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“Ron Terpening is the next Ken Follett”

— Suzy Smith, in *The Write World*

Tropic of Fear

Ron Terpening

Praised for his memorable characters, atmospheric settings, and the breathtaking pace of his plots, Ron Terpening has a talent for creating non-stop fiction with “a profound sense of place and compelling authenticity” (*Jeff Mariotte*) that “fans of Jack Higgins’s thrillers will enjoy” (*Library Journal*). In his riveting new thriller, *Tropic of Fear* (Stuyvesant & Hoagland; Hardcover; January 2, 2006; ISBN: 0-9755761-9-4; \$24.95), Terpening serves up a tale of high adventure and a powerful depiction of the lust for power.

“A fabulous writer”

— Brad Thor, national bestselling author of *Blowback*

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Diane Lang, a professor of German from Yale, came to Paraguay to conduct research on the Mennonite settlements in the green hell called the Chaco. Walter Stanek, a hydrogeologist from Arizona, was in country for what he thought was a disaster-prevention project and an environmental impact study for the Corpus Christi dam on the Paraná river.

So how did they get caught between rebel forces and the secret police under Colonel Hector Ibarra, a man with designs on power?

Five minutes after she arrived in the international airport outside the capital, Lang was pulled aside for a brutal interrogation, her past activities somehow a menace to the state, her life threatened.

Stanek's problems started with an encounter at the Club Bahia Negra and a late night attack on the dusty, unpaved road of a nearby shanty town. And they continued when the disaster-prevention project turned into war games that focused, it seemed, on counter-terrorism and repression of the country's liberation movements.

As the chaos of revolution breaks out around them, drawing them inexorably into its maelstrom, Diane and Walter struggle to survive while forced to play a pivotal role in a plot to overthrow the government of General Enrique Zancon.

The Midwest Book Review called Terpening's *League of Shadows* "an addictive read, weaving together human drive, determination, and betrayal into a gripping whole." National bestselling authors have called it "a crackling good story" (Steve Berry), "a smart, suspenseful read" (Thomas Perry), and "a masterful espionage thriller" (Brad Thor), praise that also applies to *Tropic of Fear*, an explosive international thriller that will hold readers in sway until its final high-voltage climax.

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