

A NOVEL

Hello Friends and Readers,

Here comes the next Roland Ford story – <u>THEN SHE VANISHED</u> – due to hit the shelves on Tuesday, August 11 from G.P. Putnam's Sons.

San Diego PI Roland is slightly more beat-up but wiser than a year ago, when he got in over his head with some white supremacists, and finally exacted justice, but at a high price.

This time out, Roland is hired to find the suddenly vanished wife of state Assemblyman Dalton Straight, whom Roland knows from fighting together in the bloody battle of Fallujah in Iraq.

The charismatic Natalie Strait is a good wife, a great mom, a part-time BMW salesperson, and full-time campaign manager for her husband. And the more Roland discovers about her, the more it seems that she's been abducted

Dalton is in a too-close-to-call Assembly election in November, and he's a nervous wreck about Natalie. But Roland sees that Dalton seems to miss Natalie less as a woman and more as the crack campaign manager he's depending on to win in November.

If that's not enough, a letter-bomb has been mailed to City Hall in San Diego, addressed to the mayor. Not long after, another bomb is sent to the county government building. A group calling itself the Chaos Committee claims responsibility, and promises more bombs to more public servants.

I can't say much more without spoiling things, but know that Roland finds a beautiful but dangerous companion in Tola Strait – Dalton's sister. And know too, that it's uncertain anyone will see Natalie Strait alive again.

Hope you enjoy it!

Here's a link to my "virtual" book tour schedule.

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