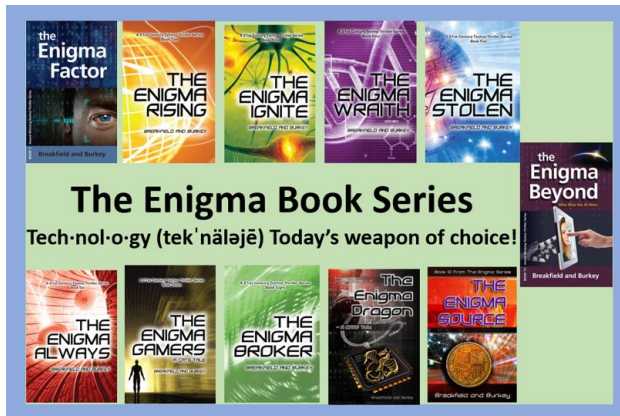


## Breakfield and Burkey Fun Facts and Surprising Trivia



1. Burkey's stepfather was a metallurgist who worked on The Manhattan Project during World War 11. He later became a major contributor to the Atomic Energy Commission forerunner to today's Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).
2. Breakfield's father was a fighter pilot that served as an officer for Korea and Vietnam conflicts. This activity allowed Charles to be interested in flying, which is why there is a lot of references to flying in the books. It is also why Charles is outgoing.
3. Burkey's first car was a VW bug that she ended up rolling all the way over on a drive to Santa Cruz over the winding roads. The simple bump on top was punched back out by her buddies. Seatbelts were not required then, but hers was thankfully secured.
4. Breakfield was introduced to competition skeet shooting at an early age. By the time he was 17 he placed number 2 high overall out of 1,500 shooters in the U.S armed forces competition of Europe in 1970.
5. Burkey loves to sew and once made the formal dress for a Miss Texas Teen pageant. The burgundy gown was in the finalist line up. A delightful moment. She has created many a costume for her kids.
6. Breakfield and Burkey have been known to pick up broken pieces of cast off old antique furniture left on the side of the road. Odd, but the refinishing results bring old back to better than new. They have gained many skills including upholstery, webbing, wood refinishing, and proper attachment of springs.

**There are more fun facts with these two that you might discover by chatting!**