

Return to Hawaii Launches as an Electrifying Spy Thriller from Amazon Bestseller Daniel J. Voelker



Evanston, Illinois Jun 28, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - What happens when paradise becomes the frontline of a global war? In his breakout novel *Return to Hawaii: A Donovan Cross Novel*, trial attorney turned author Daniel J. Voelker delivers an adrenaline-charged political thriller that's already making waves as an Amazon bestseller.

Blending breathtaking island landscapes with heart-pounding espionage, *Return to Hawaii* introduces readers to Donovan Cross—an elite agent of the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) who returns to his childhood home of Hawaii after three decades. But this isn't a vacation. Beneath the surfboards and sunshine lies a dangerous conspiracy: China's covert military plot to use Hawaii as a launch point for a secret invasion of Taiwan.

"Having spent my childhood in Hawaii, I wanted to capture the spirit, culture, and beauty of the islands—but also the tension that could lie just beneath the surface," said Voelker. "This book is a love letter to Hawaii wrapped in a high-stakes spy thriller."

Cross finds himself entangled with a deadly global syndicate, a Chinatown crime lord, a powerful underground weapon, and the enigmatic Jade Viper—a femme fatale who may be his greatest ally or his worst threat. *Return to Hawaii* has been praised by early readers for its vivid storytelling, emotional depth, and cinematic pacing.

“Daniel J. Voelker writes from the heart and hits you in the gut.” — *Judith Q. Cole, Author of The Magic of the Red Dress*

“Move over, James Bond.” — *Randall B. Gold*

A lifelong fan of espionage fiction, Voelker grew up watching James Bond movies and reading novels by the likes of Ian Fleming, Tom Clancy, and Robert Ludlum. “Donovan Cross has some DNA from Jason Bourne and Jack Reacher,” Voelker admits, “but he’s also deeply human, haunted by trauma, driven by duty, and questioning everything.”

In addition to *Return to Hawaii*, Voelker is currently working on the next book in the Donovan Cross series, *The Golden Dome*, as well as a contemporary romantic satire titled *The Club*.

About the Author

Daniel J. Voelker is an accomplished trial attorney based in Evanston, Illinois. A passionate storyteller and legal educator, he brings sharp insight and authenticity to his writing. His extensive background in law and deep personal ties to Hawaii inform the gritty realism and emotional complexity of his debut novel.

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