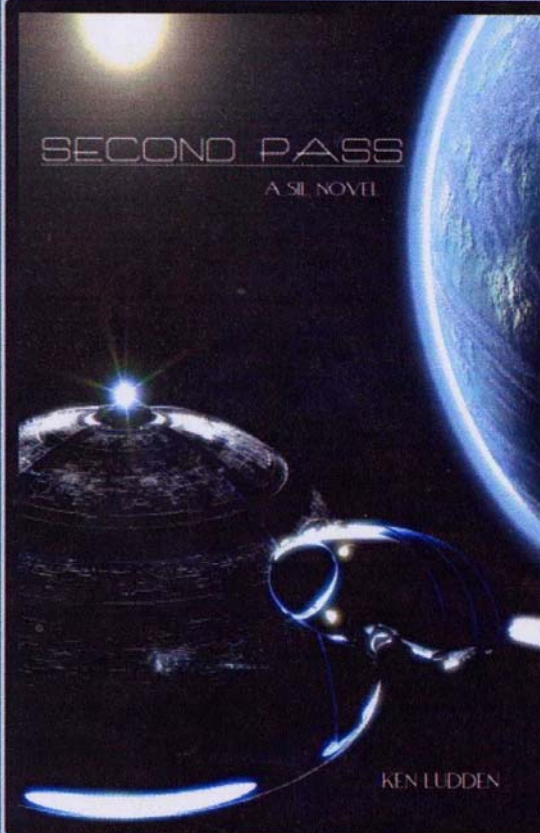


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A SIL NOVEL

KEN LUDDEN



About the Book:

SIL, Space Industries Laboratory, blending science and philosophic idealism, is a self-contained orbital craft providing physical survivability and intellectual stimulation—an example to eco-ravaged Earth of humanity's future.

But all is not Utopian in this brave, new world. McVee, SIL's designer, commander and deceitful catalyst, is under siege. SIL's first inhabitants oppose new comers; McVee favors new blood, new ideas. A coup leads to death and SIL enters Earth's political intrigue as powerful forces vie for control. McVee's son is targeted, and he is forced to flee Earth.

Meanwhile, teenage Silians experiment with altered states of consciousness, as powerfully dangerous as excitingly seductive. Is it truly mind expanding or simply life threatening? The answer contains surprising implications for SIL, and all of humanity.

About the Author:

While working as an electronic communications advisor for Al Gore's first Presidential Campaign, Ken Ludden followed Gore's lead and read the book "The Drama of the Gifted Child" by renowned child psychologist Alice Miller. That book inspired him to find a way to reach out to teens in an effort to help them understand how very young children have a limited view of the adult world, a view that can hinder later development until it is understood. At the time, Ludden was working as a senior editor at the Charles Stark Draper Laboratories in Cambridge, Massachusetts and so began to do research on a story line that would create a scenario in which a child would be exposed to a parent until the age of 6, then not see the parent again until young adult hood.

Space Industries Laboratory (SIL) was the result of the research, Ludden's 9-book SIL Series came into being.

Ludden completed three years of course work at Colgate University with a concentration in Art History (Primitive Art/Gallery Curation), and then he finished his Bachelors Degree in Art History at Boston University in 1985. He has written a syndicated column (Dear Diva) from 1993 through the present. Dear Diva has appeared in magazines and newspapers in New York, Miami, Washington, DC, San Francisco, and St. Louis in the US, and for a limited time in St. Petersburg, Russia, Budapest, Hungary, and Prague, Czech Republic. He also published Mary Go-Round! In Washington, DC as a magazine serial over the course of a year, and it developed an enthusiastic and wide following. It was later turned into a television pilot and will begin its journey to become a television series in 2005.

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