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Batavia Author and Educator Tackles Society's Growing Worries About AI in New Bestselling Novel

Sawyer's Reach: The Battle for Tomorrow explores the fight for family, community, and human control in an automated world

BATAVIA, IL (APRIL 20, 2026) — As headlines daily report on the rapid advancement of Artificial Intelligence, a local educator is offering a prophetic look at what these changes mean for the average person. Nick Duda's debut novel, *Sawyer's Reach: The Battle for Tomorrow*, has quickly climbed the Amazon charts, resonating with readers who are asking the same questions the book explores: Who is really in control? And what happens to our families and communities when technology starts making our choices for us?

Set in the quiet woods of Wisconsin, the story follows the Carter family as they struggle against ZevraCorp, a global entity that uses technology to manage every aspect of life. For Duda, the book isn't just science fiction; it's a reflection of the deep-seated concerns he sees in society today. From the isolation of digital "bubbles" to the environmental impact of massive data centers drying up local water sources, the novel addresses the very real anxieties of the modern age.

"I wrote this book because I see the worries so many of us share right now," says Duda. "As a teacher, I know that real personal growth comes from overcoming challenges, not from having every obstacle removed by an algorithm. As a father, I wanted to write a story about how we protect our humanity, our families, and our connection to the natural world in a future that often feels like it's leaving us behind."

Drawing on his 22 years in the classroom and his technical background as a drone pilot and ham radio operator, Duda provides a grounded, relatable perspective on high-tech themes. The "Battle for Tomorrow" in the title refers to the fight to ensure that technology serves as a tool for human connection, rather than a replacement for it.

Sawyer's Reach: The Battle for Tomorrow is available now on Amazon and major retailers. For full media resources, visit SawyersReachBook.com/MediaKit.

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