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### ***Above All Men*, a “Rare, stark and beautiful achievement.”**

Eric Shonkwiler’s debut novel, *Above All Men*, forthcoming from MG Press in March 2014, is the story of war veteran David Parrish, fighting to keep his farm and family together in a near-future America leached of oil.

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### **About *Above All Men***

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**Description**

Years from now, America is slowly collapsing. Crops are drying up and oil is running out. People flee cities for the countryside, worsening the drought and opening the land to crime. Amid this decay and strife, war veteran David Parrish fights to keep his family and farm together. However, the murder of a local child opens old wounds, forcing him to confront his own nature on a hunt through dust storms and crumbling towns for the killer.

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<http://midwestgothic.com/2011/01/above-all-men-by-eric-shonkwiler/>

**About the Author**

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**About MG Press**

MG Press is a micro-press devoted to publishing a small number of titles each year. An extension of the literary journal *Midwestern Gothic*, MG Press retains the same core values: shining a spotlight on Midwest authors by focusing on works that showcase all aspects of life—good, bad, or ugly.

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### **About the Founders**

Robert James Russell is a Pushcart Prize nominated author and the co-founding editor of the literary journal *Midwestern Gothic*. His work has appeared in *Pithead Chapel*, *Crime Factory*, *WhiskeyPaper*, *Joyland*, *The Collagist*, *Gris-Gris*, and *Thunderclap! Magazine*, among others. His first novel, *Sea of Trees*, is available from Winter Goose Publishing. Find him online at [robertjamesrussell.com](http://robertjamesrussell.com)

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