

# Randy Brown

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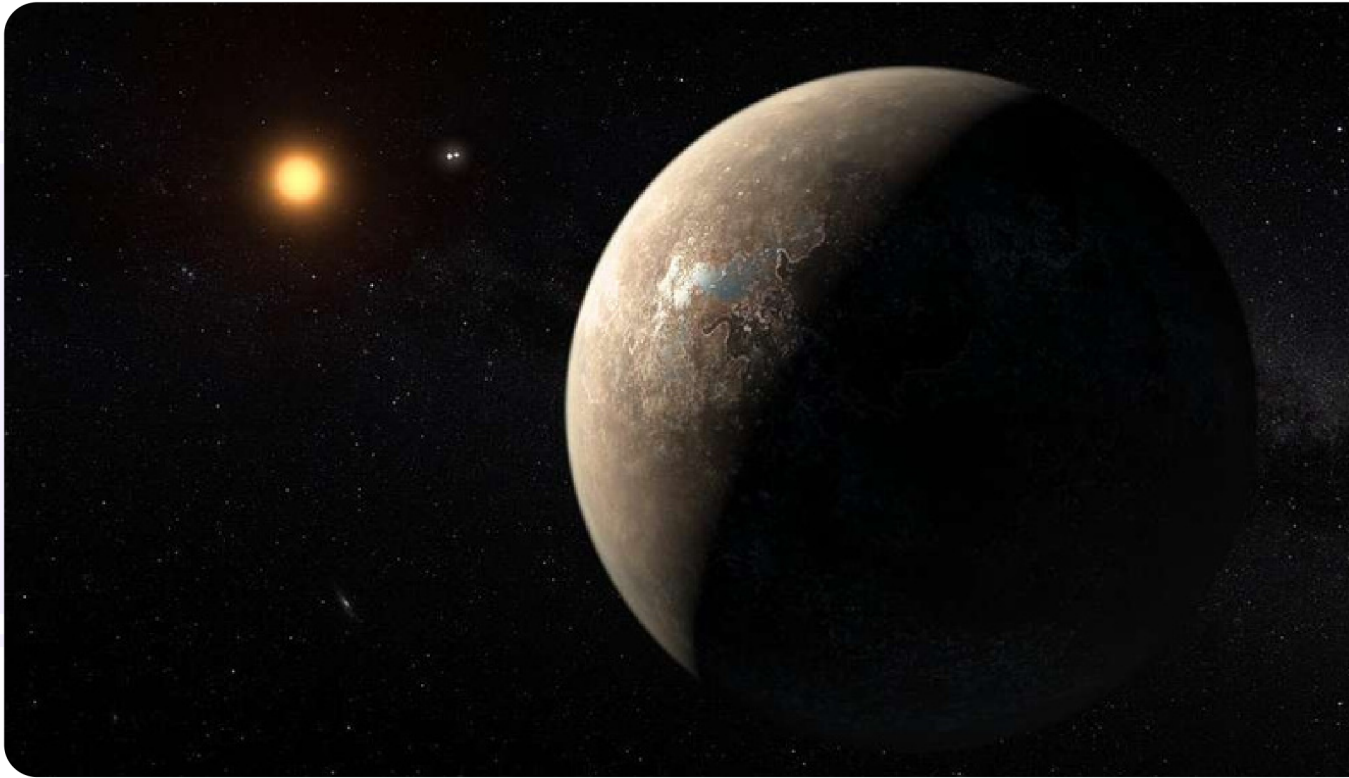
## *About the Author:*

Randy Brown was turned down for his first library card at the age of four since the librarian reasoned he hadn't started school and therefore couldn't read. His grandmother, a teacher who recognized the spark of genius in her grandson, caused a scene still reverberating from the walls in that small-town library. A year later, he got the card and his universe expanded far beyond those library walls.

Randy was fascinated by space early on and spent countless hours drawing spaceships. His utter failure as an artist led him to take up writing instead. He's come a long way since inflicting short stories on his junior high friends

Since then he's self-published three books, worked as a bookkeeper at a dialysis center, played viola in the New Mexico All-State orchestra, lived in four U.S. states, started at quarterback for his intramural football team, managed an operations center disbursing trillions of dollars in government payments, launched four kids into adulthood, run ten marathons, programmed tax software used by accountants all over the country, and spent an inordinate amount of time in his backyard trying to smoke the perfect brisket. And he still has a library card.

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## *Blurb*

Lewis is a rookie astronaut for SpaceFirst, a company headed for the stars. They race against rival corporation Deep Sky to be the first in history to send a person from Earth to another star system and bring them safely home.

Along with four teammates and his new AI, Lewis prepares for humanity's first push into the galaxy. The journey from SpaceFirst headquarters to Proxima Centauri includes triumph, loss, competition, and a friendship with the promise of more.

But then it all goes wrong.

Lewis is the first human to travel to another star system. Unless he can find a way home, it might end up being a one-way trip.

## *From the Back Cover*

"First" is an electrifying tale penned by Randy Brown, where our hero, Lewis, aspires to be the inaugural human to voyage to another star system and return unscathed. His journey, however, is fraught with unexpected obstacles - ruthless competition, treachery, personal loss, and a tumultuous relationship that threatens to derail his mission. When he finds himself in a race against time, the stakes skyrocket. Uncovering his true adversary propels the narrative to another dimension - not only is his life in jeopardy, but so is the future of humanity and the course of space exploration. As Lewis grapples with these challenges, he discovers that being 'first' comes with burdens he never anticipated. "First" is an enthralling exploration of determination, survival, and the boundless realm of space.

# Podcast Interview Questions with Randy...

**Q: Why do you write books? Isn't there something less painful you could do as a hobby?**

A: I write books because I want to know how the stories end. I suppose I could try needlepoint, but repeatedly stabbing myself in the finger sounds horrible. I'll stick with writing, thank you. Nothing against needlepointers.

**Q: You've set several of your books in southern New Mexico? Why?**

A: It's a great backdrop with an endless array of settings: desert, mountains, forests, wide-open skies, and not overused in books or movies. It's a place where the setting becomes a character of its own.

**Q: What's your favorite movie?**

A: Casablanca. I own all the Bogart movies and it's cliché, but Casablanca really is the best.

**Q: How do you come up with the ideas for your books?**

A: Pondering what-ifs. I wondered what it'd be like to be the first person to travel to another star and the idea germinated in my head for months, resulting in *First*. The idea for my next book invaded my brain at 3:30 one morning while recovering from jet lag. For my previous three books I pondered the worst thing a main character could do while still being sympathetic to the reader and settled on kidnapping. Yeah, maybe a little dark but I think it worked.

**Q: What's your go-to drink?**

A: Finally, a good question. The trifecta: water, coffee, and beer. I didn't even like coffee until about eight years ago and now I drink at least three cups every day. Then lots of water the rest of the day. For beer, Guinness. On a hot day, Leinenkugel's Summer Shandy hits the spot. Plus, I live in Texas, so I'm legally obligated to drink Lone Star.

**Q: What advice would you give to a young person who wants to be a writer?**

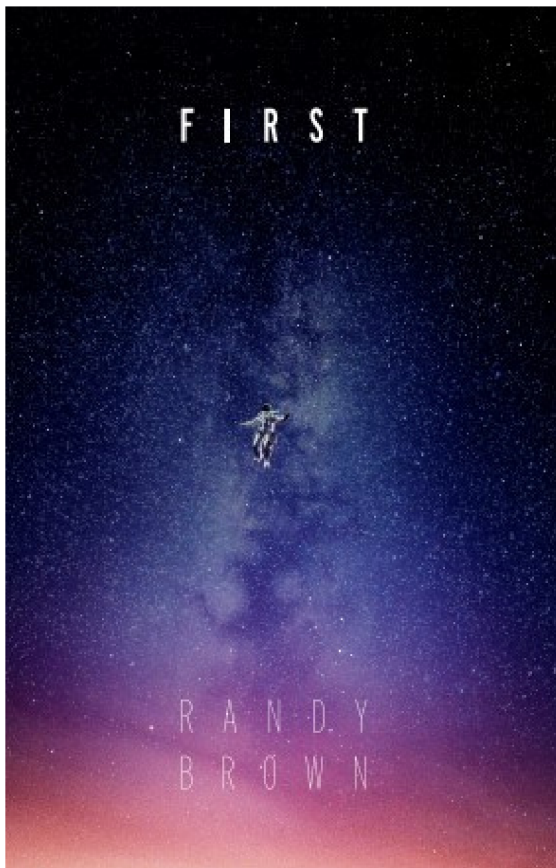
A: Take up needlepoint, kid.

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Author Pic



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# First



*Join the race to be First!  
Bring along your trusty AI and prepare  
for the journey of a lifetime with a  
chance to save the future of humanity  
while you're at it.*

If you enjoyed stories like *The Martian* and *Interstellar*, you'll love *First*.

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podcasts, book fairs, and more

## *About the Book:*

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