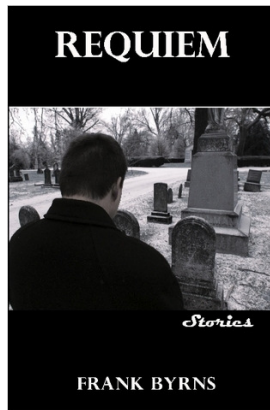


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Byrns Publishes Second Collection of Superhero Fiction, *Requiem*



WASHINGTON, DC — SEPTEMBER 12, 2006— Frank Byrns returns to the growing realm of superhero prose fiction with the publication of *Requiem*.

Along with completely original material, *Requiem* is a compilation of several of Byrns' previously published short stories, including the title story, which appeared in *Cyber Age Adventures*, and "Family Tradition", which was published in *Strange Horizons*.

"This is definitely an exciting time to be writing superhero fiction," Frank Byrns said. "The success of the Marvel Press line of novels, as well as the new DC Universe series, has proven that there is a demand for these kinds of stories. Superhero stories can be told, and told well, outside of comic books – just as comic books can be just as much fun to read without superheroes. Superheroes and comics can both exist – and thrive – independent of one another."

Early reviews of the books from such comics notables as IDW's Beau Smith have been overwhelmingly positive. "I haven't enjoyed anything like this in a long time," Smith said.

Requiem (ISBN 978-1-84728-215-6) is available for order on Amazon.com, and wherever fine books are sold.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Frank Byrns is a leading contributor to the growing subgenre of superhero fiction. His work has appeared in such award-winning publications as *Strange Horizons*, *Cyber Age Adventures*, and *Aphelion*. Byrns graduated from Wake Forest University in 1998. He currently lives in Savage, Maryland with his wife. *Requiem* is his second collection of short fiction. The first, *My Father's Son and Other Super!!Stories!!*, was published in 2004.

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