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**James R. Strickland's *Irreconcilable Differences* under contract to Flying Pen Press**  
Author's second novel a cyberpunk adventure in the American Heartland

DENVER — Flying Pen Press announced the acquisition of James R. Strickland's second novel *Irreconcilable Differences*. The anticipated publication date is August 1, 2008.

Set in the same world as *Looking Glass* (ISBN 978-0-979588907, trade paperback, \$14.95), *Irreconcilable Differences* is a cyberpunk mystery in the American Heartland, now part of the Southern Canadian Provinces after a civil war tore apart the current United States. Rachel Santana, formerly a soldier and mercenary in the Middle East, now works for Interpol as a data warfare specialist. Her boss and soon-to-be ex-husband has implanted a copy of her personality in Micki Blake, a 16-year-old computer hacker gang member in rural Kansas. Her mission: covertly infiltrate the local hacker ecology to locate and eliminate a new "Big Player" who is believed to have ties to the breakup of the United States.

This would seem like a straightforward mission for an experienced operator like Rachel, but there is nothing simple about life of a farm girl and student in this new political landscape. Rachel must partner with Micki to navigate not only through the hacker underworld but also simultaneously through the minefields of high school and homework. Only by combining their strengths can they stay alive while discovering the true motives and machinations threatening the fragile political situation. However, only by confronting her original self can Rachel discover who she really is and where her true capabilities lie.

James R. Strickland has been telling stories since before he could read or write. After a ten year detour in system and network administration and technical support, he has returned to his English-major roots and is a full-time novelist. Born in Kansas and raised in Wyoming, Strickland now lives in Colorado with his wife, Marcia, and some number of cats. His website is [www.jamesrstrickland.com](http://www.jamesrstrickland.com).

*Irreconcilable Differences* is Strickland's second cyberpunk novel. It draws from his life growing up in the big, square states of the West combined with his experience in high tech, and flies in the face of the myth that the two are mutually exclusive.

Flying Pen Press is a publisher of fiction and nonfiction books. It is located in Denver, Colorado, and operates from virtual offices all over the world. The company's website is [FlyingPenPress.com](http://FlyingPenPress.com).

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