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<u>FUN BIO:</u> Growing up in the Pacific Northwest [Hoquiam, Washington], Robert L. Slater wanted to be an astronaut or a rock star. At 42, he gave up those dreams to become a writer of science fiction and fantasy, where he can pretend to be both.

Like some of his characters, he has a propensity for speaking in lines from 80s movies, drinking Mountain Dew and eating pizza. He loves music as a listener, a zealous fan, a guitar player, and a singer/songwriter.

After nearly 20 years as a schoolteacher, he is beginning to have a hint of insight into young-adulthood. He has been in that hood a long time!

<u>STODGY BIO:</u> Robert L. Slater is a teacher/writer living in Bellingham, Washington. His stories and poetry have appeared in many small press publications. His first novel, All is Silence, received 1st place in the Cygnus Science Fiction Dystopian category. He has followed it up with two more Deserted Lands novels.

He has a should've-been-a doctorate B.A. in Theatre/Education, Spanish and History minors and a M.A. in Educational Technology. He sings, plays guitar, acts/directs in regional theatres, brews, cooks, reads, practices Taekwon Do, writes plays, songs, and stories.

His motto is Robert Heinlein's "Specialization is for Insects."

<u>INTERVIEWS</u> Kayti Niki Raet of Reader's Favorite Smashwords Interview

<u>AWARDS</u> WATTYS 2015 Dream Collections Winner 1st place Cygnus Dystopian IndieReader Next Picks Number 1 1st place Dante Rossetti YA Dystopian

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<u>SYNOPSES</u> MAY INCLUDE SPOILERS!

ALL IS SILENCE: In a future that could be ours, Lizzie, an angry teenager, barely navigates her own life. Then everything falls apart. A pandemic hits, killing 98% of the world's population. Lizzie is left alive.

"Crazy" Lizzie once told her family, "I hope you all die!" Now, her alcoholic mother and her brother are dying in the hospital; her mom's abusive boyfriend is dead. Despite her words, being alone isn't a good thing for a suicidal cutter. Fear of the disease and a promise to her mother keeps her inside. The daily sirens and the warnings to stay inside have faded to silence and her only outside link is her former best friend halfway across the country.

Desperate and lonely, she ventures out and finds survivors: people altered by the disease, left less than human, and people less scarred, some from her past. A horrifying encounter leaves her with blood on her hands and reveals a link to a stranger she thought was dead. As her hometown turns dangerous, she flees south, through Seattle and across deserted lands seeking the stranger, safety, and a chance at a new family. Along the way, she finds friends, fledgling governments, religious fanatics, and marauding renegades.

This new world has plenty of food, gas, and space... but fear, anger and lust for power still compete for control of Lizzie's life. Top

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