

Hello Friends and Readers!

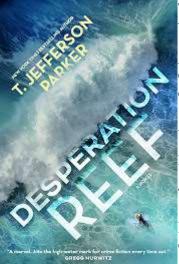
I'm totally stoked that **DESPERATION REEF** hits bookstores **Tuesday**, **July 16th** from Forge!

Stoked is the right word, too, because the book is a thriller about professional big-wave surfers doing battle with violence-prone smugglers off the California coast.

The surfers are a Laguna Beach family - Jen and grown sons, Casey and Brock soon to compete in the dangerous Monsters of Mavericks giant-wave contest just south of San Francisco.



Mavericks is known for its enormous waves, powerful currents, shallow reef, frigid waters and white sharks. It's a scary place, even if you're not being towed by a Jet Ski into a huge wave.



This is the same contest where - twenty-four years ago - Jen's husband wiped out and drowned.

Aging Jen needs to beat back her guilt and her fear of Mavericks, while Casey and Brock are driven to win the contest, as only big-wave surfers can be.

An enormous swell is aimed directly at Mavericks.

Hope you enjoy **DESPERATION REEF**.

That would be totally awesome!

I look forward to seeing you on my tour, which includes two pre-pub events!

T. Jefferson Parker

Click on the cover for more information and links to purchase DESPERATION REEF online