

## INTERVIEW WITH DAN WELLS

Question:

**Tell us about your new book, *Partials*.**

Answer:

PARTIALS is an YA adventure about rebuilding the world 11 years after a plague destroys it. It has a lot of conspiracies, a lot of explosions, and a ton of medical science.

Question:

**Mental illness, serial killers, demons, apocalyptic settings. What draws you to such dark topics? What do you think draws so many readers to such dark topics? What do dark topics like these have to teach normal, law abiding folks like you and me?**

Answer:

Darkness draws us in because it's the heart of storytelling--it's the fears and conflicts that keep us reading. We want to see the triumph of a hero overcoming darkness--we want to cheer when our favorite character overcomes impossible odds--and the deeper that darkness is, the stronger the reaction when they finally overcome it. There's something to be said for light, happy stories, but darkness is what brings us the catharsis, the emotional release, and the thrill of having passed through horror and come out okay on the other side. There's an immense power in that.

Question:

**Are you a scary person in real life?**

Answer:

Only to my children.

Question:

**Why do you write? What's the purpose of writing?**

Answer:

When I was still trying to break in and get published I got very discouraged, and I

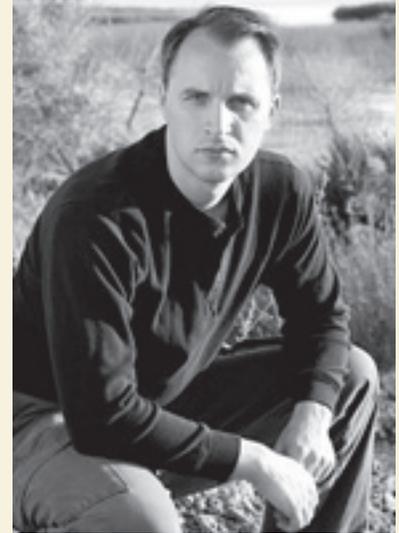
considered giving up, and when I thought about what I'd do with all my new free time...and I realized that I'd just use it to write more stories. Writing is what I love, and I'll do it forever, and if people want to actually read what I write that's just icing on the cake.

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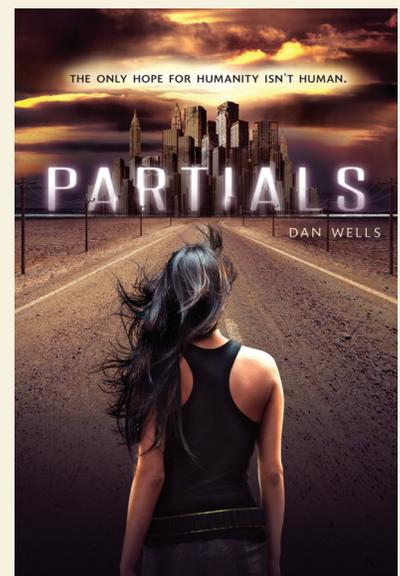
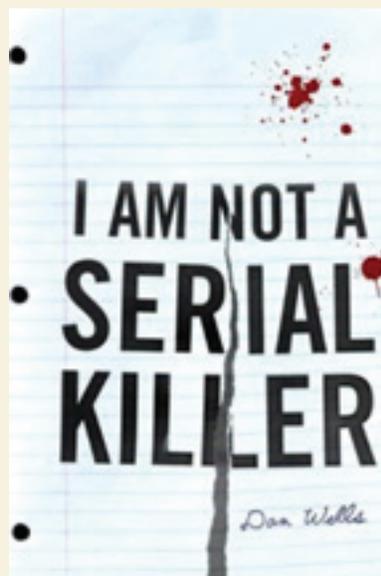
**How do you become a writer?**

Answer:

By writing. Becoming a published writer takes longer, but it's still the same basic process: write, then write more, then write more, then keep writing, and every story will get better and every book will get stronger and eventually it will happen. Quality will out. Always be writing, always be submitting, always be looking for that next opportunity to be read.



Dan Wells lives in Orem, Utah with his wife and five children. His debut novel, *I Am Not A Serial Killer*, was followed by two successful sequels. His new sci-fi novel, *Partials*, was released at the end of February.





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