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This book is gratefully dedicated to my children.

My mother and my wife taught me how to be a man.

My children taught me how to be free. NAOMI RACHEL KING, at fourteen;  
JOSEPH HILLSTROM KING, at twelve; OWEN PHILIP KING, at seven.

Kids, fiction is the truth inside the lie, and the truth of this fiction is simple  
enough: the magic exists.

S.K

'This old town been home long as I remember This town gonna be here  
long after I'm gone. East side west side take a close look 'round her You  
been down but you're still in my bones.' — The Michael

Stanley Band 'Old friend, what are you looking for? After those many  
years abroad you come With images you tended Under foreign skies Far  
away from your own land.' — George Seferis

'Out of the blue and into the black.' — Neil Youn