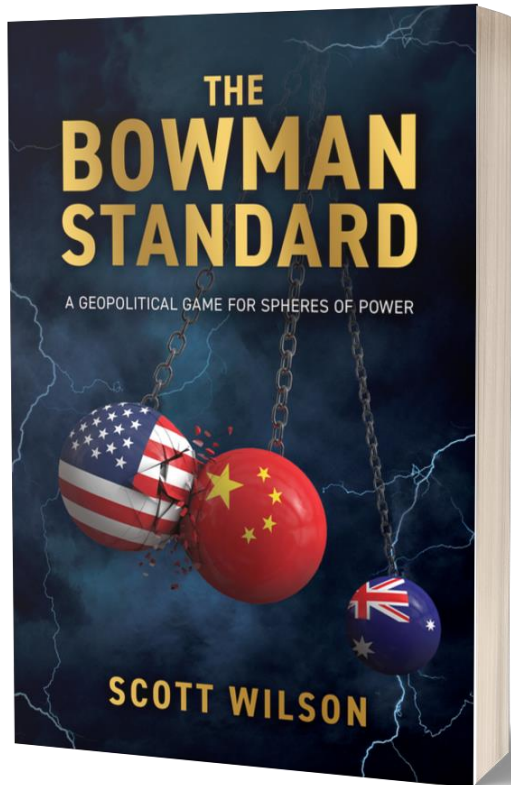


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Scott Wilson is a former marketer, entrepreneur, and writer with a profound passion for geopolitics. He tries to write provocative satire about global affairs: China's ascent, America's tumble, and Australia's quiet significance in the superpower showdown. *The Bowman Standard* is his debut novel about energy security. Scott lives on the Mornington Peninsula with his wife and two children. When not writing, he prefers to be on a mountain, in the ocean, or engrossed in *The Economist*. He likes chatting too, and can be found on X or Gmail: @AuthorSFWilson.

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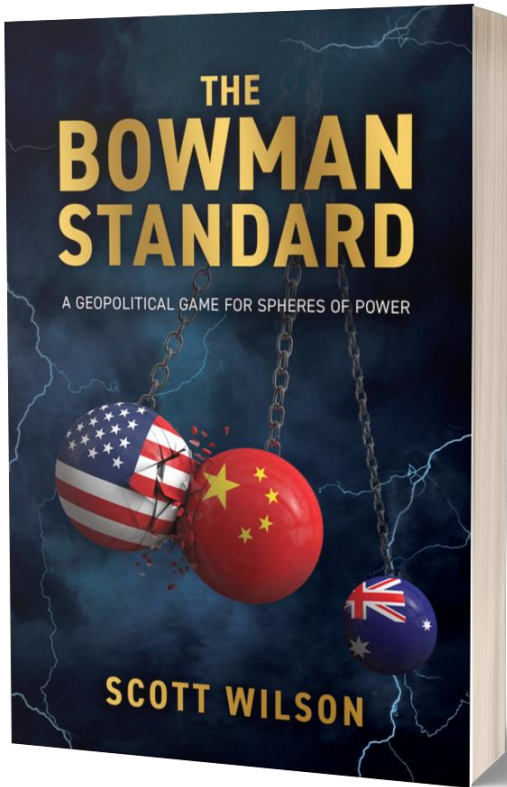
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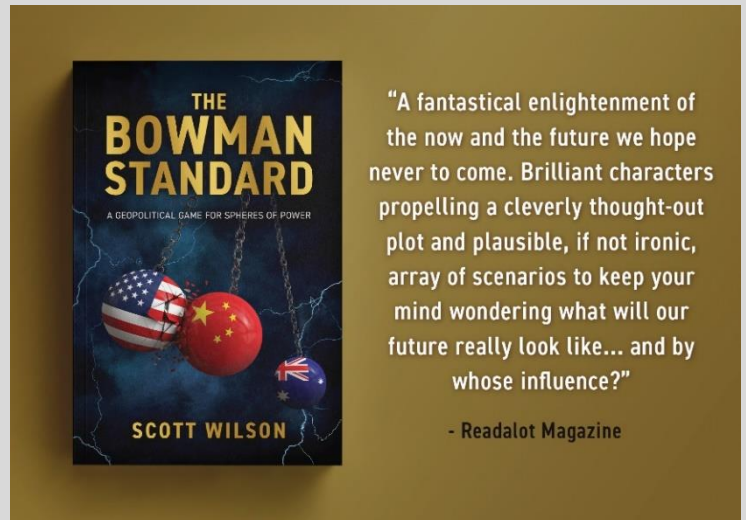
I read a lot of news and became intrigued by the regular overlap of major global issues like the environment, defence, economics, social disorder, and politics. They're complementary, so I thought of a scoring system to help countries communicate their performance on a scale of one to ten, by category, to simplify things. I thought it would be fun to use such a system to skewer recent history and predict our ridiculous future. The characters, known as super-forecasters, are normal people with near perfect non-bias judgments. They have their own quirks, nationalities, and problems, but come together to compete against one another in a real-life geopolitical game. They are not public figures so can predict and speak clearly without agenda. I liked the idea of how real people born with an obscure skill can determine the fate of superpowers just because they are the most rational.

## WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR FUTURE BOOKS?

I like epic speculative novels which consider the major issues of the day. And there are many: climate, extinction, migration, roboticization, nationalism. *The Bowman Standard* examines energy security, and I plan a follow-up exploring another theme next year, and so on. I want to be the Colleen Hoover of hardcore geopolitical satire with a series of fearless novels which are drenched in data and cutting humour to offend everyone equally. I've also written a kids book about a seed blown in from the other side of the universe, which becomes earth, is destroyed, and then returns to its planet, in the span of an hour. Haunting existentialism, for kids!

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