Dedication

I want to dedicate this book to my wife and best friend of many years, Bonnie Alfriend. Without her support and encouragement, my research that led to my portion of this book would not have been possible. I also want to dedicate it to my two children, Kyle and Kim, and my four grandsons, Brandon, Travis, Tyler and Erik; they enrich my life.

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