



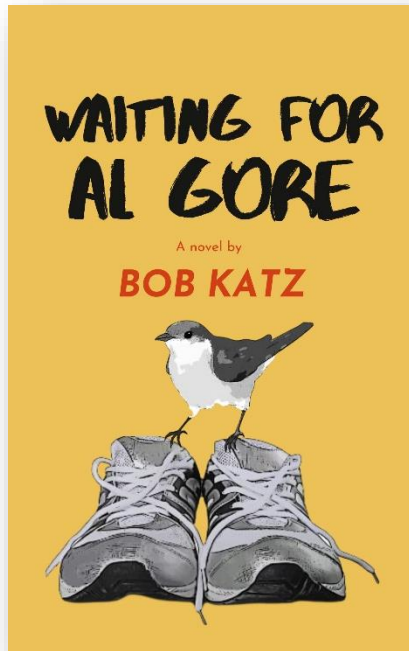
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“Will Al Gore actually appear at the no-frills summit of a fledgling, dysfunctional environmental group? Indeed, will anyone show up? These are two of the mysteries that sustain Bob Katz’ entertaining tale of a band of wanna-be’s and never-been’s eager to change the world, and their lives.”—Sean B. Carroll, author of *A Series of Fortunate Events* and *The Serengeti Rules*

ABOUT THE BOOK

Lenny Beibel, wannabe journalist, travels to an international environmental conference in rural Vermont, in search of a good story. And boy does he need one.

There he meets Rachel Seagrave, EarthKare's visionary founder. Rachel and her team of bumbling colleagues still cling to the hope that Nobel winner Al Gore will appear to inspire the faithful with the keynote address. But time is running short.

Waiting in the wings is self-help guru Henry "On Your" Marks, slick purveyor of *JogThink*. Henry's shtick is popular with business and sales conventions, but how it pertains to the environmental crisis is a mystery. Henry is not one to give up easily, and he's determined to prove himself worthy.

But what's that, up in the sky? An endangered species bird thought to be extinct is sighted flitting around where the conference will be held.

With a mad stampede of birders, a missing ex-Vice President, and a keynote speaker who may or may not be a fraud, Beibel's got his story. It's just not the story that anyone planned on.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Bob Katz is the author of several books, including the novel *Third and Long*, winner of the Independent Book Publishers Association Popular Fiction award, *Elaine's Circle*, a non-fiction account of a dramatic episode in the rural Alaska classroom of an heroic teacher, the novel *Hot Air*, about a mystical South America revolutionary on a speaking tour of US college campuses, *The Whistleblower*, a nonfiction exploration of a college basketball referee's struggle to keep the game fair, and *EZ and the Intangibles*, a novel for middle readers.

His journalism and commentary have appeared in *the New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Newsweek*, *Mother Jones*, *Newsday*, *Slate*, *Spy*, and many other outlets.

