Deadly Straits (For Tom Clancy and W. E. B. Griffin Fans)

In the tradition of Clancy, Griffin, and Cussler, newcomer R.E. McDermott delivers a thriller to rival the masters. When consultant and very part-time spook Tom Dugan finds himself becoming collateral damage in the War on Terror, he's not about to take it lying down. Falsely implicated in a hijacking, he's offered a chance to clear his own name by helping the CIA hook what they consider to be the bigger fish, Dugan's long-time friend, London ship owner Alex Kairouz. Reluctantly, Dugan agrees to go undercover in Alex's company, despite doubts about his friend's guilt. Once undercover, Dugan's steadfast refusal to accept Alex's guilt puts him at odds with both his CIA handlers and a beautiful British agent with whom he's working. When a tanker is found adrift near Singapore with a dead crew, and another explodes in port as Alex lies near death after a suspicious suicide attempt, Dugan is framed for the attacks. Out of options, and convinced the attacks are prelude to an even more devastating assault, Dugan eludes capture to follow his last lead to Russia, only to be shanghaied as an 'advisor' to a Russian Spetsnaz unit on a near-suicidal mission. Deadly Straits is a non-stop thrill ride, transporting the reader from London offices, to the dry docks of Singapore, to the decks of the tankers that slake the world's thirst for oil, with stopovers in Panama, Langley, Virginia, and Teheran. Richly spiced with detail from the author's thirty years sailing, building, and repairing ships around the globe, it is, in the words of one reviewer, "fast-paced, multi-layered and gripping." READERS

COMMENTS


"An absolute cracker of a thriller, quite simply on a par with Clancy et al. When I'd finished I wanted more! A terrific story superbly written." Tao, Amazon (UK) - 5 Stars

"A little Clancy, a bit of Ludlum, and a lot of Mr. McDermott!" Libby Dunkin, Amazon - 5 Stars

"Move over WEB Griffin, Cussler, & Ludlum. Weaving together come-alive characters, McDermott takes us through an all too realistic plot involving oil tankers used to cause havoc to the world's shipping ... a page turner." Bob Hopfe, Amazon - 5 Stars

"International intrigue in expert hands. With breathless pacing and punchy prose, McDermott knots a plot so real it might well be breaking news. Deadly Straits ravages like a cat 5 hurricane: unpredictable, merciless, and fierce." L.C. Fiore, author, Green Gospel

"A brilliant thriller. I was quite surprised that this is a first novel. On par with high ranking thrillers. Action non-stop ... a great read." Cheryl M-M, Amazon (UK) - 5 Stars

"In 1994 Tom Clancy's "Debt of Honor" used a jumbo jet as a suicide missile ... it happened for real on 9/11. In 2011 R.E. McDermott published "Deadly Straits" where supertankers are used as terror weapons with deadly results. Let's hope we don't look back and say McDermott predicted that. This is a book of action and suspense, well written with multiple plots woven into one coherent whole. I've read several best-sellers that are legends in the genre and this book is as well done as any of them, if not better." Stephen C. Lovely, Amazon - 5 Stars

"Expert plotting ... the sheer excitement of the story kept me reading until I finished in two nights. I look forward to the next work by Mr. McDermott." James E. Daman, Amazon - 5 Stars

"In a book that takes no prisoners, McDermott tells a tale of high seas terrorism and tells it well. Go get this one, right now!" Nancy, Cheryl's Book Nook - 5 Stars

Deadly Coast
In the wake of his best-selling thriller Deadly Straits, which drew comparisons to Tom Clancy, Clive Cussler, and W.E.B. Griffin, newcomer R.E. McDermott is back with another action-packed adventure. DUGAN THOUGHT SOMALI PIRATES WERE BAD NEWS. THEN IT GOT WORSE. As Tom Dugan and Alex Kairouz, his partner and best friend, struggle to ransom their ship and crew from murderous Somali pirates, things take a turn for the worse. A US Navy contracted tanker with a full load of jet fuel is also hijacked, not by garden variety pirates, but by terrorists with links to Al Qaeda, changing the playing field completely. With a possible link between piracy and terrorism now in play, the US and British governments order the halt of all negotiations for captive ships, and enraged pirates ratchet up the mistreatment of the captive crews. When one of their crewman is murdered in front of him on a live video feed, a frustrated Dugan takes matters into his own hands and starts his own rescue operation, only to stumble across something far more sinister - a rogue salvage operation for a long lost weapon of mass destruction. Isolated at sea on an old tanker previously destined for the ship breakers, Dugan and his hastily assembled little force of Russian mercenaries find themselves the last line of defense between the world and a terrifying bio-weapon. Weaving historical fact with speculative fiction, Deadly Coast takes the reader from London board rooms into the very real world of modern day pirates - and their victims.

The Tom Dugan Omnibus - Books 1-3

THREE FULL LENGTH THRILLERS FOR ONE LOW PRICE! A bargain price on the series readers compare to Clive Cussler and vintage Clancy! Over 4,000 Reviews Averaging +4.5 Stars! This omnibus edition of the Dugan Series includes three complete and unabridged thrillers. Tales of pulse-pounding action and nail-biting suspense that Amazon readers have awarded a combined total of +4,000 reviews averaging 4.5 stars. (See separate review counts in the following description, or check them out on each book's Amazon page.) Proven quality and a terrific price make this a great time for you to: Meet Tom Dugan - A globe-trotting marine consultant and very part-time CIA asset, Dugan only agreed to take a few pictures in Chinese shipyards now and again under the cover of his regular business operation. Then 'The Company' needed a fall guy, and it all went terribly wrong. Deadly Straits (Book 1) Review Count: Amazon US = 1,646/Amazon UK = 250/Avg Rating = 4.5 Stars WMDs (Weapons of Mass Destruction) are all around us, hiding in plain sight. One in just the right place will bring the world to its knees. When a cabal of international terrorists engineers not one act of terror, but three, part-time spook turned CIA scapegoat Tom Dugan is the only one with a clue. But no one will listen. They're too busy trying to kill him. Deadly Straits is a non-stop thrill ride, from London streets, to the dry docks of Singapore, to the decks of the tankers that slake the world's thirst for oil, with stops along the way in Panama, Langley, Virginia, and Teheran. Richly spiced with detail from the author's 30 years sailing, building, and repairing ships worldwide, it is, in the words of one reviewer, "fast-paced, multilayered and gripping." Deadly Coast (Book 2) Review Count: Amazon US = 959/Amazon UK = 157/Avg Rating = 4.6 Stars Tom Dugan has barely put his life back together and started his newly formed business partnership with Alex Kairouz, when one of their ships is captured by murderous Somali pirates. When a possible link between piracy and terrorism comes in to play, the US and British governments halt all negotiations for captives, and a frustrated Dugan defies the authorities to take matters into his own hands. But his cobbled together rescue operation stumbles across something far more sinister than piracy -
a rogue salvage operation for a long lost weapon of mass destruction. Dugan and his ragtag little band of volunteers find themselves the last line of defense between the world and a terrifying bio-weapon. Weaving historical fact with speculative fiction, Deadly Coast takes the reader from London board rooms into the very real world of modern day pirates - and their victims. Deadly Crossing (Book 3) Review Count: Amazon US = 754/Amazon UK = 157/Avg Rating = 4.5 Stars

Human trafficking is all around us, but when it touches those close to Tom Dugan, he and his friends deliver their own style of justice. Months have passed, and life is good for Dugan by any measure, as he rolls through the London night, the woman he loves in the taxi beside him. Then his phone rings, alerting him to the arrival of two old Russian friends with a very big problem. Dugan's attempts to help his friends rescue an innocent girl from the Russian mob plunge him into a world he'd scarcely imagined, endangering him and everyone he holds dear. A world of modern day slavery and unspeakable cruelty, from which no one will escape - unless Dugan can weather a Deadly Crossing. Whether addressing the very real topics of ships as WMDs, the Somali pirate menace, or the dark underworld of human trafficking & sexual slavery that exists all around us, McDermott writes with an authority seldom matched and never exceeded. - Amazon Reviewer

The Mediterranean Caper

A Luftwaffe ace, a Nazi war criminal, a beautiful and untrustworthy brunette, and a deadly billion-dollar cargo become the objects of a desperate search as Dirk Pitt matches wits with the elusive leader of an international smuggling ring.

The Complete Disruption Trilogy - Books 1-3

Over 1,600 reviews averaging 4.8 stars. Get THE COMPLETE DISRUPTION TRILOGY, now for one low price! You'll get all 3 books of THE DISRUPTION TRILOGY in this omnibus edition. Pages of pulse-pounding action and nail-biting suspense that Amazon readers have awarded a combined total of +1,600 reviews. (See separate review stats below.) Proven quality at a terrific price make this a great time for you to: Meet Jordan Hughes - A harried ship captain, stranded far from home with a crew near mutiny. He's no hero - until he has to be. Get to know Matt Kinsey - A Coast Guard petty officer just days away from retirement, when fate deals him a bad hand. Hike with Shyla 'Tex' Texiera - As she fights her way home along the Appalachian Trail. At five foot two and a hundred and nothing dripping wet, men always underestimate her. Their mistake. Cheer on Congressman Simon Tremble - Speaker of the House and last hope of an ebbing democracy. Until he disappears. Struggle with Luke Kinsey - As he agonizes over his oath of loyalty to a government that no longer deserves it. Join these and a vibrant cast of characters you'll grow to love (and hate) as they wind their way through a sprawling epic stretching from the swamps of Louisiana's Cajun Country, up the Appalachian Trail to the woods of Maine, and all points in between. A tale plausible enough to make you wonder 'what if' and check the pantry to see how much food YOU have in reserve. THE BOOKS Under a Tell-Tale Sky (Book 1) Reviews: Amazon US = 547/Amazon UK = 59/Avg Rating = 4.6 Stars When a massive solar flare fries the power grid, Jordan Hughes is stranded far from home with a now-priceless cargo and a restless crew. As violence worsens ashore and the world crumbles around the secure haven of his ship, the Pecos Trader, Hughes is determined to get his ship
and crew safely home -- but FEMA arrives with other plans. Eluding authorities, Hughes leads a ragtag little band of sailors, preppers, and dissident military personnel on a desperate voyage to reunite them all with home and family - only to find their real journey just beginning. Push Back (Book 2) Reviews: Amazon US = 563/Amazon UK = 75/Avg Rating = 4.9 Stars In the U.S., order collapses and opportunistic forces fill the power vacuum, as what remains of an overwhelmed and self-serving federal bureaucracy abandons the general population. Chaos and starvation spread, as isolated pockets of survivors unite. In Texas, Hughes and his band gather their families close and resist the depredations of a horde of escaped convicts. Meanwhile, in North Carolina, survivors' efforts to salvage a vast store of supplies and feed the starving refugee population draw unwelcome attention. Secure in his Camp David compound, an increasingly unstable president builds a mercenary force to seize all resources for 'government use and fair distribution.' Betrayed by their own government, survivors face a choice. Do they knuckle under to a dictator, or do they PUSH BACK? Promises To Keep (Book 3) Reviews: Amazon US = 309/Amazon UK = 62/Avg Rating = 4.9 Stars Weakened by attacks, the defenders of Fort Box in what's left of Wilmington, North Carolina, and the people of the ship Pecos Trader in southeast Texas face near certain defeat. Only one man has the credibility and the stature to turn the situation around and fulfill a promise to himself - and the nation. Simon Tremble, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the last surviving lawmaker not under control of the corrupt president, climbs out of his hidden hollow and starts south along the Appalachian Trail. He has promises to keep.

**House Rules - A Novel**

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Small Great Things and the modern classics My Sister's Keeper, The Storyteller, and more, comes a “complex, compassionate, and smart” (The Washington Post) novel about a family torn apart by a murder accusation. When your son can’t look you in the eye…does that mean he’s guilty? Jacob Hunt is a teen with Asperger’s syndrome. He’s hopeless at reading social cues or expressing himself well to others, though he is brilliant in many ways. He has a special focus on one subject—forensic analysis. A police scanner in his room clues him in to crime scenes, and he’s always showing up and telling the cops what to do. And he’s usually right. But when Jacob’s small hometown is rocked by a terrible murder, law enforcement comes to him. Jacob’s behaviors are hallmark Asperger’s, but they look a lot like guilt to the local police. Suddenly the Hunt family, who only want to fit in, are thrust directly in the spotlight. For Jacob’s mother, it’s a brutal reminder of the intolerance and misunderstanding that always threaten her family. For his brother, it’s another indication why nothing is normal because of Jacob. And for the frightened small town, the soul-searing question looms: Did Jacob commit murder? House Rules is “a provocative story in which [Picoult] explores the pain of trying to comprehend the people we love—and reminds us that the truth often travels in disguise” (People).

**Project Moses - a Mystery Thriller**

The perfect summer read from a Pulitzer Prize-winning author! Best Indie Books of 2012 Semi Finalist - Kindle Daily Reviews!"...a taut thriller...with an ideal fusion of wile and wit." - Kirkus Reviews"...a fast paced and highly inventive mystery/thriller that grabbed me right from the
Project Moses is a high-tech, bioterrorism thriller in the Grisham mode with romance, suspense and humor. Enzo Lee, 37, a burned out reporter, has forsaken investigative reporting on the East Coast to churn out feature fluff in San Francisco. He likes his North Beach apartment, steps away from his Chinatown roots. Running, tai chi, great food, women who are attracted to his exotic looks. Life is good. Then, Lee's comfortable life is shaken when he is ordered to cover the unexplained deaths of a local judge and prosecutor. Intrigued by the connection, and the judge's attractive niece, Sarah Armstrong, Lee begins to uncover a bioterrorism scandal whose perpetrators - including government officials and Silicon Valley titans - will kill to conceal. When Lee and Sarah become targets, the question becomes whether the pair can evade their hunters and piece together the story before their time runs out. Project Moses is set in San Francisco, New York and Silicon Valley. By a Pulitzer Prize-winning author. "Fantastic read...this novel is right up there with the best of them." - Athenajewel "After reading Project Moses, I can't wait for Mr. Lowe to write another story featuring Enzo Lee!" - Mike C. "...starts off fast, grabbing the reader, and never lets up..." - Rebecca Graf, A Book Lover's Library

Under a Tell-Tale Sky - Disruption -

"A different sort of post-apocalyptic series." Imagine you won the lottery the same day everyone else went bankrupt - then had to collect your winnings in the worst part of town. "In cash!" When the lights go out, seemingly for good, Captain Jordan Hughes quickly discovers being stranded far from home on a ship with working generators and a cargo of ten million gallons of irreplaceable fuel isn't exactly a low profile position. Faced with rising crew discontent, and surrounded by worsening violence ashore, things can't get much worse - until FEMA flexes its muscles. As the remains of federal government becomes increasingly corrupt and self-serving, Hughes joins a ragtag band of sailors, farmers, preppers ex-Coast Guardsmen, and dissident soldiers in an effort to re-unite his crew with their families and use remaining resources to rebuild a devastated society. Along the way they face a desperate and starving population, rampant violence from street gangs and escaped convicts, and powerful warlords created as an unintended consequence of the federal government's ill-advised use of mercenaries.

The Armies of the Streets - The New York City Draft Riots of 1863

In July 1863 New York City experienced widespread rioting unparalleled in the history of the nation. Here for the first time is a scholarly analysis of the Draft Riots, dealing with motives and with the reasons for the recurring civil disorders in nineteenth-century New York: the appalling living conditions, the corruption of the civic government, and the geographical and economic factors that led up to the social upheaval.

Promises to Keep

A tyrannical president and his corrupt administration may have finally taken control of what's left after a solar storm destroys America's power grid. The survivors from the ship Pecos Trader as well as the defenders of Fort Box, North Carolina, are the only remaining opposition to the
malignant government...until Simon Tremble, the last lawmaker not under control of the President, comes out from hiding.

Oakland security guard dies after the grandfather of three was shot while protecting a TV crew reporting on scourge of smash-and-grab looting in Bay Area
Ben Dugan, president of the Coalition of Law Enforcement and Retail, said: 'We're not talking about someone who needs money or needs food. These are people who go out and do this for high ...