

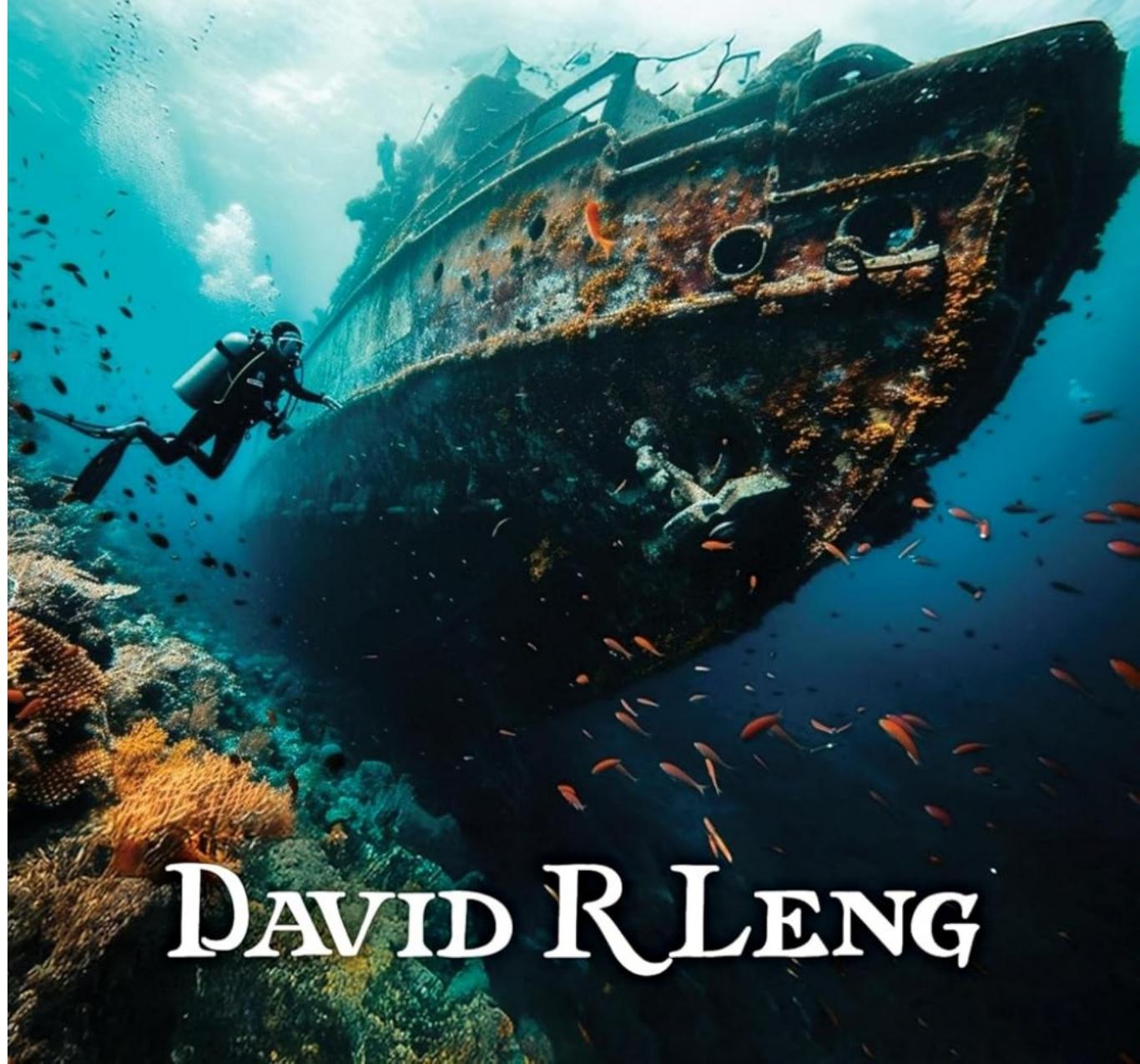
David R. Leng Releases Echoes of Fortune: Shadows Over Cozumel

A high-stakes thriller where buried history resurfaces in deadly ways

ECHOES of FORTUNE

SHADOWS OVER COZUMEL

- A Novella -



DAVID RLENG

Portland, Oregon Feb 18, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - Award-winning author **David R. Leng** returns with *Echoes of Fortune: Shadows Over Cozumel*, a fast-paced historical-modern thriller that fuses real maritime history, deep-sea exploration, and contemporary espionage into a gripping race against time.

Set against the vibrant beauty of the Caribbean and the ominous silence of the deep ocean, *Shadows Over Cozumel* asks a haunting question: **What would you risk to uncover a secret buried for 150 years?**

When historian **Jack Sullivan**, Smithsonian curator **Emma Wilson**, and former Navy SEAL **Steve Johnson** investigate a long-forgotten Confederate shipwreck off the coast of Cozumel, they expect to uncover relics of the past. Instead, they stumble upon a secret powerful enough to trigger a modern conspiracy, one backed by a hidden network willing to kill to keep history buried. What begins as a historical investigation quickly spirals into a deadly struggle where the past and present collide.

A self-contained thriller, *Echoes of Fortune: Shadows Over Cozumel* also serves as an accessible entry point into Leng's acclaimed *Echoes of Fortune* series, where unresolved historical events continue to shape and threaten the modern world.

About the Author

David R. Leng is a corporate outsourced risk manager and former trial lawyer whose career has focused on identifying failure points, managing crises, and navigating high-stakes decision-making. This professional background lends authenticity, precision, and credibility to his fiction, grounding each story in meticulous research, realistic procedures, and contemporary geopolitical risks.

His debut novel, *Echoes of Fortune: The Search for Braddock's Lost Gold*, earned multiple literary awards and a positive **Kirkus** review, establishing Leng as a compelling new voice in intelligent, research-driven thrillers where history, power, and risk intersect.

Inspiration Behind the Book

The idea for *Shadows Over Cozumel* was sparked during an actual dive off the coast of Cozumel. After surfacing, a divemaster casually mentioned that the wreck the group had explored was believed to be a former Confederate ship. That remark led Leng down a path of discovery into vanished Confederate vessels, missing cargoes, and shadowy post-Civil War movements that raised unsettling questions about what may have been hidden, and why.

Research into figures such as General Sterling Price and Confederate forces who fled south after the war revealed persistent rumors that some viewed defeat not as an end, but as a pause. By blending this history with modern technical diving and intelligence work, Leng crafted a story where unresolved past ambitions violently intrude upon the present.

Message to Readers

"Thank you for diving into this story," Leng says. "I write thrillers for readers who enjoy smart puzzles,

authentic stakes, and narratives where history matters not as background, but as an active force shaping the present. *Shadows Over Cozumel* is a complete and satisfying read, but it also reflects the core theme of the *Echoes of Fortune* series: the past never stays buried.”

Previous Media & Promotion

- Featured on various local radio and television programs in Western Pennsylvania

Book Availability

Echoes of Fortune: Shadows Over Cozumel is available now on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0FSMTD53S>

For more information about the author and the *Echoes of Fortune* series, visit:

<https://www.echoesoffortune.com>

The Spotlight Network on Echoes of Fortune by David R.

Leng: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzhAd-jOO-4>



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