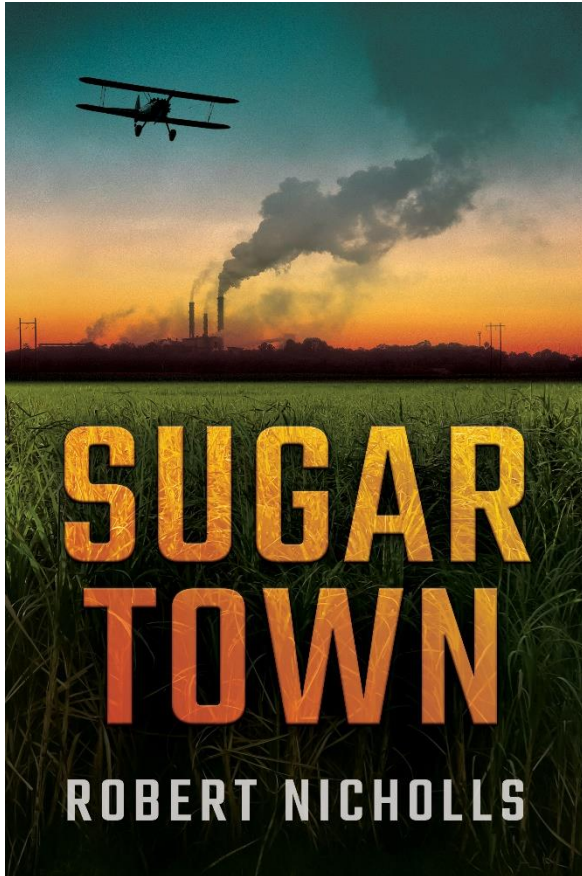


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The denial of Sugar Town's painful past has created a common recourse. Yet when an ambiguous stranger visits Sugar Town, questions are raised and the community is faced with its greatest challenge yet... uncovering the truth of the past.

When a thirteen-year-old girl stumbles upon Sugar Town's secret conspiracies, new crimes are committed to cover the old and ageing indifferences are provoked. The most dangerous aspect of Sugar Town's community is its silence...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Robert is a Canadian born Aussie, having emigrated with his wife from the cold shores of British Columbia to the warm tropical coast of North Queensland in 1975. With a degree in Education from Canada's University of Victoria, he took up the teaching of English, History and Legal Studies in a Whitsunday high school until, forty-two years later, with retirement and an expanding family in Victoria, he and his wife relocated to windy Ballarat.

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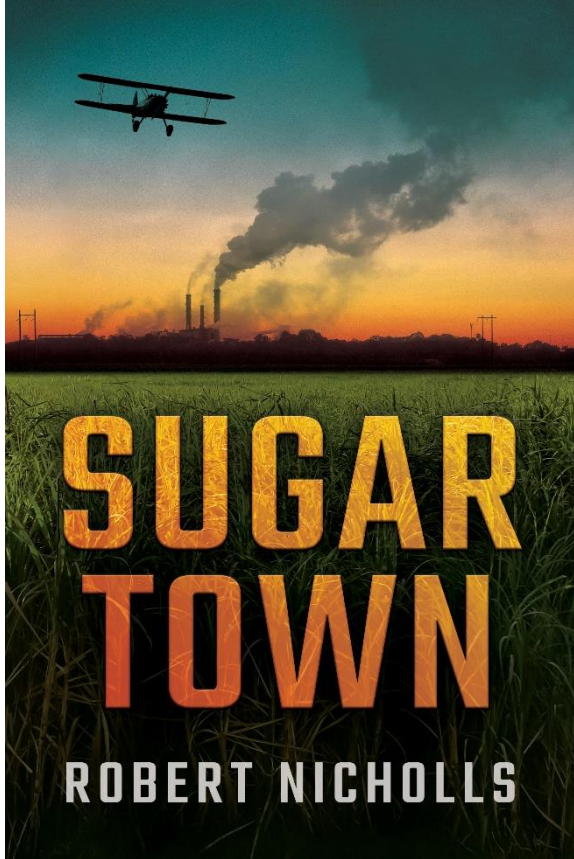
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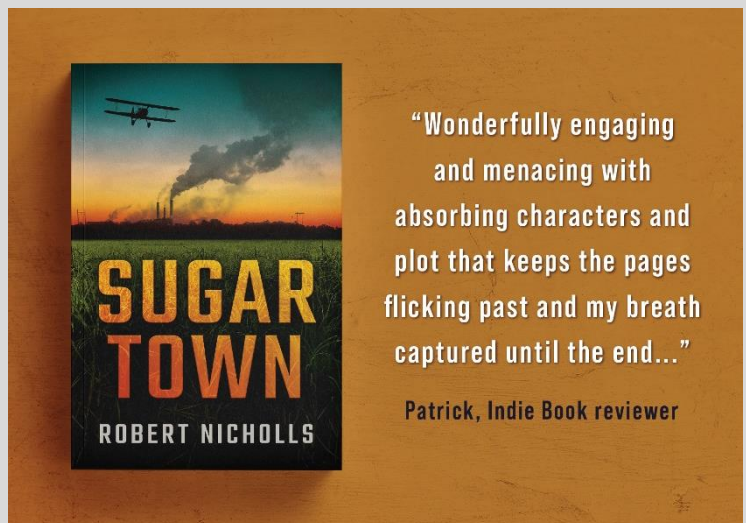
WHAT DREW YOU TO THE SUBJECT MATTER IN *SUGAR TOWN*?

Spending time in the town itself was a major factor. Country people and their community based culture are wonderful. I'm also interested in what attracts people to spiritual commitments, which led me to the creation of Queenie, the mysterious object from space.

WHAT RESEARCH WENT INTO WRITING *SUGAR TOWN*?

For my brand of general fiction, not a great deal of research is needed, though I do sometimes find that characters seem to develop fetishes or obsessions that I then have to follow up to keep them happy. In Sugar Town a major character is besotted with religion and I spent considerable time googling biblical references for her.

I'm generally inspired to begin by an impression of a scene or a character. With Sugar Town it was a newspaper article concerning UFO's that got me going and the few paragraphs I wrote about such an event led to characters who witnessed it, how they related to one another, what their back stories might be, etc. Those first paragraphs are still there in the book.



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