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**Ray Kurzweil** has been described as “the restless genius” by the *Wall Street Journal*, “the ultimate thinking machine” by *Forbes*, and the “rightful heir to Thomas Edison,” by *Inc.* magazine. Among Kurzweil’s many honors, he is the recipient of the MIT-Lemelson Prize, the world’s largest for innovation. In 1999, he received the US National Medal of Technology, America’s highest honor in technology, and in 2002 he was inducted into the National Inventor’s Hall of Fame, established by the US Patent Office. He has received twenty honorary Doctorates and honors from three U.S. presidents. He is a founder and the Chancellor of the Google and NASA sponsored Singularity University ([www.SingularityU.org](http://www.SingularityU.org)), which is based on his international bestseller *The Singularity Is Near*. In 2012, Kurzweil was appointed Director of Engineering at Google, heading up a team developing machine intelligence and natural language understanding.

### Two Books in One Volume

**DANIELLE: *Chronicles of a Superheroine* (YA Novel)**

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**HOW YOU CAN BE A DANIELLE (Nonfiction)**

(WordFire Press h.c., trade p.b., e-book simultaneous publication, April 23, 2019; Audio/Tantor Media – German & Spanish translation/Lola Books)

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### E-Book Companion Volume

**A CHRONICLE OF IDEAS: *A Guide for Superheroines (and Superheroes)***

(WordFire Press E-Only publication, April 23, 2019)

<https://www.DanielleWorld.com/>

Ray Kurzweil, legendary inventor and author of *The New York Times* bestsellers *The Singularity Is Near* and *How to Create a Mind*, unveils his first YA novel, and an unforgettable character—Danielle—to help convey some of his most important ideas.

*Danielle: Chronicles of a Superheroine* tells the story of a precocious girl who uses her intelligence and accelerating technology to solve humanity's grandest challenges. Written as an alternative history, Danielle's journey as a driven young girl brings her face to face with many historical figures from our modern world. Told through the eyes of Danielle's equally remarkable sister Claire, a girl adopted from Haiti after surviving the earthquake, this story shows all readers a hopeful vision of humanity's future—and how to achieve it.

The novel features 24 graphic novel-style illustrations, one for each year of Danielle's life, by *New Yorker* cartoonist and Ray's daughter, Amy Kurzweil (author of *Flying Couch: A Graphic Memoir*, a *New York Times* Editor's Pick and one of *Kirkus Reviews* Best Memoirs of 2016).

Also available are two separate nonfiction companion books for *Danielle* - a literary first. *How You Can Be a Danielle* is a concise call to action, providing pragmatic, thought-provoking, and clear guidance on how readers can be inspired to emulate Danielle and help her bring about a better world. And *A Chronicle of Ideas: A Guide for Superheroines (and Superheroes)* provides Kurzweil's—and Danielle's—unique spin on 282 concepts presented in the novel.

**Other nonfiction titles by Ray Kurzweil represented by Loretta Barrett Books, Inc.**

**THE SINGULARITY IS NEARER (Working Title)** (Viking Books h.c., Fall 2019)  
Viking Rights—UK, Translation 1<sup>st</sup> Serial, Audio  
LBB Rights—Film

**HOW TO CREATE A MIND: *The Secret of Human Thought Revealed*** (Viking Books h.c., November 2012; UK/Duckworth; World Spanish/Lola Books; German/Lola Books; Holland/De Wereld; Russia/Eksmo; Brazil/Editora Aleph; Simplified Chinese; Cheers Publishing; Romanian/Paralela 45)  
Viking Rights—UK, Translation 1<sup>st</sup> Serial, Audio  
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**THE SINGULARITY IS NEAR: *When Humans Transcend Biology*** (Viking h.c., September 2005/trade p.b. reprint September 2006; Israel/Kinneret; UK/Duckworth; Korea/Gimmyoung; Japan/NHK; Italy/Apogeo; Czech/Anag; Turkey/Tubitak; Thailand/Matichon Publishing House; Holland/De Wereld; World Spanish/Lola Books; Germany/Lola Books Fuglsang; Hungary/Nebali; Romanian/Nemira; Polish/Kurhaus)  
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*Publishers Weekly Starred Review*  
*New York Times Bestseller*

**THE AGE OF SPIRITUAL MACHINES: *When Computers Exceed Human Intelligence*** (Viking h.c., January 1999; trade p.b. reprint January 2000; Australia/Allen & Unwin; Belgium (world Dutch)/Lannoo; China (simple characters)/Shanghai Translations; Germany/Kiepenhauer & Witsch; Israel (world Hebrew)/Kinneret; Italy/Longanesi; Japan/Shoeisha; Korea/Nano Media; Spain (world Spanish)/Planeta; Taiwan (complex Chinese characters)/Sitak Group; UK/Textere; Brazil/Editora Aleph; Denmark/JP Boger)  
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**Michael Okon** is an award-winning and best-selling author of multiple genres including paranormal, thriller, horror, action/adventure and self-help. He graduated from Long Island University with a degree in English, and then later received his MBA in business and finance. Coming from a family of writers, he has storytelling in his DNA. Michael has been writing from as far back as he can remember, his inspiration being his love for films and their impact on his life. From the time he saw the film *The Goonies*, he was hooked on the idea of entertaining people through unforgettable characters. Michael is a lifelong movie buff, a music playlist aficionado, and a sucker for self-help books. He lives on the North Shore of Long Island with his wife and children.

**WITCHES PROTECTION PROGRAM** (WordFire Press h.c., trade p.b. and E-book simultaneous publication, September 30, 2019)  
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*“Ghostbusters” with witches!*

Wes Rockville, a disgraced law enforcement agent, is given one last chance to prove himself and save his career when he's reassigned to a 232-year-old secret government organization, The Witches Protection Program. His first assignment: uncover a billion-dollar cosmetics company's diabolical plan of using witchcraft for global domination, while protecting its heiress Morgan Pendragon from her aunt's evil deeds. Reluctantly paired with veteran witch protector, Alastair Verne, Wes must learn to believe in both witches and himself. Filled with adventure, suspense and a rousing good time, Okon creates a tongue-in-cheek alternate reality where witches cast spells and wreak havoc in modern day New York City.

**MONSTERLAND REANIMATED** (WordFire Press h.c., trade p.b. and E-book simultaneous publication, Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018)  
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After Monsterland has imploded, the entire world is thrown into chaos. World leadership is gone, economies have collapsed, and communications are non-existent. Wyatt must go beyond the boundaries of his small town to re-establish contact with the outside world, and alert the government about a traitor-in-chief. During his journey he discovers a new threat released from the bowels of the defunct theme park. When an army of relentless mummies, a life-sucking ooze called *The Glob*, and a hybrid reanimated Behemoth rise from the depths of Monsterland, who will survive?

"Another true gem of dark fantasy action/adventure by a master of the genre, Michael Okon's "Monsterland Reanimated" is unreservedly recommended for community library Contemporary Fantasy Fiction collections." - *Midwest Book Review*

**MONSTERLAND (Volume I)** (WordFire Press h.c., trade p.b. and E-book simultaneous publication, Halloween 2017; Audio rights/Audible.com)  
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*“Jurassic Park” with monsters!*

Welcome to Monsterland—the scariest place on Earth. Wyatt Baldwin's senior year is not going well. His parents divorce, then his dad mysteriously dies. He's not exactly comfortable with his new stepfather, Carter White, either. An ongoing debate with his best friends Melvin and Howard Drucker over which monster is superior has gotten stale. He'd much rather spend his days with the beautiful and popular Jade. However, she's dating the brash high-school quarterback Nolan, and Wyatt thinks he doesn't stand a chance. But everything changes when Wyatt and his friends are invited to attend the grand opening of Monsterland, a groundbreaking theme park where guests can interact with vampires in Vampire Village, be chased by werewolves on the River Run, and walk among the dead in Zombieville. With real werewolves, vampires and zombies as the main attractions, what could possibly go wrong?"