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#### About the Author

Editor **Austin Grossman** has expertly compiled and commented on the postmortems to bring insight to the collection. (Each *Game Developer* postmortem is credited to its respective author.) Presently a consultant on game design and interactive story development, Austin has 10 years' experience in the computer gaming industry. Notable writing and design credits include *Ultima Underworld II* and *System Shock* for Looking Glass Technologies and *Trespasser: Jurassic Park* for Dreamworks Interactive. Other credits include contributions to EA Games' *Clive Barker's Undying*, Ion Storm's *Deus Ex*, and Liquid Entertainment's *Battle Realms*.

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