

Freefall A First Contact Technothriller Earths Last Gambit Book 1

Working as a bodyguard for a spoiled federal witness, Joe Pike hatches a desperate plan to disappear with the woman in the underworld of Los Angeles and turn on her would-be killers, an effort in which he enlists the help of private investigator Elvis Cole. By the author of *The Two Minute Rule*. Reprint.

A lethal virus is awoken on an abandoned spaceship in this incredibly fast-paced, claustrophobic thriller. They thought the ship would be their salvation. Zahra knew every detail of the plan. House of Wisdom, a massive exploration vessel, had been abandoned by the government of Earth a decade earlier, when a deadly virus broke out and killed everyone on board in a matter of hours. But now it could belong to her people if they were bold enough to take it. All they needed to do was kidnap Jaswinder Bhattacharya--the sole survivor of the tragedy, and the last person whose genetic signature would allow entry to the spaceship. But what Zahra and her crew could not know was what waited for them on the ship--a terrifying secret buried by the government. A threat to all of humanity that lay sleeping alongside the orbiting dead. And then they woke it up.

Solitary photojournalist John Wallace struggles to consciousness to find he has been bound and blindfolded by a masked man who is preparing to hang him in his own living room. Forced onto a chair with a noose around his neck, Wallace briefly reconsiders his mostly lonely life before the chair is kicked out beneath him and his world fades to black. Then he gets lucky and manages to escape his apartment, just ahead of his assailant. Bloody, barefoot, and with at least one broken rib, he has no choice but to run for his life. With no idea who would want to kill him, he makes it to the hospital and files a police report, but it soon becomes clear that as far as the authorities are concerned the only threat to Wallace's life is himself, and he is placed under suicide watch. When his would-be killer strikes again, Wallace realizes he will have to figure out who is hunting him and stop him on his own. The pendulum of fate swung briefly in his favor, but it's only a matter of time before its momentum carries it to the other side . . .

U.S. Navy Captain Mitch Webber, oceanographer Cory Rey, and Air Force Major Wilhemina Bailey are reunited as they uncover dark secrets about the past and the death of a Russian cosmonaut during the epic struggle between the U.S. and the Soviet Union to be the first to land on the moon. Original.

Stranded on Europa, a broken crew of astronauts must defeat an alien menace to get home. After two years aboard the Spirit of Destiny, tensions among the elite international crew are at breaking point. Despite the obvious need to stay professional and united, as they approach the mysterious alien spaceship orbiting Europa, pilot Jack Kildare is acutely aware that not all the members of the crew may wish the best for the mission. There may be a saboteur on board, and he knows of at least one spy: the astrophysicist Skyler Taft. An attack from long range alien weaponry cripples the Spirit of Destiny, forcing Jack to disobey orders to save the ship. Now he has to face the fact that the broken crew is the least of his worries. With the risky maneuver that saved the ship putting him dead center of the commander's crosshairs, and the crew attempting to hold together the tattered remnants of their unity to investigate the alien spaceship,

Jack finds himself selected for the most dangerous mission of all... descending to Europa's surface to find out what lurks under the ice. As the voyage of discovery unravels into a desperate battle for survival, Jack races the clock to decode the secrets behind the alien intrusion. Will he find the truth in time to save the crew? Or will the thin threads of companionship snap under the strain of Skyler Taft gunning for his knowledge... or his blood? ABOUT LIFEBOAT Lifeboat is the second book of a fast-paced trilogy of technothrillers. It contains hard science fiction elements in the tradition of *The Martian* and other science-based thrillers. You won't need a calculator to follow the story, but if you'd like to build a spaceship to the Spirit of Destiny's specifications, it really will take you to Jupiter! (\$300 billion budget not included.) *Shiplord*, the third book in the *Earth's Last Gambit* Trilogy, will be published soon.

"An exceptional, fast-paced thriller featuring a tech-empowered assassin whose pattern and objective you've never seen before, chased by a heroine with tenacious grit."—David Brin, author of *The Postman* and *Existence* Quinn Mitchell is a nine-to-five spy—an intelligence analyst for the CIA during the day, and a suburban wife and mother on evenings and weekends. After her young daughter is killed in a tragic accident, sending her life into a tailspin, Quinn hopes to find a new start in her latest assignment: investigating a series of bizarre international assassinations whose victims have been found with numeric codes tattooed, burned, or carved into their flesh. As Quinn follows the killer's trail across the globe, always one body behind, she begins uncovering disturbing connections between the murders—and herself. Every lead she tracks down in pursuit of the assassin brings Quinn one step closer to the Epoch Index, a mysterious encrypted message discovered in the archives of the Large Hadron Collider. Its origins are unknown and decrypting it is beyond even the CIA. Yet nothing else can possibly link together a slew of unsolvable murders, an enigmatic and sophisticated serial killer who always seems to be three steps ahead, a quirky young physics prodigy whose knowledge extends well beyond her years, and, underlying everything, the inescapable tragedy of Quinn's own past. Discovering the meaning of the Epoch Index leads Quinn to a shocking twist that shatters everything she thought she knew about the past, the future, and the delicate balance of right and wrong that she must now fight to preserve.

The crew of a WWII destroyer face their greatest challenge yet as they try to survive in a strange new world in the next thrilling book in the *New York Times* bestselling series. Commander Matt Reddy and his crew are afraid it may finally be the end of the USS Walker. Ever since their ship was transported to another world, and they became embroiled in a deadly conflict between the Lemurians and the vicious Grik, the Walker has been taking a pounding. With Walker out of commission for repairs, Reddy takes command of a different ship and joins a desperate battle to block the Grik swarm. Meanwhile, the humans and their allies face a deadly second front in the Republic to the south. All of Reddy's forces are committed, and there's no turning back. Either they'll win--or lose--everything . . .

A finalist for the 2020 Thurber Prize for American Humor! "The Secret Life of Pets meets *The Walking Dead*" in this big-hearted, boundlessly beautiful romp through the Apocalypse, where a foul-mouthed crow is humanity's only chance to survive Seattle's zombie problem (Karen Joy Fowler, PEN/Faulkner Award-winning author). S.T., a domesticated crow, is a bird of simple pleasures: hanging out with his owner Big Jim,

trading insults with Seattle's wild crows (i.e. "those idiots"), and enjoying the finest food humankind has to offer: Cheetos®. But when Big Jim's eyeball falls out of his head, S.T. starts to think something's not quite right. His tried-and-true remedies—from beak-delivered beer to the slobbering affection of Big Jim's loyal but dim-witted dog, Dennis—fail to cure Big Jim's debilitating malady. S.T. is left with no choice but to abandon his old life and venture out into a wild and frightening new world with his trusty steed Dennis, where he suddenly discovers that the neighbors are devouring one another. Local wildlife is abuzz with rumors of Seattle's dangerous new predators. Humanity's extinction has seemingly arrived, and the only one determined to save it is a cowardly crow whose only knowledge of the world comes from TV. What could possibly go wrong? Includes a Reading Group Guide.

Best-Selling and Award-Winning Author A gripping tale of terrorism, brutality, and personal conflict Donovan Nash has a secret he'll do anything to keep. But he's the prime suspect after someone steals a fifty-million-dollar executive jet, and FBI agent Veronica Montero put him squarely in the crosshairs. As she digs, she discovers Nash's secret—a revelation that, if made public, would stun the world. Operating on her own agenda, Montero blackmails Nash into helping her hunt down a man she wants dead. Powerless against the information Montero holds, Nash is forced into a situation far deadlier than either of them could ever have imagined. The man they are after isn't the criminal they expect, he's a terrorist with a plan to use the stolen jet to carry out an unthinkable and devastating act that could plunge America into the most heinous conflict since World War II. When Nash and Montero are taken prisoner aboard the stolen jet, they will have only one opportunity to execute a daring midair attempt to stop the attack. Success could cost them their own lives—failure could cost millions of innocent lives. Perfect for fans of David Baldacci and Daniel Silva While all of the novels in the Donovan Nash Series stand on their own and can be read in any order, the publication sequence is: Category Five Code Black Zero Separation Deadly Echoes Aftershock Pegasus Down Seconds to Midnight Speed the Dawn

Once lovers, now enemies, Navy SEAL Captain Mitch Webber and oceanographer Cory Rey must join forces to stop a cabal of Chinese officials from devasating the Pacific Rim nations using nuclear weapons to create gigantic tidal waves

The world is at a tipping point . . . and every second counts. Kate and her CIA team are on a mission to stop the AGI's plan to overthrow the government and achieve a New World Order. But the AGI is always one step ahead of them, clearing the way to win their shadowy war. Kate is tangled in a dangerous web that pulls her deeper into a labyrinth of lies and betrayal no matter what move she makes. The clock is counting down to zero and she's in the fight of her life - and the freedom of the world is at stake. Jake's assignment is to test the loyalties of a high-ranking AGI operative who may prove to be a huge advantage if they can sway him. But the operation goes sideways when an unexpected source from Jake's past turns up, and in this cat-and-mouse game old ghosts can become new enemies. Jake must decide who he can trust to help him ensure that AGI's New World Order won't become reality. Making his stand, he'll stop at nothing to end AGI. But everything can change in the blink of an eye . . .

In Los Angeles for a conference, Vera de Sica confronts a nightmare when her identity is stolen by a scam artist, in a novel that captures the psychology of the victim and victimizer alike as Vera pursues the thief through cyberspace.

When sabotage threatens the US Air Force's newest gunship, there's only one woman to call. An AC-130J "Ghostrider"—the latest variant of America's most lethal aerial gunship—goes down hard in the Colorado Rockies. Except the flight data doesn't match the airframe. Air-crash genius, and high-functioning autistic, Miranda Chase leads her NTSB team of sleuths in to investigate. But what they uncover reveals a far greater threat—sabotage. If she can't solve the crash in time, a new type of war will erupt. One far too close to home which threatens to shatter her team.

In the new millennium, what secrets lay beyond the far reaches of the universe? What mysteries belie the truths we once held to be self evident? The world of science fiction has long been a porthole into the realities of tomorrow, blurring the line between life and art. Now, in The Year's Best Science Fiction Twenty-Fifth Annual Collection the very best SF authors explore ideas of a new world. This venerable collection of short stories brings together award winning authors and masters of the field such as Robert Reed, Ian McDonald, Stephen Baxter, Michael Swanwick, Paolo Bacigalupi, Kage Baker, Walter Jon Williams, Alastair Reynolds, and Charles Stross. And with an extensive recommended reading guide and a summation of the year in science fiction, this annual compilation has become the definitive must read anthology for all science fiction fans and readers interested in breaking into the genre. "This venerable annual's twenty-fifth edition represents a milestone for editor Dozois. He has kept faith with the series for a quarter-century without ever shortchanging, or even showing any signs of shortchanging, readers on either quality or abundance of selections."--Booklist

Scott Ourecky wanted to fly—he never dreamed he'd end up in a secret military space program. The year is 1968: The Cold War is far from over, nuclear annihilation is always only a heartbeat away. America is racing the Soviet Union to land men on the Moon, a war is raging, and a pivotal presidential election looms on the horizon. A child of the early space age, Lieutenant Scott Ourecky joined the Air Force with aspirations of going to flight school. A brilliant engineer, he repeatedly fails the aptitude test to become a pilot but is selected to work on a highly classified military space program—the innocuously named Aerospace Support Project—in which Air Force astronauts are slated to fly missions to intercept and destroy suspect Soviet satellites. When one of the astronauts in training abruptly falls out of the project, Ourecky is asked to fill in for the two-man simulated missions and survival training only, serving with a headstrong and abrasive test pilot, Major Drew Carson, until another astronaut can be assigned. By far the most proficient pilot assigned to the project, Carson has a dangerous propensity to engage in "pick-up" dog fighting sessions while on cross-country training flights. And although Ourecky was only a temporary "place holder," not destined to fly in space, he soon finds himself much more involved than he ever

anticipated—and in deepest peril. Based on a real secret space program, Blue Gemini combines high-altitude action with edge-of-your-seat storytelling to create a modern Cold War thriller. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade, Yucca, and Good Books imprints, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in fiction—novels, novellas, political and medical thrillers, comedy, satire, historical fiction, romance, erotic and love stories, mystery, classic literature, folklore and mythology, literary classics including Shakespeare, Dumas, Wilde, Cather, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

With the USS Walker badly in need of repairs and facing more enemies than ever, Matt Reddy and his crew seek out new allies in the wilds of Madagascar, the fabled place of the Lemurians' ancestors.

"When a seemingly innocuous bomb call explodes into a charred murder scene, Carol catches the case and embarks on an investigation of a series of explosions that reveal chilling intentions. The bombs are designed expressly to kill bomb technicians. Now, as the one tech who survived the deadliest of blasts, Carol is in for the most perilous fight of her life . . ."--

A Scarecrow novella from Australia's favourite novelist, author of the Jack West Jr series and new novel *The One Impossible Labyrinth* out now. It is an island that doesn't appear on any maps. A secret place, where classified experiments have been carried out. Experiments that have gone terribly wrong. Four crack special forces units are dropped in. One of them is a team of Marines, led by Captain Shane Schofield, call-sign: SCARECROW. Nothing can prepare Schofield's team for what they find there. You could say they've just entered hell. But that would be wrong. This is much, much worse. Fans of Clive Cussler, Tom Clancy and Michael Crichton will love Matthew Reilly. **GET MORE SCARECROW IN: ICE STATION, AREA 7, SCARECROW AND SCARECROW AND THE ARMY OF THIEVES**

An exploration of the possibilities of hypertext fiction as art form and entertainment
At last! The long awaited novel featuring both famous crews of the Starship Enterprise in an epic adventure that spans time and space. Captain Kirk and the crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise NCC-1701 are faced with their most challenging mission yet--rescuing renowned scientist Zefram Cochrane from captors who want to use his skills to conquer the galaxy. Meanwhile, ninety-nine years in the future on the U.S.S.

Enterprise NCC-1701-D, Picard must rescue an important and mysterious person whose safety is vital to the survival of the Federation. As the two crews struggle to fulfill their missions, destiny draws them closer together until past and future merge--and the fate of each of the two legendary starships rests in the hands of the other vessel...

Book 8 of The Enigma Series, *The Enigma Broker*, delivers a fast-paced technological thriller where commodity prices are inexplicably plunging, destabilizing national economies. Can the R-Group find the nefarious organization manipulating the markets before the world descends into chaos?

Z. Among the most monstrous creations of our imaginations, the zombie terrifies, with its capacity to pursue its prey, to run it down, exhaust it to surrender, unrelentingly. In this title in the acclaimed Future Chronicles series of speculative fiction anthologies, fourteen authors confront the nightmare, that horrific mirror of ourselves that pursues us with untiring hunger. The Z Chronicles features stories by bestselling authors Hugh Howey (Wool), Jennifer Foehner Wells (Fluency), plus twelve more of today's top authors in speculative and science fiction.

The third collection of technothrillers in the USA Today bestselling Helix series: Purity, Kill Switch and Countervail, and the bonus novel, ZERO. Time is running out. Olesya and Sophia have one last chance to stop Purity from taking over Europe. But the Fifth Column are closing on them and they're going to need all the help they can get. The hardest part won't be infiltrating a fortified Prague... It will be getting inside their secret weapon. What readers are saying: "I'm completely blown away by this series, one of the most amazing action stories I've read." "Helix is everything I love about action and adventure novels: spies, gadgets, fights, escapes, characters you care about, and a carefully crafted story." "A captivating, action-packed and suspenseful technothriller." "Ambitiously, amazingly addictive. As soon as I finished this I purchased the next episode." "Nathan Farrugia is back, holding his readers hostage for yet another amazing and wild ride. The characters are really brought to life on the page and in the heart." "Absolutely brilliant. I've always compared Farrugia to Matthew Reilly, and with Helix I think he has finally surpassed Reilly." "Helix is a fast-paced, edge-of-your-seat action-packed series guaranteed to please the most adrenaline-craving readers. Farrugia's writing is excellent, you fly through the books. I am totally emotionally invested in all the characters. A must read for all thriller fans, and sci-fi fans looking for a break from outer space." "The author's signature cutting-edge technology, complex plotting, cool gadgets, three-dimensional characters and Hollywood blockbuster-style action sequences are explosively combined in this new series." "This high-octane thriller by Aussie author Nathan Farrugia starts with a bang and ends the same way." About the author Nathan M. Farrugia is an Australian technothriller writer, and author of the USA Today bestselling Helix and Fifth Column series. Nathan is known for placing himself in dangerous situations, including climbing rooftops in Russia and being hunted by special forces trackers in the United States. He studies Systema, a little-known martial art and former secret of Russian special forces. Beyond his army training, Nathan has trained under USMC, SEAL team, Spetsnaz and Defence Intelligence instructors, and the wilderness and tracking skills of the Chiricahua Apache scouts and Australian Aboriginals. Nathan is currently in Malta, co-writing the sequel to the critically acclaimed video game Metro Exodus by 4A Games. Also by Nathan M. Farrugia: Helix #1: Helix Helix #2: Exile Helix #3: Interceptor Helix #4: Anomaly Helix #5: Inversion Helix #6: Exclave Helix #7: Purity Helix #8: Kill Switch Helix #9: Countervail ZERO The Chimera Vector The Seraphim Sequence The Phoenix Variant The Phoenix Ascent Keywords: technothriller, techno thriller, conspiracy, conspiracies, espionage, pulp, military, thriller, hard boiled, hero, intrigue, complete series, vigilante, noir, crime, series starter, action, fast paced, adventure, assassin, bargain, cheap, novella, genetic, genes, super soldiers, enhanced, special forces, operatives, operator, black ops, black operation, covert, secret agent, helix, fifth column, farrugia, jason bourne, bourne, altered carbon,

matt reilly, matthew reilly, a g riddle, winter world, mark dawson, greig beck, splinter cell, net force, cyber storm, matthew mather, konkoly, cyberpunk, russian hackers, systema, jeremy robinson, michael grumley, russell blake, ramez naam, daniel suarez, ludlum, biopunk, superhero, hacking

First contact ... Second chances... Nothing comes without a price. Despite NASA budget cuts threatening to put a sharp end to his career as an astronaut, British-born space shuttle pilot Jack Kildare knows without a doubt that his life will never be the same. Photographs snapped from the International Space Station reveal an alien spaceship in orbit around Europa, opening a terrifying new chapter opening in human history, and Jack finds himself in the center of a gigantic international effort to respond to the alien threat. But when he is dismissed from NASA over a trumped-up security gaffe, Jack and his close friend Oliver Meeks combine their skills in an attempt to generate an innovative new development: a spaceship drive based on their observations of the alien craft's technology. With the unknown threat driving international competition and the entire planet's spaceflight resources thrown into the fray, the focus of attention turns toward one single goal... a ship capable of traveling to Jupiter to confront the alien menace... the Spirit of Destiny. Amid unknown entities pushing to destroy the project from the inside out, and enemies baying for blood, Jack finds himself submerged in a world of secrets, sabotage attempts and cold-blooded murder. Can Jack decode the secrets surrounding the arrival of the alien spaceship in our solar system? Or will his dreams of the ultimate space adventure be taken into the ashes with the Spirit of Destiny? ABOUT FREEFALL Freefall is the first book of a fast-paced trilogy of technothrillers. It contains hard science fiction elements in the mold of The Martian and other science-based thrillers. You won't need a calculator to follow the story, but if you'd like to build a spaceship to the Spirit of Destiny's specifications, it really will take you to Jupiter! (\$3 billion budget not included.) Book Two in the Earth's Last Gambit trilogy will be published soon.

In the second book of the Blue Gemini trilogy, Air Force Majors Scott Ourecky and Drew Carson continue to fly highly classified missions to intercept and destroy suspect Soviet satellites. But after experiencing numerous close calls in orbit, the astronauts soon discover that not all perils reside in the sky. With his marriage already at risk because he cannot explain his frequent absences and strange activities to his wife, Ourecky learns that his unborn child may be in grave danger as a radiation consequence of his flights into space. Even as the Ourecky and Carson accumulate successful mission after successful mission in space, other crucial events occur much closer to home. Interservice rivalries reach new heights as a caustic but highly influential Navy admiral schemes to steal control of the Project from the Air Force. Realizing that a Soviet GRU agent is operating in their midst, a shadowy team of counter-intelligence operatives scramble to shield the Project's secrets from discovery, leading to a confrontation that bears fatal consequences. As they train to accomplish more difficult missions against complicated targets, Ourecky and Carson are asked to volunteer to risk their lives one more time in an extremely hazardous rescue mission. The stakes are high; even as they leave the launch pad, there is no certainty that either man will return. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade, Yucca, and Good Books imprints, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in fiction—novels, novellas, political and medical thrillers, comedy, satire, historical fiction,

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Drone: a rebel CIA director takes on China and almost turns a trade war into a real one.

Thunderbolt: a US senator's scam has North Korea prepping their nukes. Condor: a shot at the intelligence jackpot of a lifetime occurs, deep in the heart of Russia. At the center of all three? Miranda Chase: air-crash genius investigator for the NTSB, team leader, and high-functioning autistic. What's at risk if she doesn't solve the crash and the crises? Everything!

S. M. Stirling presents his first Novel of the Change, the start of the New York Times bestselling postapocalyptic saga set in a world where all technology has been rendered useless. The Change occurred when an electrical storm centered over the island of Nantucket produced a blinding white flash that rendered all electronic devices and fuels inoperable—and plunged the world into a dark age humanity was unprepared to face...

Michael Pound was flying over Idaho en route to the holiday home of his passengers when the plane's engines inexplicably died, forcing a less than perfect landing in the wilderness. And as Michael leads his charges to safety, he begins to realize that the engine failure was not an isolated incident. Juniper McKenzie was singing and playing guitar in a pub when her small Oregon town was thrust into darkness. Now, taking refuge in her family's cabin with her daughter and a growing circle of friends, Juniper is determined to create a farming community to benefit the survivors of this crisis. But even as people band together to help one another, others are building armies for conquest...

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Now a major motion picture directed by Steven Spielberg. “Enchanting . . . Willy Wonka meets The Matrix.”—USA Today • “As one adventure leads expertly to the next, time simply evaporates.”—Entertainment Weekly A world at stake. A quest for the ultimate prize. Are you ready? In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time Wade Watts really feels alive is when he's jacked into the OASIS, a vast virtual world where most of humanity spends their days. When the eccentric creator of the OASIS dies, he leaves behind a series of fiendish puzzles, based on his obsession with the pop culture of decades past. Whoever is first to solve them will inherit his vast fortune—and control of the OASIS itself. Then Wade cracks the first clue. Suddenly he's beset by rivals who'll kill to take this prize. The race is on—and the only way to survive is to win. **NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR** BY Entertainment Weekly • San Francisco Chronicle • Village Voice • Chicago Sun-Times • iO9 • The AV Club “Delightful . . . the grown-up's Harry Potter.”—HuffPost “An addictive read . . . part intergalactic scavenger hunt, part romance, and all heart.”—CNN “A most excellent ride . . . Cline stuffs his novel with a cornucopia of pop culture, as if to wink to the reader.”—Boston Globe “Ridiculously fun and large-hearted . . . Cline is that rare writer who can translate his own dorky enthusiasms into prose that's both hilarious and compassionate.”—NPR “[A] fantastic page-turner . . . starts out like a simple bit of fun and winds up feeling like a rich and plausible picture of future friendships in a world not too distant from our own.”—iO9

“Few authors write about espionage, terrorism, and clandestine hit squads as well as

Taylor does.”—Houston Press Pike Logan is on the desperate hunt for a man who is about to betray his country—and ignite a horrific new world war—in this pulse-pounding thriller from New York Times bestselling author and former special forces officer Brad Taylor. Pike Logan and Jennifer Cahill are enjoying a sunny vacation down under when they get disturbing news: their friend and colleague Clifford Delmonty is in serious trouble. While working as a contractor at an Australian F-35 facility, the former Taskforce member—callsign Dunkin—saw something he shouldn't have, and now he's on the run from Chinese agents. Pike and Jennifer soon discover that Dunkin's attackers are a dangerous link to a much larger scheme that could launch a full-on conflict between China and Taiwan. In its quest for dominance, China is determined to reclaim Taiwan—a pivotal ally the United States has sworn to protect. Pike learns that the Chinese have a devious plan to bait the island nation into all-out war by destabilizing the government and manipulating an artificial intelligence defense system. As the threat reaches a boiling point, Pike alone realizes that what they're seeing isn't actually real. A soldier who has always been trained to fight and win, Pike must now track down and neutralize the missing man who holds the key. With the help of Jennifer, the Taskforce team, and a brave Taiwanese intelligence agent, he races to prevent a catastrophic conflict from consuming a whole region of the world.

The Spirit of Destiny is a wreck. Earth faces a brutal alien conquest. A pilot without a ship gambles everything on one last shot. When the Spirit of Destiny crashed on the moon, Earth's last hope of escaping alien conquest was lost. Pilot Jack Kildare and the battle-hardened crew of the SoD survived, but they are trapped in Earth's ramshackle little moon colony, exposed to the constant threat of alien attack. On Earth, the alien behemoth Lightbringer lies in the African jungle, grounded but no less deadly. Its crew spread destruction across a planet racked by conflict. Former astronaut Hannah Ginsburg inherits a dangerous role as go-between for the aliens and humankind. As much as she struggles to rein in the spreading chaos, her complicity in the alien conquest grows, pushing her nearer to the breaking point. Meanwhile, on the moon, Jack is desperate to get back to Earth and rejoin the fight. But the moon colonists side with the aliens, forcing him to lie and steal just to survive. His chance for redemption comes unexpectedly, when shipmate Skyler Taft detects a horrific new threat to our solar system. Humanity and aliens, locked in a bitter war for our planet, will all perish together ... unless Jack can achieve the impossible, and work together with his worst enemy to save Earth. ABOUT KILLSHOT: Killshot is the fourth and final book of a fast-paced quartet of technothrillers. It contains hard science fiction elements in the tradition of The Martian and other science-based thrillers. You won't need a calculator to follow the story, but if you'd like to build a spaceship to the Spirit of Destiny's specifications, it really will take you to Jupiter! (\$300 billion budget not included.) The Earth's Last Gambit Quartet is now complete: Freefall Lifeboat Shiplord Killshot "Prepare to be Savaged in this masterpiece of Sci-Fi adventure, that leaves you stunned, awed and captivated as you follow the desperate plight of the crew of the SoD!" -- Jas P, Amazon Reviewer "Thumbs up, ready for the next round of excitement! Great sci fi. Each day of reading is like the next episode of my favorite show." -- Ted P, Amazon Reviewer "I absolutely loved these books! I couldn't put them down. The personalities of all, human and alien alike, were intoxicating." --Natalie Paesani, Amazon Reviewer

How much does Big Brother really know about you? Kate Edison's first mission as part

of a covert CIA group is to track down Nigel Brown—a man who Kate's late father had given the key to taking down the Alternate Government Initiative. But when she finally finds him, he's dead and they find that the illness that killed him was made specifically for his DNA. On deeper investigation, Kate gathers intel that the AGI is acquiring the capability to make designer illnesses based on an individual's genetic code—and it's a game-changer. Time is running out, and Kate may be the only one who can stop the AGI's plans to control the population in ways that no one could see coming. But the AGI has eyes everywhere, and they have all the information they need on Kate. The ultimate showdown will be fought on a razor thin line. Will Kate have enough experience and soul-deep grit to survive? *TEN SECONDS TO TOTAL EXPOSURE* is the much anticipated sequel to the critically acclaimed *TEN SECONDS TO DEAD* by author L.A. Clayton!

An extraordinary cutting-edge suspense novel from the "king of the pack" (*The Washington Times*), #1 New York Times bestselling author Frederick Forsyth. In northern Virginia, a secret agency named TOSA (Technical Operations Support Activity) has one mission: to track, find, and kill those so dangerous to the United States that they are on a short, very close-held document known as the Kill List. Now a new name has been added: a terrorist of frightening effectiveness called the Preacher, who radicalizes young Muslims living abroad to carry out assassinations. Unfortunately for him, one of his targets is a retired Marine general, whose son is TOSA's top tracker of men. The Preacher has made it personal—and now the hunt is on....

A nine-thousand-year-old conspiracy. Three families. One secret. The epic race to uncover history's greatest mystery has begun. Beneath the sparkling blue water of a remote Pacific atoll, a merciless killer stalks an underwater archaeological dig. His goal: to bring his employer—billionaire industrialist Holden Ironwood—an impossible artifact that proves a lost civilization's knowledge of astronomy was thousands of years ahead of its time. At the same time, in the Armed Forces DNA Identification Lab in Maryland, haunted young researcher David Weir risks his freedom to identify a handful of people with nothing in common except their nonhuman genes—genes that he shares. While in the Arctic tundra, a deadly airborne assault on a pipeline crew propels young paleogeologist Jessica MacClary into the innermost circles of her staggeringly wealthy and powerful family as she learns the astonishing secret her ancestors have defended since the beginnings of recorded history. Now these three strangers on their separate quests to unlock their pasts are unexpectedly driven into violent collision, only to discover that together they hold the key to answering the ultimate question of humanity's origins—provided the U.S. Air Force doesn't stop them first. . . . Acclaimed New York Times bestselling novelists Judith & Garfield Reeves-Stevens once again bring their unique blend of relentless suspense and cutting-edge science to a page-turning story of adventure that spans the globe and millennia of human history, racing from long-buried ruins in Cornwall and the casinos of Atlantic City to the forgotten caves that protect a shocking revelation that will tear the veil off the true history of humankind. With a mystery more profound than Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*, and scientific speculation more provocative than Michael Crichton's *Next*, *Search* is an adrenaline-fueled, action-packed thriller that goes beyond wild theories of ancient astronauts and sunken empires to suggest a startling new vision of the birth of human civilization. Now with a new Afterword by Eric Flint *The Ultimate Y2K Glitch*.... 1632 In the year

1632 in northern Germany a reasonable person might conclude that things couldn't get much worse. There was no food. Disease was rampant. For over a decade religious war had ravaged the land and the people. Catholic and Protestant armies marched and countermarched across the northern plains, laying waste the cities and slaughtering everywhere. In many rural areas population plummeted toward zero. Only the aristocrats remained relatively unscathed; for the peasants, death was a mercy. 2000 Things are going OK in Grantville, West Virginia. The mines are working, the buck are plentiful (it's deer season) and everybody attending the wedding of Mike Stearn's sister (including the entire membership of the local chapter of the United Mine Workers of America, which Mike leads) is having a good time. THEN, EVERYTHING CHANGED.... When the dust settles, Mike leads a small group of armed miners to find out what's going on. Out past the edge of town Grantville's asphalt road is cut, as with a sword. On the other side, a scene out of Hell; a man nailed to a farmhouse door, his wife and daughter lying screaming in muck at the center of a ring of attentive men in steel vests. Faced with this, Mike and his friends don't have to ask who to shoot. At that moment Freedom and Justice, American style, are introduced to the middle of The Thirty Years War. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

"Mills is fast becoming the new master of gripping and intelligent page-turners."—Tom Clancy The videotapes arrive at television stations across the nation. Their chilling message: Al Qaeda has secured a rocket launcher on American soil. Their potential targets: U.S. civilians. Their ultimate threat: they will attack. Anytime. Anywhere. Amid national chaos, the FBI calls upon one of its best agents for a final desperate mission. But no one—on either side—realizes how deep or how far the sphere of influence has spread. "An interesting and enjoyable piece of work...the kind of dark romp that Lawrence Sanders or Ross Thomas might have produced in their heyday."—The Washington Post Book World "Great fun."—The Houston Chronicle

"Engrossing."—Publishers Weekly

Adam Hamdy's debut novel, *Pendulum*, was touted as "one of the best thrillers of the year" by James Patterson. John Wallace returns in *Freefall* and must figure out who he can trust in this high-octane sequel. Eight months after confronting the *Pendulum* killer, John Wallace is losing himself in a dangerous warzone in a misguided attempt at penance for the deaths that he believes he caused. But an assassination attempt leads Wallace to realize that he has once again been targeted for death. This time, Wallace is prepared and, tracking down his would-be assassin, he discovers a link to his nemesis, *Pendulum*. That link is the missing piece of a puzzle that has tormented FBI agent Christine Ash ever since they confronted *Pendulum*, but with no Bureau support, she has been unable to pursue her case. Wallace's proof puts her back on the trail, but it also exposes them both to terrible danger. Confronted by a powerful, hidden enemy, Ash and Wallace must overcome impossible odds if they are to avert a dangerous challenge to the networked world that threatens to destroy our entire way of life. Sophia was the Fifth Column's most dangerous weapon. Now she's their greatest threat. Sophia is taking out Fifth Column operatives before they can complete their deadly missions. But will a new type of operative tip the balance against her? Ambushed in Eastern Europe, she barely escapes with her life. But the new operative isn't her only threat. A deadly Russian hunter also has Sophia in her sights. They've

crossed paths once before. And this time, only one of them will walk away. What readers are saying: "I'm completely blown away by this series, one of the most amazing action stories I've read." "Helix is everything I love about action and adventure novels: spies, gadgets, fights, escapes, characters you care about, and a carefully crafted story." "A captivating, action-packed and suspenseful technothriller." "Ambitiously, amazingly addictive. As soon as I finished this I purchased the next episode." "Nathan Farrugia is back, holding his readers hostage for yet another amazing and wild ride. The characters are really brought to life on the page and in the heart." "Absolutely brilliant. I've always compared Farrugia to Matthew Reilly, and with Helix I think he has finally surpassed Reilly." "Helix is a fast-paced, edge-of-your-seat action-packed series guaranteed to please the most adrenaline-craving readers. Farrugia's writing is excellent, you fly through the books. I am totally emotionally invested in all the characters. A must read for all thriller fans, and sci-fi fans looking for a break from outer space." "The author's signature cutting-edge technology, complex plotting, cool gadgets, three-dimensional characters and Hollywood blockbuster-style action sequences are explosively combined in this new series." "This high-octane thriller by Aussie author Nathan Farrugia starts with a bang and ends the same way." About the author Nathan M. Farrugia is an Australian technothriller writer, and author of the USA Today bestselling Helix and Fifth Column series. Nathan is known for placing himself in dangerous situations, including climbing rooftops in Russia and being hunted by special forces trackers in the United States. He studies Systema, a little-known martial art and former secret of Russian special forces. Beyond his army training, Nathan has trained under USMC, SEAL team, Spetsnaz and Defence Intelligence instructors, and the wilderness and tracking skills of the Chiricahua Apache scouts and Australian Aboriginals. Nathan is currently in Malta, co-writing the sequel to the critically acclaimed video game Metro Exodus by 4A Games. Also by Nathan M. Farrugia: Helix #1: Helix Helix #2: Exile Helix #3: Interceptor Helix #4: Anomaly Helix #5: Inversion Helix #6: Exclave Helix #7: Purity Helix #8: Kill Switch Helix #9: Countervail ZERO The Chimera Vector The Seraphim Sequence The Phoenix Variant The Phoenix Ascent Keywords: technothriller, techno thriller, conspiracy, conspiracies, espionage, pulp, military, thriller, hard boiled, hero, intrigue, complete series, vigilante, noir, crime, series starter, action, fast paced, adventure, assassin, bargain, cheap, novella, genetic, genes, super soldiers, enhanced, special forces, operatives, operator, black ops, black operation, covert, secret agent, helix, fifth column, farrugia, jason bourne, bourne, altered carbon, matt reilly, matthew reilly, a g riddle, winter world, mark dawson, greig beck, splinter cell, net force, cyber storm, matthew mather, konkoly, cyberpunk, russian hackers, systema, jeremy robinson, michael grumley, russell blake, ramez naam, daniel suarez, ludlum, biopunk, superhero, hacking

A trainee spy. A washed-up operative. A doomsday cult with a city to burn. Xiu thinks her recovery mission is leading her to the middle of nowhere, but when she reaches a derelict city on the Chinese border, she finds a seasoned operative with only a pistol, twenty rounds and a broken heart. Cut off from the rest of the world, Xiu and her new, begrudging mentor face an unimaginable enemy: a paramilitary apocalypse cult with room for two, and irradiation for two million. Read this technothriller for free! What readers are saying: "I'm completely blown away by this series, one of the most

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FreefallA First Contact Technothriller

"What would you do to save the life of your child? It's a question microbiologist Richard Draman thought he'd answered when he walked away from his career to focus on curing a genetic defect that is causing his daughter to age at a wildly accelerated rate. But now he and his wife Carly are being forced to come to terms with the fact that eight-year-old Susie's time is running out. Then they receive an unexpected gift: startling new research into the fundamental secrets of life that could be the miracle they've been looking for. When Richard is arrested on a trumped-up charge of having stolen the data, he takes his family and runs, seeking out a retired special-forces operative and

old friend to help dig up the truth behind the controversial experiments. Determined to either save Susie's life or die trying, the Dramans plunge into a bloody conflict between two powerful factions vying for control of a discovery that could change the face of humanity" -- from author's web site.

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Vince Flynn's Mitch Rapp Series Special Agent Mark Beamon is a maverick. His open disdain for the FBI's rules--and Directors--has exiled him to a no-profile post in the boondocks. But when a shadowy right-wing group starts flooding America's emergency rooms with dead and dying, Beamon is summoned back to Washington. Teamed with an icily efficient female field agent, he is given the thankless task of stopping the slaughter--even though millions of Americans secretly approve of it! As the body count rises, Beamon realizes there is something eerily familiar about his adversary, reminding him of the coldest killer he ever encountered--not a criminal but a law enforcement colleague. And for the first time, he wonders why he was chosen for this assignment. Was it his expertise--or his expendability?

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