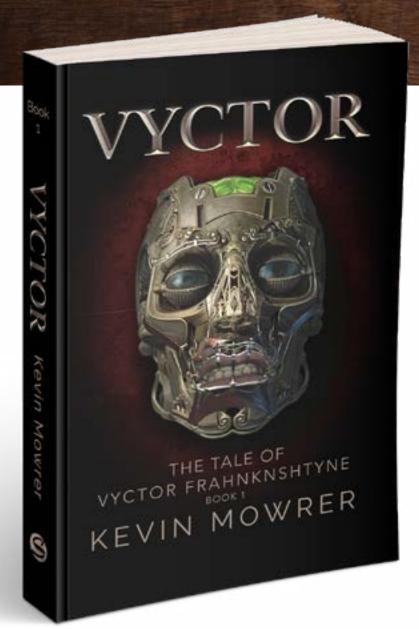
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Author Bio

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Kevin has won multiple Emmy awards and a Gemini award for TV shows of his making.

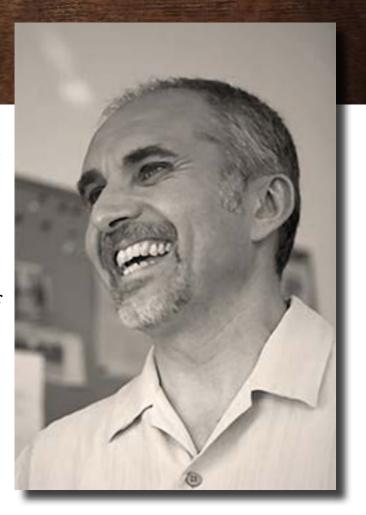
He is also a well-known steampunk artist who illustrates his own book covers and chapter art.

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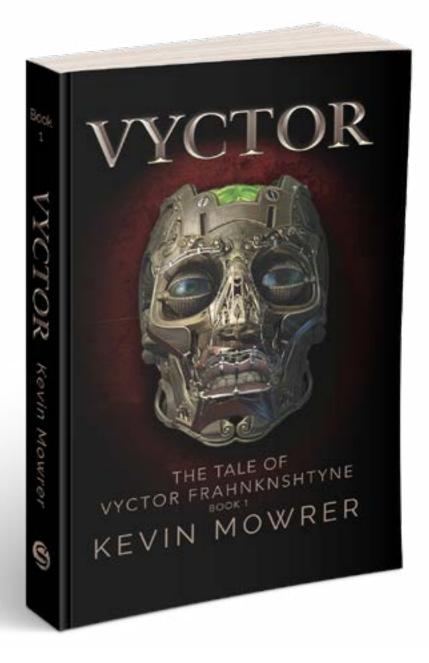
In addition, he is an accomplished inventor who has been awarded over 20 patents by the US patent office.

Kevin consults, lectures, blogs, and has a newsletter teaching story structuring for franchise success as part of his give back to the upcoming generations of new story-tellers with commercial story aspirations.

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Book Bio



Vyctor is the first book in a genre-blending horror and adventure series that is the re-imagining of the tale of Vyctor Frahnknshtyne.

It is a unique mix of horror and adventure with rapidly expanding stakes, terrifying consequences, and brilliant heroic efforts and actions. The protagonists are shaped from an unusual and quirky new model for heroes: Brilliant, young, and socially awkward inventors who face off against terrible terrors using their abilities to create and invent.

The story, and series, tackles big themes of unbridled technology, the morality of invention, societal stratification, corruption, and oligarchism all wrapped in the charm and suspense of Victorian retro-futurism.

Testimonials

VYCTOR draws you into a fantastic world that steadily grows more intense and more captivating as the story unfolds. This is a story set in a reimagined world in which science and technology collide with power and humanity. Wonderfully compelling characters wrestle with momentous decisions and unintended consequences. Surprising twists and intense action make this book hard to put down. As a huge fan of fantasy and inventive imagination, I was enthralled. I can't wait for the next book in the series!

- Mary Yedlin, Former Editorial Executive DC Comics

VYCTOR is an extraordinary debut novel from a master storyteller. VYCTOR gives us a new kind of hero and team that we need. I was transported to a world that blends fantasy, technology and history to battle aether-infused giants and Basker-ville hounds in a quest to save the city from a terrible fate.

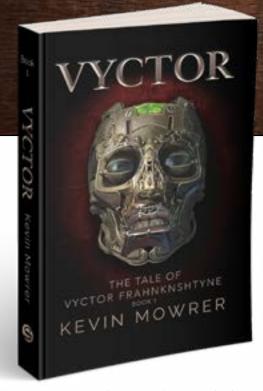
- Kim Morris, Franchise Entertainment Marketing Executive

Kevin's Mowrer's *VYCTOR* drops you into an imaginative world of intriguing colorful characters, rich detail, wild other-worldly inventions, and non-stop action... a gripping tale that tackles a powerful moral dilemma. You don't have to be a Steam Punk aficionado to pick-up *VYCTOR*, but it might just convert you to the genre.

- Wordy Girls of Toronto

Author

Book Synopsis



Vyctor Frahnknshtyne, the most brilliant student at L'institute Technologie, is secretly creating inventions that are breaking the laws set by the immortal Shepherds in the city-state of Travaille. The Shepherds, stewards of Travaille's government, are kept alive by contributions of aether, human life force, from its citizens.

These Shepherds are losing control and trouble

is rising. Mechanical attack hounds are savaging citizens, there are reports of a terrible monster taking young women in the night, aether giants are battling for sport, and illegal aether experiments that are creating monstrous demi-gods are under way.

Vyctor, with the help of his heart's greatest love, Cordelia, granddaughter of a shepherd, learns that the wealthy city fathers have a plot to overthrow the Shepherds through controlling their aether supply. Vyctor reaches out to his closest student friends to form a secret organization called the Gentlemor Scoundrels. With their combined talents at invention, they must unlock the secrets of what is happening, and who is behind the terrible events throughout Travaille.

Vyctor's greatest invention, a nearly indestructible Metal Man meant for the Shepherds, shows itself to be a weapon of frightening strength. Mortally wounded, Vyctor's friends transfer his mind into his creation to save him. Will this brilliant young man still be human or something else, and can the small band of inventive minds overcome multiple dark forces and prevent the enslavement of Travaille?

More to Come in Vyctor's World



Vyctor is the first book in the series of adventures that he and the Gentlemor Scoundrels have thrust upon them.

Book #2 Anam-Ri

It has been three years since the Great Burning, and Vyctor Frahnknshtyne, still trapped within the powerful Metal Man, is running out of time. He is performing increasingly desperate aether experiments to unlock the scientific secret for transfer back into his flesh-and-blood body. There is only three months of aether remaining to

sustain his dormant human self.

Returning from a sea journey to attend the funeral of a good friend, Professor Toshin-bale Neff has inherited a strange artifact. It is calling to something terrible, trapped beyond deaths door, that covets the artifact's power.

Vyctor's experiments inadvertently weaken the door, and the creature, an ancient sorcerer named Anam-Ri, slips through. He is bent on throwing the door wide open and merging his twisted domain with the living world.

Travaille is on the brink of civil war, and Anam-Ri's spectral forces are at work inciting all sides to conflict. Can the genius Vyctor, as the Metal Man, and the equally brilliant Gentlemor Scoundrels battle the emerging spectral army of the dead as the city descends into chaos? Can they save the citizens of Travaille from being horribly merged with Anam-Ri's spectral monstrosities? Will Vyctor's desperation to become human again, to marry his soul mate Cordelia, become the weakness Anam-Ri can exploit to fulfill his terrible plan?



Chapter 10

Baskervilles

"Here! Over here, you bloody bastard!" he yelled. This was the scent Baskerville, and it paid no attention to sound. Vyctor reached to his back, bringing his hand around the front covered in his own blood. He raised it to his lips and blew hard toward the metal Baskerville.

As it caught the scent, the speed at which it moved stunned Vyctor, giving him only enough time to know this was his end. A split second before it hit him, Igorr body-slammed the beast, bellowing with a soldier's rage. It immediately took to biting and clawing Vyctor's oldest companion! Vyctor screamed, "Noooooo!"

Three shots rang out. One shattered the glass skull cap that covered the sparking electrics. The second removed a front leg, causing it to falter and back up. The third report severed a pressure line in its belly and it fell, slowly losing all impetus and movement.

Tosh stood in a shooting stance, holding both of her smoking revolvers. Running past her was school security, also armed. They rushed to surround the hissing carcass, rifles ready, as Grinnious stomped in just behind them. He ran to Vyctor.

"Vyctor! My boy. My son. Are you OK?"

Author

Author Interview Questions



- How does the story of Vyctor differ from the original Frankenstein story by Mary Shelley published in 1818?
- Why is Vyctor considered a story that is a genre-blender?
- How is the world of Vyctor a universe that brings all the classic monsters together?
- What can we expect in the next books in the series?
- Why is Vyctor relevant and timely?
- How does the story, Vyctor, challenge our ideas about our own humanity?
- How is the "scary" in this story different from other horror stories?
- In the story of Vyctor, what is aether, and how does it create wonder and abominations?
- What is the secret society of brilliant student's called "The Gentlemor Scoundrels?"
- What is the cautionary tale within Vyctor about unbridled technology?
- What is the technology in this story that is based on human life-force
- How is the setting of this book retro-futurist?
- How and why is the culture in Travaille rigidly stratified?
- Tell us about the frolicking nightlife and raucous pub culture in Vyctor.
- What is wildly unique about the college the Gentlemor Scoundrels all attend that is called L'institute?
- What is the story behind your entire family creating a new self-publishing imprimatur?

Story Ideas for Journalists



- Vyctor, a new kind of hero with a new ethos for the age we are in.
- How Vyctor explores the hard questions about technology and its release for use. Just because we can, does it mean we should?
- How does Vyctor, a retro-futurist fantasy series, lean into what horror is supposed to do in service of unpacking challenges relevant to today's world?
- Why and how Vyctor blends horror and adventure.
- How the new novel, Vyctor, leans into optimism through invention as an underused form of solving and heroism.
- We live in a modern age where AI is rising. Vyctor is powerfully relevant, exploring what our humanity is, and if it resides in our bodies, our feelings, our rationality, or something else? Can technology cause us to lose it?
- How Vyctor reveals that all systems of government eventually devolve into oligarchism.
- Vyctor, a reimagining of the Story of Vyctor Frahnknshtyne from an author living in Rhode Island, the birthplace of American vampire stories and part of the horror corridor of the east coast.
- How a Rhode island author, inventor, and illustrator reimagined the Frankenstein story as the tale of a young hero inventor.
- A family raised awash in the craft of storytelling creates a new self-publishing imprimatur

Book Info



Target Audience and Relevance

- Y/A through adult, fantasy and horror readers
- We live in a real world where technology is rising at an unprecedented rate. The story of Vyctor engages with the equations of power around technology, its use, misuse and corruption by those who seek to control it and profit enormously from that exclusivity. Real horror is power run amok and the people drunk on its possession. Hope lies in the young and finding the will to resist dogma and pay the hero's cost.

VYCTOR the Tale of Vyctor Frahnknshtyne

Ebook

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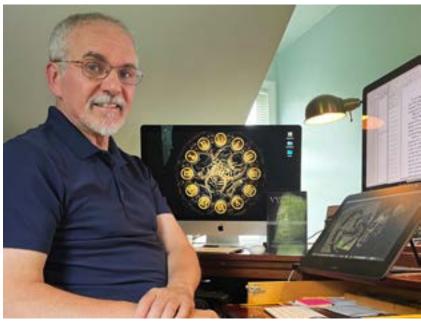
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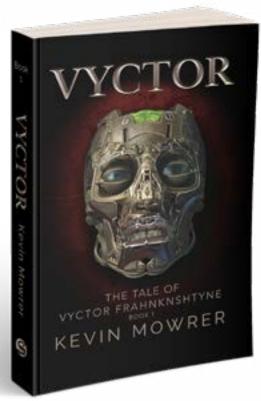
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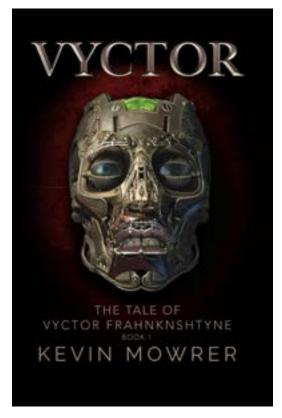






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Family Imprimatur





Scoundrel Books is a self-publishing imprimatur created and staffed by the Mowrer family. The Mowrers, Kevin, Gail, Chris, and Brendan, have been in the business of story for over 35 years, and the various members of the family have training and talent that cuts across story creation, professional editing, illustration, graphic and book design, audience research, social media management, and marketing. As a family, the Mowrers believe in the power of story and spend their professional days (and leisure time with movies, TV, games and books) deep diving into narratives. With the creation of Kevin's first novel, it seemed only natural to create the imprimatur and put hearts and souls into publishing the stories they love in exactly the way they have imagined.

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