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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

C.P. Schaefer is a structural engineer and award-winning science fiction author whose work blends scientific realism with emotionally immersive, high-stakes storytelling. Drawing on four decades of engineering experience and a lifelong fascination with space exploration, his novels bridge the gap between cerebral hard sci-fi and deeply human narratives.

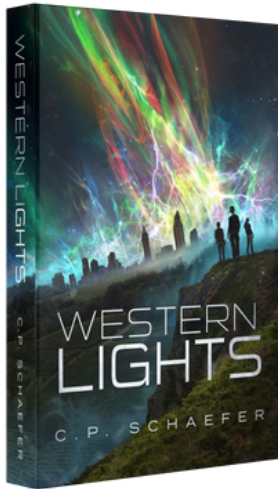
His writing has been praised for its intellectual depth, cinematic scope, and unforgettable characters.



"Schaefer's talent shines... a commendable work in science fiction and techno-thrillers."

– Literary Titan

Based just north of Indianapolis, Schaefer writes from his home study. When not immersed in the cosmos of his imagination, he enjoys traveling, reading, designing pubs (yes, really), and cheering on college football with his family of five grown kids and a loyal dog by his side.



FEATURED TITLE: WESTERN LIGHTS

Genre Hard Sci-Fi / Time Travel / Climate Thriller

Word Count 108,500

Published April 2024

Amazon Rating ★4.4 (165+ reviews)

Sales 1,100+ copies (March 2024–March 2025)

[Digital](#) | [Paperback](#) | [Hardcover](#) |  [Audiobook](#)

PITCH

Western Lights is a cinematic, emotionally charged time-travel thriller. When Earth's magnetic core flips, unleashing violent solar flares and time rifts, researcher Sara Gathers is hurled back in time into the 1980s. To stop the climate catastrophe that doomed her future, she must work alongside a brilliant scientist... but she'll have to convince her who she is first.

WHAT SETS IT APART

- Strong crossover appeal among female readers in the sci-fi space
- Cinematic quality noted frequently by reviewers—ideal for adaptation
- Emotional storytelling that complements its scientific rigor
- Vivid environmental themes paired with high-stakes time travel

AWARDS

- Literary Titan GOLD Book Award: Fiction (2024)
- Literary Titan SILVER Book Award (August 2024)
- Reader's Favorite Bronze Medal (2024)

REVIEWS

"Wildly thought-provoking climate SF with a fascinating time-travel twist."

—[Kirkus Reviews](#)

"Schaefer's writing is vivid and fast-paced, pulling you into the chaotic world he envisions with little room to catch your breath."—*Literary Titan*

"Western Lights is a highly entertaining blend of hard science fiction, fantasy, and page-turning, fast-paced adventure."—*Sarah Pierzchala for Readers' Favorite* (5 star review)

"This would make a good movie or limited TV series." —J.B. Fox (Amazon Reviewer)

"I kept thinking that this would make a great movie."

—Patricia A. Beaver (Amazon Reviewer)

"Fast-Paced and Entertaining! A Must Read!" —Jim Arrowood (Amazon Reviewer)

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ALSO BY C.P. SCHAEFER: THE KUIPER ROGUE

Genre Hard Sci-Fi / Survival Thriller / Technothriller

Word Count 88,500

Published November 2023

Amazon Rating ★4.2 (111+ reviews)

[Digital](#) | [Paperback](#) | [Hardcover](#) | [Audiobook](#)

PITCH

On Saturn's moon Titan, astronomer Will Vandolah leads a deteriorating research crew in a desperate race to escape planetary annihilation after a comet detonates Saturn's rings. Their mission: survive long enough to warn Earth of the disaster.

WHY READERS LOVE IT

- Described as “gripping, immersive, and intellectually satisfying”
- Set on Titan with real science grounding a wild cosmic event
- Appeals to fans of *The Martian* and *Seveneves*
- Strong appeal among STEM enthusiasts and older male readers

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Literary Titan SILVER Book Award (2024)
- Popular with readers aged 45-65+
- Featured on [P. English Literature Podcast](#)

REVIEWS

“This Michael Crichton-esque version of that theory features wide-eyed scientific wonder, exciting technological problem-solving, and Hollywood-style action.”

— *Kirkus Reviews*

“A commendable work in science fiction and techno-thrillers, offering an insightful glimpse into space exploration’s complexities and wonders.”

— *Literary Titan*

“This book is a must-read for anyone who loves engaging, well-crafted science fiction.” — *Sol Tyler (Amazon Reviewer)*

“Schaefer's writing keeps the adrenaline pumping throughout the entire book, making it impossible to put down” — *Agustina (Amazon Reviewer)*

“This thrilling adventure was very hard to put down and easy to pick up again! I found myself holding my breath a few times. Thrilling and unpredictable.

Believable situations and characters. Several deaths, sometimes gruesome.

Clever use of future science.” — *R.W. Beaulieu (Amazon Reviewer)*

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Invite Charles to your podcast, book event, environmental summit, or sci-fi panel. He brings both warmth and wonder to conversations about space, science, and the stories that shape our future.

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SUGGESTED INTERVIEW TOPICS

- The science behind time travel and planetary disasters
- Balancing realism and fiction in hard sci-fi
- How 40 years of engineering shaped his storytelling | From engineering to Authorship: how technical backgrounds fuel storytelling
- Why older readers are flocking to emotionally rich science fiction
- Environmental storytelling in speculative fiction

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