

Patriot Schemes

By Charles Neff

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Book review by Dana Blozis, independent book reviewer

Two years following the release of his debut novel *Hidden Impact*, author Charles Neff pens another gripping political thriller – *Patriot Schemes* – a tale of antiterrorist intrigue set in the United States.

Neff begins the fast-pasted novel by introducing each of the story's primary characters, most of them players in various branches of the U.S. government. Initially creating the impression that the characters' roles are unrelated, it soon becomes clear that their association with one another is intertwined in a sticky web of lies and deceit, potentially jeopardizing national security as power mongers rear their ugly heads.

In a classic battle of good versus evil, Neff paints an eerie picture of how much damage money and power can do when combined with evil thoughts and deeds. Neff also sprinkles in a little romance, creating a novel that will appeal to a wide audience.

What will surprise first-time readers of Neff, however, is how he masterfully controls the unfolding of the story...offering enough gripping detail to keep readers on the edge of their seats but without giving away the plot.

With such obvious talent permeating from each and every chapter, *Patriot Schemes* has the potential to be a best seller. If you haven't read Neff yet, *Patriot Schemes* will transform you into a faithful fan.