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Hello Friends and Readers,

I'm excited and proud to bring you my next thriller, "[The Room of White Fire](#)," from G.P. Putnam's Sons. You'll be introduced to an unusual hero, PI Roland Ford – thirty-eight, an ex-Marine, ex-sheriff's deputy, and ex-boxer, who flies his own Cessna 182 and likes to dance. He lives in a rambling Southern California estate built over a century ago and given as a wedding gift by the family of his beloved and recently deceased wife – Justine.

The large, needs-some-attention ranch house is much like Roland himself, capable and physically imposing but built with integrity and a strong ability to shelter and protect. In "The Room of White Fire," Roland is hired by Arcadia -- an exclusive, very private, very pricey mental hospital hidden in the rugged mountains north of San Diego -- to locate a patient who has gone AWOL.

Roland quickly learns that the patient, Clay Hickman, is young, occasionally violent and clearly haunted by his years in the U.S. Air Force during the second Iraq war. Not only that, but his escape has apparently been enabled by a free-spirited teenage girl who's run off with this handsome, charming and disturbed young man.

As would any PI worth his license, Roland soon finds that nothing – not Arcadia, not Clay Hickman, not the mysterious owner of Arcadia – a psychologist infamous for his role in the grim "enhanced interrogations" of the War on Terror – is even remotely what it seems.

Roland skillfully unmask these pretenders, while digging himself so deeply into one of America's darkest and most heart-wrenching secrets that his own death becomes just one more thing that powerful men will execute to keep Clay Hickman silent.

I could go on and on about "The Room of White Fire," but you might prefer to let the story do that for itself.

You've got a deal!

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And rest assured that I'm working on Roland's next story right now.

Best and Soon,

T. Jefferson Parker



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