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**AUTHOR:** Robert Barclay

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### **ABOUT THE BOOK:**

*Hawai'i Smiles* is a collection of eight light-hearted short stories, targeting the local Hawai'i audience interested in easy reading and laugh-out-loud humor. Settings and characters will be familiar, while fresh and original plots and circumstances break into new literary territory. Tourists might also enjoy this comic and heart-warming perspective on life in Hawai'i, which will strike a chord with their own unique sense of home and place. The book will be marketed as part of an annual series, with *Hawai'i Smiles Again*, *More Hawai'i Smiles*, and *Hawai'i Smiles Far and Wide* scheduled to be published as the next three installments.

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

Robert Barclay, a twenty-year resident of Hawai'i, was raised on the island of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands. He currently teaches English at Windward Community College and lives in Kāne'ōhe with his wife and two children. Previous short stories of his have appeared in *Mānoa*, *Hawai'i Review*, and *Scribners*. His novel *Melal*, published with University of Hawai'i Press, was short-listed for the 2003 Kiriyaama Prize, and it was selected by Barnes and Noble for its Discover Great New Writers program, among several other honors. The novel is currently being adapted into a film by Producer and Director Vilsoni Hereniko, whose first film, *The Land Has Eyes*, was a featured film at the Sundance Film Festival.