



TUNDRA BOOKS



Edo van Belkom

Born in Toronto in 1962, Edo van Belkom graduated from York University with an honours degree in Creative Writing. He worked as a daily newspaper sports and police reporter for five years before becoming a full-time freelance writer in 1992. Since then he has done a wide variety of writing-related work ranging from trivia questions to book reviews, opinion pieces on professional wrestling to speeches and special letters for Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman.

As a teacher, he has taught short story writing for the Peel Board of Education, been an instructor at Sheridan College, and has lectured on horror and fantasy writing at the University of Toronto and Ryerson Polytechnic University.

He has appeared on countless television and radio shows such as *Open Mike*, *Off the Record*, *Book Television*, *Imprint* and *Metro Morning*, and was the first movie host on SCREAM, Canada's all-horror television channel. A frequent guest speaker and panelist at writing conferences and conventions in Canada and the United States, Edo was Toastmaster of the 1997 World Horror Convention in Niagara Falls, New York, and co-host of the 2001 Bram Stoker Awards in Seattle, Washington.

Bram Stoker and Aurora Award winner, van Belkom has authored over 200 stories of horror, science fiction, fantasy, and mystery. He has contributed to magazines *Parsec*, *Storyteller*, *On Spec* and *RPM*, and edited the anthologies *Northern Frights 1, 2, 3, 4*, *Shock Rock 2*, *Fear Itself*, *Hot Blood 4, 6*, *Dark Destiny*, *Crossing the Line*, *Truth Until Paradox*, *Alternate Tyrants*, *The Conspiracy Files*, *Brothers of the Night*, *Robert Bloch's Psychos*, and *Year's Best Horror Stories 20*.

In addition to winning the 1997 Bram Stoker Award from the Horror Writers Association for "Rat Food" (co-authored with David Nickle), van Belkom won the Aurora Award (Canada's top prize for speculative writing) in 1999 for the short story, "Hockey's Night in Canada." His story, "The Rug" was a finalist for the 1998 Bram Stoker Award for Short Fiction, competing against another story from the same anthology, "Autopsy Room Four" by horror master Stephen King. He published *Be Afraid!* for Tundra Books in 2000, a Canadian Library Association Young Adult Book of the Year finalist, followed by a new collection of horror stories for young adults in 2002, *Be Very Afraid!* Edo's new novel for young adults, *Wolf Pack*, will be published in Fall 2004.

Edo lives in Brampton, Ontario, with his wife Roberta and son Luke. His web page is located at www.vanbelkom.com.



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Selected Bibliography

<i>Wolf Pack</i> (Tundra)	2004
<i>Be VERY Afraid!</i> (Tundra)	2002
<i>Be Afraid!</i> (Tundra)	2000

Awards and Honors

Be VERY Afraid!

- Winner, Aurora Awards - Best Work in English, 2003

Be Afraid!

- Short listed, CLA's Young Adult Canadian Book Award, 2001
- Short listed for the Bram Stoker Award, 2001
- Our Choice, Canadian Children's Book Centre, 2001
- Short listed, Aurora Awards, 2000

Hockey's Night in Canada

- Winner, Aurora Award, 1999

Rat Food

- Winner, Bram Stoker Award, Horror Writers Association, 1997