

Bios for Mark Duncan

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Short Bio:

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Medium Bio:

Mark Duncan grew up in Pasadena, not far from Caltech. In high school he spent Friday and Saturday nights at the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Lab (SAIL) and subsequently was a member of the Homebrew Computer Club. He received his BSEE from UC Berkeley. He has worked or consulted for numerous startups in Silicon Valley. He lives in Menlo Park, near Stanford and has written extensively on emerging technology topics. He enjoys photography, movies, theater, fine dining and has visited all 50 states and much of Europe. He is the author of *Bringing Up Mike*, www.askmarpublishing.com, mark@askmarpublishing.com

Long Bio:

Mark Duncan grew up in Pasadena, not far from Caltech. A voracious reader, he was the shortest kid in his class until the 4th grade. A few years later, his family moved to the San Francisco Peninsula. In high school he spent Friday and Saturday nights at the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Lab (SAIL) when it resided in the D.C. Power building on a remote part of the campus. Subsequently he was a member of the Homebrew Computer Club while obtaining his BSEE from UC Berkeley. He has worked or consulted for numerous startups in Silicon Valley.

Duncan is an expert of staying on this side of the ground, having survived multiple myeloma for over sixteen years and has extensive first hand knowledge of radiation and chemotherapy. He wrote his first book, *The San Francisco Peninsula Railroad Passenger Service* while recovering from a mini-allogenic bone marrow transplant. Duncan's approach to writing is much like being a long term cancer survivor, he takes everything one day at a time and tries to make progress every day. As he puts it, nobody ever asked a sword if it wanted to be forged. People forget that a pioneer is the guy walking around with arrows in his back.

He lives in Menlo Park, near Stanford and has both consulted and written extensively on emerging technology topics. He enjoys investing, volunteer work (2002 Gentry Magazine Community Star award), photography, movies, theater, fine dining and has visited all 50 states and much of Europe. He is the author of *Bringing Up Mike*, www.askmarpublishing.com, mark@askmarpublishing.com

Speaker Introduction:

Mr. Duncan has gotten multiple second chances in life having survived a septic staph infection that almost killed him, a chronic illness with no known cure, compromised kidneys, and spine tumors. He jokes that the holes in his skull have made him a holy man and observes that being able to laugh about a dire situation helps to cope and overcome adversity. His novel, *Bringing Up Mike* is about people, young and old, that get a second chance at happiness and achieving their full potential. Let's give a warm welcome to Mark Duncan.

5 Fun Facts You Didn't Know About Me:

1. Studied classical voice for eight years, starting when he was twenty-five
2. He's literally a holy man—his skull has holes from multiple myeloma
3. He didn't have a car until he was twenty-five, got around on a bicycle
4. Due to cataracts, he has implanted lenses and doesn't need glasses to read
5. He's been using Apple products since the first Macintosh