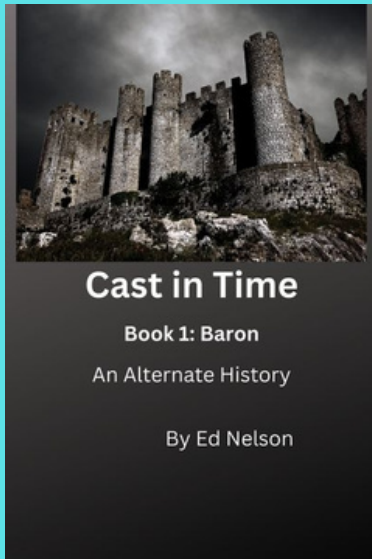


Ed Nelson's Newsletter

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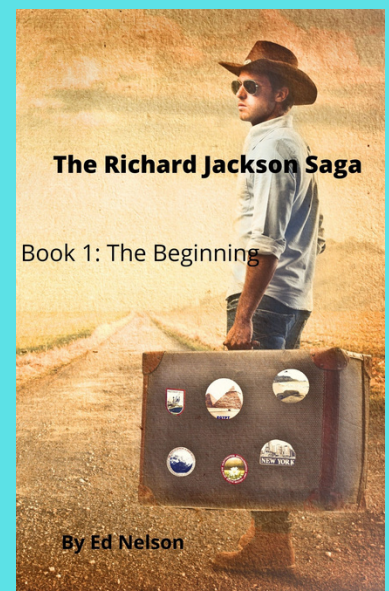


Last month I shared how I established the length of each book that I would write in the new series, and how they would fit together to satisfy different publishing requirements. This month is how I keep track of everything.

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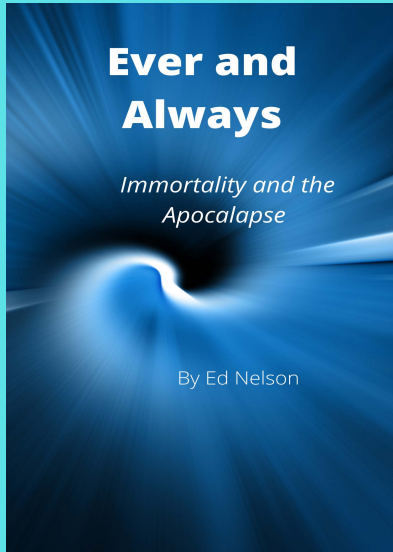
Book 1: The Beginning

Bank robbery, bull riding in the rodeo, a western movie, rustlers, among other events, occur as young Rick is on a cross-country trip, hitchhiking from a small Ohio town to California. This alternate history is of what should have been rather than what has been.



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Recommended Reading



Ever and Always was the first book I wrote. This was eight years ago. Many a word since then and I hope I have improved. This book has a pandemic more like the Black Death or Spanish Flu rather than Covid.

Rick King, a Viet Nam veteran is lost in the final stages of Alzheimer's in a moderate long term care home, when something strange happens. He awakens in a long-term care facility for the indigent. As Rick regains his strength and fights for his stolen life and wealth, elegant Marsha Wren in the exact same situation, joins Rick as they struggle to get their lives back, while they avoid the danger of ending up in a government laboratory.

While regaining their strength and independence they are also growing younger in health and appearance. They have no idea how young they will end up or how long they will live, are they immortal?

One thing they know is that if they live long enough the world and the United States will change. How or when they have no way of knowing, just that change will occur. They position themselves as best as they can, fighting a survivalist group, when as predicted the apocalypse occurs. They will live, but can civilization survive?

See Ever and Always on Amazon

Starting a New Series

Readers are a picky lot. They object to inventing the telephone before electricity. Haven't they tried tin cans and a string?

The readers also hate it when I change a characters name form Bill to George or Ann. Don't get me started on the comments when I turn a dwarf into a giant or giraffe into an aardvark.

To keep the order of invention correct I use an engineering tool called a Gantt Chart. It is a simple tool to keep things on time and in order. You need the concrete forms present before you start to pour.

	Fall 715						Winter
Month	November						December
Event Chapter	1 to10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Make chairs	Order	Start production			Deliver		
census results <u>is</u> military secret	decide	Abbott					
Announce census.		done					
Arabic numerals	Start	Teach	Teach	Teach	Teach	Make best <u>students</u> teachers	

The above chart shows the year at the top and the month immediately below. The first 14 Chapters of the book take place in November 715. The left hand side of the chart lists the tasks.

Arabic numerals are introduced in the first Chapters but are still being taught in Chapters 11- 14.

Everything shown is in green. If I had been writing Chapter

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all the blocks would be highlighted in yellow. When I start Chapter 12 I would copy the yellow blocks at the beginning of the Chapter and as I wrote about them delete the reminder. This way things are developed in order. As you can imagine there are hundreds of items that have to be developed as civilization is moved forward. There are many dependencies.

No strong crossbows until spring steel is formed. No spring steel until the proper amount of carbon is established, no carbon until we learn to coke coal etc.

The there are the characters. Even I object when I get it wrong. I used a simple description table to keep people straight. Not real important right now but wait until book nine. It will be a life savior.

Father Timothy	Village Preist who is now also Keep Chaplin and paid for it. Tall, thin, dark haired. Easy smile.						
	Early twenties.						

If the character is developed further more detail will be added.

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Check out my website

End Note:

To my friends and family in Ohio, Indiana and Maryland I still don't miss the snow at all.

Last week I had an adventure. I with many others boarded the Anna Marie Island Krewe pirate ship Scallywag for a bar crawl. It was fun even though I don't drink. A 65' ship mounted on a bus chassis, music blaring and honking all the way around.

