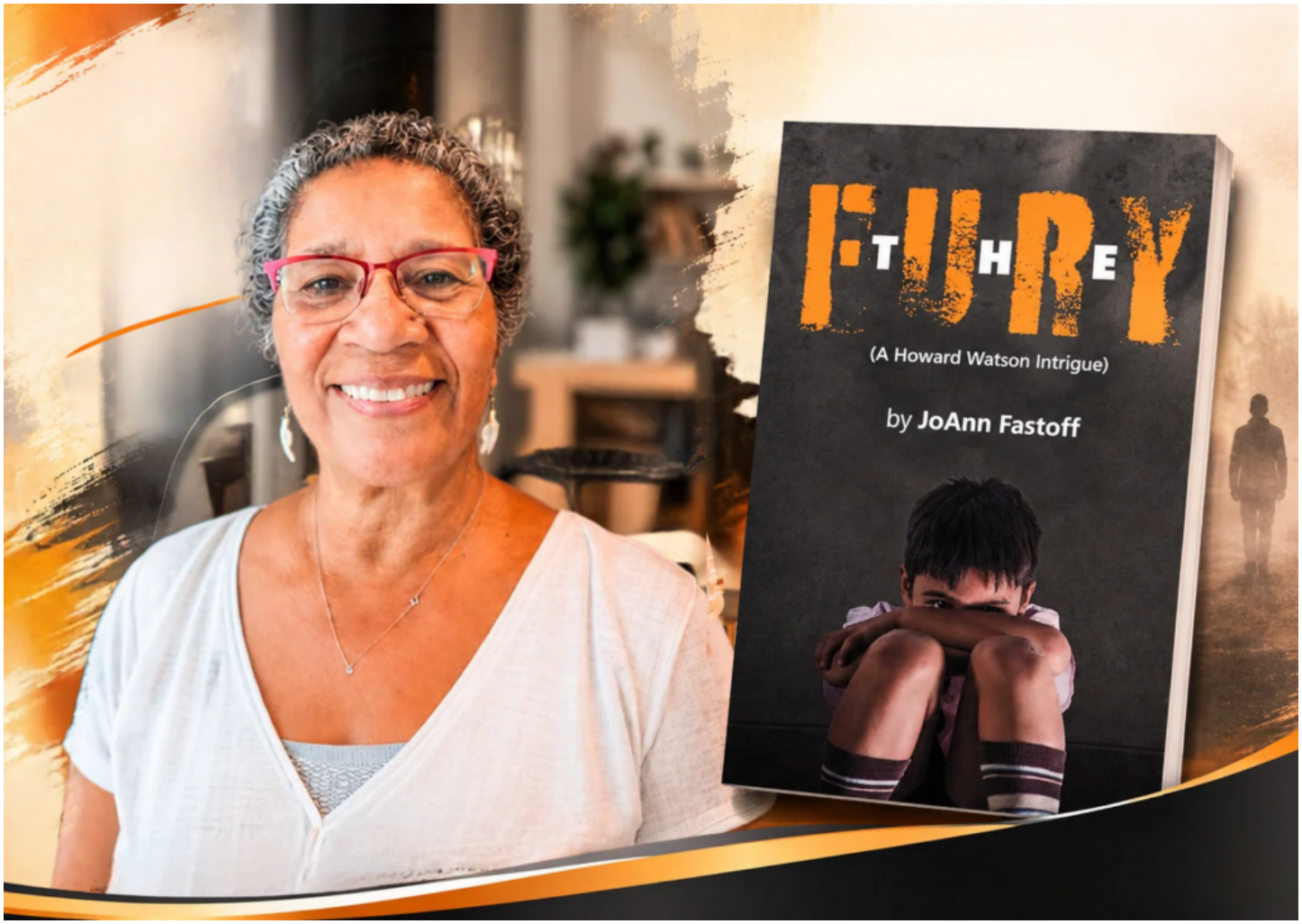
Revenge Has a Price Tag: JoAnn Fastoff's "The Fury" Shows Who Pays

The eighth Howard Watson novel pairs an FBI investigation into child labor trafficking with a family's quest for revenge, and asks what getting even really costs.



Chicago, Illinois Nov 20, 2026 (Issuewire.com**)** - Award-winning author JoAnn Fastoff has released *The Fury, A Howard Watson Intrigue*, the eighth novel in her FBI-based crime thriller series. The mystery thriller follows Supervisory Special Agent Howard Watson as he works two cases at once: a federal investigation into child labor trafficking and a personal vendetta aimed at him and his wife. The book draws on a crime that exists in the real world, forced labor in the United States, and sets it beside the private damage that revenge leaves behind.

The story begins fourteen years after former FBI Special Agent Eric Glenn was sentenced for his part in a CIA-linked scheme that left two men dead and a fellow agent's wife wounded. Glenn dies in federal prison with only a week left on his sentence. His family reacts in different ways, but his son Joel, a young accountant, resolves to make Watson and his wife, Carol, pay for his family's years of shame and hardship. Meanwhile, Watson's Washington Field Office team takes on a case involving a company accused of exploiting indigenous children in manufacturing and agriculture. As agents move from Washington to Philadelphia the novel explores grief, accountability and the consequences of corruption,

and it shows how ordinary communities can look away from exploitation.

The result is a procedural thriller with a human core, written for readers who follow crime fiction and FBI stories. Former FBI special agents who read the book have praised its attention to detail.

Fastoff is the author of both fiction and non-fiction books and has written for numerous publications. She has produced three one-act plays Off-Off-Broadway in New York. She also produced and directed *Live from the Warehouse*, a jazz program for several PBS affiliates. An environmental activist, she was born and raised in Chicago, and her website, joannfastoff.com, lists her books and other work.

The Fury, A Howard Watson Intrigue is now available on Amazon. Readers can learn more about the book and purchase their copy through the official book listing here.

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