

AS TOP PUBLICATIONS RELEASES WILLIAM MANCHEE'S 12TH NOVEL, ACT NORMAL, THE CRITICS ARE ALREADY RAVING ABOUT THIS NEW COURTROOM THRILLER

DALLAS, TX -- For Immediate Release -- Top Publications, a Dallas publisher celebrating its 10th anniversary, announced today the release of *Act Normal*, A Stan Turner Mystery, Volume 8 in the series. To promote his new book, the author kicked off a 25 event Barnes & Noble book tour on Saturday in Plano, Texas. The tour will continue on through November and include events in the Dallas, Houston, Lubbock, Midland, Amarillo, St. Louis, Denver, Tulsa and Kansas City.

***Act Normal*, A Stan Turner Mystery, William Manchee, Volume 8, ISBN 1-929976-40-2 * Trade Paperback * Top Publications, Ltd.* 364 Pages * \$14.95, Release Date: September 1, 2007**

SYNOPSIS

In this 8th episode of the series Stan Turner is recruited by the CIA to defend a young mother accused of murdering her alien husband and three young children. The alien, however, isn't from Mexico but from another planet called Tarizon. The ruthless prosecutor assigned to the homicide has the CIA worried that the government's ultra top secret treaty with Tarizon may be comprised. A revelation of the treaty would be catastrophic since the government has denied the existence of aliens and under the treaty children are being allowed to be abducted and sent to Tarizon in exchange for advanced technology.

Aliens and a ruthless prosecutor are not Stan's only problems, however, he soon finds out two of his oldest and closest clients, Ben and Alice Stover, have just been victimized by an ex-son-in-law, Ralph Herman, who's embezzled hundreds of thousands of dollars from their business. Pleased that Ralph has been indicted and thrown in jail, Stan concentrates on putting Stover Enterprises into Chapter 11, not realizing that Ralph is spending every waking hour thinking of ways to destroy his good friends.

As usual the law firm of Turner and Waters has more than just one murder trial in progress. While Stan is busy defending Charlotte Wenzel and deflecting attacks from Ralph Herman, Paula is retained by Walter Stanley who is the chief suspect in an arson/murder of a prominent scientist and his family. While it appears the murder of the brilliant scientist Chester Brown was the result of a long standing feud between neighbors, Paula discovers a rival company that stands to gain millions by Chester Brown's death.

In the midst of the two murder investigations Stan is lured into a dangerous relationship with an alien woman assigned to keep an eye on him. Only after it is too late does he realize she has a hidden agenda.

BIOGRAPHY

William Manchee is an attorney by trade and practices law in Dallas with his son Jim. Originally from southern California, he lives now in Plano, Texas with his wife Janet of some 40 years. Manchee first discovered his passion for writing in 1995 when he wrote *Twice Tempted*. He vowed then to write a novel every year for the rest of his life. So far he is on schedule as *Act Normal*, Volume 8 of the Stan Turner Mystery Series is his twelve published novel. The series is inspired by many actual cases in which Manchee has been involved over the years. His other works include *Death Pact*, *Plastic Gods*, and a nonfiction book called *Yes, We're Open, Defending the Small Business Under Siege* which has been published in eight foreign countries as well as the United States.

THE CRITICS ARE RAVING ABOUT ACT NORMAL

"This is a fascinating science fiction legal thriller...."

Reviewed by Harriet Klausner, the worlds most prolific reviewer, July 16, 2007, Rated Five Stars on barnesandnoble.com

... This is a fascinating science fiction legal thriller in which the government trades children for advanced technologies. The story is told throughout the book in between believable legal strategy amidst the three cases. The CIA and the American government come across as avaricious turncoats as they manipulate people for personal gain. William Manchee goes into incredible depth with the trials and the missing alien and his half-breed children so that the audience is immersed in a legal procedural in a world somewhat similar to ours, but with a radical ET difference. *Act Normal* will appeal to science fiction and mystery fans obviously especially those who appreciate the joining of the two genres. (For full review go to bn.com.)

"This may be the best of the Stan Turner Mysteries ..."

A Review by Molly Martin July 2, 2007, Midwest Book Review Rated, rated 5 Stars.

... Author Manchee's writing just continues to get better and better. I had wondered how he would pull together a tale peopled with out of world and earth characters and told in alternating chapters first by Stan and then by his partner Paula; however, he manages and very well. Writer Manchee continues to grow as a writer. *Act Normal* is a highly developed original. Hard hitting fast paced dialogue is filled with compelling nuances and serves to propel the narrative forward in plausible manner. The narrative moves smoothly from Stan to Paula as they delve into personal situations, interactions with clients, CIA operatives and Tarizon agents. Writer Manchee has managed another great environment filled with forceful characters, dilemma and gaffes.

Act Normal is a good choice for the personal pleasure reading library as well as the high school library

shelf. Minimal profanity and modest reference to sexual intrigue makes this a good choice for the mature teen as well as adult mystery readers

“... more relaxing to read than a John Grisham novel, but ... just as exciting.

Reviewed by Stephanie Rollins for Reader Views (August, 2007) 5 stars.

“Act Normal,” by William Manchee, starts out with: “....there was nothing normal in my life anymore, not since my son Peter had been abducted by aliens from a planet called Tarizon.”

Normally, I would have put the book down then; however, the reviews were good, so I read on. I am glad that I did so.

... Though the Tarizonians are involved in this plot, this is not a science-fiction novel. This is a courtroom drama that will keep you on the edge of your seat. It is much more relaxing to read than a John Grisham novel, but it is just as exciting. Anyone who loves a great battle between lawyers will love this story. ... *Act Normal*” is a book of twists and turns that is a relaxing read. I recommend it.

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