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About the Author

Dennis Van Vleet grew up on two farms; one in Wisconsin and one in Texas. He made lifelong friends in both places who shared in experiencing the same kind of hijinks told in his stories. When he was eleven he wanted two things: a set of drums and a go-kart. He still has both and each has forever changed his life.

Dennis is an inventor, a farmer, machinist, engineer, entrepreneur, technician, drummer, truck driver, writer, filmmaker, Christian, husband and proud father of four children.

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