

## AUSTIN DRAGON'S LIQUID COOL SERIES

### INTERVIEW TOPICS

1. What is cyberpunk? (Literary definition vs. popular definition vs. Liquid Cool definition)
2. A science fiction series where The Maltese Falcon meets Blade Runner
3. A protagonist named Cruz wears a tan fedora and drives a red Ford Pony classic hovercar
4. Supporting characters: China Doll, Run-Time, Punch Judy and Phishy
5. The other main character: The supercity of Metropolis
6. Uber-governments, megacorporations, and Up-Top (off-world)
7. A high-tech, low-life world – crime in the world of Liquid Cool
8. The technology of Liquid Cool: bionics, hovercars, and virtual reality (VR)
9. Metropolis is like a New York City in the distant future – just add cyborgs and Martians to the ethnic melting pot.

### INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where did the idea come from for the book? What motivated you to write the book?
2. What inspired the title of the series?
3. Cruz started out as a classic hovercar restorer and became a private street detective. How did you come up with the character?
4. The supercity of Metropolis has skies filled with two hundred story super skyscrapers and hovercars, and it's always raining. Tell us more about this world.
5. The main character is Puerto Rican, his girlfriend (wife) is Chinese, best friend is Black, secretary is French. Tell us about this very multiethnic city, which is very unique for a science fiction series.
6. What are the power dynamics (or the villains) of the Liquid Cool world? The series hints at governments, corporations, and crime bosses.
7. Tell us about the high tech of the low-life world of Liquid Cool.
8. In the world of Liquid Cool, humans are in space. Tell us more about what is called "Up-Top".
9. Liquid Cool has a very different tone than your other major science fiction series, *After Eden*. Tell us about that.
10. Give us an overview of the books in the series—(*Liquid Cool*, *Blade Gunner*, *NeuroDancer*, *The Electric Sheep Massacre*) great titles! Do you already know what the next book will be?