

KEN SANSOM brings nearly four decades of technology leadership spanning four continents, including a decade at Amazon Web Services as a senior AI executive. Raised in rural Dufur, Oregon, he began programming in 1979 on a teacher's Radio Shack TRS-80. With just 16KB of RAM and data stored on a tape recorder, Ken spent two years in a self-taught class learning to write game programs and automating the grading of standardized test scores for the school.

Ken went on to a small liberal arts school in Portland, Oregon—Lewis & Clark College—where a broad humanities education complemented his studies in business administration and computer science. He later earned master's degrees from UCLA Anderson and the National University of Singapore, an academic path that mirrored a career unfolding across disciplines and continents.

He left Oregon at the start of his professional career, joining Electronic Data Systems through its rigorous three-year Systems Engineering Development program. Over the decades that followed, his work in technology took him to eight U.S. states and eight countries as places he called home, while extensive travel, often for work, carried him across forty-nine states and more than forty countries. For a decade, he held Asia-wide leadership responsibility, traveling widely throughout the region. These experiences shaped his deep global perspective and gave him firsthand insight into how humans deploy technology across cultures, economies, and societies.

Ken's writing is known for its distinctive voice and a poet's eye for detail, blending realism, introspection, and wit. He has written extensively as a business executive and, for more than thirty-five years, has composed an annual poem that captures the spirit of each year in prose.

When he's not writing, Ken fly fishes and ties his own flies, cooks daily, and stays grounded through cycling and other outdoor pursuits in the mountains and waters of the Pacific Northwest.

His love of reading and writing was sparked early by his mother's summer job as a librarian, while hot summer nights spent sleeping beneath open skies taught him to dream big. After thirty-nine years away, Ken returned to Oregon in 2024. He now writes from his cabin in the forests of Central Oregon, drawing on a lifetime of global and technology industry experience to examine the uneasy relationship between artificial intelligence and its human creators.