

Biographical Note

James Alexander Scott Katzen was born on September 13, 1974, in Queensland Australia. His parents, Jay Kenneth Katzen and Patricia Morse Katzen were lifelong adventurers, working for the United States' Department of State performing heroic roles in isolated areas of the world. Katzen has two older brothers. Timothy is a Duke University graduate and Medical College of Virginia physician and is a cosmetic plastic surgeon practicing in Southern California. David is a University of Kentucky graduate and is a computer networking consultant in Northern Virginia.

After growing up mostly in Virginia, Katzen attended and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. It was during these years in Boston that Katzen developed his love for the Boston Red Sox.

Upon graduation, Katzen relocated to Ypsilanti, Michigan, where he worked for 5 years for Ford Motor Company. For one year, he worked as a Quality Engineer in the Ypsilanti Plant of the Electrical and Fuel Handling Division, stationed in the Manufacturing Quality Office. He then spent the next year and a half working as a Manufacturing Engineer and served on the launch team for an automotive components manufacturing complex on a Greenfield site in Madras, India. Katzen then spent another two and a half years working as a Design Engineer with Ford Racing, working on multiple racing series including Formula One, CART, NHRA, ALMS, and NASCAR Winston Cup.

Katzen then returned to M.I.T. in June 2001 to enroll in the Leaders For Manufacturing Program, where he specialized in Mechanical Engineering. He served his internship at the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York, working to launch the revolutionary DCS Pro 14n digital camera.

Upon successful completion of requirements, Katzen will be awarded a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the School of Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Business Administration from the Sloan School of Management in June 2003.

After graduation, Katzen will begin work as a Leadership Development Associate for United Technologies Corporation's Pratt & Whitney Division in Hartford, Connecticut.

The author's professional interests include manufacturing process design, product design, manufacturing information systems, and quality and reliability engineering. Katzen's personal interests include photography, domestic and international travel, baseball, motorsports, and urban revitalization. In his free time, Katzen enjoys hiking, camping, exploring Boston, and restoring antique cars.
