

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Humans make Contact with Alien Species in LGBTQIA Author M.D. Neu's Second Novel Set in Silicon Valley**

SAN JOSE, Ca. – January 9, 2019 – New LGBTQIA author, M.D. Neu, to release his second novel, *A New World – Contact (Book 1)*, on January 21, 2019. Neu is a science fiction, paranormal, and fantasy writer who grew up in east San Jose, California. His latest novel features LGBTQIA characters and is published by NineStar Press. As with Neu's debut novel, *The Calling*, San Jose and Silicon Valley will be featured throughout the story.

*A New World – Contact* is the first book of a planned book science fiction series, set in San Jose, Ca. The main character, Todd, is a married gay man who works in Human Resource for a small Milpitas High Tech Company. Todd's world is thrown into turmoil when his estranged brother shows up on his front porch with news of ships, holding a humanoid race called the Nentraee heading for Earth's orbit.

In addition to Neu's newest novel, he has several other stories available that also include LGBTQIA characters, *The Calling*, *The Reunion* and *A Dragon for Christmas*. All stories are available for eBook download with *The Calling* also available in paperback and can be purchased here <http://amzn.to/2Fv7G7M>.

"I'm so honored to have the continued fortune to bring my stories to the public. I enjoy highlighting San Jose and our diverse culture and community. We live in such an amazing place and I'm thrilled to show our city to the world," said M.D. Neu.

This has been welcomed news for the city of one million people who tend to be overlooked in favor of San Francisco.

"Not only does M.D. Neu shine a light on San Jose in his writing, but he continues to bring a rich cast of LGBTQIA characters into the main stream consciousness," said Khanh Russo, Director of Strategic Partnerships/LGBT Liaison for the City San Jose. "I'm excited to see what Neu has in store for San Jose as well as the LGBTQIA community in his latest work."

Neu continues to state that showing our diverse community has always been a goal of his writing.

"I wanted strong characters that anyone could relate to, but just so happened to be gay. The gay wasn't the focus," said M.D. Neu. "I wanted to see gay characters having exciting adventures. I think everyone will be able to relate to Todd and his family. They're just like everyone else. Only now they have to deal with aliens knocking at the front door. Literally."

And when it comes to his aliens, Neu had this to say.

"I wanted aliens that we could connect with both physically and emotionally. They are refugees in need of our help. So, they should be a race that we want to help and can see a bit of ourselves in. They come with their own bias and their own internal issues," Neu said and added. "The Nentraee, the race of aliens in my new novel, are not perfect but some of them think they are, especially compared to humans and it makes for some wonderful drama in the story."

Coming of age as a gay man in the '80s, Neu saw a lack of positive LGBTQIA role models in mainstream media. "I loved Star Wars and Star Trek but I never saw myself represented in any of those exciting worlds. And we still don't, not really. So, when I started writing this science fiction series I wanted to change that. I wanted LGBTQIA characters to be front and center, but I never wanted their sexuality to be the issue. There are more interesting stories to tell, and I hope people will see that in *A New World – Contact*."

M.D. Neu grew up in an accepting family in east San Jose, California. He always wondered why there were never stories reflecting who he was. Constantly surrounded by characters that only reflected heterosexual society, he decided he wanted to change that. He took to writing to tell good stories that reflected our diverse world.

"I want to make people aware that gay is cross-cultural, gender, and economics," Neu says.

Living in the heart of Silicon Valley and growing up around technology, he was always fascinated with what could be, and was specifically drawn to Science Fiction and Paranormal television and novels. When Neu isn't writing, he works for a local non-profit and travels with his husband of 20 years.

"We are excited to offer this latest novel by M.D. Neu," said Raevyn McCann, Managing Director at NineStar Press. "As publishers of quality LGBTQIA+ literary fiction work, we want to showcase LGBTQIA+ characters that are not usually represented in fiction. And M.D. Neu continues to bring forward these wonderful works that do just that. We are fortunate to be in partnership with Neu and share several of his works with the world."

The official launch party and book signing for *A New World – Contact* has been set for February 21, 2019 in, where else, San Jose. For more details on the launch party and to learn more about M.D. Neu and his paranormal, fantasy, and science fiction LGBTQIA stories visit [www.mdneu.com](http://www.mdneu.com). Follow him on social media: @mdneuthor on Facebook, @Writer\_MDNeu on Twitter, and authormdneu on Instagram.

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