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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS HELP LAUNCH TINY PRESS

The combination of a new author and an unknown publisher is usually a recipe for failure and obscurity, but micropublisher Per Aspera Press is finding help in high places. Their ambitious plan: to launch a line of original hardcover novels by previously overlooked authors in competition with the best titles of the large publishers.

The first of this line is science thriller *Singularity* by debut author Bill DeSmedt. *New York Times* bestselling authors Greg Bear, David Brin, and Kevin J. Anderson have all read *Singularity* and have praised it effusively. Anderson writes, “*Singularity* juggles Clancy, Crichton, and *The Da Vinci Code*. An innovative concept for an end-of-the-world thriller, with convincing research and locomotive pacing.” Hugo and Nebula award-winning author Greg Bear adds, “*Singularity* is a swift, gripping novel with a goose-pimple mix of scary science and near-future action.”

This phenomenal advance praise has begun to catch the attention of reviewers and booksellers. *Publishers Weekly* praises the book’s “deft characterization” and concludes, “Exotic hardware, lifestyles of the rich and notorious, double- and triple-crosses ... all make a respectable if not outstanding first effort.” Paul Goat Allen of Barnes and Noble *Explorations* writes, “With a cast of engaging characters, highly inventive and witty prose, and enough intriguing plot twists to keep readers in a state of perpetual shock until the very last page ... *Singularity* is arguably one of the best debuts of 2004.”

Per Aspera Press has high hopes for *Singularity* and for bringing other new, undiscovered writing talent to the public’s attention. “Many wonderful books slip through the cracks at the big publishing houses,” says Managing Editor Jak Koke. “Surprisingly, *Singularity* was passed over by many Goliath-sized publishers before we picked it up. It’s an outstanding book with broad appeal, and I’m happy we had the opportunity to publish it.”

Singularity by Bill DeSmedt is published by Per Aspera Press, (\$25.95 hardcover, ISBN 0-9745734-4-2). Visit www.perasperapress.com for novel excerpts, cover images and more information.

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