

## **Short Bio**

Phillip Tucker is the author of the fiction novels, *The Path to Betrayal*, *The Path to Redemption*, *Gun Barrel Planets*, *Bella's Pact* and *Adrian's Blight*.

He started writing after receiving a fiction novel as a gift, which had sold over three million copies, but was dreadful. After complaining, his wife told him "to stop whining and write one yourself if you're so clever". This was the motivator behind publishing his first book, *The Path to Betrayal* in 2008.

Phillip was born in 1955 where he lived most of his adolescent life in a small southern suburb of Sydney, called Woronora River. Had a great Mum and Dad plus three patient sisters. At the age of 15 on a bus trip to Queensland, an older lady saw Phillip was bored and gave him a copy of 'The Day of the Triffids' to read. He has been hooked on reading ever since. At 16, he then started work in the security industry, catching his first burglar at the age of 18; we still don't know who was more afraid! Meeting the love of his life Michelle at 19, they married shortly after; together they purchased and operated his father's security business having two beautiful girls along the way.

At the age of 38 and tired of the city life, he moved his family to the Northern Rivers where they planted a Macadamia plantation. Getting itchy feet, he sold the farm when they both turned 50, traveling around the world and just doing nothing for three years. Running out of money, and his cleverly invested shares now worth two flat rocks, they both decided to go back to work. At the moment Phillip is working for his local hospital.

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## Long Bio

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Phillip was born in Sydney in 1955. There wasn't a large star in the sky and definitely no shepherds. He lived most of his life in a small southern suburb of Sydney, called Woronora River. Had a great Mum and Dad plus three patient sisters, and a long line of pets. Phillip attended the Woronora River Public School, before moving on to Jannali Boys High School. He did not really enjoy his school years, though now Phillip wished he'd spent more time paying attention in English class, rather than fooling around. He enjoyed sports especially surfing, but his secret loves are sailing and reading.

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Feeling patriotic, Phillip then joined the army reserve, spending a few years learning to dig holes around Australia, and living in them. Phillip said there was a big difference between regular forces and reserves.

1. "They were far better soldiers",
2. "They could drink you under the table",
3. "We weren't stupid enough to join up full time – Only joking! They were some of the best years of my life!"

The reserves forces though good, were no match for the regular units in both training and drinking both of which he found out first hand. There was always friendly rivalry between the reserves and the 'regs', but as one sergeant from 3 RAR told him, better to depend on half trained men than men with no training at all. They were some of the best times of his life.

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Rivers. There they planted out a piece of land at Tregeagle, growing Macadamia Nuts. Became a Christian after moving here, although most of his friends say he'd be lucky if God lets him in. Getting itchy feet, he sold the farm when they both turned 50, traveling around the world and just doing nothing for three years. Running out of money, and his cleverly invested shares now worth two flat rocks, they both decided to go back to work. At the moment Phillip is working for his local hospital.

Books, especially fiction and science fiction have always had a hold on him. He has no idea how many he has read, but at one church garage sale, his wife made him get rid of over three hundred novels he'd collected since moving north, even now he's still got heaps. What made him choose to become a writer? On his 50th birthday, he was given a fiction novel to read. It had sold over three million copies, but was awful. After complaining about the book, his wife told him "to stop whining and write one yourself if you're so clever". So after three years of driving everyone crazy, in 2008 he had published his first novel!

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