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## **JMS COMES TO IBOOKS**

**J. MICHAEL STRACZYNSKI PUBLISHING PROGRAM**

**BEGINS IN FALL 2003**

He raised the bar for epic science-fiction storytelling on television with his syndicated series *Babylon 5*, then followed it by elevating the way in which superhero tales are told with his critically acclaimed scripts for Marvel's *The Amazing Spider-Man* and *Supreme Power*. Now, New York-based publishing house iBooks, inc. is pleased to announce that it has solidified plans with Hugo, Eisner and Emmy award-winning writer and producer **J. Michael Straczynski** to re-introduce his growing number of fans to some of his earlier works.

October 2003 will see the release of *Demon Night*, Straczynski's first novel. "What made *Demon Night* work," says Straczynski in a new afterword written specifically for this edition, "and the reason that it has now been picked up for republication by iBooks, is that I wrote it for myself, out of a love of the form, the genre, and a desire to be entertained by a story told about characters who mattered to me."

Following *Demon Night* will be *Straczynski Unplugged*, to be released in April 2004, a collection of published and all-new short stories, including a number of dark tales adapted from his episodes written for the TV series *The New Twilight Zone*. At press time, release dates for the remaining titles, the horror novel *Othersyde* and the supernatural-mystery *Tribulations*, had not been determined.

*Demon Night* is not ibooks' first encounter with the writer, however: His best-selling comic book series *J. Michael Straczynski's Rising Stars*—published by Top Cow Comics—was novelized for ibooks in two volumes by author Arthur Byron Cover. Both volumes are still available from book retailers, with Book 3 to follow after the series reaches its conclusion.

One doesn't have to look far to see just how popular a writer Straczynski has become in recent years. At this year's Comic-Con International: San Diego, Marvel Comics announced that pre-orders for his upcoming Mature Readers series *Supreme Power* passed the 100,000-copy mark—a new record for retailer orders on a Mature Readers title. He has worked as writer/producer for such series as *Murder, She Wrote*, *Jeremiah* and *Walker, Texas Ranger*, and he has published over 500 articles and numerous short stories for such publications as the *Los Angeles Times*, *Time Inc*, *Amazing Stories*, *Penthouse*, *Writer's Digest*, *Pulphouse*, *The Los Angeles Herald Examiner* and *Twilight Zone Magazine*.

Scheduled for release in October 2003, *Demon Night* is a trade paperback-sized novel retailing for \$11.95, available now for ordering through comic shops, book stores, and on-line book retailers (ISBN 0-7434-7522-4).

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