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***Irreconcilable Differences* published by Flying Pen Press**

James R. Strickland's second novel a cyberpunk adventure in the American Heartland

DENVER — Flying Pen Press announced the publication today of *Irreconcilable Differences*, a cyberpunk mystery-adventure by James R. Strickland.

Set in the same world as Strickland's first novel, *Looking Glass* (ISBN 978-0-9795889-0-7, trade paperback, \$14.95), *Irreconcilable Differences* is a cyberpunk mystery in the unlikely setting of Kansas, part of the Southern Canadian Provinces after a civil war has torn 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 operating in rural Kansas. Rachel's assignment: infiltrate the local hacker-underground 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 through the tangled layers of computer networks and deceit while simultaneously skirting the minefields of high school and homework. Only by combining their strengths can they stay alive while discovering the truth – the truth not only of the motives and machinations unraveling underneath the Kansas prairie but also of who Rachel is and what she must become.

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 Mr. 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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