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The Gene Florian Thriller Series

Secrets of Laser Weapons Technology Lure Foreign Agents to Middle America

Mega-Bucks Flow to Gather details of ground-based laser capable of disabling satellites.

Writer has linked top-level research firms with plots to secure design and engineering data to build the next generation of arms. Affordable to rich and poor nations alike, this great leveling in the arms race has the potential to destroy the foundations of the information industry that tie our modern world together. Imagine yourself at the gas pump with your plastic on hold until they can replace the satellite that relayed the account confirmation. Smart money is going with big bandwidth fibre-optics for a backup to the space-based network now in place.

Numbered accounts in offshore banking havens hold the fuel for this theft of the manufacturing technology for the optics, chemistry, power sources, and software to field these new weapons. Laser weapons capabilities may soon give every nation a defense against today's clumsy nuclear missiles, whose speed and numbers would be no match for this state-of-the-art technology.

Writer James M. Mallon has written a gripping tale of deceit and manipulation spanning North America from hellish Miami to messing with Texas right to the edge of San Francisco's fault zone. This tangled trip through the desolate interiors of both the characters and the Interstate culture of franchise-America, speeds across the continent in page-turning suspense.

The book, "Twelve Tanks Across America" carries us on a search for lost family, lost time, and freedom. In the action, a seemingly improbable twist of fortunes beats an uptempo riff

through a formidable array of obstacles for Florian, still on the lam, and his new partner, Inez, a young Latina. Traveling with them is Gordon, an emphysema-ridden Aussie. Gordon's computer skills and motor-home enable Florian and Inez to hack and track their way into an industrial espionage scam tied to Asian military intelligence and personnel in Los Alamos research labs. In a backstory, we visit Florian's coming of age in the netherworld of poets, musicians, dancers, underground chemists, and criminals in the coffee-house scene that set him on a long road where one wrong turn leads to the next.

In three previous novels, Florian struggles to survive in a maze of risk created by his own mistakes as he battles with his opponent, Guerra, in the streets of Miami and jungles of Latin America.

"No Toads In Heaven", trade paper, available on amazon.com, opens and ends with murder in Miami while dealing with Stinger missiles coming out of Honduras and Guatemala in the wake of the Iran-Contra scam, a swift pace with international players and a surprise finish.

"The Eighth Sea"(MS) finds Florian and an expatriate NYC vice-cop, Walton, hunting for a kidnap victim with ties to the White House and BCCI banking hustlers.

"Monkey Trap"(MS) has Florian on the lam after being unjustly accused of an assassination which occurred in the previous book. After being shanghaied to Cuba aboard a trawler operated by freelancing Cuban Navy personnel, he is dragged back into a conflict with his foe, Guerra, who is involved in a plot to kill Castro.