the cyberstate ARTAS develop and plan the deliberate introduction of animal and plant diseases for the purpose of generating world-wide terror, causing global economic disaster and destroying the world’s social stability. ARTAS launches cyber and physical attacks directly against SPEA. ARTAS desires world domination as a cyberstate by creating anarchy and chaos in the world’s Westphalian nations.

Arrives Ares (Endless Fire: Book 3) - COMING SOON

Last stand of skill less man in a global battle of Sists against Minervans. The nation state collapses and is replaced by cyberstates and tribalism. Robert and Mugavus fight to save the SPEA and the rest of the seasteaded world. It is a new world of ancient rules.