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A dystopian novel set in a vertically-focused society where an underground group dares to venture sideways.

Cold Earth Wanderers by Peter Wortsman

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In a completely built up world where vertical values are valorized while all horizontal tendencies are suspect, an illicit underground group is hoping to break through to the outside.

Claremont, CA – May 1, 2014 – On November 7, 2014, Pelekinesis will release *Cold Earth Wanderers* by Peter Wortsman, a dystopian novel set in a completely built up world where vertical values are valorized while all horizontal tendencies are suspect.

16 year old Elgin Marble has had enough of a world that is decidedly vertical. When his father, an upstanding elevator man, is marked for disposal, Elgin joins an underground group called the Crabs. This illicit group tirelessly digs tunnels in the hope of one day breaking through to the outside. But who are the Crabs, and can they be trusted? Elgin's mother, Ellen, is worried sick about her son. The ruthless school principal, Mr. Orion, warns her that Elgin is in big trouble and blackmails her for sexual favors. Together they go underground to search for the boy. Meanwhile, agents of the IVT (Institute for Vertical Thinking) are also hot on his trail, and the Crabs are feeling the heat.

Cold Earth Wanderers by Peter Wortsman will be released November 7, 2014 by Pelekinesis and will be available through Small Press Distribution, Baker & Taylor, and Bertrams, and directly from the publisher's website.

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About the author

Peter Wortsman is the author of 4 books including the memoir/travelogue *Ghost Dance in Berlin*. He has written two stage plays and produced many translations from the German including *Tales of the German Imagination*, *From the Brothers Grimm to Ingeborg Bachmann*, 2013. His travel writing has been selected five years in a row for *The Best Travel Writing* 2008-2012. He has won numerous awards and is a former Fellow of the Fulbright (1973) and Thomas J. Watson (1974) Foundations, and he was the Holtzbrinck Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin in Spring 2010.

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