



To whom it may concern:

Who's Whom, Ben?, my 106,000 word novel, is a crossover time travel/sci-fi parody that pairs Benjamin Franklin with real-life historical traveling companion (and romantic interest) Caty Ray, in a quest to save a distant world from environmental disaster, while keeping the fabric of time intact so the American Revolution wouldn't lose one of its key Founding Fathers.

While conducting his famous lightning experiment, Ben unexpectedly finds himself transported to the 21st century, which is just the start of a series of odd, dramatic, and even humorous experiences, including a visit to 1716 Boston, when Ben discovers his 10-year-old self has disappeared from history. Something isn't right — and Franklin is the only one who can fix it! Throughout the story, Ben also finds himself wrestling with his own sense of identity. Is he really Benjamin Franklin — or a strange, galaxy-traversing figure known simply as “The Doctor”? The book is, of course, a satire of the long-running BBC series “Doctor Who.”

Ben and Caty's travels are made possible by a gaudy, multi-colored phone booth, the “FARTIS,” that mysteriously appears out of nowhere, with the power to take them forward and backward in time. Their destinations include present-day Harvard University; the Tower of London in 18th century England; an elementary school in Washington Township, New Jersey; and a planet on the other side of the galaxy that's about to embark on a massive electrification experiment destined to fail on a global scale. They encounter mind-reading green aliens; foil a plot to blow up the House of Lords; interact with tourists in contemporary Boston; are chased by guards through the Tower of London; and in a big climactic scene, risk their own lives on a mission to see first-hand the catastrophic meltdown of the green people's planet.

In an attempt to wipe the slate clean of all evidence of their time travels, Ben also accidentally erases his own memory, leaving Caty panicked and distraught. She not only picks up the storytelling at that point (since Ben is incapacitated), she seeks help from the real “Doctor” (actually a dentist in this parody), who ultimately manages to restore Ben's memory, save the day, and return them to their own time.

My own background: *Who's Whom, Ben?* is my second book; I've been writing since my teens. Over the course of a career that spans 40+ years, I've written for newspapers, magazines, ad agencies, radio and television stations, corporations, and non-profits, and have even won a number of awards along the way, including Emmies for my work in TV. A Benjamin Franklin fan from age eight, a history geek at age 12, and a *Doctor Who* follower since 1988, I'm presently doing a website and blog, along with associated social media, videos, and podcasts, all with the aim of sharing the 21st century experiences of “time traveler Ben” with today's audiences.

For purposes of this query, I have included some sample chapters on this [downloads](#) page, along with other information such as the cast of characters, a list of chapter titles from the finished manuscript, and a brief biography. Thank you for considering *Who's Whom, Ben?* If you wish, I can supply a full proposal, or whatever you require.

—Tom Nalesnik