

Now about the author:

Carey is a baby boomer who got together with his wife, Pat, in 1980. Working together and enjoying life they brought three new babies into the world: Micah (1981), Kim (1982) who took the cover photo, and Katie (1984). They raised the kids in Boone, North Carolina, which is on the Blue Ridge.

After Micah, Kim, and Katie went off to school and graduated from Duke and UNC, Carey decided to become a teacher. So he studied education at Appalachian State University (thrice National Champion of FCS football), to obtain licensure to teach high school English, middle school language arts, social studies, and science. Having obtained licensure in January, 2007, he is now substitute teaching and hoping to break into the teaching profession.

In between completion of education courses and actually teaching, Carey had some extra time while Pat was busy as a nurse in the local ICU so he starting writing *Glass half-Full*.

In that novel, as well as the second one, you'll occasionally find a run-on sentence or sentence fragment so that he can claim to be among the ranks of modern writers who flaunt their rejection of conventional grammar and such for the sake of dramatic effect, thus employing the stream-of-consciousness technique, but only in limited amounts, because that is only one literary device in any writer's bag of tricks. Carey's bag also includes a circular saw and a hammer, because he spent the last 25 years or so working as a carpenter and subliminally planning the book in his head, although he certainly didn't know it at the time.

*Glass half-Full* takes place in suburban Washington, DC, a fascinating city, and not only because it is the Capital of the USA. Carey, Pat and the three young'uns wandered about the place quite a bit while son Micah lived there for a few years after graduating from Duke and taking a job in Arlington, Virginia, which may be near the mythical town of Urdor in the book.

The Washington Metro area is home to over a million people, some of whom you've heard about. But many more are, like you and me, just regular folks... Marcus, Bridget, Aleph, Isaac, Nguyen, Kaneesha, Maudy, Wanda, Jonda, James, Hilda, Jesse, Rachel, Morris, Shapur, Derrick, and several others...good ones and, of course, bad ones.

The scenery skips around quite a bit, mainly because Carey and Pat like to travel, and some of the places they've been turn up in the story...Jerusalem, San Francisco, London, Paris, Munich, Hawaii, the Gulf of Mexico. There are other places too: Philadelphia, Baltimore, Kosovo, Sudan, that we've learned about through the old-fashioned activity called research, or study.

The second novel, *Glass Chimera* is a work in progress. See the links above for previews of the first chapters, and make suggestions if you like.

And (did we mention?) that Carey's alma mater, LSU (1973) is also a three-time BCS national champion in football, in 1958, 2005, and 2008. And (did we mention?) there are two other national championships in the family attributable to archrivals Duke and UNC, whose respective basketball teams earned the NCAA titles, 2001 and 2005 while the Rowland kids were studying at those two reservoirs of higher learning. And we might even mention the current (2009) trophy that the Tar Heels won and brought back to Chapel Hill last spring.

Can we interest you in a championship novel?

