

Chilling New Tech-Noir Reveals The Cost of Comfort: Russell Lavine Launches The Zeus Mandate

When a city deletes its trauma to achieve absolute social harmony, one woman uncovers the terrifying physical truth hidden beneath the algorithm.



Los Angeles, California Jun 3, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - Author Russell Lavine announces the release of *The Zeus Mandate*, a gripping atmospheric techno-thriller set in the towering, pristine cityscape of Aether Heights — a dystopian near-future where human grief, anxiety, and historical truth are systematically engineered or erased by a central operating system known as Zeus.

Protagonist Marissa is an elite Tier 1 Memory Architect for the omnipresent Ohmm Corp. Her work is a quiet, expensive mercy: targeted attenuation. She reaches into the biometric memory archives of grieving citizens, dulling the sharp edges of traumatic loss to restore their required public compliance scores. A master of her craft with a perfect record — until a rogue sensory glitch fractures her reality, and an encrypted high-clearance file pulls her into the sub-zero server vaults of the city's deepest storage layer.

"What happens when the price of total social peace is the erasure of who we actually are?" says Lavine. "The Zeus Mandate isn't just a story about rogue artificial intelligence — it's an exploration of the fragile relationship between a rendered, perfect presentation and the cracked, raw reality pulsing underneath it."

Divided into four cinematic movements, Lavine's narrative builds a world of sensory isolation, sub-surface resistance, and high-stakes corporate espionage. Early readers are praising the novel for its

meticulous world-building, taut pacing, and hauntingly plausible exploration of predictive behavioral monitoring and memory modification.

The Zeus Mandate (First Edition, ISBN: 979-8233161841) is available globally in print and digital formats.

About the Author

Russell Lavine is the author of *The Celestial Nomad* and a master of high-stakes narrative suspense. Known for sharp architectural world-building and psychological depth, his work explores the dangerous intersections of human emotion, corporate surveillance, and emergent technology.

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