

SCOTT CIRAKOVIC

FANTASY AND SCI-FI AUTHOR

AUTHOR BIO

Scott Cirakovic is a fantasy and science fiction author from Australia. He currently lives in New South Wales with his wife, two children, three dogs, cat, rabbit and two birds in what he describes as 'the zoo'.

He has graduated from James Cook University with a bachelor of business and has served in the Australian Army as a commissioned officer for over ten years. Scott grew up in country Victoria in a small town called Korumburra, where his parents owned the local video and convenience store, which helped kickstart his love of the fantasy and science fiction genres in all their forms. He has lived all over Australia's east coast and travelled internationally extensively.



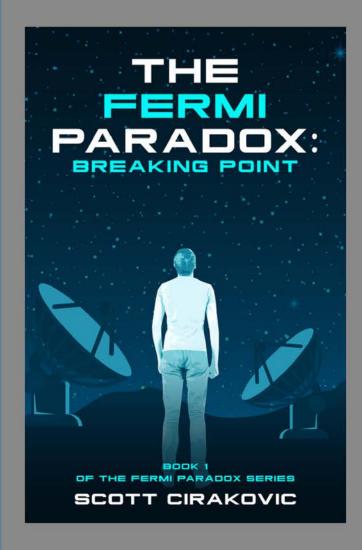
BOOK BIO

In a small office of the Parkes
Observatory, the scientific discovery
of a lifetime breaks the Fermi Paradox.
Syed has discovered proof of
advanced extra-terrestrial life, a
discovery that will shape the course of
human history and change the world.

But will the discovery be for the betterment of humanity? Syed is forced into the spotlight, his boring video game fueled life altered beyond his wildest dreams as he becomes one of Earth's most recognised celebrities. All he has to do is tow the party line and he will be rewarded with a life of luxury as the nations of Earth struggle to find a way to reach the stars, to find out what lies within the final frontier.

But there are those that fear what will be discovered, that will pay any cost to stop humanity from venturing beyond the Milky Way.

Syed is caught in a web of intrigue, pressured to choose between the life of fame that he always desired and his scientific integrity. As he struggles to decide what his life will stand for, construction on the first faster than light vessel, The Fermi, commences.



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The Fermi, the first human vessel capable of faster than light travel is complete. Its crew of six is ready to launch humanity into the galaxy, to find extra-terrestrials.

Alina Koralev is the newest member of the crew. Brought in at the last moment, she is faced with a group that has prepared for years to undertake this venture and must overcome her own anxiety to ensure the success of the mission. As the crew's astronomer, she will be faced with difficult decisions that will shape the future, not only of The Fermi and its crew, but for Earth.

Meanwhile, the Alien Resistance Militia, led by Stephen Fordham, faces its greatest challenge yet. How to stop contact with extra-terrestrials when humanity has already decided to reach out into the stars. Not only will the resistance face annihilation if it fails, but Stephen knows that they are the only hope humankind has of evolving into its full potential.

As the Earth enters a new paradigm of existence, its governments and most powerful corporations vie to capitalise on the opportunities that are presented. But little do they know the true power of the Sháik Varl. Will humanity discover the truth in time to safeguard their own future



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TARGET AUDIENCE

- Young adult and adult readers
 - Science fiction fans
 - Speculative fiction fans



The series follows a diverse cast of characters in a fast-paced story as humanity discovers signs of intelligent alien life. The characters are all ordinary people like us, who get thrown into circumstances larger than themselves as the world rapidly changes around them.

I developed the idea as an escape from the present and to think about what the future could hold for us, not just as individuals if our lives were turned upside down but as the human race as well.

TESTIMONIALS

"If James Paterson and Harry Harrison co-authored a book, it would probably be as enjoyable and fast paced as this."

- Eamon

"Had a great time following Syed and his friends as humanity reels from an extraterrestrial revelation. Looking forward to seeing where the adventure takes them!"

- George

"I'm currently 6 chapters deep and for the first time in ever in my life I'm keen to get home and keep reading."
- Shane

"Cirakovic is a great story teller! It's awesome to read sci-fi with an Australian flavour. Really hanging out for book 2!!!"

- Jay

BOOK EXCERPT

The enemy ship exploded, showering Syed's cockpit in a sudden burst of flame before the vacuum of space extinguished them. Theoretically, there was no sound to accompany the explosion due to the vacuum, but that would just be anti-climactic, so his cockpit produced a satisfying sound to accompany the defeat of his enemy. He could smell the sweat forming in his armpits after sitting in the seat for so long, the back of his shirt sticking to the leather seat uncomfortably; but he put that out of his mind.

With a quick flick of his thumb, Syed sent his over-burners to maximum thrust, his light fighter shooting forward towards the asteroid field. A quick visual scan confirmed what he was hearing over his team comms channel, his squadron was forming up behind him and advancing, following his lead without hesitation, just the way it should be. Syed cocked his neck, feeling it crack slightly, and rolled his shoulders. He was ready for what came next. The asteroid field was vast, well beyond his fighter's ability to navigate to its extreme, with rocks big enough to turn him into a fine cloud of exotic metals and organic matter with the slightest miscalculation. This was his favourite part. He checked the radar on the left of his cockpit console, the small circular blue screen showing an expected gap in the asteroid field ahead, several hundred kilometres in diameter before adjusting his laser setting to maximum power.

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'Here they come,' Syed whispered to himself.

A split second before the enemy's sleek, oval fighters appeared from behind a large cluster of building sized asteroids, Syed was firing.

'Three down!' he yelled, his needle like starfighter tearing through the first wave of the sluggish enemy ships. The large proton cannons on them gave them significantly more firepower than Syed had available, but they lacked the speed and agility of his own fighter, the manoeuvring thrusters on his small wings giving him an edge. A bead of sweat rolled down his nose, but he didn't have time to wipe it away, twitching his nose to try and shake it loose without success.

His left-hand yanked the throttle back hard, cutting his speed violently as he drifted the starfighter around one of the asteroids, just as quickly slamming the throttle forward to slam into the rear of the enemy. Syed's blue lasers found their mark two times out of three, alien ships exploding as he screamed past their wreckage, smiling to himself at how easy it now seemed.

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. Where did your love of fantasy and sci-fi come from?
- 2. What led you to start writing?
- 3. What inspiration comes from your service in the military?
- 4. What was the hardest thing about writing this book?
- 5. Why does your series span a 100-year time period?
- 6. Who is your favourite character in the book and why?
- 7. Why should someone read this?
- 8. When can we expect the next book in the series?
- 9. What other works do you currently have in progress?
- 10.Did you design the cover?
- 11. How long did it take you to write?
- 12. Does writing energise or exhaust you?
- 13. What's next for Scott Cirakovic?
- 14. How can people get in touch with you?

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