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The surviving son of a germophobic mother, Cecil Reitmeister embraces all forms of bacteria and formulates an elaborate plan to lead humanity out of the Anthropocene and into a new era of interspecies harmony. His idiosyncratic plan requires years of experimentation and precise manipulation of his microbiome, the totality of microorganisms present in or on the human body. His mad-scientist mission leads to extreme social isolation, with the memory of his dead mother becoming his most frequent visitor.

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Meet

Joshua A.H. Harris

Joshua A.H. Harris is a writer, father, and recovering environmental attorney. He grew up in Laramie, Wyoming, served in the Peace Corps in Mali, West Africa, and currently lives in the Bay Area. Joshua holds degrees from Brown University, UC Davis, and San Francisco State University. His writings have appeared in the *East Bay Times*, *Gravitas* (Pub House Books), *Berkeley Times*, and *Ars Poetica*. In 2014, he wrote *Out of the Fog*, a serialized novel released one chapter per week over the course of a calendar year (available at outofthefogjh.blogspot.com). In 2017, Joshua became an associate editor for *La Vil: Stories from the Streets of Port-au-Prince*, Voice of Witness (San Francisco). More recently, he wrote and published *Common Sense 2019: A Bipartisan Call to Take Back Our Government*, a political pamphlet that addresses the fundamental problem of money in politics. Joshua is also an associate producer of the following movies: *Night Comes On* (2018) starring Dominique Fishback and Tatum Marilyn Hall; *House of Tomorrow* (2017), starring Asa Butterfield; *Lucky* (2017), starring Harry Dean Stanton; and *Columbus* (2017), starring John Cho, Haley Lu Richardson, Parker Posey.

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