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About the Author

Rory O'Brien grew up in New England, surrounded by books, history, and the long shadows of Poe, Hawthorne, and Lovecraft. He spent months haunting the streets of Salem, speaking with tourists, townies, witches, cops, and business owners. He spent a ridiculous amount of money in kitschy tourist attractions, read every guidebook he could get his hands on, and took every walking tour in town ... all in the name of "research." His short fiction has appeared in *The Storyteller* and *The Helix* magazines, and *Stone Cold: Best New England Crime Stories 2013*. *Gallows Hill* is his first novel. He currently lives in Salem with his patient, long-suffering wife, their beagle, and a black cat.

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