

# Author Interview



## Chris Hambleton

### About His Writing:

If writing is not your full time job, what do you do for a living?

I'm a software developer, working mostly on ASP.NET applications/websites, data-migrations, WPF applications, and whatever else my boss throws at me.

It was declared illegal for you to write, what career would you love as much?

Software development - I must have a creative outlet

Do you feel that a person has to have a passion for words/books to become a good writer?

Yes - otherwise, I think that writing books would be a terrible chore rather than a joy.

Analyzing the books you've written, what do you think they say about you?

I think (or at least I hope) that all my books communicate the idea that God is trustworthy and that He will work everything out according to His purposes in the End, even if we can't see or understand it here on earth. In spite of chaotic times and all our fears and the unknowns, He is the Refuge that we can fully place our trust in.

How many books have you written and self-published?

I've written and self-published five books and I have drafts for another four waiting to be edited and published. My primary constraint is not enough hours in the day.

Of the books you've written so far, which is your favorite and why? Least favorite and why?

My first book published was "The Time of Jacob's Trouble", which I rewrote this last year into a trilogy. It was my least favorite because it was much too wordy and narrative and it took a while for the story to get started. After writing two other books, I realized I was embarrassed by the book even though the story was pretty good - and that demanded that I rewrite it.

Who do you use as a sounding board for your books?

Typically I bounce my ideas off my wife, friends, and family.

What single word, in your opinion, describes you the writer?

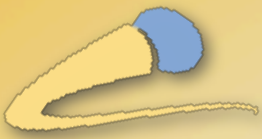
Motivated

If you could live inside one of your books for a year which would you pick and why?

I would like to live inside "The Last Aliyah," to be able to witness the Jews return to their homeland and observe the events of Ezekiel 38-39 (the Magog Invasion) for myself. It would be the first time that God has visibly, undeniably moved in human events for thousands of years.

I have an enemy, which one of your books would you put him/her in and why?

I would probably put the enemy into "The Cell - Twilight's Last Gleaming," because it's a dark, chaotic time in America's story.



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### **Tidbits About Himself:**

Are you a social butterfly or a fly on the wall?

Fly on the wall – always have been, which is probably why I'm more comfortable writing than speaking.

You have 4 hours of down time. Would you hang out with friends and/or family, beam yourself to a deserted island or go to a party where the music is loud and everyone wants to dance with you?

Beam myself to a deserted island where I can marvel at God's handiwork, surf, and possibly come up with another book.

I invite you to a costume party, what would you dress up like and why?

A pirate, so I can speak with a piraty-accent. Arrr!

You're invited to a dinner party, where extremely intelligent people will discuss the future of humanity. You can't bring your spouse or significant other, who would you bring?

Billy Graham

What single word, in your opinion, describes you the person, not the writer?

Thoughtful

### **His Reading Style:**

What genre do you like to read?

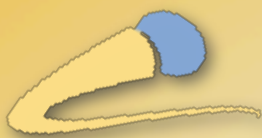
Speculative fiction and some science fiction.

What genre do you read only if someone is twisting your arm?

Fiction

What single word, in your opinion, describes you the reader?

Attentive



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### **Extra Tidbits:**

Where were you born?

West Unity, Ohio (a small town west of Toledo)

What's your favorite color?

Blue

What's your zodiac sign?

Gemini

You are starring in a Disney movie which character (cartoon) would you be?

Buzz Lightyear

What's your favorite season and why?

Fall, because the seasons are changing, it's getting cooler, and the holidays are on the horizon!

What's your favorite holiday and why?

Thanksgiving, because I have a lot to be thankful for.

What is your favorite type of music?

Probably 80's Top-40/pop.

What do you do to totally relax, other than writing?

Does sleep count? If not, then walking or reading fiction.

I have a fear of heights and enclosed places. Are you scared of anything (phobias)?

My fear would have to be hopelessness.

If you could own any animal as a pet which would it be and why?

A brontosaurus, because it would freak out the neighbors. I almost said Tyrannosaurus Rex, but they have a lot of teeth. You did say, "Any animal"...

If there was a movie made about your life. Who would play you? And what genre would the movie be?  
Horror, Action, Comedy, etc...?

It would be comedy, no idea who would play my part.

If you had to recommend a book for me to read (not your own) but by an Indie, which one would you pick?

"The Days of Peleg" by Jon Saboe