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### **Narrated.**

I am a Mexican who was born in Canada (1959) and who now works in the United States. I have lived in Mexico since 1966 and I am bicultural, bilingual and binational (Mexico-U.S.).

I have a PhD in Public Policy from the Tecnologico of Monterrey, and I was distinguished in 2011 as "Emeritus Creator of the State of Tamaulipas", due to my then 28-year trajectory as a writer, literary workshop director, editor, and anthologist. In Mexico I have published 32 books and countless articles and fiction stories, some of which have been translated into Portuguese, French, German, and English.

I accumulated over a decade of experience as a public servant at the State, and City level in Tamaulipas (public communication, education, culture, sports, health, long-term vision planning for the border region). I have also been an advisor for several Mayors, and Federal and State Representatives, from Nuevo Laredo, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas, both cities located at the Texas-Mexico border.

I worked for over 16 years with Mexican Custom Brokers, both at local and national levels, as an advisor in matters of public policy, communications, training, historical research, and strategic planning.

Since March of 2015, I have been the Director of the Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development, of the A.R. Sanchez Jr. School of Business, of Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas.

My areas of expertise are: Public policy, local and state government, political campaigns; Education, arts, culture and human/social development, as well as local ONG's and citizen participation in public affairs; International trade, transportations, logistics and energy; Journalism and literary workshop coordination; Long-term vision and strategic planning; Border and binational relations, community relations on both sides of the Rio Grande, and local/regional economic development.

My science fiction stories mostly deal with the way people respond to technological innovations, political actions with their respective consequences, social issues, and U.S.-Mexico border relations, among others.