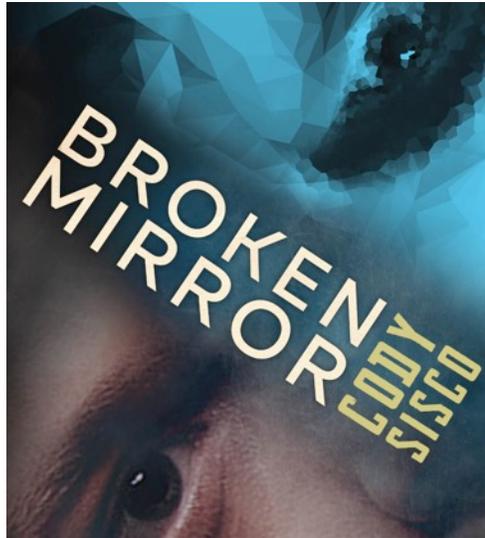


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BROKEN MIRROR BY SCI-FI AUTHOR CODY SISCO EXPLORES AN ALTERNATE REALITY, MANUFACTURED ILLNESSES, MURDER AND GLOBAL CONSPIRACY.

History has taken a few wrong turns in this “biopunk” novel that explores a world eerily familiar yet strangely different from the 1990s we all remember.

Los Angeles, California – February 1, 2016 – Author Cody Sisco’s new book *Broken Mirror*, the first part of his upcoming Resonant Earth Series, is now available. With a resurgence of the alternate history, cyberpunk, and detective noir genres in television (*The Man in the High Castle*, *Jessica Jones*), film (*The Terminator* franchise, *X-Men Days of Future Past*), and literature (Steven King’s *11/22/63*, *Ready Player One*), Sisco’s debut novel and upcoming series will continue to quench fans’ thirst for more. Inspired by Haruki Murakami’s signature style of mixing surrealism and day-to-day reality, Sisco adds a dose of high-octane adventure to craft a world that readers will recognize, but where anything is possible. In addition, *Broken Mirror* is a unique contribution to the alternate history genre because it doesn’t focus on war as a turning point; history in this world is shaped by social movements and, occasionally, assassinations.

“To me, alternate history is about undermining the concept of inevitability and showing how individuals and societies can choose different paths,” stated Sisco.

In the world of *Broken Mirror*, the American Union (AU) is a weak and fractious alliance of nations in decline. Europe, a superpower, manipulates its citizens through technology. And Asia is reeling from decades of war. The patriarch of the AU’s most famous family and Victor’s grandfather, Jefferson Eastmore, cured cancer several decades ago. He is now working on a cure for mirror resonance syndrome, the poorly understood brain disorder that causes “blank outs,” hallucinations, and vivid nightmares. When Jefferson dies, Victor, who suffers from mirror resonance syndrome himself, believes “Granfa” Jeff was murdered – but he’s the only one who suspects foul play. Victor grows increasingly suspicious of the medicine he must take to help manage his “symptoms.” As he tries to sort his allies from his enemies, a conspiracy with global implications emerges.

“I wanted to write about a profoundly flawed character whose quest for the truth about his family would force him into dangerous places,” explains Sisco, “and who finds there is no place more dangerous than the darkness of his own mind.”

The Resonant Earth Series, which will consist of at least five volumes, follows Victor on his mind-altering quest to search for his grandfather’s killer.

The first part of the series, *Broken Mirror*, is now on sale for \$7 in digital formats from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Apple’s iBooks store, as well as for \$16 as a paperback from retailers in North America and Europe.

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Full Description

Someone killed Granfa Jefferson. Victor is sure of it. But he's the only one.

Diagnosed with mirror resonance syndrome, Victor suffers “blank outs,” hallucinations, and vivid nightmares. He violently overreacts to even minor confrontations. He is shunned by society in Semiautonomous California and struggles to live in the shadow of his diagnosis. Would that have changed if Grandfa Jefferson – a man who devoted his life to researching a cure for mentally ill Broken Mirrors like Victor – were still alive?

Victor is determined to uncover the truth about his grandfather's death and grows increasingly suspicious of everything and everyone. Is the medicine he must take to help manage his “symptoms” helping him or doing harm? Can he trust his Aunt Circe, the only person in his family who's even somewhat sympathetic to his plight? What are the motives of his former classmate-turned-brainhacker Ozie, who seems intent on luring Victor away from his home? Why did his old friend Elena reappear in his life abruptly, claiming to have miraculously overcome a devastating addiction? As he tries to sort his allies from his enemies, a conspiracy with global implications emerges.

With its self-driving cars, global firearms ban, and a cure for cancer, the world of *Broken Mirror* may sound utopic, but history has taken a few wrong turns. The American Union is a weak and fractious alliance of nations in decline. Europe, a superpower, manipulates its citizens through technology. And Asia is reeling from decades of war. Amid shifting geopolitical sands, Broken Mirrors find themselves at a crossroads: evolve or go extinct. It is in this familiar yet strangely different world that Victor must walk a precarious line between sanity and reclassification – a fate that all but guarantees incarceration – in order to find the truth as to who killed Jefferson Eastmore.

Quick Facts

- This is Sisco's first novel and the first installment of the “Resonant Earth Series.”
- Inspiration for his novel came from authors such as Isaac Asimov, Haruki Murakami, and Neal Stephenson.
- Sisco was raised in a liberal, multi-ethnic community in California. Many of the values he embraces are represented in *Broken Mirror* and have been brought about by subtle shifts in history. Examples include:
 - Racism in the American Union is a thing of the past thanks to reparations for slavery, social justice movements in the late 1800s that defeated proposed Jim Crow laws, and widespread intermarriage without regard to skin color.
 - Firearms are banned globally on Resonant Earth so criminals must use alternative combat weapons, including sleep jabbers, gas bombs, and air cannons.
 - Curiously, many of the assassinations we've suffered through (Abraham Lincoln, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.) were foiled on Resonant Earth.
- Sisco's curiosity to explore the character of Victor Eastmore came from watching friends, family members and acquaintances suffer from mental illness and addiction as well as the realization that time and new perspectives alter the way we relate to the world and those we love.
- Sisco lives in Los Angeles with his husband Jay Fennelly.

About the Author

Cody Sisco is the author of speculative fiction that straddles the divide between plausible and extraordinary. *Broken Mirror* is his first novel, and the first in a series that focuses on Victor Eastmore's journeys on Resonant Earth. An avid reader of Frank Herbert, Haruki Murakami, and Kim Stanley Robinson, Sisco strives to create worlds that sit in the “uncanny valley” – discomfitingly odd yet familiar, where morality is not clear-cut, technology bestows blessings and curses, and outsiders struggle to find their niche. He lives in Los Angeles.

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