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From the Author

Walter Wangerin Jr. first came to prominence as the award-winning author of *The Book of the Dun Cow*. He has since won many other awards and honors for his books, including the best-selling *Book of God*.

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