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GEOFFREY BURCH was born and raised in New Hampshire. From an early age, he developed a passion for reading and writing which inspired him to become an English teacher. He completed his undergraduate and graduate studies at Rivier College, where he earned his B.A. in English Education and M.A.T. in English. He has taught middle and high school for three years. Writing is a true passion of his as he has written numerous poems and short stories. He has also written a feature-length film screenplay. Through his writing, he hopes to inspire people to "make the better story."

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