



THE EVER-RUNNING

Candy Jar Books is pleased to announce the latest *Lethbridge-Stewart* book, *The Ever-Running* written by Richard Brewer.

This book is very different to the ongoing *Lethbridge-Stewart* series and the anthology books, *The HAVOC Files*. Instead, *The Ever-Running* is a collection of short stories with an arc, taking the Brig into situations and locations that he has never encountered before.

If you are a fan of dystopian melodrama or futuristic space operas, then this collection is just for you. However, this book offers something for everyone, especially if you are fond of the classic *Doctor Who* stories, *The Daemons* or *The Android Invasion*.

Richard says: "Back in 2018 my story *Shadows in the Glen* was featured in the first *Lethbridge-Stewart Short Story Collection*, and since then I have kept in contact with Candy Jar."

Candy Jar's Head of Publishing, Shaun Russell, says: "I was very impressed with the quality of Richard's work, and after he submitted *A Message from the Brigadier* – a companion piece that featured alongside the free *Lucy Wilson* story *Copy/Paste* during lockdown in 2020 – we began to talk about him writing a full book."

The Ever-Running sees the Brig facing a new enemy, one who has the ability to manipulate his timeline and beyond! "I wanted to take the Brigadier to places that he has never been before," Richard says. "It was tremendous fun to drop him into unknown territory!"

But then Richard received some terrible news. He continues: "I started writing *The Ever-Running* during a particularly difficult time. My wife was diagnosed with a brain tumour at the beginning of last year. At first, she and I shared a deep sense of powerlessness and frustration at the news. But after the initial shock, and following some investigation into the

current state of research into brain tumour treatment, we both knew that we desperately wanted to raise some money. I approached Shaun about writing a selection of short stories to raise funds for this urgent cause and he readily agreed."

Every year some 16,000 people are diagnosed with a brain tumour; a disease which is responsible for more deaths of children and adults under the age of forty than any other cancer. Sadly, despite this startling fact, the funding into research is very low, as is evidenced by the fact that the prognoses for brain tumours have not changed in forty years. However, helping lead the fight against this devastating and indiscriminate disease is the Brain Tumour Charity.

Coincidentally Shaun found himself working on *The Ever-Running* under similar circumstances. Sadly his daughter was knocked down by a car, fracturing her lower back and pelvis on both sides leaving her unable to walk. Shaun says: "COVID restrictions meant that I had to stay with her as she recuperated in hospital, so as she was sleeping (or playing on her Nintendo Switch) I edited Richard's book, and I am so grateful that I was able to do this during the obvious worrying times I was facing. As a cancer survivor, I wholeheartedly support this book and encourage all readers to support Richard, either by buying this book, or donating to the Brain Tumour Charity (www.thebraintumourcharity.org)."

Blurb:

Brigadier Alistair Lethbridge-Stewart, the stoic and ever dependable defender of Earth, is about to discover that reality is under attack from an enemy that strikes from beyond the boundaries of space and time. The Ever-Running have vowed that they must never be caught, and to prevent capture they are willing to destroy all that Alistair has sworn to protect.

Explore six new adventures throughout Alistair's life and beyond, including a desperate battle for survival on a distant ice planet, General Lethbridge-Stewart facing the outbreak of World War 3 in the 1980s, a young girl escaping a remote Hampshire village where the sick never return from an idyllic island, and three further adventures that take the Brigadier to the far future, and a realm beyond the universe itself.

The Ever-Running is written by Richard Brewer, the author of the short story File# 161229 and Shadows in the Glen. Proceeds from this book will be donated to the Brain Tumour Charity.