

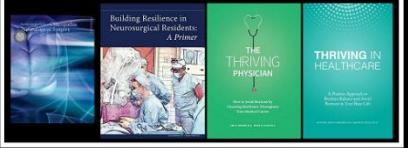


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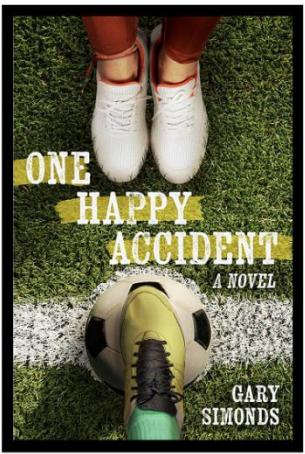
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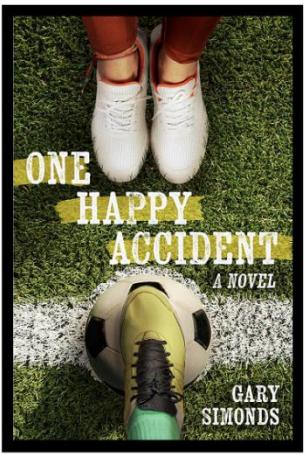
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5 Stars For 'One Happy Accident': Mind Over Matter, A Legend Is Born.



One Happy Accident by Gary Simonds.

Would-be soccer star Sean McLaine knows what it's like to still inhabit a child's body in high school. Well into junior year, he remains woefully puberty-challenged, and it's messing with his soccer dreams. Ignored by his coaches, he faces daily embarrassment and bullying. Out on the pitch, he's up against practically full-grown men who don't mind greeting his undeniable talent with repeated pummeling.

At school none of the girls seem to see him at all. He's a nothing, a nonentity. But not in the eyes of brilliant, whimsical Kayleigh McLaughlin, a recent transplant from Ireland. She is hopelessly drawn to Sean's poetic nature, both in class and on the soccer pitch.

Kayleigh wants to help Sean clear the hurdles of a potentially career-ending injury and the echoes of a horrific past trauma. But will Sean's unbridled devotion to soccer doom the couple's budding relationship? He can juggle a soccer ball, but can he juggle reaching for his dreams and having a personal life too?



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I enjoyed 'Death's Pale Flag' so much, when author Gary Simonds emailed me about his latest book 'One Happy Accident', I find it an honor to be one of the first to read and review it.

As a lifetime soccer fanatic, Gary waits with anticipation for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Whether you are a soccer fan or not, 'One Happy Accident' is a story worth reading and passing along.

The story revolves around Sean McLaine who dreams to be a soccer legend. In his junior year of high school, Sean's body is not catching up with his dream. His coaches ignore him, and his teammates habitually harass him. On the field he faces the goliaths with grit and determination. I refer to his stamina as 'Mind Over Matter'.

When an injury threatens his dream, Ireland comes to the rescue with Kayleigh McLaughlin. Also, a junior at New Bethany, in Pennsylvania, Kayleigh would normally be out of his league. This beautiful, intelligent, sensitive girl is drawn to Sean's personality on and off the soccer field.

Let me share a quote: Tell me everything. Kayleigh obliges, describing all that had been going on—the whole Sean McLaine experience. She finishes with the assessment, "I think there's some real depth there. Some real emotional intelligence, and I think it's fueled by . . . I don't know . . . a world-weariness. He seems to be churning away with unsettled energy and angst . . . I can feel it." "Ladies and gentlemen," replies Aliyah, with sweeping hands and a bow, "may I introduce Ms. Kayleigh McLaughlin, famous Celtic psychoanalyst."

Will Sean be able to balance PTSD with the rigors of the soccer field? Will he achieve the focus that will turn his indisputable talent into his "Soccer Field Of Dreams"? Will he be able to balance the academic demands, social commitments and romantic pressure with the mental and physical stress on the soccer field?

Once it is all said and done 'One Happy Accident' will prepare your mind and heart for the upcoming 2026 FIFA World Cup. This fictional sports story will stay with you long after fans have left the stadium. 'One Happy Accident' will be available for you to purchase in early 2025. Please pick up Gary's book 'Death's Pale Flag' now, you won't be disappointed. I can't wait to see what North Carolina author and neurosurgeon Gary Simonds will come up with next.

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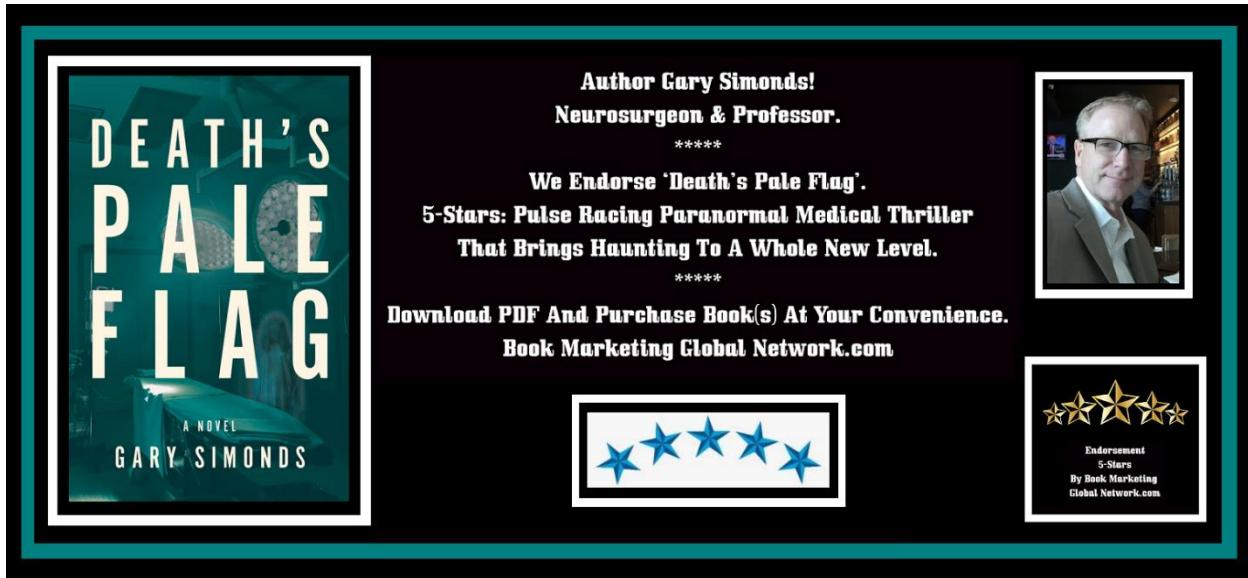
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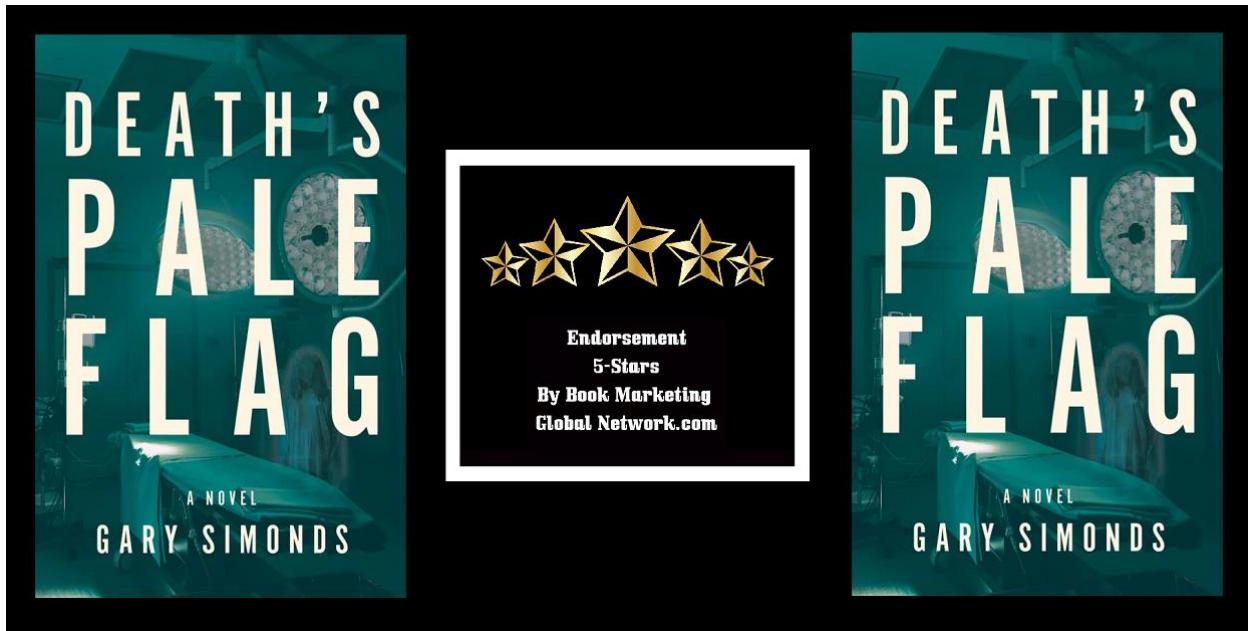
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5-Stars: Pulse Racing Paranormal Medical Thriller, That Brings Haunting To A Whole New Level.



Death's Pale Flag by Gary Simonds.

A highly successful brain surgeon begins to encounter ghosts.

Brain surgeon and unlikely war hero, Ryan Brenan, has it all. A booming practice, a beautiful home in an idyllic setting, and a happy loving family. Then, the apparitions begin. Subtle at first, but soon there's no doubt about it, he's seeing ghosts, spirits, the undead. Of course, he could just be going nuts, cracking

under the pressure of his constant exposure to death, mayhem, and tragedy. But he believes he has proof that the ghosts are very real, and that they are specifically haunting him.



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Author and neurosurgeon Gary Simonds masterfully draws his readers into both the professional and chaotic neurosurgery universe. I was struck with the sheer humanity and even vulnerability of the neuro surgical team. We tend to put our medical professionals on hero pedestals. This intensifies the already perfectionistic, workaholic, overcommitted struggle for achievement, among these medical personalities in danger of succumbing to human fallacy.

Pregnant with their third Environmental Lawyer Kelly Brenan and her husband Ryan Brenan (Neurosurgeon) leaves the bustle of DC. They settled their growing family into a rambling old farmhouse with lots of land and new opportunities within the community of New Bethany, Pennsylvania.

You now have a front row seat in the neurosurgery ward, and in the lives of the neurosurgery team, at the Carriere Clinic. The intense, life and death drama, that unfolds professionally and personally will keep you turning the pages. Follow Ryan's personal journey, as paranormal entities start to reveal themselves to him, causing him to fight for his sanity, and his family. Witness the keystrokes and images as Ryan is forced into a macabre treasure hunt. Ryan believes he has proof; the dark lady, and the other ghosts are real. Does he find enough evidence to convince his wife Kelly and other important people around him?

Let me bring you into the story here: "It was as if the undead were determined to become regular fixtures in his life. Perhaps it was New Bethany, though, and not him. Perhaps the place was overrepresented in the metaphysical world. Or could it have something to do with the jeep? He seemed to experience so many of his "interfaces" when in the jeep. It had been his father's. When his father died, his mother put it in storage until he could drive. He loved the beat-up old thing, but could it be some sort of spook receiver? Who knew? The only thing of which Ryan was certain was that he needed a break, a reprieve, an armistice with the world of the dead. His wits were fraying, his pistons, overheating. So, he clung to the promise of an upcoming escape—only a couple of weeks away—a neurosurgical meeting in Miami. Seven glorious days away from the apparently very haunted Susquehanna Valley. Surely the spirit world couldn't flourish in the bright sun and salty air of South Beach. It wouldn't be long, and he would be in another world

altogether— one bursting with life and youth and play. And as icing on the cake, he'd be accompanied by Kelly."

Will this retreat bring Ryan the mental rest and family time that he yearns for?

I highly recommend Death's Pale Flag by Gary Simonds. Once I started reading, I couldn't put it down. I was surprised by the ending. The story will challenge some of your preconceived ideas while entertaining you with humor, family drama, and the thrill of paranormal activity.

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Family Drama

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Have a front row seat to Author Gary Simonds next book title 'Plague'. Readers are invited to watch as Gary writes and builds the story.

It's simply called **Plague** - a post-apocalypse type story where a pandemic has left most of the survivors intellectually degraded, hyper-religious, and falling into fascism. But it will focus on one woman's effort to save her daughter. I thought it would be fun to share it while writing the first draft and see what kind of response I got - thus far, not much!

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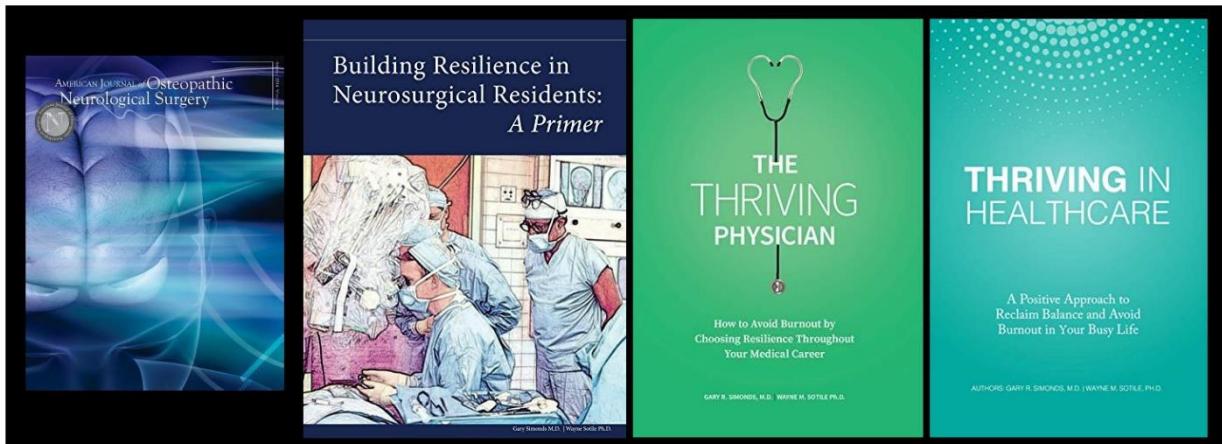
Murder On Cherry Street: Playful Murder Mystery Set In Black Mountain.



About The Author: Gary Simonds is a neurosurgeon who has treated tens of thousands of patients with devastating illnesses. He is a professor at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and the Virginia Tech School of Neuroscience. He has published three nonfiction books on burnout and psychological distress in healthcare providers and routinely writes about, and gives talks on, neuroscience, neurosurgery, medical socioeconomics, medical humanism, medical ethics, and burnout.

Simonds grew up in New Jersey and England, is an avid soccer fan, a guitar and bongo player; and lives in North Carolina.

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