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Preface to the Second Edition

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Preface to the Third Edition

This third edition brings mixed feelings. On the positive side, this book has sold well and has received good reviews, including five stars at Amazon.com. In addition, we now have a Chinese edition! On the negative side, I am now left to write alone due to the death of my co-author, Lonnie Russell, who drowned in a tragic accident off the coast of Brazil in July, 2001. He is greatly missed by all his many friends and his family.

David Clark

Dedicated to:

a devoted mother, *Jean May Clark*

and

the most wonderful child, *Lauren Kristin Russell*