

THE ROCKETS' RED GLARE

Biography

John Darrin

John Darrin has worked in the nuclear industry for 40 years, initially as a radiation health and safety professional, and most recently as a consultant for companies focused on nuclear and radiological disasters and homeland security. He has worked on such unique projects as the first-ever commercial decommissioning of a radiological research laboratory, the decommissioning of several nuclear reactors, the recovery after the Three Mile Island accident, the design and manufacture of radiation monitors for First Responders, and even on the treatment of nuclear weapons waste in China. This work has taken him all over the world, from China to Finland, from Central America to Canada, providing a wealth of experience and information that is reflected in his writings.

After graduation, he trained as a radiation safety technician and studied further at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Virginia. His full-time life included such experiences as the entire '60's phenomena, the anti-war movement, arrests on three continents, running businesses that manufactured electronics in Finland and the U.S., and invented radically new radioactive waste treatment processes, and created one of USA Today's Top 10 Cyber Cafés.

John's first novel, *The Law of the Pack*, won an international Best First Novel contest, and was followed in 2009 by *Screenshot*, a best-selling techno-thriller about pay-per-view Internet assassinations. In addition to his writing, John continues to consult on radiological emergency preparedness and response, and participates in professional groups planning for such incidents.

He lives in Frederick, MD with his extraordinary fiancé and a menagerie of rescued animals including cats, dogs, birds, and even a horse.

The facts:

Born in Syracuse, NY and lived upstate most of my early life. Military Prep School followed by Colgate University, both in upstate NY. Left to escape winter. Married Anne Schenendorf and happily spent 40 years with her before she died. Our son, Joshua, is grown and a successful high-tech business man living with his own family. After Anne died, I spent about a year and a half in a trailer traveling the country. Met Claire Waggoner, and we have lived together ever since. We will be married soon. More to come, and I hope it will be interesting. No, I know it will be.

My epitaph - He was fun while he lasted.

Animal rescue links:

[The Garuda Aviary](#)

[Tara's Babies Animal Welfare](#)

[Red Rover](#)

[Retired Racehorse Training Project](#)

My blogs:

[The Go Places – Meet People – Do Things Tour of America](#)

[My Bathroom Biography](#)

[Dumb Places I Go – Stupid Things I See](#)
[He Was Fun While He Lasted](#)
[Radiation Safety Information](#)
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