

THE ORIGIN

AN INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE THRILLER

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DESCRIPTION

In the chaotic wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, CIA undercover agent Nathan Gray is thrust into a global hunt for answers after an American diplomat dies under suspicious circumstances in Prague. A cryptic note slipped beneath his door hints at a deeper truth: Emmanuel Rojas didn't fall victim to a shingles virus, but to something far more deliberate.

Following a trail of hidden communication, covert operations, and silent deaths, Gray crosses continents—from the tombs of Egypt to a shadow-laden castle in Slovakia and the neon haze of Vietnam. When a brilliant statistician reveals a concealed database of viral outbreaks and a new, deadly pathogen buried by the Chinese Communist Party, Gray realizes he's chasing more than a killer—he's uncovering a conspiracy with the power to shift global dominance.

As political pressure mounts in Washington and unexpected romance blossoms with an enchanting Slovakian woman, Gray's mission becomes urgent: Discover what caused Rojas's death before Congress allows a Chinese pharmaceutical titan to flood the US market with new medications—and remain discreet in a world where trust is the most dangerous risk of all.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- A fast-paced international espionage thriller that blends covert operations, political intrigue, and a chilling medical conspiracy inspired by contemporary global events.
- Written by a retired federal agent and diplomat whose firsthand experience in international investigations and diplomacy lends authenticity to the novel's settings, characters, and operations.
- Features a unique premise centered on a deadly pathogen concealed behind a seemingly ordinary pharmaceutical, raising the stakes in a race to uncover a global conspiracy.
- Sweeps readers across Prague, Egypt, Slovakia, Vietnam, and Washington, D.C., immersing them in an action-packed story rich with international intrigue and cultural detail.
- Combines high-stakes espionage with political suspense and a compelling romantic subplot, appealing to a broad audience of thriller readers.
- From an award-winning author whose previous traditionally published novel established a reputation for authentic, page-turning suspense.

MARKETING

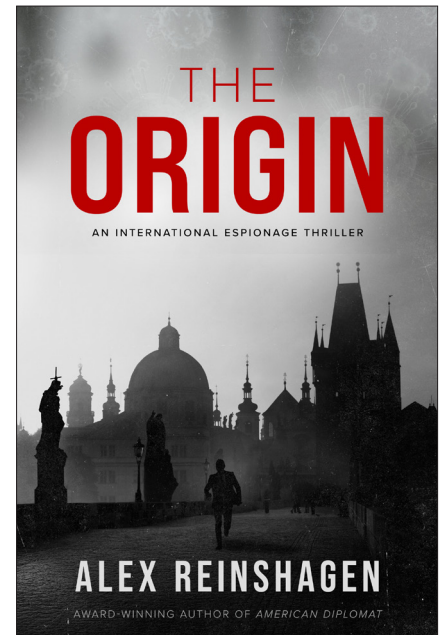
- *The Origin* will be promoted on author's well-established website and active social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn.
- Extensive email marketing campaign.
- Reviews & endorsements will be collected through current relationships while networking with new influencers, genre blogs and podcasts.
- Author will participate in a book tour, TV, print and podcast media tour, in-person bookclub appearances, presentations, and book festivals.

AUTHOR BIO



Alex Reinshagen is the award-winning author of *American Diplomat*, recipient of both the 2024 BookFest and the 2024 Literary Titan gold medals. His work has been featured in *DeMode Magazine* and highlighted by America CV Network in Miami. He is currently a contributing writer on US foreign policy for the Bruges Group UK.

Inducted into the US Foreign Service by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Reinshagen spent a distinguished career in international relations with the US Department of State, serving as a federal agent and diplomat. His overseas assignments spanned six countries, where he safeguarded government secrets and assets, protected diplomats, and apprehended fugitives. He served on protective security teams for senior US officials Madeleine Albright, General Colin Powell, and Hillary Clinton. Recognized as an expert in high-threat protection operations and counterterrorism, Reinshagen retired as the senior State Department liaison to the FBI's International Operations Division in Washington, DC.



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AUDIENCE

- Fans of espionage, political, and international thrillers
- Readers of spy fiction and geopolitical suspense
- Fans of authors such as Tom Clancy, Daniel Silva, Brad Thor, and Mark Greaney
- Readers interested in global politics, intelligence operations, and international affairs
- Readers of medical and conspiracy thrillers
- Book clubs and thriller enthusiasts seeking fast-paced, globally set suspense

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