

# About the Author



Courtney Allen Powers has been a Sailor, a Trucker, a Martial Artist, a Security Guard, an Electronics Technician, and a Computer Programmer. Many years ago, as Charric Van der Vliet, he also apprenticed to study "Bardic Improvisation" within the Society for Creative Anachronism, where he began to study Elizabethan music and learned to reconstruct period songs using a forensic technique. He also recreated historical combat in a suit of medieval armor to become a Serjeant of the Red Company of the Middle Kingdom. Mr. Powers now resides with his wife of eighteen years, his eighteen year old daughter and a black cat named Pi in Cleveland, OH.