

PART ONE
THE BELT OF THE
BURIED GODS.

ARTIFACTS OF THE OLD WORLD.



FIG.1 TELEVISION DEVICE.

Sand.

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About the Book

The wind blows from east to west. It brings with it the sand, deposited in dunes, to bury and torment the unfortunate souls who live here. Life on the sand is miserable. Life below it is even worse. From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wool*.

About the Author

Hugh Howey spent eight years living on boats and working as a yacht captain for the rich and famous. It wasn't until the love of his life carried him away from these vagabond ways that he began to pursue literary adventures, rather than literal ones.

Hugh wrote and self-published his first adult novel, *Wool*, which won rave reviews and praise from readers. *Shift* is its prequel.

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