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DARK QUEST BOOKS SIGNS AWARD-WINNING SERIES!

So It Begins Contributors Some of the Biggest Names in Military Science Fiction

HOWELL, NJ Local publisher Neal Levin and editor Mike McPhail have joined forces to produce the anthology *So It Begins*. This book has a lot to live up to. As the second in the Defending the Future anthology series, it follows *Breach the Hull* which was the winner of the 2007 Dream Realm Award for Best Anthology and a finalist for the 2007 Dream Realm Award for Cover Art. *So It Begins* will release in Spring 2009, though the official launch of the book will take place in Hunt Valley, Maryland on May 24th as a part of the programming of Balticon, one of the longest running science fiction convention on the East Coast.

"[Breach the Hull] kicks down the doors in a way that allows anyone access to the genre[...]it read like a bunch of soldiers sitting around swapping stories of the wars," says Jonathan Maberry, multiple Bram Stoker Award-winning author.

Those who read science fiction, military and otherwise, will recognize such names as Jack Campbell (The Lost Fleet), David Sherman (Demon Tech, Jedi Trial, StarFist), John C. Wright (Chronicles of Chaos), Bud Sparhawk (3 time Nebula Finalist), Charles E. Gannon (Traveller), and Andy Remic (Combat K). Added to their ranks are some very promising newcomers to the genre: Jonathan Maberry (The Deep Pines Trilogy), CJ Henderson (Teddy London, Jack Hagee), Jeffrey Lyman, James Chambers, Mike McPhail (Alliance Archives), Tony Ruggiero (Team of Darkness), Patrick Thomas (Murphy's Lore), James Daniel Ross (Radiation Angels), and Danielle Ackley-McPhail (The Eternal Cycle). With such an array of talent participating, *So It Begins* is more than ready and able to carry on as the first book began.

"*So It Begins* has been over a year in the making," says Mike McPhail. "We faced both old and new challenges in order to bring these original works of some of the leading (and up and coming) military science fiction authors to press. I'm honored that they have once again put their faith in us."

Dark Quest has plans to re-release *Breach the Hull* sometime in late 2009 or early 2010. A third book, *By Other Means*, is tentatively planned to follow in the series.

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