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##### Introduction

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##### Castellum One Series

Matt's stories involve the *Castellum One* team, a covert investigations unit financed by the Vatican and run by elements of the US Intelligence Community. The genesis of the team unfolds in *Lever Templar*, with planned sequels *Whisper Angelic* and *Downfall Eternal* presenting them with seemingly insurmountable new challenges. Each novel stands alone, yet all share a cast of recurring characters in the present-day storylines.

##### The Story Teller

As a boy growing up in the outskirts of Seattle, Matt immersed himself in the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew mystery series, as well as the many adventures of Danny Dunn. Despite his life-long love of the written word, writing was not his original profession. Before pitting heroes and villains across centuries, Matt embarked on a career in aeronautical engineering and flight instruction, graduating first from the University of Washington in 1990 and then from New Mexico State University in 2000. His technical pursuits took him to General Dynamics in San Diego, then to consulting jobs all over North America, and finally back to Seattle for a long stint with Boeing.



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While modern technology dominates most of his life, Matt has always been a student of history. Besides history books, he devoured thrillers having strong historical emphases. But he often found himself enjoying only specific aspects of certain authors' work, wishing there was one who could integrate all his preferences. Then, in early 2013, it dawned on him: "Perhaps I could be that author." After writing 787 airplane flight manuals for Boeing and instructional articles for flying magazines, he began outlining *Lever Templar*.

When not writing, Matt enjoys fitness and weight training, and uses his personal training certification from the National Academy of Sports Medicine to help friends and family reach their fitness goals. He also enjoys ballroom and Latin dancing, often being called in as lead for dance instruction at studios and ballrooms around Seattle.