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About the Author

Michael J. Nelson is an actor, writer, director, and musician who served as head writer for ten seasons, and on-air host for five seasons, of the television series *Mystery Science Theater 3000*. He was also the composer of most of MST3K's original music, and is coauthor of *The Mystery Science Theater 3000 Amazing Colossal Episode Guide* (1996). Nelson lives in Minneapolis with his wife, writer-performer Bridget Jones, and their two children.

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