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**A 1985 Computer and a 2016 Crisis Come Together in *Amiga***

*Matthew Arnold Stern's new novel combines early technology with modern-day family and workplace problems during the 2016 United States presidential election*



In Matthew Arnold Stern's new novel *Amiga*, readers get a look back at the birth of the personal computer industry in the 1980s as a programmer struggles with problems during the 2016 United States presidential election.

The main character, Laura Rodriguez, goes to Silicon Valley in 1985 to advance her computer programming career. She winds up in San Rafael working for a quirky family with secrets. They offer her an opportunity to work with the Commodore Amiga, a revolutionary computer with multitasking and video capabilities that would not be matched by Windows and Mac computers until years later.

Her experiences in the eighties are intercut with scenes of her as a middle-age woman in 2016. She must deal with mounting personal and family crises. She fears losing her job in the wake of a merger, and she distrusts her new millennial boss. Her daughter has cancer, her son quit a lucrative programming job and moved back home, and her marriage is crumbling—especially when an old flame reenters her life.

The two threads come together as a shocking experience in Laura's past may offer an answer to her present-day problems.



Matthew Arnold Stern wrote *Amiga* based on his experiences as a technical writer and computer journalist in the 1980s. He wrote for computer magazines including *Amiga World*, *RUN*, and *Family Computing*. He currently works for a software company in Irvine.

*Amiga* is Matthew's first book with Black Rose Writing, but he has published other novels and has a book about impromptu public speaking. He participated in a number of author events, including a reading at Fun A Day Reseda and an author panel at the Muzeo in Anaheim. He will appear at Indie

Author Day at the Anaheim Central Library on October 12, 2019.

**Copies of *Amiga* are available at all major booksellers, including Black Rose Writing, Amazon, and Barnes & Noble starting November 27, 2019.**

**Review copies available upon request**

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