



AN INTERVIEW WITH BEST-SELLING AUTHOR JOHN THEO JR.

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Tell us about yourself and how many books you have written.

I've been writing in both fiction and non-fiction for twenty-five years. My writing jobs include roles as a movie critic, magazine freelancer, and college professor where I taught screenwriting. I received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Salem State University and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts (now of Lasalle).

My twelve published novels range from murder mystery, to science fiction, to young adult fiction. All of which can be found on www.johntheo.com.

What is the name of your new/latest book?

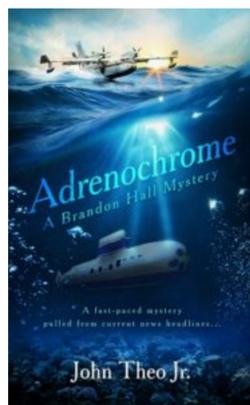
My latest book is [Adrenochrome, A Brandon Hall Mystery](#).

What is the book about?

It's the fourth book in the Brandon Hall series, but also a stand-alone story. Cattle farmer, and part-time Private Investigator, Brandon Hall is still recovering from the loss of his herd when government agent Roger Drake shows up with a side job. Billionaire playboy Geoffrey Cavendish, recently arrested for sex trafficking, is found dead in prison of an apparent suicide.

Brandon is tasked with retrieving Cavendish's sole business partner, Gabrielle Maxine Walters, and escorts her to Washington DC where she has agreed to exchange information for clemency. What promises to be a simple babysitting job turns out to be far more dangerous than Brandon ever expected.

Alone, and on the run, Brandon must protect Gabrielle Walters at all costs and deliver her safely to the Attorney General while being pursued by treasonous deep-state cells within the government.



Do you have any unusual writing habits or foods you must have when writing?

In my bachelor days, I would sit for long stretches and write. Today, I own a small business and have a large family so my time is very limited. I am forced to write in small chunks in between customers. When I say chunks, I literally mean ten to thirty-minute increments, which is probably not the norm for most writers. I just make sure I do it consistently and it works.

What authors or books have influenced you?

Like most CKN authors, the Bible is the most influential book in my life. My prayer is that I glorify Him in all I do, including my writing. As far as fiction it would have to be C.S Lewis and Tolkien. Comic books were a big part of my childhood as well. I loved other young adult classics such as Tuck Everlasting, and A Wrinkle in Time. For writing in screenplays it would be George Lucas who really challenged this young boy's imagination. Yes, I was a complete nerd. In hindsight, it was the spiritual components that attracted me to most of these stories. I now realize they were an echo of the truth. My longing for the Divine, which I later realized was my longing for God.

What other books are you working on now?

I'm finishing up the fifth book in the Brandon Hall series as well as the third book in my children's series, The Rucksack Kids. The two series offer me a balance. I delve deep into some heavy topics with the Brandon Hall storylines, which unfortunately are sometimes based on real news headlines. After I finish one of the Hall books I escape into some light-hearted fun with the Rucksack kids to "take a break".

What are you reading now?

- Bible daily
- CKN's Terry James "Revelations"

If you were going to be headed to Mars and allowed to take 3 or 4 books with you, what books would you bring?

- Bible
- 101 Things to do at The Beach
- At least one survival book, whichever one best applies to an arid-dry-non-habitable climate
- How to Witness to Little Green Men

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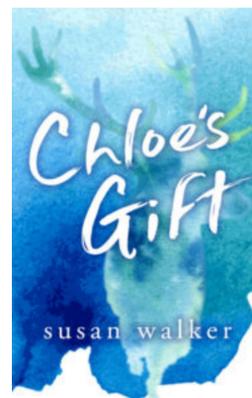
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