

From Interdimensional Discovery to the Future of a Galaxy

Robert Harrison's Two-Book Science Fiction Epic: The Long Day and Empathy

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ROBERT HARRISON

Floral Park, New York Aug 28, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - Author Robert Harrison has released an ambitious two-part science fiction saga that fuses scientific intrigue with deeply human storytelling. His novels, *The Long Day* and its sequel, *Empathy*, take readers from the split-second creation of a new universe to the long shadow of victory, exploring what it means to create, to fight, and to live with the consequences.

***The Long Day* — Where It All Begins**

In *The Long Day*, physicist Dr. Bishop Avery pushes the limits of space-time research, creating an experiment that accidentally forms an entirely new universe. They open a window to look in, and are drawn through the rift by beings who are looking out as they are looking in. Bishop and his colleagues, Jason Smith and Karen White, suddenly find themselves in another galaxy on the brink of war.

What unfolds is part scientific odyssey, part survival story. Bishop's group encounters the ocean-dwelling Nanda, the stalwart Dolek, and the golden-bronze Sapieans, all of whom are threatened by the warlike Tecate'. Harrison builds these worlds with attention to detail, grounding his imagined species and cultures in credible science. All while keeping the human—and Sapien—stakes front and center. The novel builds to an interspecies alliance and a desperate fight to repel the Tecate's attempted genocide.

***Empathy* — Twenty-Five Years Later**

The sequel, *Empathy*, opens on the 25-year Jubilee marking the Tecate's defeat. Peace reigns, but old alliances are fading from memory. Bishop Avery, now honored by the Sapieans as both "creator" and "father," returns for the celebration on Sepia, where the war's turning point was fought.

Amid the reunions, Harrison poses a central question: what happens to unity when the crisis is over? Funding for exploration and research has dried up. Space programs face shutdowns. And yet, new breakthroughs—such as Karen White's research into "Conscious Quanta," where focused thought can measurably alter the quantum realm—hint at astonishing possibilities for the future.

At the Jubilee, Bishop, Asha Aah, Jason Smith, Karen White, and Paumi Dor are reunited. *Empathy* blends reunion, reflection, and the urgency to reignite a galaxy's curiosity before complacency erodes hard-won progress and descends into chaos. The novel's title is no accident—Harrison makes empathy itself a key to both understanding and survival.

A Complete Vision

Together, *The Long Day* and *Empathy* offer a complete, evolving vision. The first book moves with the momentum of discovery and war; the second considers what comes after—how societies remember, forget, and choose to move forward. Harrison's approach keeps the science credible, the worlds tangible, and the characters believable.

His writing doesn't just entertain. It raises questions about responsibility in the face of discovery, the fragility of alliances, and the role of belief—scientific or otherwise—in shaping reality.

About the Author

Robert Harrison writes science fiction that marries hard science with imaginative scope. His work draws on a fascination with physics, interstellar politics, and the cultural challenges of first contact. In *The Long Day* and *Empathy*, he uses these interests to build complex alien societies, grounded technologies, and conflicts that feel both vast and personal.

Praised for balancing plausibility with vision, Harrison's storytelling invites readers to think beyond the next star system and ask what humanity will do when it gets there. With this two-book arc, he demonstrates that the greatest unknowns aren't always found in deep space—they may lie within us.

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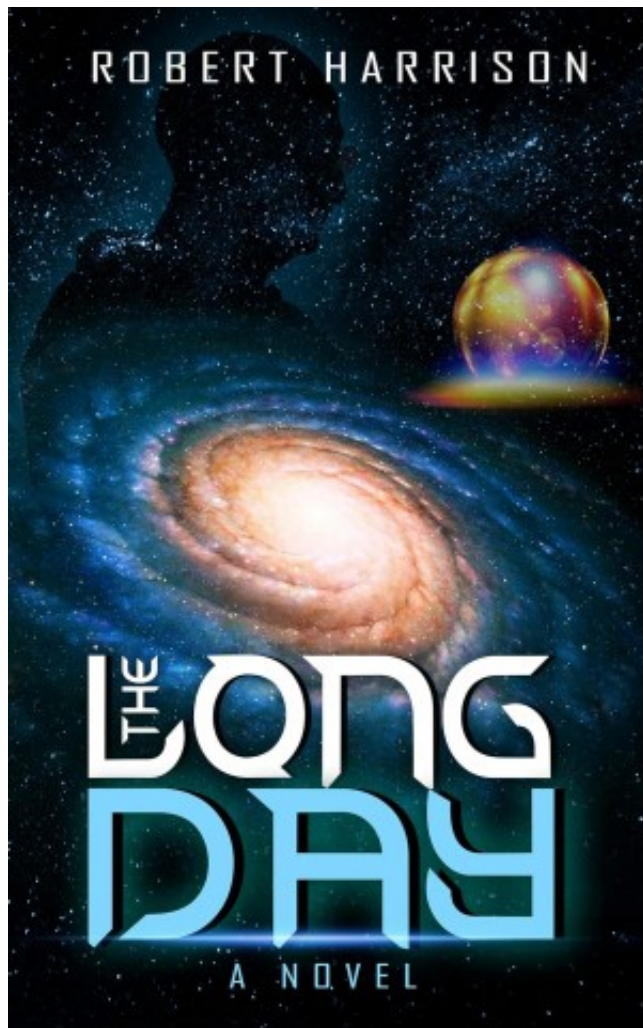
Robert Harrison's *The Long Day* and its sequel, *Empathy*, are now available in paperback and digital editions through major online retailers. For purchase, media inquiries, or speaking engagements with the author, visit:

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