Lee R. Brand's The Emperor of California Delivers a Bold Thriller of Power, Premonition, and Political Intrigue

In The Emperor of California, Lee R. Brand weaves a gripping political thriller where visions of the future guide a Fresno powerbroker's rise, secrets unravel, and the cost of truth is deadly.

Fresno, California May 21, 2025 (Issuewire.com) - The Emperor of California by Lee R. Brand is a haunting, high-stakes tale of foresight, ambition, and the price of playing god in modern American politics told through the eyes of one of its boldest fictional characters—George Fulton, the self-proclaimed "Emperor of California."

The book begins with George Fulton mistakenly being declared dead. However, it's the final call for George to finish what he started: to tell the truth. He talks about how he rose from a modest Fresno upbringing to a political powerbroker and about the secret behind his influence: Visions of the future that began with a ghostly visit from his long-dead aunt Helen.

George's journey spans decades and involves backroom deals, international upheaval, and hidden family traumas to billion-dollar decisions shaped by unexplainable knowledge. Each chapter unspools like a reel of prophecy and consequence, peeling back the layers of a man who was always more than he seemed.

Set against the sweeping backdrop of California's political evolution and infused with eerie mysticism, The Emperor of California invites readers into a mind where power is a burden, and the truth is never what it seems.

The Emperor of California is now available in hardcover, paperback, eBook, and audiobook formats.

About the Author

Lee R. Brand, former Mayor of Fresno, California, brings his deep understanding of politics and leadership to his fiction writing. A graduate of Fresno State University and the University of Southern California, Brand has over 35 years of experience in business. Now, he turns his keen insight to storytelling, combining political intrigue with a supernatural edge in his debut novel. He lives with his wife, Trish, and their family in Fresno, California.

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