

**T. C. McCarthy**

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**T.C. MCCARTHY'S** debut novel *Germline* was released in August of 2011 and immediately garnered wide acclaim in the science fiction community, including the Compton Crook Award and a starred review in *Publisher's Weekly*, for its gritty, fast-paced, and realistic depiction of a future war. His March 2012 follow up to *Germline*, *Exogene*, book two in The Subterrene Trilogy, received a starred review in *Publisher's Weekly* in January 2012. The third and final book in the series, *Chimera*, hit shelves in August 2012 and is was nominated for the Prometheus Award. All of these books are a staple at the CENTCOM and SOCOM libraries, and hundreds of copies have been donated to troops on the front lines. Now T.C. has embarked in writing a new science fiction series; the first book, *Tyger Burning*, was released to critical acclaim in 2019; it's follow-on, *Tyger Bright*, will be released in February 2021.



McCarthy's short fiction has appeared in multiple magazines and webzines including *Per Contra: The International Journal of the Arts, Literature, and Ideas*, *Story Quarterly*, *Nature*, and alongside other science fiction heavy-weights in multiple print anthologies. In addition to fiction, his scientific articles have been published in numerous technical journals and books, and as a former CIA Intelligence Officer, he currently writes for the US policy and defense communities. Visit him at [www.tcmccarthy.com](http://www.tcmccarthy.com).

## **Author's Publishing History**

*Germline* (Hachette/Orbit) August 2011

PW Review: <http://www.publishersweekly.com/978-0-316-12818-6>

*Exogene* (Hachette/Orbit) March 2012

PW Review: <http://www.publishersweekly.com/978-0-316-12815-5>

*Chimera* (Hachette/Orbit) August 2012

PW Review: <http://www.publishersweekly.com/978-0-316-12817-9>

*Tyger Burning* (Baen) July 2019

Amazing Stories Review: <https://amazingstories.com/2019/07/science-fiction-books-to-look-for-this-month-july-2019/>

## **Short Fiction Publishing History**

“Janitors” by T.C. McCarthy, 2009, *Sonar 4*

“Janitors,” by T.C. McCarthy, reprinted in June 2009 issue of *Twisted Dreams*

“A Dry and Dusty Home” by T.C. McCarthy, 2010, *Per Contra*

“A.I.P.” by T.C. McCarthy, 2010, *Story Quarterly* (Rutgers University)

“The Goat King” by T.C. McCarthy, 2010, *Arkham Tales*

“Private Exploration” by T.C. McCarthy, June 2011, *Nature*

“The Legionnaires” by T.C. McCarthy, July 2011, *Orbit Short Fiction*

“A People’s Army” by T.C. McCarthy, March 2012, *Orbit Short Fiction*

“Sunshine” by T.C. McCarthy, June 2012, *Orbit Short Fiction*

“Seven Miles” by T.C. McCarthy, January 2013, *Baen Books Website*

## **Articles**

“The Big Idea: T.C. McCarthy” by T.C. McCarthy, *Whatever\**

<http://whatever.scalzi.com/2011/08/18/the-big-idea-t-c-mccarthy/>

\*This guest post on massively influential writer John Scalzi's highly trafficked *Whatever* blog, is a poignant look at T.C. McCarthy, the man.

“On Obscurity” by T.C. McCarthy, *The Night Bazaar*

<http://night-bazaar.com/t-c-mccarthy-on-obscurity.html>

### **Anthologies**

“*Saracens*,” in *Onward Drake!*

“*Pathfinders*” in *Operation Arcana*

“*Black Butterfly*” in *War Stories*

“*Zip Ghost*” in *Weird World War III*

### **Awards & Honors**

- Finalist in *The Writers of the Future* Contest – 2011
- *Germline* named to *PW's* Top 10 SF, Fantasy, & Horror List — Fall 2011
- *Germline* wins Compton Crook Award — Summer 2012
- *Exogene* named to *PW's* Top 10 SF, Fantasy, & Horror List — Spring 2012
- *Chimera* nominated for the Prometheus Award — Spring 2013

### **Select Reviews for T.C. McCarthy**

“McCarthy's delirious narrative avoids cliché and raises intriguing questions about what it means to be human...” “One of the best SFF novels of Fall 2011...” “Compelling debut. . . impossible to put down.”

—*Publisher's Weekly* Starred Review of *Germline*

“Former CIA analyst McCarthy delivers a stark and wrenching sequel to *Germline*. The conclusion is simultaneously heartbreaking and triumphant, and utterly appropriate for the brutal, bloody, and magnificent story.”

—*Publisher's Weekly* Starred Review of *Exogene*

“A well written novel that makes you consider the costs of war in very personal terms.”

—*SF Signal*

“It's not often that a sci-fi military-thriller mass paperback will remind you of a Pulitzer [Prize] nominee, but that's certainly the case with T.C. McCarthy's absolutely astounding literary debut, *Germline*. Astute readers will also see a lot of Graham Greene and Ernest Hemingway in this book.”

—*Chicago Center for Literature and Photography*

"The character of Oscar Wendell is brilliantly written...One of the most compelling science fiction books I've read all year, *Germline* is much more than a novel about a futuristic war."

—*Impact Magazine*

“Gritty and furious debut novel” and “a fantastic story of what war may become...”

—*Adventures in Sci-Fi Publishing*

“Rapid-fire military SF adventure that explores the relationship between the runaway development of technology and biotech and the long-term consequences that ensue.”

—*Library Journal*

“A tour de force about a futuristic war and its aftermath.”

—*SF Revu*

“It takes real skill to lead a reader into actually seeing, smelling, and hearing (and maybe even tasting) the realities of war. [Heinlein's] *Starship Troopers* and [Scalzi's] *Old Man's War* (and its follow-ups) are in good company, but *Germline* brings its own tale of war that's darker and hits much closer to home with its future headlines vision.”

—*Wired.com*

“*Germline*, the first installment of *The Subterrene War*, by T. C. McCarthy is a cautionary urban-warfare epic of enormous scope. [*Germline*] is science fiction for a new generation.”

—*The Alternative Blog*

“T.C. McCarthy impresses the hell out of me with this hard-hitting debut. *Germline* is gritty and painfully realistic military science fiction that can stand on its own against the best in the genre.”

—*Cybermage Blog*

(Named *Germline* the debut novel of 2011)

“*Germline* is a tremendous debut novel. I sat down with it Saturday morning and didn't even get up to eat until I finished it. It stunned me. *Germline* is an incredibly dark coming of age story about a broken man who can only justify his existence by going to war. For me, it's immediately going into my personal pantheon of war novels next to *Gates of Fire* and *All Quiet on the Western Front*. Hell of a debut, T.C.”

—*Staffer's Musings Blog*

“[McCarthy's] the “balls-to-the-wall” narrative grabs you by the throat and refuses to let you go.”

—**Dan Goodman**, *Literary Musings Blog*