

Randy Boyd returns with an empathetic novel about AIDS, identity, and resilience

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AWAKENED FROM THE PAST. FIGHTING FOR A FUTURE.

THE UNFROZEN FEW

BOOK ONE:
WELCOME TO THE FUTURE

A speculative mystery by five-time
Lambda Literary Award finalist

RANDY BOYD

Randy Boyd's *The Unfrozen Few: Book One: Welcome to the Future* is a bold and imaginative work of speculative fiction that combines a gripping premise with emotional depth. The story follows eleven AIDS patients from the 1980s who, after being frozen in a controversial medical experiment, awaken decades later in a world that has moved on without them. This unique concept sets the stage for a narrative that is both thought-provoking and deeply human.

At the heart of the story is Dr. Nathan Black, a Black Gay man navigating the challenges of reintegration while uncovering the secrets of his family's biotech empire, which orchestrated the cryogenic experiment. Boyd crafts Nathan's character with care, exploring themes of resilience, identity, and the lingering impact of illness. The novel also delves into complex issues such as survivor's guilt, Queer identity, and societal shifts over time.

The story unfolds at a deliberate, thoughtful pace, allowing readers to fully immerse themselves in the characters' experiences and the intricacies of their world. Boyd skillfully balances a large cast of characters, each with their own motivations and struggles, creating a rich and layered narrative. The interactions between the "unfrozen few" and the modern world are particularly compelling, offering moments of humor, heartbreak, and reflection.

What sets *The Unfrozen Few* apart is its ability to tackle heavy themes with empathy and depth. Boyd's exploration of illness, time, and human connection resonates throughout the story, making it as emotionally impactful as it is entertaining.

Boyd, a five-time Lambda Literary Award finalist, is known for his powerful explorations of race, sexuality, and survival in his fiction. His latest novel marks his return to long-form storytelling after more than two decades. His previous works, including *Walt Loves the Bearcat* and *Bridge Across the Ocean*, have earned him critical acclaim and a dedicated readership. Born in Indianapolis and a graduate of UCLA, Boyd has had a career that spans decades of writing fiction and nonfiction that amplifies Black and Queer voices.

For those eager to explore this compelling story, *The Unfrozen Few* is available for purchase on [Amazon](#). It is offered in both paperback and e-book formats to suit your reading preference.

To learn more about the author and his work, visit Randy Boyd's official website at <http://randyboydauthor.com>.

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