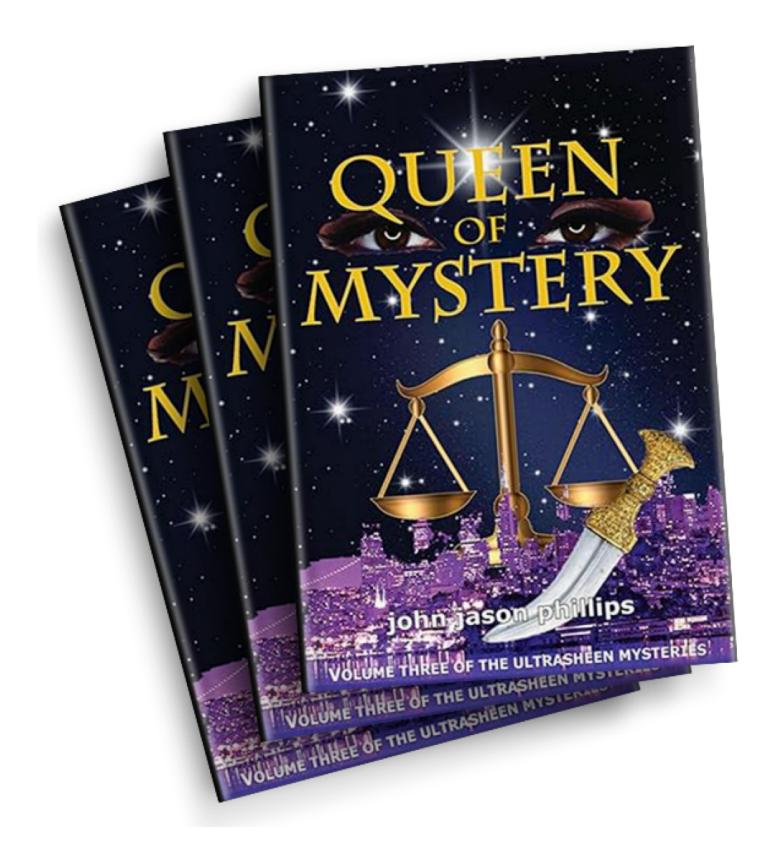
John Jason Phillips Delivers Haunting Noir Mystery in Queen of Mystery, Fusing Suspense with LGBTQ+ History



with the third installment in his celebrated Ultrasheen Mysteries series. Queen of Mystery: Volume Three of the Ultrasheen Mysteries transports readers to San Francisco's Castro District in the mid-1980s, a time when glittering nightlife thrived against the backdrop of rising danger, prejudice, and the looming shadow of the AIDS crisis.

At the heart of this gripping noir is UltraSheen, the radiant drag performer and beloved community icon who has become the emotional core of the series. When a series of shocking murders rocks the queer community, UltraSheen's world is upended. Casey Johnson, the cab driver turned reluctant investigator, dives into a web of smoky clubs, back-alley secrets, and underground drag shows—uncovering dangerous truths that threaten to silence those who dare to shine.

Queen of Mystery blends suspense, emotion, and history with a storyteller's precision. Phillips crafts a narrative that is as much about solving crimes as it is about confronting injustice, honoring courage, and celebrating the unbreakable bonds of chosen family. The result is a hauntingly atmospheric tale of love, betrayal, resilience, and survival—both a noir thriller and a tribute to LGBTQ+ history.

"The 1980s were a time of incredible bravery and heartbreak," says Phillips. "With Queen of Mystery, I wanted to pay homage to the drag performers and queer individuals who lived and loved fiercely despite fear and prejudice. UltraSheen isn't just a heroine—she's a symbol of strength, wit, and the enduring light of our community."

Fans of the Ultrasheen Mysteries will once again find Phillips' signature blend of sharp suspense, emotional depth, and social insight. Queen of Mystery deepens the series' legacy with a story that captures both the glitter and the grit of life in the Castro at a pivotal moment in queer history.

Early readers have hailed the novel as "a love letter to queer history told through the lens of noir" and "a breathtaking journey through beauty, danger, and defiance."

Queen of Mystery is now available in paperback and digital editions through major retailers and online platforms. Readers seeking a story that thrills, moves, and honors the past will find Phillips' latest work unforgettable.

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About the Author

John Jason Phillips is the author of the acclaimed Ultrasheen Mysteries series, following drag performer UltraSheen and her reluctant partner Casey Johnson through noir-inspired stories set in San Francisco's queer community. Blending suspense, heart, and historical insight, Phillips' writing illuminates resilience, survival, and the enduring power of chosen family.

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