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| **Some Assembly Required**  Michael Strelow  Jake hears voices, always has. They've never been a problem as long as he kept them to himself. While on a writing assignment to cover an A.I. convention, Jake reads the paper of a Dr. Sewall. What he discovers is puzzling, incomprehensible, maybe even impossible. Jake visits Dr. S after the convention and finds his creation, Rex - which looks like a bowl of gray-green oatmeal - whose voice somehow mingles with voices Jake has heard all his life. So begins an affair of impossible science. The world becomes funny right on the edge of fearful, the cosmic goof at large, and growing larger...  **Author Bio** Michael Strelow has a Ph.D in Literature, and has published poetry, short stories, and non-fiction essays in literary and commercial magazines. He regularly runs creative writing workshops in universities and writing groups, and his 2005 novel The Greening of Ben Brown was a finalist for the Ken Kesey Novel Award. Michael lives in Salem, Oregon, USA. Online: [Facebook](http://www.facebook/michaelstrelow), [Author Website](http://michaelstrelow.com), [Twitter](http://www.twitter.com/#!/green@willamette)  **Previous Titles** The Greening of Ben Brown (9780971691582), (2005 finalist for the Ken Kesey Novel Award), Hawthorne Books, 2005. Henry: A Novel of Beer and Love in the West (9780615802435), Witt-Wise Publishers, 2013.  **Endorsements** *If Saul Bellow had written science fiction, it might read like Michael Strelow’s Some Assembly Required: erudite and allusive, delighting in language, but also wildly funny and entertaining. A page-turning meditation on the multiplicity of voices each of us carries - those we use to reach out to others, those that exist only in our heads - this novel illuminates the beautiful and mysterious transformation that occurs when we listen carefully, turning all the noise that surrounds us into harmony.* ***Scott Nadelson, author***  **Promotional Plans** Author to attend literary festivals and book events, host readings in bookstores/universities, and run writing workshops whilst promoting his new novel. Promotion via author website michaelstrelow.com, social media including Twitter, Facebook and Pinterest. Cross-promotion with JHP fiction imprints' social media platforms.  **USP** Contemporary, erudite literary sci-fi exploring the topical subject of Artificial Intelligence, and the myriad voices harboured by every individual, written in a quirky, humorous voice.  **Competing Books** The Crying of Lot 49 9780061849923, by Thomas Pyncheon Harper Perennial, 2009  **Categories** FICTION (General)(FIC028100) -> Science Fiction (General)(FIC028100) -> Cyberpunk(FIC028100) FICTION (General)(FIC019000) -> Literary(FIC019000) FICTION (General)(FIC016000) -> Humorous (General)(FIC016000) |  | **Publication Date** December 2017  **Paperback** ISBN: 978-1-78535-627-8 $15.95  |  £10.99 8.5x5.5 inches | 216x140 mm 208PP  **e-book** ISBN: 978-1-78535-628-5 $7.99  |  £4.99  **Library of Congress** 2016958229 |
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