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I was born in Carshalton, Surrey, in 1973, growing up as the youngest son from a typical suburban working-class family.

I found school uninspiring for the most part, however a few teachers recognized my creativity and encouraged me, but most simply expected conformity and I couldn't wait to leave.

My father, who worked in the music industry before driving lorries, filled our home with records, and his passion for music became a cornerstone of my own. Music has always been massively important to me, and I am a multi-instrumentalist and songwriter.

For most of my life, I've kept journals, not with the intention of writing books, but as a way to preserve the fragments of life that might otherwise slip away: thoughts, emotions, moments, and conversations. Over time, these notebooks became an archive of my experiences and perspectives, a way to hold onto the emotional texture of ordinary life.

My first novella, *Version Zero*, explores the uncertainty of early adulthood and the idea that we are all unfinished versions of ourselves. *The Reckoning* delves into the dangers of certainty and the importance of questioning, while *Sanctum* is a poetic, meditative work inspired by contemplative philosophy and the search for inner stillness.

Two of those novellas have companion musical soundtracks that accompany them, and my writing and music have always developed alongside one another, often emerging from the same emotional place.

I am currently completing my first full-length novel, which will be the first work I submit to literary agents and publishers, rather than self-publishing. It explores identity, memory, and the shifting nature of selfhood over time.

I hope that my output resonates with at least one person, by helping them feel understood or less alone in their own journey. If that happens, then it has served its purpose.

I live in Devon with my wife, Tracy - my hero, my steadfast supporter, and a stroke survivor whose strength and resilience inspires me every day. We have two sons, both of whom we homeschooled and are currently studying music at college.



The Reckoning

In a world of noise and confusion, one individual's journey reveals the complex landscape of human connection, belief, and redemption.

Lost and adrift, struggling to find purpose in a fragmented society, the protagonist stumbles into an ideological protest movement that promises meaning and belonging. What begins as a search for identity becomes a transformative odyssey into the heart of human nature - exploring the powerful pull of collective thinking, the seductive nature of group ideology, and the thin line between conviction and conformity.

As the protagonist is drawn deeper into the movement's passionate rhetoric and tight-knit community, they discover the intoxicating power of belonging - and the devastating consequences of losing oneself in the process. But when the dream of collective purpose begins to crumble, they must confront the most challenging journey of all: finding their authentic self.

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Version Zero

Alex Chen wakes up one morning and doesn't know who he is.

Not philosophically - literally. The person everyone expects him to be feels like a program he's running, not a life he's living. As his junior year spirals into disconnection, memory gaps, and the terrifying sense that he's a ghost in his own body, Alex begins to wonder: Am I broken? Or is the world?

In a desperate search for something real, Alex finds unexpected allies in other outsiders - kids who don't fit the standard programming. Together, they navigate the wreckage of teenage identity in a world that demands you know exactly who you are before you've had time to figure it out.

Raw, honest, and painfully relatable, *Version Zero* is a story about coming apart so you can rebuild yourself into someone authentic. It's about the brutal gap between who you're supposed to be and who you actually are. And it's about discovering that "broken" might just mean "becoming."

For anyone who's ever felt like they're faking their way through life, this book is a reminder: you're not alone, you're not crazy, and survival is its own kind of victory.

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Sanctum

After the collapse of noise, ideology, and striving, a voice rises in the quiet.

When everything falls apart, where do you turn?

A nameless soul flees the chaos of modern life and retreats to a stone house at the edge of the world. In the silence, they begin a journey - not toward answers, but toward stillness. Through fire and water, memory and dust, brokenness and grace, they discover that sanctuary is not a place to reach, but a presence to recognize.

SANCTUM is a meditative novella about spiritual reckoning and return. Told in twelve lyrical movements, it explores:

- Faith without dogma
- The sacred in the ordinary
- Mortality and meaning
- The journey from collapse to wholeness
- Finding the temple within

Part prose poem, part pilgrimage, *SANCTUM* is for anyone who has ever felt lost in the noise and longed for a way home.

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We will be reviewing *The Reckoning* soon and then interviewing Steve.