

The Last Drive by John W. Howell

Sequel To *Eternal Road* (Magical Realism).

In the sequel to *Eternal Road* - The final stop, Sam and James are reunited to look for two souls, Ryan and Eddie. Ryan was killed in Afghanistan, trying to avoid a schoolyard with his crippled plane. Eddie Rickenbacker, Ryan's hero, is to guide Ryan to his Eternal Home, and now both are missing.

The higher-ups believe that there has been some interference in Ryan and Eddie's journey by Lucifer, so Sam and James have the task of finding Ryan and Eddie to get them back on the road despite the evil interference. Unfortunately, the machinations designed to prevent Ryan and Eddy from completing their journey takes the pair to horrifying testing grounds. The places visited represent the best work of the Devil. They are the trenches of World War I in France, gladiators at the Roman Coliseum, the sinking *Titanic* in 1912, Hiroshima 45 minutes before the bomb, and the Auschwitz concentration camp in 1943.

This book is for you if you like plenty of action, strong characters, time travel, and a touch of spiritual and historical fiction. So, join Sam and James as they try to find the missing souls while staying one step ahead of the Prince of Darkness, who is determined to destroy all that is good.



Review by Elizabeth Gauffreau: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Reviewed in the United States on January 26, 2023. Verified Purchase.

A Sequel Full of Surprises! As the sequel to *Eternal Road*, *The Last Drive* by John Howell features the two main characters from the first book: James, a young man who was recently killed in an car accident, and Samantha (Sam), a now-grown friend from James's childhood, who was murdered when she was seven years old. In *Eternal Road*, Sam served as James's spirit guide to help him find his eternal home.

In *The Last Drive*, Sam has been asked by the Archangel Michael to find Eddie Rickenbacker, the World War I flying ace, and Ryan Sanders, an Air Force pilot who was recently killed in Afghanistan when he stayed in his burning plane to avoid crashing into a civilian settlement. Eddie is serving as Ryan's spirit guide to find his eternal home; however, the two have gone missing. The Archangel suspects they have crossed paths with Lucifer, who is forever trolling for souls who haven't yet found their eternal home.

Sam's response to the Archangel is the same as mine would have been: " 'I'm surprised God and yourself don't keep track of this kind of thing.' " Including this exchange in the opening chapter is a good demonstration of Howell's skill in suspending the reader's disbelief in the fictional world he has created.

The Archangel's response to Sam's question raises thorny questions of free will, predestination, and Divine intervention. These questions hover over the four main characters' subsequent interactions with Lucifer. In fact, at one point, Sam proposes a deal with the Devil that took me completely by surprise—but was oh, so right.

As the prime mover of villainy, Lucifer chooses to torture Sam, James, Ryan, and Eddie with a series of moral dilemmas by plunking them into horrific historical events, including the sinking of the Titanic, the Auschwitz concentration camp, and the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. For people who are essentially good, this would be the equivalent of being dangled over a lake of fire by one ankle.

However, the Lucifer of *The Last Drive* tries to present himself as the charming rogue or, at times, the cartoonish, mustache-twirling villain—all in an attempt to manipulate the souls he is going after into underestimating him.

One aspect of the novel I particularly appreciated was that, although the same afterlife "rules" were carried over from *Eternal Road* to *The Last Drive*, new ones were introduced that surprised me, in particular that education continues into the afterlife. Although this feature of the afterlife is used as a plot device to give Sam and James the knowledge they need to extricate themselves from Lucifer's clutches, I think it's more than that. If we think of the afterlife as eternal paradise, then it makes perfect sense that the ability to learn and gain new knowledge would be a part of it. Learning for its own sake is, at its heart, a joyous and life-affirming act. (Take THAT, Lucifer.)

To sum up, I found *The Last Drive* an engaging and satisfying read. The stakes of the plot are high, the action fast-paced, the historical research thorough, and the main characters well-developed and likable

(with the exception of Lucifer, of course). In addition to the other surprises I've noted, the ending of The Last Drive also surprised me—in the best possible way. I highly recommend this surprising sequel to Eternal Road!

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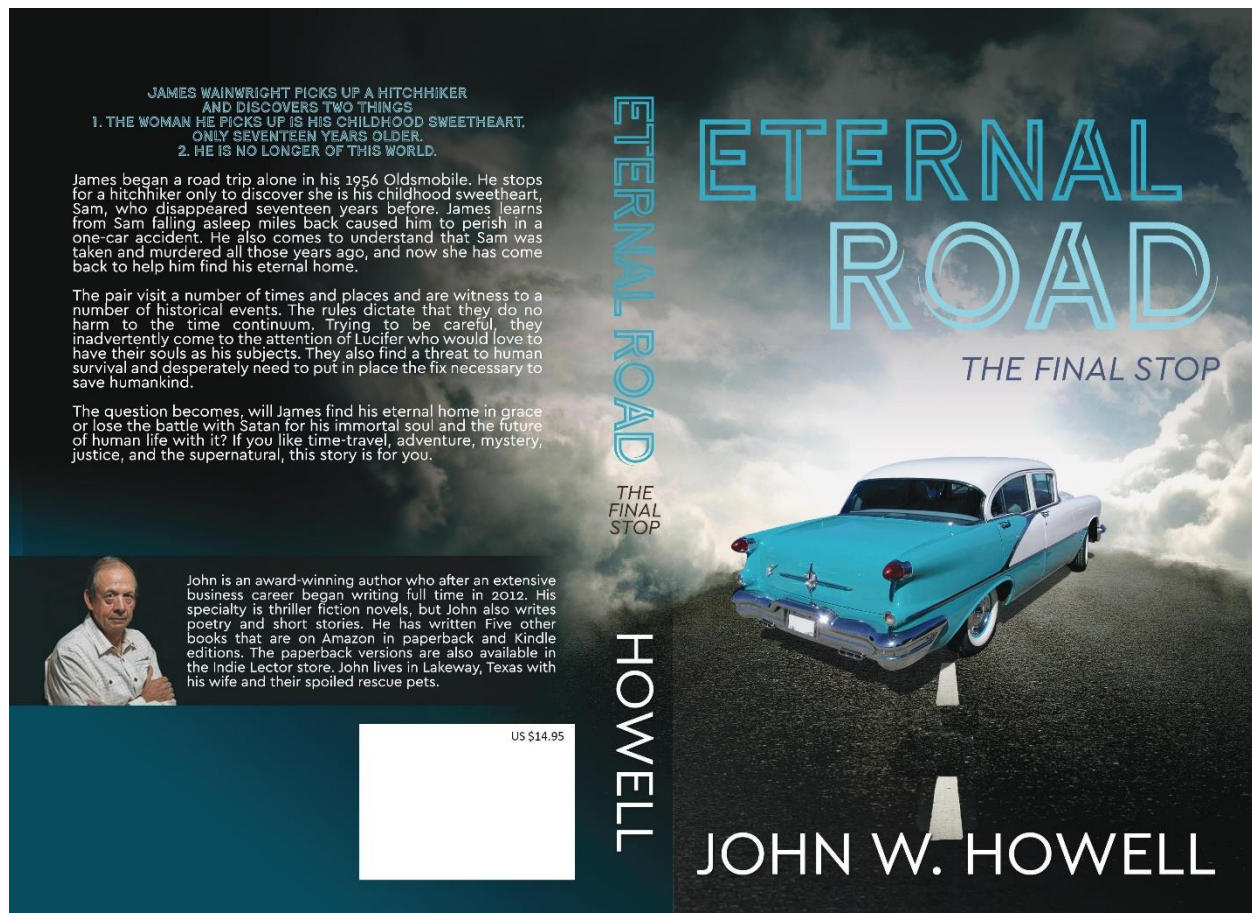
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Eternal Road: The Final Stop by John W. Howell

Eternal Road (Magical Realism).

James Wainwright picks up a hitchhiker and discovers two things 1. The woman he picks up is his childhood sweetheart, only Seventeen years older. 2. He is no longer of this world.

James began a road trip alone in his 1956 Oldsmobile. He stops for a hitchhiker only to discover she is his childhood sweetheart, Sam, who disappeared seventeen years before. James learns from Sam falling asleep miles back caused him to perish in a one-car accident. He also comes to understand that Sam was taken and murdered all those years ago, and now she has come back to help him find his eternal home.

The pair visit a number of times and places and are witness to a number of historical events. The rules dictate that they do no harm to the time continuum. Trying to be careful, they inadvertently come to the attention of Lucifer who would love to have their souls as his subjects. They also find a threat to human survival and desperately need to put in place the fix necessary to save mankind.

The question becomes, will James find his eternal home in grace or lose the battle with Satan for his immortal soul and the future of human life with it? If you like time-travel, adventure, mystery, justice, and the supernatural, this story is for you.

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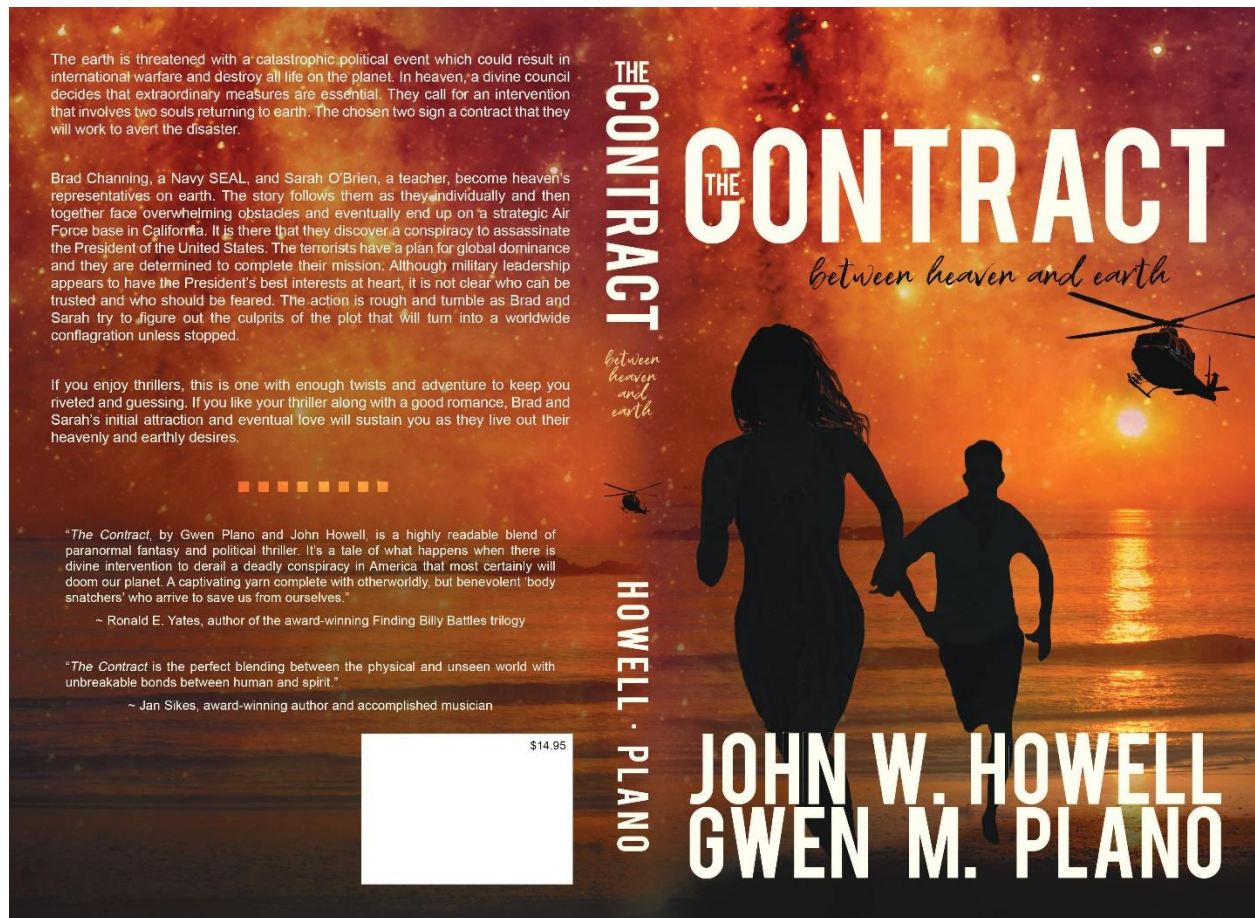
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The Contract: Between Heaven And Earth by John W. Howell and Gwen M. Plano

Amazon International #1 Bestseller and #1 New Release.

The earth is under the threat of a catastrophic political event which could result in international warfare and destroy all life on the planet. In heaven, a divine council decides that extraordinary measures are essential. They call for an intervention that involves two souls returning to earth. The chosen two sign a contract that they will work to avert the disaster. Brad Channing, a Navy SEAL, and Sarah O'Brien, a teacher, become heaven's representatives on earth. The story follows them as they individually and then together face overwhelming obstacles and eventually end up on a strategic Air Force base in California. It is there that they discover a conspiracy to assassinate the President of the United States. The terrorists have a plan for global dominance, and they are determined to complete their mission. Although military leadership appears to have the President's best interests at heart, it is not clear who can be trusted and who should be feared. The action is rough and tumble as Brad and Sarah try to figure out the culprits of the plot that will turn into a worldwide conflagration unless stopped. If you enjoy thrillers, this is one with enough twists and adventure to keep you riveted and guessing. If you like your thriller along with a good romance, Brad and Sarah's initial attraction and eventual love will sustain you as they live out their heavenly and earthly desires.

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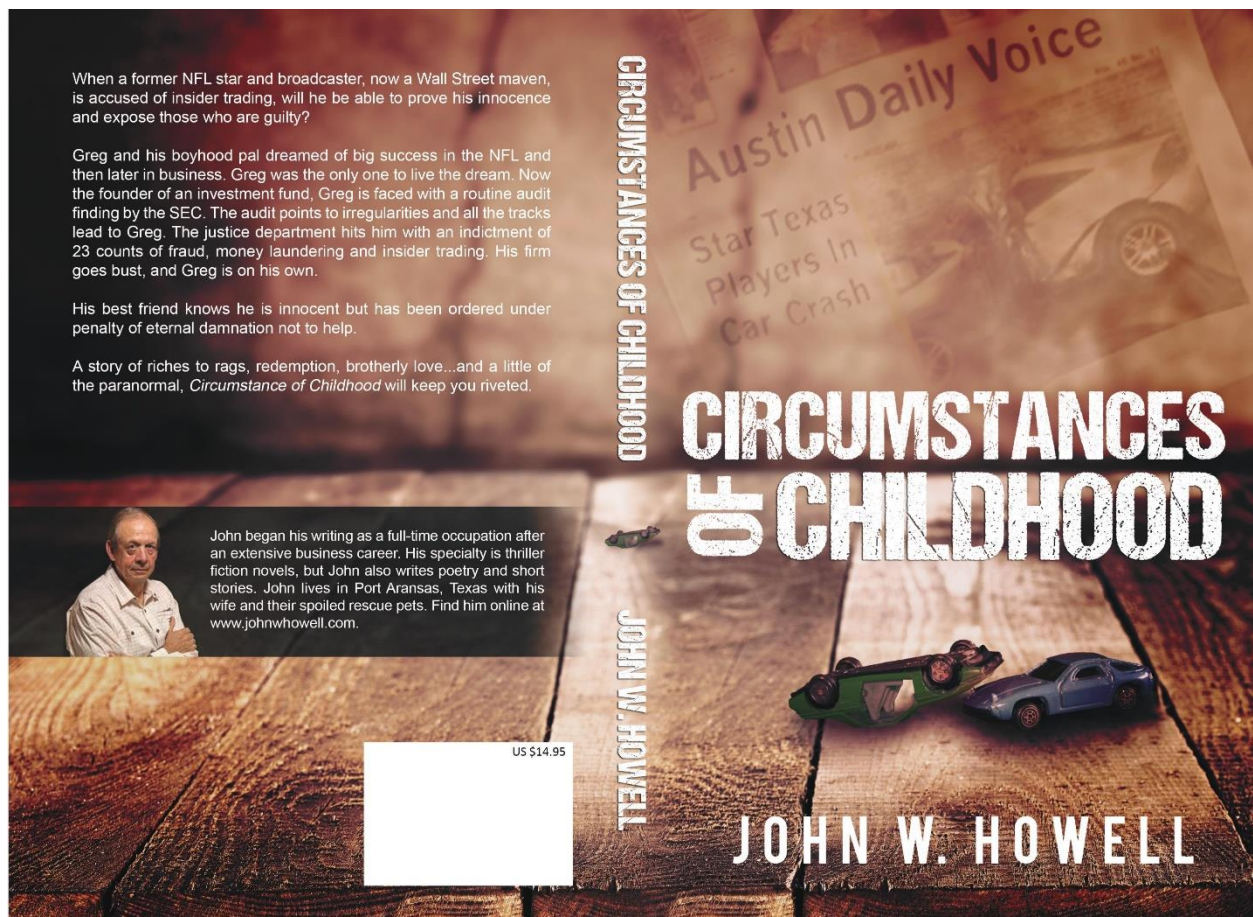
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Circumstances of Childhood by John W. Howell

When a former pro football star and broadcaster, now a Wall Street maven is accused of insider trading, will he be able to prove his innocence and expose those who are guilty?

Greg and his boyhood pal dreamed of big success in professional football and then later in business. Greg was the only one to live the dream. Now the founder of an investment fund Greg is faced with a routine audit finding by the SEC. The audit points to irregularities and all the tracks lead to Greg. The justice department hits him with an indictment of 23 counts of fraud, money laundering, and insider trading. His firm goes bust, and Greg is on his own.

His best friend knows he is innocent but has been ordered under penalty of eternal damnation not to help.

If you enjoy stories of riches to rags, redemption, brotherly love, and a little of the paranormal, Circumstance of Childhood will keep you riveted.

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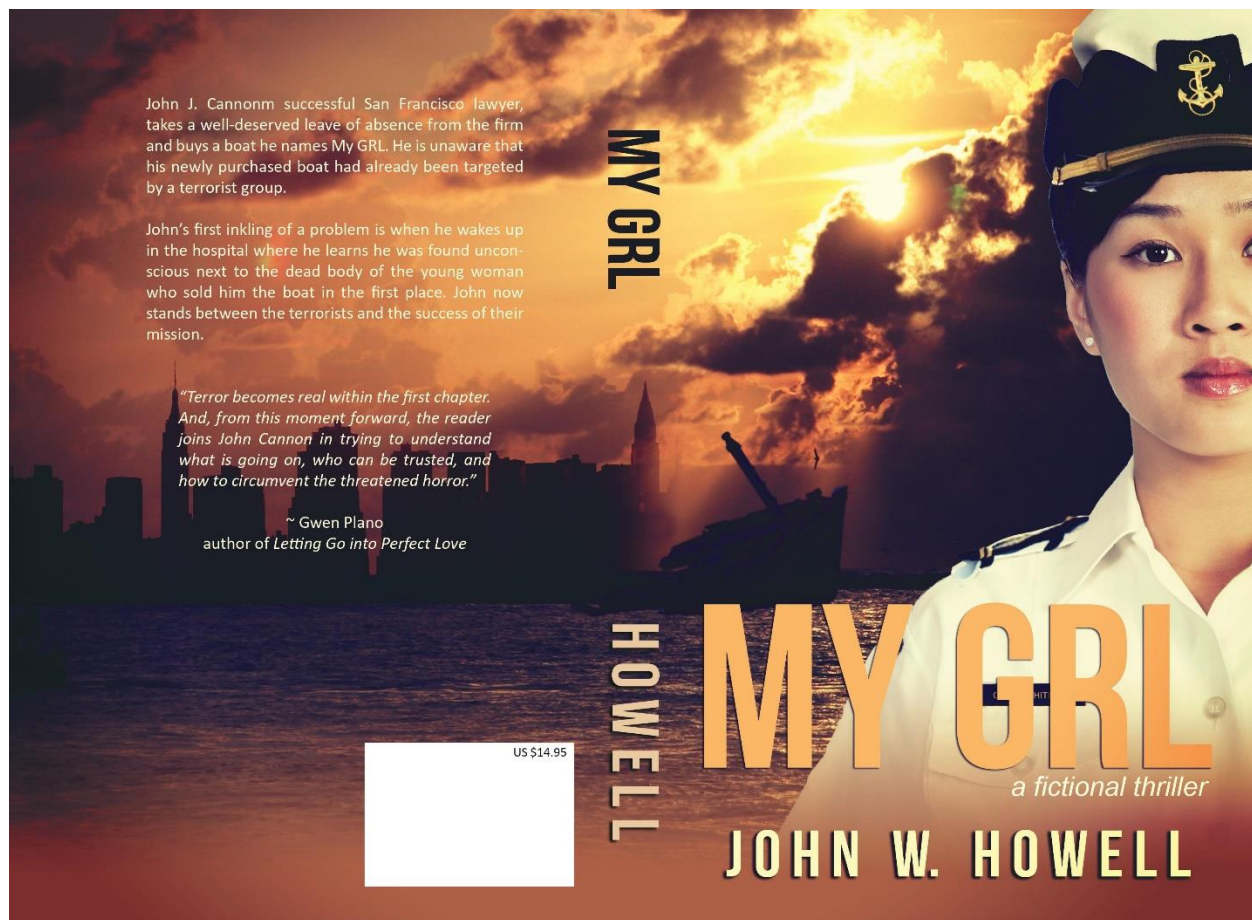
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My GRL by John W. Howell

John Cannon Trilogy Book One.

John J. Cannon successful San Francisco lawyer takes a leave of absence from the firm and buys a boat he names My GRL.

He is unaware that his newly-purchased boat had already been targeted by a terrorist group. John's first inkling of a problem is when he wakes up in the hospital where he learns he was found unconscious next to the dead body of the attractive young woman who sold him the boat in the first place.

John now stands between the terrorists and the success of their mission.

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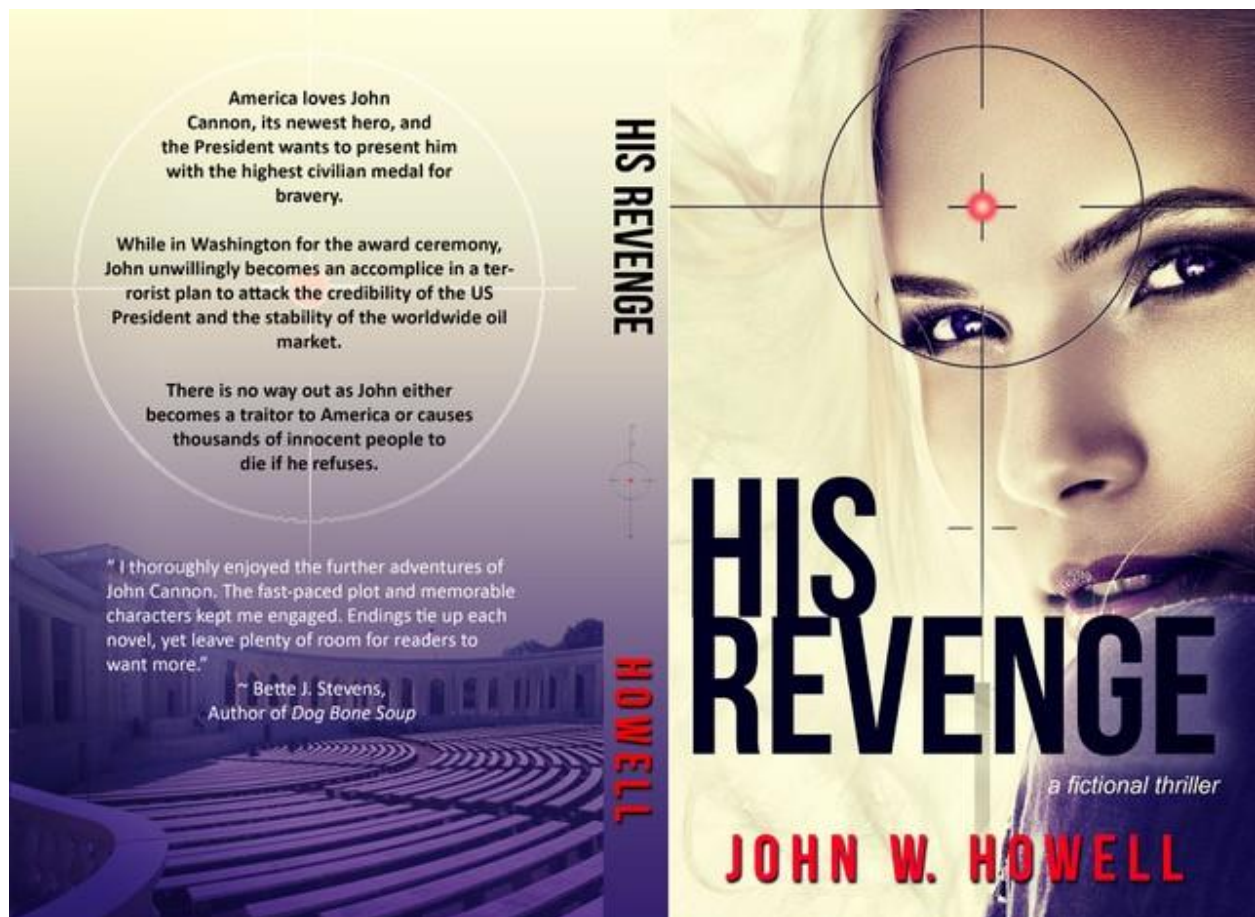
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His Revenge by John W. Howell

John Cannon Trilogy Book Two.

America loves John Cannon, its newest hero, and the President wants to present him with the highest civilian medal for bravery for saving the Annapolis midshipman from a terrorist plot to destroy them. While in Washington for the award ceremony, John unwillingly becomes an accomplice in another plan by the same group to attack the credibility of the US President and the stability of the worldwide oil market. There is no way out as John either becomes a traitor to America or causes thousands of innocent people to die if he refuses.

The second John J. Cannon Thriller moves from a barrier Island off the coast of Texas to Washington DC, then to Northern California, and finally to Ecuador. John is on the receiving end of an offer he cannot, refuse. His avowed enemy Matt Jacobs now wants John to help him shake the reputation of the US in the world political arena. If John refuses, Matt plans to murder innocent Americans including John's latest relationship. John's only way out is to pretend to go along with the plan and hope for a miracle.

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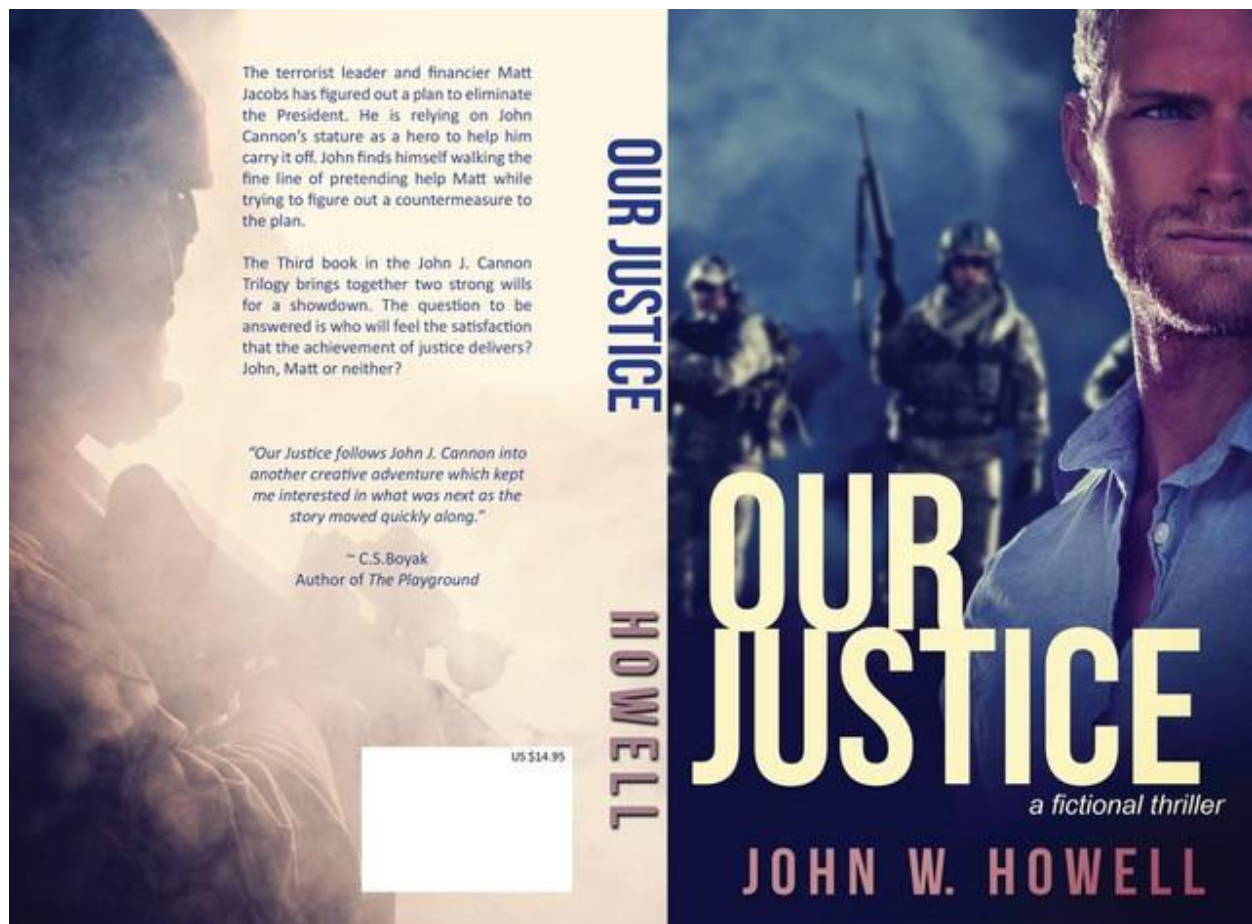
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Our Justice by John W. Howell

John Cannon Trilogy Book Three.

The terrorist leader and financier Matt Jacobs has figured out a plan to eliminate the President. He is relying on John Cannon's stature as a hero to help him carry it off. John finds himself walking the fine line of pretending to help Matt while trying to figure out a countermeasure to the plan.

The third book in the John J. Cannon Trilogy brings together two strong wills for a showdown. The question to be answered is who will feel the satisfaction that the achievement of justice delivers? John, Matt or neither?



5 Stars: Dangerous World!

For all you John Cannon followers 'Our Justice' (trilogy book three in the series) is finally here.

To refresh your memory, 'My GRL' is book one in the series. Like a lot of business men who tolls in an office setting day in and day out John J. Cannon takes a leave of absence from his firm, buys a boat and names her "My GRL". Life was looking up until he wakes up in the hospital and finds out that he was found unconscious beside the woman who sold him the boat. If you have read this book, you know where the story goes, if not, you need to read book one to see how the purchase of this boat brings John into the dangerous world of terrorism, counter-terrorism and politics that will either bring out the best or the worst in him.

Book Two of this thriller trilogy is titled 'His Revenge' for a reason, but revenge may not be what John imagines. In fact, he unwittingly becomes an accomplice in a plan to attack the credibility of the US President and topple the worldwide oil industry. How will John get out of this without becoming a traitor to his country and endangering thousands of lives?

'Our Justice' is here, and now you must find out if justice is as sweet as revenge. Let me start with a quote from Chapter three to catch you up and whet your appetite.

...The two agents explain something about being called off the case. Ned asks them what they're doing here, and they tell him they're sorry for the way things turned out. We all shake hands, and they go away.

...Ned suggests we go to dinner, and we do. We have a little discussion about the agents, and I think Ned feels it is good riddance. Ned and I finish dinner, and he drops me off at my house again. He wonders if he should come inside to check the house before he leaves. I offer to buy him a beer if he's so inclined. ...He smiles, "You know, a nice cold beer might be just the thing to top this day. Also, I'm going to have an officer come over here tonight."

...I don't say anything about the officer and just nod. We get out of the SUV and start up the driveway. I'm not sure if I see something at the corner of the house or not. "Ned, take a look at the corner of the house to the right."

...He whispers, "Yeah, someone's there. Get down."

...As I move to the ground, flashes come from the dark corner. Ned grunts like someone just hit him in the stomach, and then falls to the ground and rolls over close to me. "Take my gun and start shooting." He reaches out, and I can see his gun and also a lot of blood.

...I take the gun from his sticky hand and fire toward the corner of the house. A dull moan tells me that I've likely hit something other than the building. I get up and hold Ned's gun out in front of me, as I've seen the police do on TV. After a quick move to my left, I run toward the corner of the house, only closer to the bushes in the front. I don't want to be a big target while I make my approach toward the gunman. When I reach the corner, I make out an arm with a gun in the hand. Though the arm is outstretched on the ground, it could be a trap, so I step on the wrist. When I do, the hand opens, and the gun makes no sound when it slips to the ground. With the muzzle of Ned's gun at the person's head, I say a line I've heard before, "One move and you are a dead man."

...Upon looking closer, I can say that my line was a little redundant. I haven't seen too many dead men in my life, but this guy looks dead to me. Still wary, I pick up the guy's gun and sprint back to Ned. When I get there, Ned is still on the ground. "Ned, can you hear me?"

... "Call 911. I need to get to a hospital." "Should I drive you?"

... "No. No offense, but we both need to stay alive."

...I dial 911 and speak to the dispatcher. I tell them where we are and that the chief has been shot. The dispatcher sounds upset and lets me know that EMS and a car are on the way. "Please, stay on the line, Mr. Cannon. I need you to give me some idea of Chief Tranes' condition."

...I assure the dispatcher that I don't intend to hang up. I sit on the driveway and look Ned over. He seems to be bleeding a little less, which I take as a good sign. "Ned, the dispatcher wants to know about your condition."

... "Uh, tell her I've been better, but it's not too serious." He pauses. "And, John, try to make it believable. The dispatcher is my wife, Geneen."

... "Oh my God. I had no idea."

... "Tell her."

... "Mrs. Tranes? I just spoke to your husband, and he told me to tell you that he's been better, but it's not serious."

... "I heard him, Mr. Cannon. Please, don't let Ned die. He is the love of my life, and although he's one tough son of a bitch, this is just the kind of nightmare I've had for years. Please, promise me you won't let him die."

I invite everyone to read on to get the answers that both you and John Cannon need. This action, mystery, suspense thriller rivals that of Jack Bower (lead protagonist of the Fox television series 24) and will leave you waiting for John W. Howell's next book titled 'The Circumstances of Childhood' scheduled to be released mid-year 2017.

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About John W. Howell: John began his writing as a full-time occupation after an extensive business career. His specialty is thriller fiction novels, but John also writes poetry and short stories.

His first book, *My GRL*, introduces the exciting adventures of the book's central character, John J. Cannon. The second Cannon novel, *His Revenge*, continues the tension. The final book in the trilogy, *Our Justice*, launched in September 2016 concludes the thriller series.

John's fourth book *Circumstances of Childhood*, launched in October of 2017 tells a different thriller story of riches to rags, football, Wall Street, brotherly love, redemption, and inspiration with a touch of paranormal to keep you riveted.

The fifth book is a collaboration with the award-winning author, Gwen Plano titled *The Contract*. Heavenly bodies become concerned about the stability of the Earth and send two of their own to risk eternal salvation in order to save the planet. *The Contract* achieved number one status in its genre. John's latest book is titled *Eternal Road - The final stop* and launched in September 2020. In search of their eternal home, Sam and James discover a threat to human existence. They also encounter the prince of darkness. The question is; can they save humankind and their eternal souls. All books are available on Amazon in paperback and Kindle editions.

John lives in Lakeway, Texas with his wife and their spoiled rescue pets.

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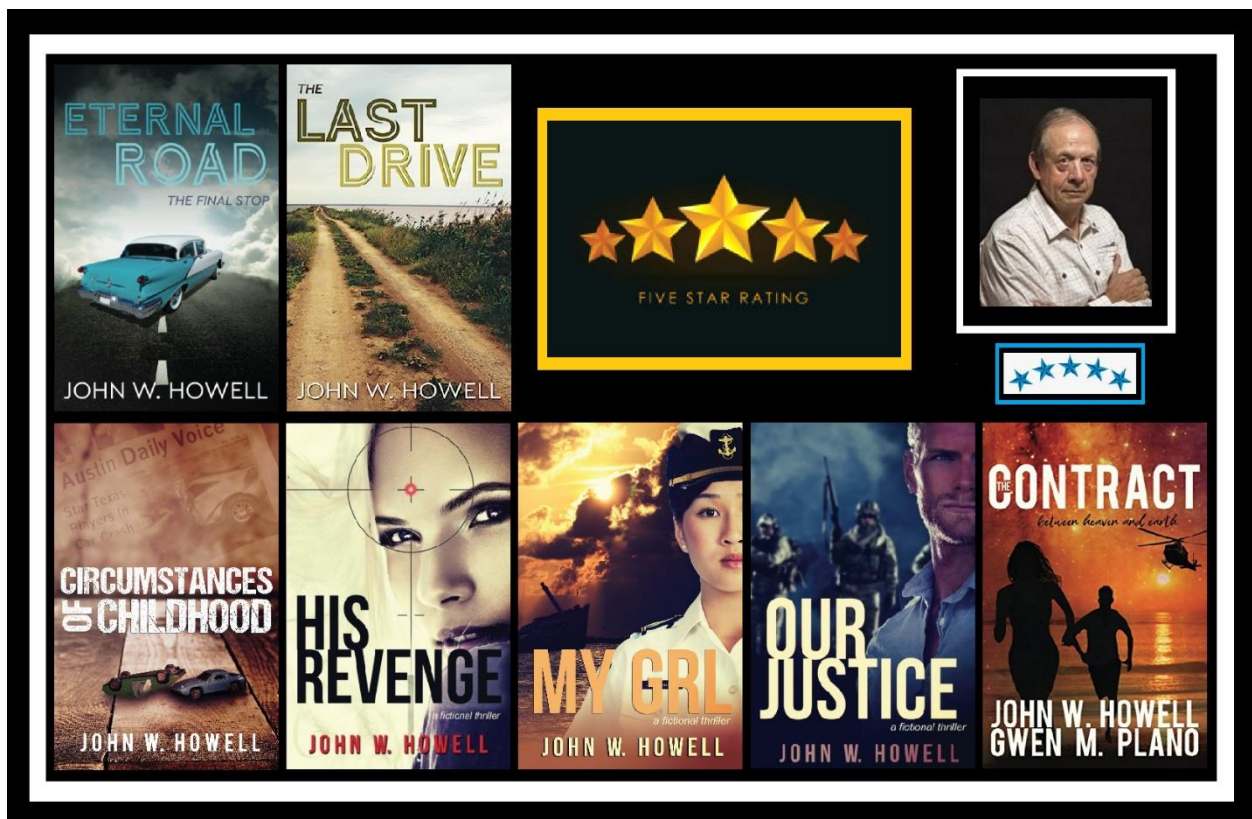
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