

Atascocita resident writes science fiction novel, Spindown

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George Wright Padgett, a resident of Atascocita and graduate of Humble High School, has always had a passion for storytelling.

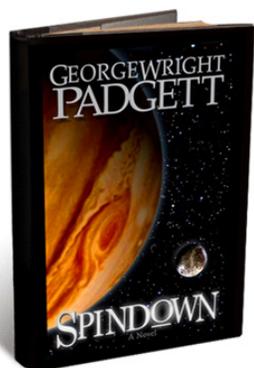
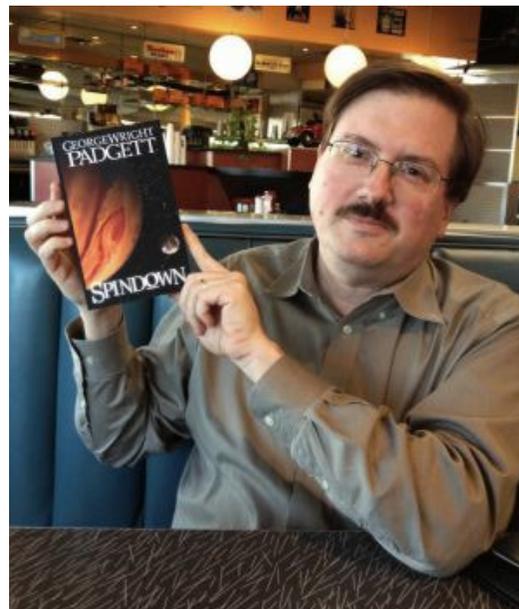
Through the years, he has refined his craft, those efforts have culminating into his debut science fiction novel entitled Spindown.

The full-length hard sci-fi story has received rave reviews, and it has already has been compared to the classic works of Clarke, Heinlein, and Asimov.

“I didn’t set out to write in the style of the masters of science fiction, but I’ve read and reread so many of their works; The Foundation Series, The Space Odyssey books, I Robot stories, etc.,” Padgett said. “I guess some of the style was bound to rise to the surface in my own work.”

He credits the beginning of his storytelling journey to a nightly ritual he shared with his daughter.

“When she was four, we would make up bedtime stories. We’d try to outdo each other’s tall tales until it was time to turn out the light,” Padgett said. “I began to notice many of the stories I made up off the top of my head were nearly as good as books that I bought for her from the bookstore.” Padgett decided to join the Houston chapter of the Society of Children’s Book Writers & Illustrators, and later that year he won the 2006 Joan Lowery Nixon award for a children’s picture book. Since then Padgett has found his writer’s voice in exploring darker themes found in psychological mysteries and of course, science fiction.



Spindown is the story of small band of slave clones who are accidentally set free on a mining colony on a moon of Jupiter. As their social inhibitor drugs begin to wear off, the sentient A.I. system that has sustained their lives from birth now ruthlessly hunts them.

As the escaped clones flee from the system’s robotic killing machines they question their lives, their society, and their very existence discovering what it means to be human.

George Wright Padgett is one of the emerging authors featured at this year’s Comicpalooza held at the George R. Brown convention center Memorial Day weekend.

What’s next for Padgett? He revealed that he was taking a break from the science fiction genre for a bit.

“I’m a fifth of the way in on writing my first suspense/horror novel,” Padgett said. “When I’m not doing that, I’m working on a musical entitled The Locksmith of PlentyGood with my music partner. My first love is sci-fi; I’ll return to it soon enough.”

The book is available at [Amazon.com](#), [Barnesandnoble.com](#) and [greygeckopress.com](#)