

Jim Denney

Jim is a fulltime writer with over 70 published books to his credit. His books include *Quit Your Day Job! How to Sleep Late, Do What You Enjoy, and Make a Ton of Money As a Writer* (Quill Driver, 2003; a Writer's Digest Book Club Selection) and the four book *Timebenders* science fiction series for young readers (Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2002): *Battle Before Time*, *Doorway to Doom*, *Invasion of the Time Troopers*, and *Lost in Cydonia*. Jim has also collaborated with celebrity authors on numerous books including Super Bowl champion Reggie White (*In the Trenches: The Autobiography*), Super Bowl champion quarterback Bob Griese (*Undefeated*), Supermodel Kim Alexis (*A Model for a Better Future*), Star Trek actress Grace Lee Whitney (*The Longest Trek*), and Orlando Magic co-founder and vice president Pat Williams (*Go For the Magic*, *The Magic of Teamwork*, *The Paradox of Power*, *Coaching Your Kids to Be Leaders*, and *The Warrior Within*). Jim also contributed two space-oriented SF stories ("Tin Man" and "Shipwreck Planet") to the young readers SF collection *Eat My Martian Dust*. He is a member of Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America.

"I discovered science fiction and space travel when I was five years old," Jim Denney says. "That's when I became hooked on a 1950s TV space opera called *Space Patrol*. By the time I was nine or ten, I was reading all the adult SF I could get my hands on. The books I loved most in those days are still my favorites today—especially Ray Bradbury's *The Martian Chronicles*. Robotic space exploration has only increased my fascination with *Destination Mars*. When I was a boy, watching the rapid advances of the NASA space program, I had no doubt I'd get to walk the sands of Mars myself someday. In the intervening years, NASA lost its way, but I've never lost my love for Mars. Today, I don't expect to ever physically reach Mars, but I do intend to go there in spirit. And that's why I'm looking forward to involvement with 4Frontiers. I'm a storyteller, not a scientist, though I consider myself a scientifically literate layman. I'm looking forward to blending my abilities and imagination with the considerable knowledge and talent base at 4Frontiers. My thanks to Marianne Dyson and Brian Enke for encouraging me to come aboard."