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Stay-At-Home Dad Writes Critically Acclaimed Novel During Son's Naptime

When Chad Alan Gibbs' first son was born in 2013, the author's wings were clipped and his days of traveling to write about foreign countries and faraway sporting events were over. At home with a baby who spent several hours a day sleeping, Gibbs finally sat down to write the novel he'd been putting off for years.

"My wife is a pediatrician, and a tall stack of my royalty checks might cover a week's worth of groceries," Gibbs said, "so there wasn't much discussion about who'd be staying home with the baby."

While not changing diapers and penning his weekly column for the Opelika-Auburn News about life as a stay-at-home dad, Gibbs wrote what would become his first novel, *Two Like Me and You*, which is set to release on May 20, 2019.

Called, "[A smashing debut that's both intimate and epic](#)," by *Kirkus Reviews* in a starred review, *Two Like Me and You* tells the story of two high school students, a lovesick boy and a mysterious girl, who take a World War II veteran back to France in search of the old man's long-lost love.

"I've had parts of the story in my head for fifteen years," Gibbs said, "and even wrote a few shockingly bad chapters that I've hidden deep on my hard drive to hopefully never again be seen by human eyes." However, a collection of humor essays he'd written caught the eye of an editor at Zondervan, which turned into a two-book deal that kept Gibbs busy traveling and writing non-fiction for nearly six years, until the birth of his first son.

"Most of us worry we're screwing up our children," Gibbs said, "and writing is dog paddling in a sea of self-doubt. But with the early reviews of *Two Like Me and You*, particularly the Kirkus Star, I'm starting to think maybe I did write a half decent book. My kids seem to have turned out somewhat normal too, so it's a win-win."

Chad Alan Gibbs is the author of three non-fiction books, including *God & Football*, a *Southern Living* magazine favorite pigskin-themed page-turner. He has written for CNN.com and *The Washington Post*, made multiple appearances on ESPN's *Outside the Lines*, and for three years wrote an award-winning column in the *Opelika-Auburn News* on his life as a stay-at-home dad. Gibbs lives in Auburn, Alabama with his wife, two sons, two dogs, and an embarrassingly large collection of Star Wars actions figures. *Two Like Me and You* is his first novel.



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