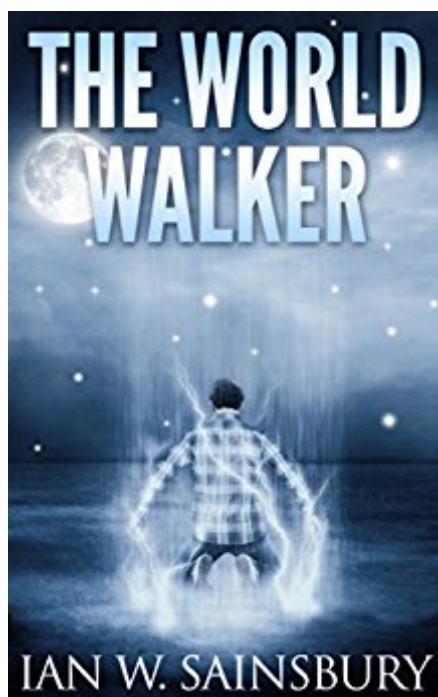


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Synopsis

Just outside Los Angeles, a prisoner hidden away for 70 years sits up, gets off the bed and disappears through a solid wall. In Australia, a magician impresses audiences by producing real elephants. Nobody realizes it's not an illusion. Across the world, individuals and ancient organizations with supernatural power suddenly detect the presence of something even they can't understand. At the center of it all, Seb Varden, a 32-year old musician with a secret in his past, slits his wrists, is shot dead and run over on the freeway. He's had better days. Seb is about to discover the universe is a far more complicated place than he'd ever imagined. ***Please note, this book can be read as a standalone, or as the first in a planned series developing elements and characters from The World Walker.

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With lyrical prose that occasionally rises to the evocative beauty of Dean R. Koontz, Ian Saintsbury's first novel, *The World Walker*, is anything but the usual self-published sci-fi potboiler. The novel begins with protagonist Seb Varden planning suicide. Diagnosed with an incurable disease, the gifted song-writing musician gracefully says "goodbye" to his friends and colleagues and bandmates by telling them he is moving to Europe. Instead, he heads to the Verdugo

Mountains near Los Angeles. Saintsbury's description of the steep scrub-lined dirt paths, the tough vegetation that looked like it had taken hold before humanity had made its way out of the slime is instantly evocative to anyone who has ever hiked in the desert. The author's conclusion, that the mountains were a reminder that the city was a cheap ornament Nature could brush away at any time, is equally evocative, but this time of the sort of Raymond Chandleresque noir prose that seems to infect writers who have meditated too long and too deeply on the absurdity that is southern California. Soon after, Saintsbury gets down to business with his engaging plot. Seb opens his veins in the wilderness while enjoying some really, really good whiskey. Then an alien from the Roswell crash escapes confinement and makes his way to Seb, where he/she/it gifts the protagonist with extraordinary powers while at the same time apologizing for not teaching him how to use them properly. Seb recovers from his attempted suicide, and the fun begins. Secret societies; traitors to themselves and humanity; evil agents; Las Vegas. This novel has every sort of depravity. The emotional range of the characters is engaging. On the whole, the author has achieved a good balance between plot and character.

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