

# Gypsy

## Carter Scholz

Since his debut in Terry Carr's legendary Ace Specials of the 1980s, Carter Scholz has occupied an enviable, if demanding, position on the cutting edge of modern speculative literature (vulgarly called SF).

Proudly debuting in this volume, *Gypsy* is his first major work since his 2002 nuclear thriller *Radiance*. An interstellar adventure grounded in the hard science of accurate physics and biology, *Gypsy* soars far beyond the heliosphere of conventional science fiction. Jettisoning the easy warp-drives of fantasy and space opera, Scholz chronicles with chilling realism the epic voyage of a team of far-seeing scientists, who crowdsource a secret starship and abandon the doomed Earth for the Alpha Centauri system, our nearest stellar neighbor and last desperate chance. Heartbreak and hope collide in this moving and visionary tale.

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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born in New York, educated on the East Coast, Scholz set foot in Berkeley in the 1960s—and never looked back. Considered a "writer's writer" he is perhaps the best-kept secret in SF, with a prophetic voice that points to the future and rarely looks back.

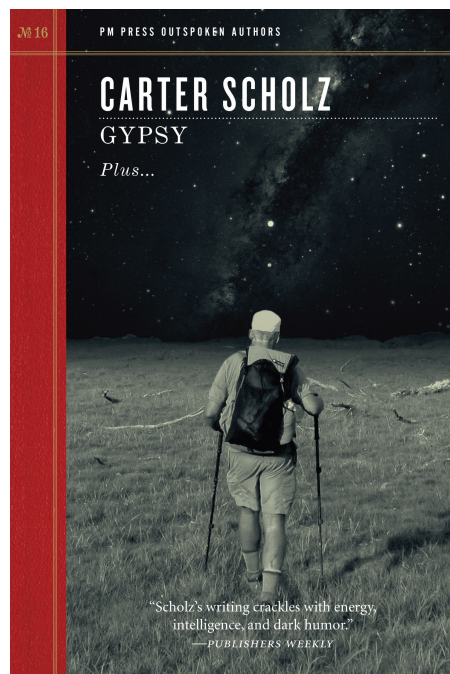
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