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Henry Melton is often on the road with his wife Mary Ann, a nature photographer and frequently captivated by the places he visits. This has inspired his latest series of novels; *Small Towns*, *Big Ideas*. Formerly a programmer specializing in database work and web design, he pioneered Internet use for a Fortune 500 company until the tech bubble collapse. In the early days of home computers, he created one of the earliest commercial word processing programs, and built his own computers back when that meant wiring the chips together by hand to his own schematics.

Henry's short fiction has been published in many magazines and anthologies, most frequently in *ANALOG*. *Catacomb*, published in *DRAGON* magazine, is considered a classic, and by the continuing fan mail twenty years later, a formative influence among modern computer gaming programmers. Many of these are available for free on his website.

Other than an occasional short story, most of his time is spent writing science fiction YA novels. Currently being published by Wire Rim Books are the *Small Towns*, *Big Ideas* series of books, where high school aged heroes of the here and now are confronted with classic science fiction themes. The first, *Emperor Dad*, was the winner of the 2008 Darrell Award for Best Novel.

Sharing what he's learned about the art, craft, and business of writing has been an on-going part of his life, from grade school readings to teaching formal classes and veranda coaching for the students of George Benson Christian College in Zambia during his 2007 trip to Africa.