

# Newberg author brings national threats home

*John Trudel explores current events in his new political thriller*

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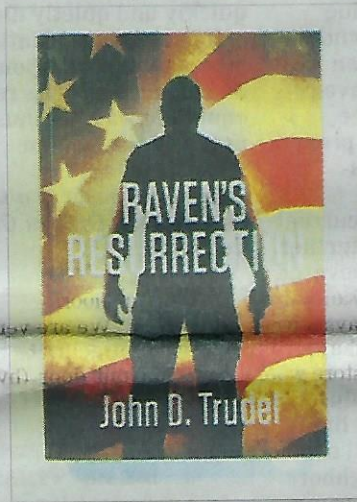
John Trudel has returned with a new addition to his saga of political thrillers. His novel "Raven's Resurrection" continues to bring political intrigue and issues to the forefront as it follows the journey of Raven.

In 2011, Trudel produced his first book, "God's House," and has since written five more novels, including his Raven Series. Drawing upon his interest in the battle between goodness and evil and the retelling of The Hero's Journey, Trudel has drawn his tech knowledge and military background into each of the stories

he has crafted thus far.

"Raven's Resurrection" in particular is focused on continuing the journey of characters Raven and Josie as they face Iranian Quds secretly based in California and navigate Russian spy involvement. Josie, who is uniquely gifted with the ability to remotely view events, is Raven's primary responsibility as he works to protect her and keep the nation secure.

"They are exact opposites



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Raven's Resurrection follows characters established in John Trudel's other novels.

... She is very sensitive and easily upset. So any kind of violence ... just freaks her out and may kill her. But she has this talent ... and it makes her of high interest," Trudel said.

Trudel, a part-time resident of Newberg, graduated from Georgia Tech with full honors and received a full fellowship to get his doctorate in electronic engineering. With the onset of the Vietnam War, Trudel found his engineering skills to

be of value to military operations.

Through the course of his military experience, creating electric intelligence and working with weapons systems, Trudel was acquiring knowledge that would someday inform his novels. He even had opportunities to sit in on highly classified meetings involving special ops personnel.

After leaving the military, Trudel moved from starting his own radar detecting business to working for companies



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such as Tektronix to starting a consulting firm called The Trudel Group. After finding success in these areas and writing two tech-based books, Trudel decided it was time to turn his attention to writing novels.

Trudel incorporates into his novels events that are happening in the political world today while setting the plot slightly in the future.

"What kind of threat would be scarier? How about Iranians with nuclear weapons," he said.

This threat is seen crashing into "Raven's Resurrection" as Raven and Josie uncover Iranian Quds on American soil.

"Before I'd even started promoting the book, they are talking about this Iran deal and no details ...," Trudel said. "So far we are not being

assaulted by Iranian warheads, but the saga continues."

As Trudel continues to turn out a novel nearly every year, he notes that the process of publication is one of continual learning and patience.

"You can get pretty good books published now ...," he said. "I do not think, no matter how talented you are, no matter how much insight you have, no matter what connections you have, I do not think you can write at a professional level without having a whole team of people who are very good, very competent ... I have a team of people who help me."

Because of this help, Trudel's writing contributions continue to intrigue readers year after year.

For more information on Trudel's books, as well as his biography, visit <http://johntrudel.com/#rr3>.