

## **About the Author**

Peter Reynolds is a native-born New Yorker who spent his formative years in Brooklyn. At the age of ten, his family moved to San Francisco, where he acquired a life-long love of fog.

He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and received a doctorate in anthropology from Yale University. Subsequently, he spent two years as a postdoctoral fellow at Stanford University Medical School, learning about the brain.

At Australian National University, he helped to found the Institute for Human Ethology and Ethnographic Film, a research team that applied cinematic methods and film analysis to anthropology. He made videos among farmer/fisher people in Papua New Guinea and gatherer/hunters in the Malaysian rainforest.

When he returned to California, he was offered a position in a start-up company that was developing one of the world's first laptop computers. For a number of years he worked in Silicon Valley as a department manager overseeing the development of courseware for technical training. This period gave him a front-row seat on capitalism which he has subsequently used in his books.

In Silicon Valley he met his wife Nicole, an anthropologist who worked in a Zapotec village in southern Mexico. Subsequently, they have lived in Costa Rica and Mexico. Peter's Latin American experience informs his novels and his expatriate view of American life.