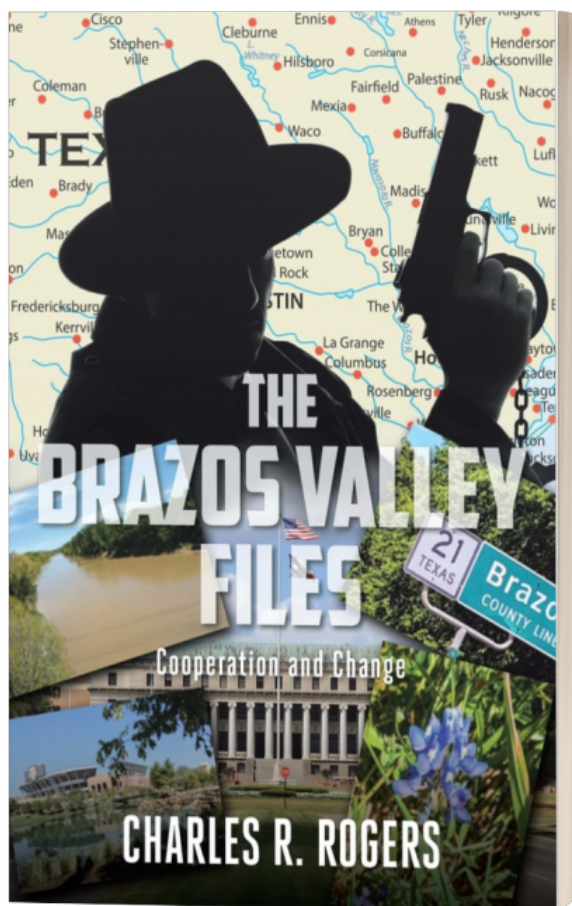


The Brazos Valley Files: Cooperation and Change Earns National Recognition for Wholesome Crime Fiction

Charles R. Rogers's award-winning novel explores community challenges and cooperation in a rapidly growing college town



Los Angeles, California Apr 9, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - [The Brazos Valley Files: Cooperation and Change](#) by acclaimed crime fiction author Charles R. Rogers continues to gain national attention for its thoughtful, socially grounded approach to the genre. The novel has recently been recognized with the Spring/Summer Positive Impact Book Award for Fiction, highlighting its focus on community, cooperation, and constructive storytelling.

Set in the Brazos Valley region of Texas, the book examines the complex realities of life in and around a major college town. From the surge in traffic during game weekends to the strain created by the annual addition of tens of thousands of students, the story follows a series of interconnected cases shaped by growth, public safety, and civic responsibility. Rather than relying on sensationalism, the novel emphasizes collaboration among law enforcement, public institutions, and community members as they respond to evolving challenges.

Charles R. Rogers brings authenticity to the narrative through his extensive background in journalism, communications, public relations, and retail. After a three-decade professional career, Rogers transitioned into fiction with a distinctive commitment to “wholesome” crime novels that avoid graphic violence and profanity while maintaining suspense and realism. His work is recognized for grounding compelling plots in real-world issues, including public safety, social responsibility, and ethical decision-making.

In addition to the Positive Impact Book Award, *The Brazos Valley Files: Cooperation and Change* was nominated and placed on the short list for the 2025 American Writer’s Awards Hawthorne Prize, further underscoring its literary merit.

The book will also be featured at the LA Times Festival of Books 2026, taking place April 18–19, 2026, at the University of Southern California, where it will be included in the book display at Olympus Story House booth #182 (Gold Zone). Charles R. Rogers will host book signings on both days of the event. In addition, Rogers has been selected as the featured author for the second edition of Olympus Quill Magazine, marking another milestone in his growing national profile.

Through its emphasis on cooperation, realism, and moral clarity, *The Brazos Valley Files: Cooperation and Change* reinforces Charles R. Rogers’s reputation as a distinctive and impactful voice in contemporary crime fiction.

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