(Unless I quit my day job, updates aren't likely to happen more than twice a week.)

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Hey,
Arlo! Your site is
da bomb, yo! I
promise not to mock
your writing style.
Please
send me an e-mail
when you add new
entries to your
blog. You rock.
Sincerely,

send email

clear

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In early 2003, I decided to give the whole blog thing a try. I had already spent some time creating individual web pages and filling them with writing about my travels, my wedding, and other subjects. Blogging seemed like the next logical step.

I downloaded Greymatter, a free open source blogging tool, and installed it on my website.

It was infinitely customizable, but my CSS skills were (and are still) in short supply. After hours of trial and error with the software's numerous templates, I had "designed" a layout that looks just like the back cover of this book. My enthusiasm to begin writing must have been great; the typo in the header ("any anything?") remained unnoticed for at least a year.

There was never any plan for what I was going to write about. Unable to decide on a really clever name for my blog, I chose a weak pun, instead: A Midgett Blog. I hedged my bets with the line, "Entries are likely to be sporadic, yet long and rambling." I'll admit that was a preemptive defense against any criticism, but the more I wrote, the more appropriate it seemed. Ultimately, it became the official subtitle.

This book, Volume I of A Midgett Blog, contains the first nine entries – the entirety of my online postings in 2003. In addition, I have added extensive footnotes to elaborate on my thoughts during writing, as well as comment on things that have happened in the five years since. When appropriate, I also attempted to include, as appendices, the documents I originally linked to on my website.

It is my hope that this will be the first book in a set of yearly compilations.

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