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RENOWNED SCIENTISTS LEND CREDENCE TO NOVELIST'S HARE-BRAINED PREMISE

A new science thriller — *Singularity* by Bill DeSmedt — postulates that a submicroscopic black hole was the cause of the mysterious Tunguska Event of 1908, and that the black hole is still inside the Earth, burrowing through the mantle, locked into a decaying orbit that could one day consume the entire planet. It's a concept that seems, on the surface, to be completely outside the realm of possibility.

However, several world-renowned scientists have praised the scientific veracity of *Singularity*. Caltech astrophysicist Kip Thorne writes, "Bill [DeSmedt] got the vast majority of the physics right, which is highly unusual – especially in a book that is such a good read." Jacob D. Bekenstein, co-discoverer of Bekenstein-Hawking black-hole radiation, says, "*Singularity* is an uncommonly good science thriller, quite free of the poetic license writers take with the laws of nature in order to put together the yarn . . . I can certainly recommend it."

Singularity is a meticulously researched techno-thriller in the vein of Michael Crichton's classics *Jurassic Park* and *The Andromeda Strain*. According to author Bill DeSmedt, the germ of the idea for *Singularity* came to him from Carl Sagan's *Cosmos*, and is based solidly in science fact, specifically from a 1973 *Nature* article by two University of Texas astrophysicists, Albert A. Jackson IV and Michael P. Ryan, Jr. — who will be reuniting for the first time in thirty years to help launch the book at the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society on Friday, November 12th.

It is rare that a science thriller meets with such widespread acclaim from the scientific community. For more about *Singularity* and the science behind it, check out www.billdesmedt.com. *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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