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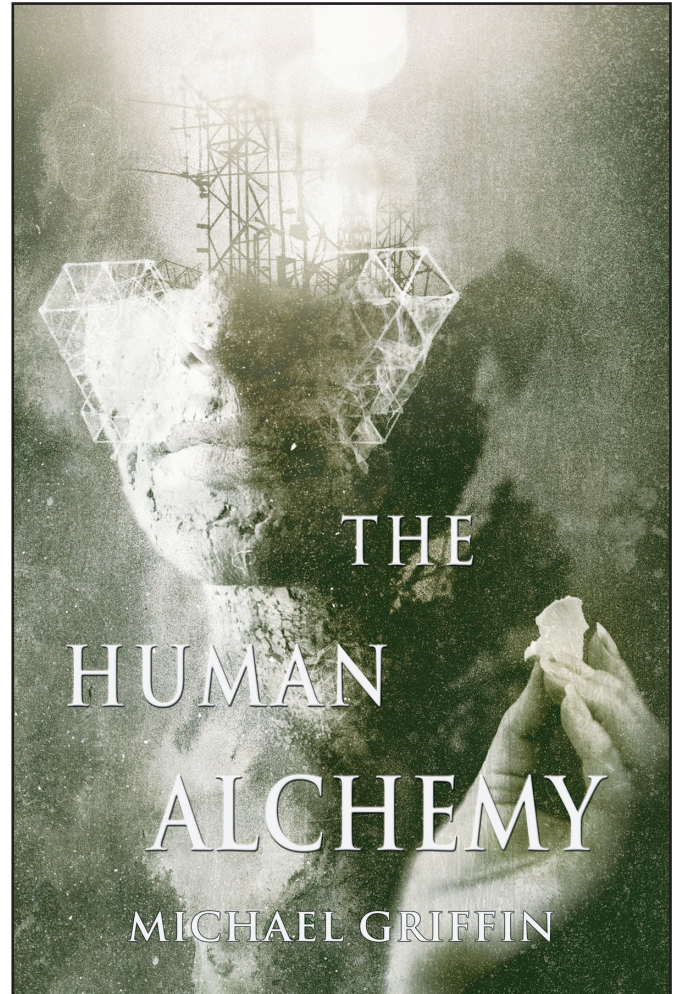
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Michael Griffin has lived in Portland almost his entire life, even before it was the coolest American city. He's worked over 23 years in a factory that cuts huge chunks of steel into smaller ones, and spends as much time as possible running, mountain biking, roving on beaches, and skiing, snowshoeing and hiking on Mt. Hood. He's also an electronic ambient musician (as M. Griffin, and half of Viridian Sun) and founder of Hypnos Recordings, the ambient music record label his wife helps run.

His stories have appeared in magazines like *Black Static*, *Apex*, *Strange Aeons* and *Lovecraft eZine*, and such anthologies as the Shirley Jackson Award winner *The Grimscribe's Puppets*, the Laird Barron tribute *The Children of Old Leech*, and *Chulhu Fhtagn!* His standalone novella *Far From Streets* was published by Dunhams Manor Press. He recently finished his first novel and is anxious to begin his second. His blog and other information can be found at griffinwords.com and he's also active on Facebook and Twitter.



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