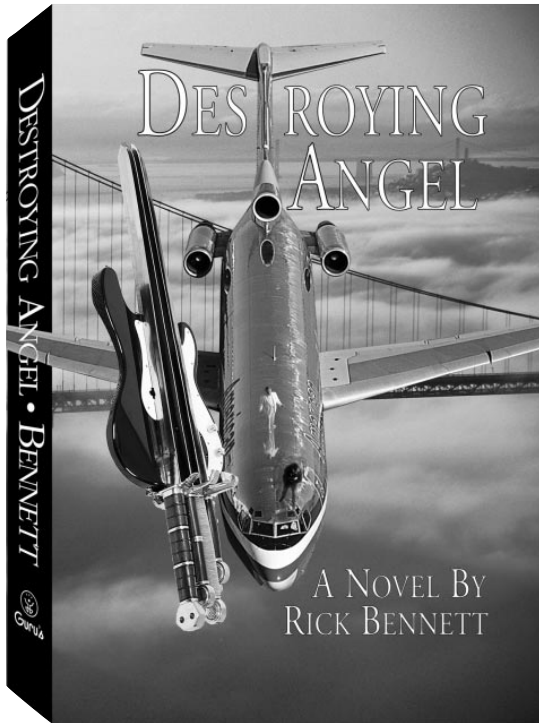


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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Graduating from Andover one year behind George W. Bush, Rick Bennett chose a career in technology. While his one-man ad agency helped make Larry Ellison the world's richest man — taking Oracle from \$15 million in 1984 to sales of over \$1 billion in 1990 — his real passion centered on this novel. Mathematician and inventor of the Hagoth voice stress analyzer, 1976 saw Bennett featured everywhere from *Business Week* and *The Wall Street Journal* to guest appearances on ABC's *Good Morning America*, NBC's *Today* and *Tomorrow With Tom Snyder* shows, and PBS's *McNeil-Lehrer Report*. Then in 1978, at the urging of friend and novelist Frank Herbert (*Dune*), Bennett sold his company and ran for Congress. He got creamed and found work in advertising, learning guerrilla warfare from Tony Schwartz, whose *Daisy* ad destroyed Barry Goldwater. Bennett was introduced to Schwartz by Dick Morris, with whom he worked to pass the 1980 Massachusetts tax-limitation initiative (Morris subsequently achieved the singular fame of making the cover of *Time Magazine* on two consecutive weeks — 9/2/96 and 9/9/96 — first as "the man who has Clinton's ear" and then in a less favorable light). Bennett's work for Oracle and numerous other high-tech companies gave him the luxury to take twenty years crafting *Destroying Angel*. He still destroys competitors for a handful of advertising clients. Examples of the carnage can be seen at www.rickbennett.com.

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