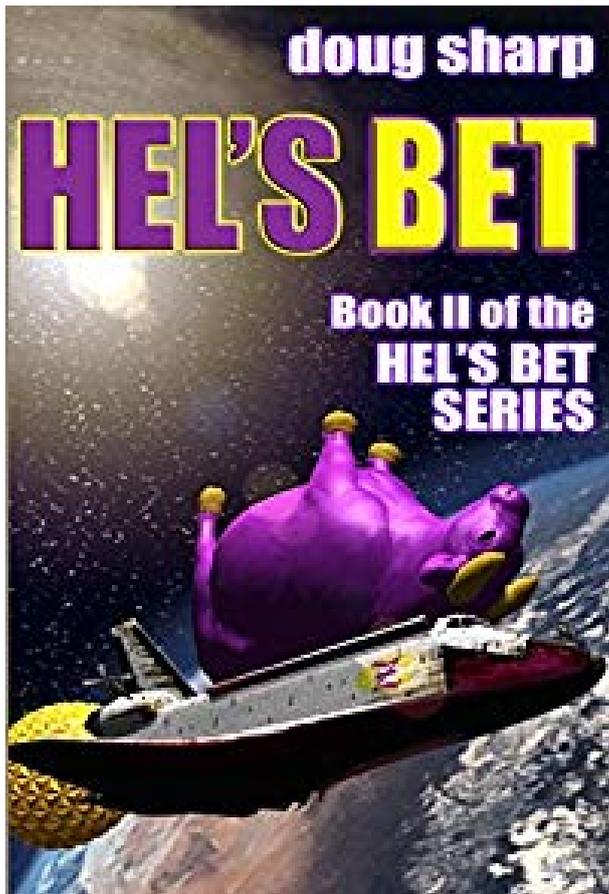


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After surviving the launch of space shuttle Enterprise in a hail of Tommy gun bullets, ex-astronaut Mick Oolfson never dreamed that Tobias Ishwald, the relent head of NASA Security—and the man who got him canned—would ride a shuttle into space to hunt him down. Geek goddess Heloise Chin reveals that the Channel Zilch reality show was a sham to get her Pop to pay for the mission. Her real motivation is to broadcast a Declaration of War on Death to rally the world's geeks to work on open source Singularity projects. To hijack geek brains, Hel uses all her weapons: her smarts, her beauty, her guts, and her vision. A near-future, hard-science thriller with heart and purpose, HEL'S BET is a smart, funny, fast-moving adventure you won't soon forget and the second volume in the Hel's Bet Series. Ride along on a mad, shoe-string shuttle mission to kickstart the Singularity! Praise for the Hel's Bet Series: "Definitely good fun — and very carefully thought out on the technology side, despite being in the general vein of comedic action-adventure ... The first book in the series, Channel Zilch, felt like a breezy, humorous near-future geek action/SF romp ... I went through it quickly and lightly, and kept wanting to see what happened next..

Then Hel's Bet felt a lot deeper to me -- with some of the character portraits and interactions exploring the line between "charmingly quirky" and "profoundly emotionally troubled and bizarrely insane" ... raising questions about what the hell is sanity and what the hell is the self anyway ... Suddenly the philosophical implications of chronic pain and dissociative identity (dis?)order in the context of posthumanism start popping

up here and there -- and getting nonlinearly correlated with confusing issues regarding romance, sexuality and immortality -- amidst all the goofy jokes and well-calculated near-space mayhem..." —Ben Goertzel, Leading AGI (Artificial General Intelligence) researcher and philosopher. His latest book is *AGI Revolution: An Inside View of the Rise of Artificial General Intelligence*