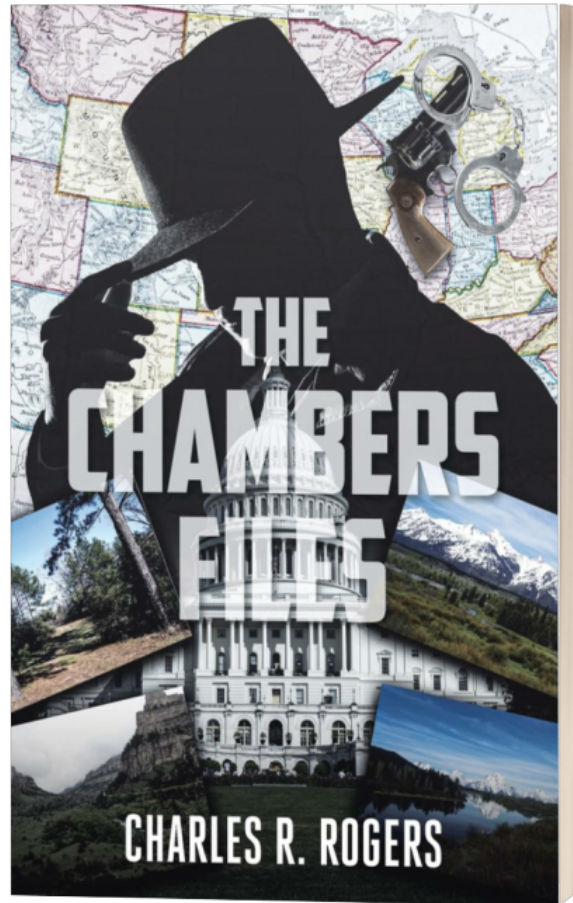


The Chambers Files Connects Crime Across State Lines in a Grounded Crime Fiction Debut

Charles R. Rogers introduces Detective Bobby Chambers in a suspense-driven novel rooted in real American communities



Los Angeles, California Apr 9, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Charles R. Rogers delivers a compelling entry into contemporary crime fiction with *The Chambers Files*, a novel that examines how criminal activity rarely exists in isolation. Set primarily in Lake Ridge, Virginia, the story follows Detective Bobby Chambers as he confronts a growing wave of crime spilling over from nearby Washington, D.C. into what was once considered a stable suburban community.

As Chambers navigates an increasingly complex local landscape, the scope of the investigation expands beyond Northern Virginia. When his niece relocates to Wyoming, Chambers begins to recognize how crimes occurring in distant regions are often interconnected. What initially appear to be isolated incidents reveal broader networks that span multiple states, challenging assumptions about jurisdiction, responsibility, and cooperation.

The Chambers Files traces investigations that lead Chambers through Virginia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Wyoming. Each setting is portrayed with careful attention to realism, reflecting places the author has personally lived in or visited. Rogers emphasizes authenticity in both geography and character, grounding the narrative in believable communities while maintaining a steady pace of suspense.

The novel is distinguished by Rogers' deliberate approach to "wholesome" crime fiction. The story avoids graphic violence and excessive profanity while still addressing serious criminal issues and moral complexity. This balance allows the book to appeal to a wide readership seeking thoughtful mystery and suspense without sensationalism.

Charles R. Rogers spent more than three decades in public relations and sales before turning to fiction in retirement. His professional background in communication and storytelling informs his clear narrative style and strong character development. Raised in rural southwestern Mississippi and having lived across the United States, Rogers draws from a wide range of regional experiences to shape his fictional worlds.

The Chambers Files marks the beginning of Rogers' crime fiction series and establishes Detective Bobby Chambers as a central figure navigating the realities of modern crime across interconnected American communities.

The Chambers Files will be featured at the upcoming LA Times Festival of Books 2026, taking place on April 18–19, 2026, at the University of Southern California, with additional placement in the book display at Olympus Story House booth #182 (Gold Zone). Charles R. Rogers will also be available for book signings on both days of the festival. The appearance highlights the book's growing visibility within the national literary community.

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