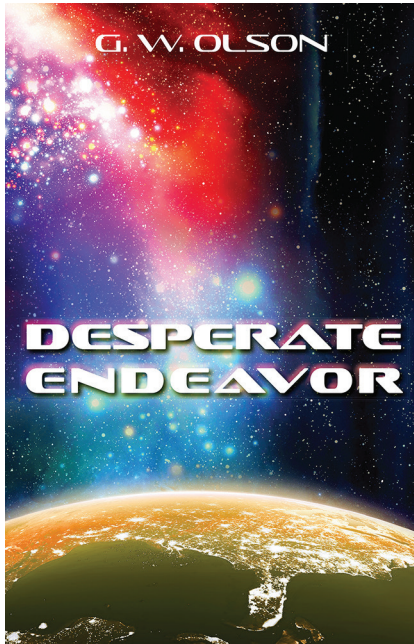


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About the Author



Glen Olson grew up in the San Fernando Valley, a suburb of Los Angeles. He would have had an absolutely normal childhood except for one fact: it was the sixties, and his best friend's father worked in cold war aerospace . . . and he owned a mimeograph machine. So, along with a dog, a bicycle, and a baseball mitt, Glen had access to a device that allowed him to put out a neighborhood newspaper—and he shamelessly did so! Thankfully, no copies of the paper still exist, or Olson would have to leave town and change his name.

Olson continued to write (and read) throughout his career with the fire department, where he had several roles, including paramedic, disaster preparedness educator, inspector, and captain. He wrote training manuals for firefighters and contributed to the disaster preparedness student manual that FEMA distributes nationwide. Olson's fiction career restarted with the story *Nightwatch*, which earned him an honorable mention in the L. Ron Hubbard Writers of the Future contest.

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