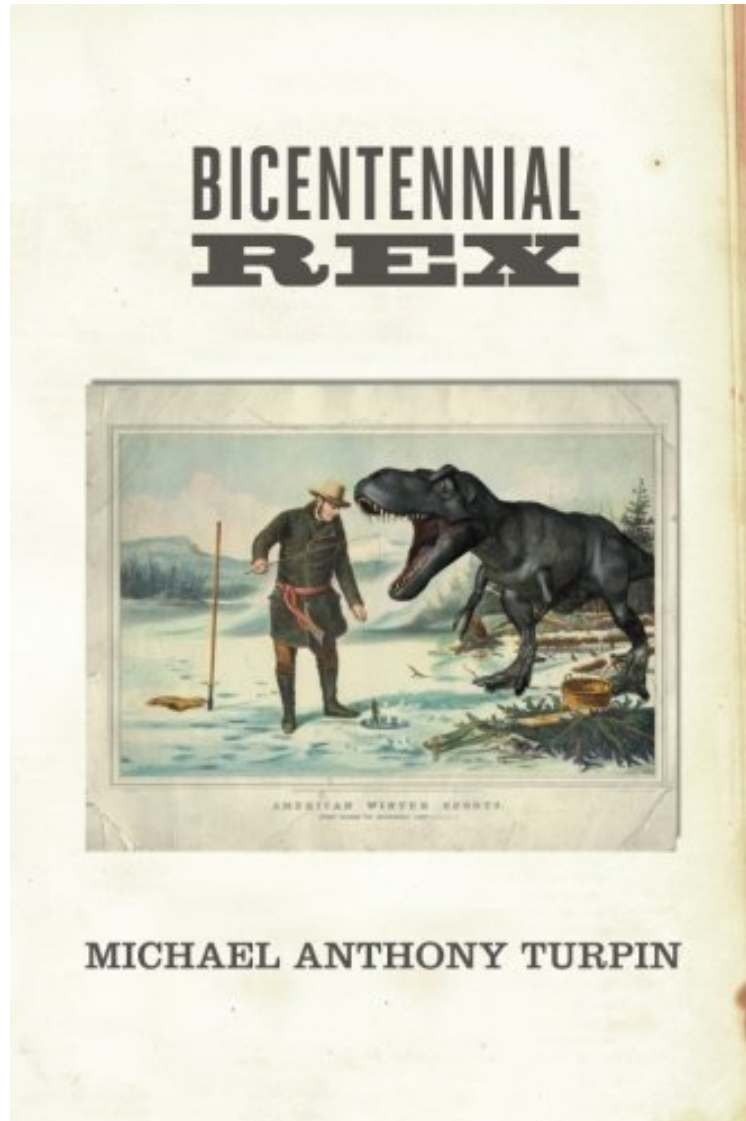


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**Michael Anthony Turpin : BiCentennial Rex (Tales of The T-Rex) (Volume 2)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised BiCentennial Rex (Tales of The T-Rex) (Volume 2):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A MUST READ BOOKBy EricRaymondAnd here is the Weirdest thing about reading Turpin's book - it's like when you go to a movie with a hero and you think given the right circumstances, You could be that hero and you feel great about yourself, ..well he makes you feel like you actually were part of the writing and you are a great writer. Very odd. A MUST read.Turpin's book is the best of Ludlum, Dave

Barry, James Joyce and Hemmingway. The experience of the story somehow surrounds you like you hope someday a virtual reality machine will. It's different than reading a great story and characters that you get into. You are there, right there in the book like you jumped into the pavement in Mary Poppins with Dick Van Dyke, except when you get there it's real. It becomes your story not his and it stays with you and almost somehow becomes part of you. Turpin makes our language do what a Von Braun did for rockets - it does his bidding in a way that lands experience many and so often) in your brain. It's the literary equivalent of the movie "Airplane" - not in humor although it has its moments, but in quality and quantity of synapse flashing. His unusual combination of our vocabulary takes on details and analogies to a new level of expression and he does it at almost every sentence. You often go back to the sentence or phrase you just read to see how he crafted a feeling and visualization with only a few words. I write this review in a way to do him justice but it sounds strained like most writers. I'm trying to be graceful and powerful and symbolic and clever and non-arrogant, with references that are obviously researched or seem that way. Mike does what we all wish we could do during our most lucid moments and daring conversations with friends or date, when maybe we are a bit high and feeling our epiphany is so meaningful (and of course it usually is far from it), But Turpin actually, and with almost every word (not even sentence or paragraph), writes like that! Every word has meaning or colorful but not in a way you would have a English Teacher analyze it - it just is straight forward. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not Your Father's Brady Bunch By J Scott Wayne This is a fun book. What self-loving Baby Boomer wouldn't love to take a trip down a memory lane lined with humor and keen insight? And it's a very fun and realistic trip at that. Turpin captures the charming idiocy of the adolescent male (I apologize for the multiple redundancies in this sentence) growing up in the 1970's with wit, verve and understanding. The Patton family is much more realistic (and amusing) than that "other" southern California tribe, the Brady's. Just as clearly, Central Casting could never have managed to find an appropriate Karl ("Rex") . . . the Patton patriarch - a cross between an Old Testament prophet and a sleep deprived George Patton. This is a great and funny read, full of smarts and happy memory ghosts. I highly recommend it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A wonderfully amusing look at growing up in California during the 1970's By Christina Fagerstal The author offers a humorous account of family, full of both love and discord, during a special era of our country's history and culture. This book will evoke a sense of free-spirited nostalgia for those who grew up during these times and will also appeal to those who love a wonderful tale of the challenges of parenting and its mishaps that occur within a family of many boisterous boys. Turpin's characters are larger than life, the values he evokes are strongly appealing, and the personality clashes he creates are both interesting, exciting and very funny!

It's December 1975 and life has taken a precipitous turn for neoconservative insurance agent Karl Patton. While his own family remains in the tenuous grip of Karl's fascist rule, the winds of political change and social liberation are tearing at edifice of his nuclear family. It is indeed a time of tumult with a generation of broken young men returning from Vietnam and young adults cynical to the institutions that once defined the nation and made it great. With the Grand Ole Party reeling from the fall of Saigon and Watergate, the conservative private sector is also under attack by progressive social engineers espousing affirmative action quotas, condemning the tyranny of white male leadership and urging income redistribution to correct the course of society. As the Democrats mount a concerted effort to take back the White House, the once rigid and spotless fabric of America is being soiled by feckless politicians, sex, drugs and rock 'n roll. As temptation probes every corner of his picket fenced world, Karl Patton must rely on brute force, ingenuity and his clairvoyant spouse, Susie, to help him navigate the unfamiliar waters that represent a clear and present danger to his authority and way of life. Bicentennial Rex plunges us back into the nostalgic waters of brown shag carpet, free range kids and grab-ass. As a prequel to the novel, T-Rex By The Tail, we once again enter the primordial world of Karl Patton aka T-Rex, as he contends with a conveyor belt of do-gooders, liberal cretins and ethically challenged business associates -- all organized in a conspiracy to upend his tightly guarded and controlled world. It's touch and go whether the Patton children will emerge from this chrysalis of chaos to become justices of the Supreme Court or wards of the criminal justice system. Is this the beginning of the end for the Jurassic Father - the greatest dinosaur to ever haunt the aisles of the local hardware store?

About the Author Bi-Centennial Rex is the second novel for Michael Turpin who draws liberally from experiences growing up in Southern California as the third of four boys growing up in a house fashioned out of conservative dogma and new age pragmatism. He is a healthcare consultant, published author and a contributing columnist to several CT newspapers and industry magazines. Turpin graduated from Claremont McKenna College with a degree in Literature and Economics. He is married with three teenagers and lives in New Canaan, Connecticut.