



Anakalian Whims

Book Review

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Title: **Spindown**
Author: **George Wright Padgett**
Publisher: **Grey Gecko Press**
Genre: **Science Fiction**
Length: **372 pages**

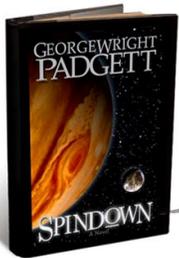
There are books you read and love but cringe when someone suggests they make it a movie. What if they screw with the magic? What if they ruin it? But there are some books that as you read, before you even finish the book, just BEG you to become a movie one day. That's **Spindown**.

Visually striking, the novel drops you right into the action from the first page, dripping with images of a future on the largest moon of Jupiter where clones are created to function their entire existence as slaves on a mining outpost. The writing style reminds me of Robert A. Heinlein (author of *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*) and Gershom Reese Wetzel (author of *Teres*, which is unfortunately not available for the public yet); and the story reminds me of some of the more futuristic sides of Doctor Who (episodes like



The Rebel Flesh, and such).

Always a sucker for dystopian societies, I love the premise and the journey these characters have from mindless machine-like worker bees to passionate beings with more than a vague idea of what it means to be “dormant dead” and no Hemlo to suppress emotions.



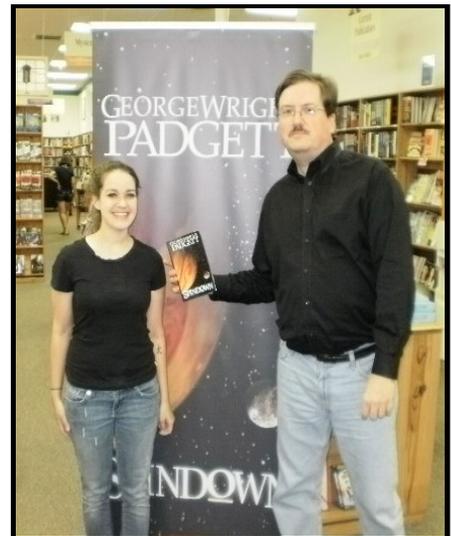
“(The way) Padgett writes the characters and the scenes really puts you in the thick of the action.”

Early Reader, Joseph_Orr (LibraryThing.com)

SPINDOWN
On sale now @ store.greygeckopress.com

I had the pleasure of meeting George Wright Padgett at Comicpalooza this year. His publisher, Grey Gecko Press, had a booth there. In all the hoopla and excitement, he had a personality that stood out in a crowd and after gathering some information on his book, I was able to set up signings with him at Half Price Books.

The signing at the Humble location was a blast. Grey Gecko Press brought a banner to put up in the store which looked pretty stellar, the book trailer was running on a flat screen in the background, and we had cupcakes from The Martin Epicurean. Pulling off fun events in a bookstore has just as much to do with planning and organization as personality and conversation with the author themselves. Padgett is quite entertaining and could be an event in himself with or without the book!



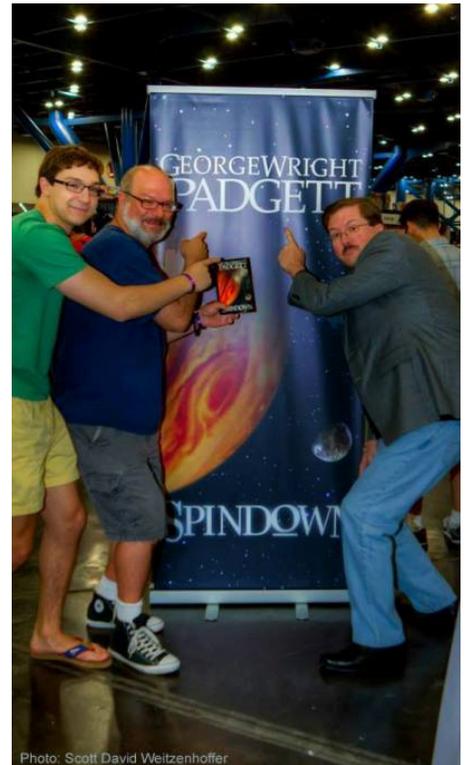
Hosting the Half Price Bookstore signing with Author George Wright Padgett (the Humble location)

Here is a little anecdote he shared on Facebook from Comicpalooza:

So this past weekend at the convention, I was approached by a guy who said his name was Tom Padgett and that his son's name was Tommy Padgett. He told me that he saw the banner (pictured) that bore his last name, and was thrilled to see another 'Padgett' as the author. I don't know if he (or Tommy) even cares for the sci-fi genre, but he bought a book simply on the sir name.

So here's my strategy for my next three projects: Each novel will be released under a different pseudonym in hopes of securing higher sales from the consumers that buy books based on their own last names. Be sure to tell your friends, family, and co-workers to be on the lookout for new books from 'George Smith', 'George Davis', and 'George Johnson'. We're gonna sell millions now that we've got this figured out!

At which point, I want to say: DO IT! Haha.



But seriously, this guy is awesome, and so is the whole Grey Gecko Press crew. If you are a bookstore, I highly recommend having them come out and do an event. If you are a reader – go buy **Spindown** NOW. If you're an artist, I personally would like to start seeing some fan art. If you are a movie producer... get on this, asap. I'm waiting. With popcorn.

(Stay tuned for more pictures from the Half Price Books event.)

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