

Author Sends Chill with a Part-Memoir and Part-Fiction Book

The Empty Lot Next Door follows one man's journey in revisiting his ghostly past to move on to the future.

Bringing chill and thrill to every bookshelf, author [Arthur Mills](#) weaves a spine-tingling tale based on true events of his childhood. *The Empty Lot Next Door* (978-0-9860166-4-6, *Branching Plot Books*, 2012) follows one man's journey as he revisits his ghostly past, only to bring chaos to his present.

In a South Austin neighborhood, Ray (Arthur's childhood name) and his family excitedly moves in to a small house standing in the midst of a big, green lawn. Beside their house is a strange, vacant lot where a house apparently once stood, and where a huge wide hole in the back lays mysteriously. As a young boy with a lot of new friends, Ray considers the empty lot as an exciting playground. But the tale behind the lot keeps the boy intrigued and frightened as he learns that the house that was once there was burned down years ago, leaving a girl dead amid the fire. The little girl, as the neighborhood kids say, comes out in the night to regain her life. Determined to validate the authenticity of this tale, Ray daringly and mistakenly challenges the ghost, a challenge that he would forever regret. Soon, he becomes haunted by the little girl—who he named as Candle Face—visiting his dreams and leaving handprints and other signs even when he is awake.

Many years later, Ray, now a military man, commits another mistake by telling his wife about his dark past. Along with the tale of the empty lot, he discloses to her the truth about the circumstances of his brother's suicide and the dreams of torment he and Candle Face bestowed upon him for many years. With the past once again revived, Ray faces another set of nightmares—this time with his loved ones' lives at stake. Woven with a mind-boggling plot and hair-raising play of words, *The Empty Lot Next Door* follows Ray in confronting the past to move on to the future. This release, part-memoir and part-fiction, will never fail to hook readers with every turn of the page.

About the Author

Arthur Mills has traveled the world, both literally and figuratively. In his military life as a Chief Warrant Officer, he was stationed in several countries the world over. In his life as a reader, he's been able to visit hundreds more. And as a writer? He's been able to create a world all his own.

Arthur is the creator of *Branching Plot Books*, a book series devoted to the art of double entendre and reader interaction. Aided by voice recognition software, Arthur has been able to pen novels to captivate people of all ages. Whether it's the horror of *The Empty Lot Next Door*, or the interactivity of *The Crawl Space*, Arthur's main goal in writing has always been to develop a deeper means of communication with the world—both real and imagined.

When not working on his latest novel, Arthur is a full-time husband and father. He and his wife, Yonsun, have two children, Arthur and Allen and live within the lush Washington landscape.