

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE & LITERARY PORTFOLIO



AL BIRTCH

Canadian Author of Intelligent Contemporary Thrillers Inspired by the Real-World Consequences of Power, Ambition, and Institutional Failure

Professional Profile

Al Birtch is a Canadian author of intelligent contemporary thrillers that examine the real-world consequences of power, ambition, institutional failure, and the moral choices people face when justice proves elusive.

His stories are distinguished by their authenticity. Rather than relying on improbable heroes or sensational conspiracies, his novels are grounded in believable characters, recognizable institutions, and contemporary issues that feel both immediate and unsettlingly plausible. Blending cinematic pacing with emotional depth, his work explores the fragile intersection of personal integrity, corporate influence, political power, environmental responsibility, and the resilience of ordinary people confronted by extraordinary circumstances.

Before turning his full attention to fiction, Al spent his entire professional career in the Canadian banking industry. Living and working throughout North America, he led strategic initiatives involving mergers and acquisitions, major organizational restructuring, and the design and launch of new business divisions. His career culminated in executive leadership at the Chief Executive Officer level.

Those responsibilities provided him with rare access to boardrooms and executive leadership teams at some of North America's largest corporations. There he observed firsthand how decisions affecting thousands of employees, customers, shareholders, and communities were often shaped by competing motivations—personal ambition, financial reward, and the pursuit of power. He observed how the latter could be rationalized and crafted to appear to be motivated by the former.

Those experiences became the foundation of his fiction.

Across every novel, Al explores a central question:

What happens when good people are forced to confront systems that have abandoned justice?

Whether writing environmental, political, geopolitical, military, corporate, or psychological thrillers, his stories consistently examine how ordinary individuals respond when institutions fail, power goes unchecked, and doing what is right comes at a profound personal cost.

Literary Portfolio

☐ **A Blood-Red Greening**

Environmental Thriller

When environmental negligence destroys an ordinary family's future, one grieving man discovers that those responsible possess the wealth, influence, and legal resources to escape accountability. As his search for justice intensifies, the line between victim and vigilante begins to blur in a suspenseful exploration of corporate responsibility, environmental stewardship, and the true cost of justice denied.

☐ **Altered States: Precipice**

Speculative Political Thriller

In a disturbingly believable near future, political polarization, economic instability, constitutional uncertainty, and international conflict converge to threaten the foundations of democracy. Grounded in realism, the novel explores how fragile democratic institutions can become when ambition overtakes principle.

☐ **Legacy of Greed**

Global Conspiracy Thriller

An investigation into a billionaire's suicide exposes a conspiracy driven by wealth, influence, and unchecked ambition. This story answers the question: "When faced with such unquestionable scientific evidence that the world was on a collision course with environmental disaster, could world leaders simply look the other way and do nothing?" It turns out they didn't...but the plan was so vile it had to be kept under a veil of secrecy as never seen before.

☐ **Code of Honor**

Military / Political Thriller

Duty, loyalty, and sacrifice have two components. Loyalty to your country and your flag...and loyalty to the person standing beside you in the line of fire. When personal honour conflicts with political expediency hard decisions need to be made and difficult

choices reveal the true price of serving something greater than oneself. Can a fable like Robin Hood become real.

□ **Checkmate!**

Geopolitical Thriller

International diplomacy, intelligence operations, and strategic deception become pieces in a dangerous global contest where every move carries consequences. As rival powers manoeuvre for advantage, the outcome may reshape the balance of power itself. Throughout history, scientific breakthroughs were often driven by wartime need, then post-war adapted to more peaceful purposes. But this time the reverse happened. A breakthrough in the field of genetics comes to the attention of General Foong of the People's Republic of China. He sees the potential for a military adaption and convinces his leadership to invest in it. And his vision leads to our story opening with the complete and unconditional surrender of America to China...and not one missile has been fired.

□ **Fool Me Twice**

International Suspense

Over 14 distinct Middle East factions exist. Their distrust of each other almost exceeds their hatred of America and Israel. But rumours of a new, as of yet nameless/faceless leader reach Western Intelligence ears. If these rumours are true, this man has secured pledges of every group to unite behind him **IF** he delivers on his promise to execute a strike against America with a death toll that exponentially exceeds 9/11. This gossip has reached their ears via multiple independent sources, so cannot be ignored. A multinational task force is assembled and the race is on. Prove it's just more disinformation, or if real, track him down and stop whatever he is planning before it's too late. The clock is ticking.

□ **The Voice: Whispers from the Darkness**

Psychological Suspense

Dr. Gabriel Anderson, one of America's top psychiatrists, had made a career out of stopping serial killers who attempt to escape justice under the umbrella of an insanity plea. That was until a few years earlier, when he got too close to one of the monsters, and it almost destroyed him. Since then, at the insistence of his family, he has stayed in private practice. And things have been good – that is until he gets a call from his old colleague, District Attorney Carolyn Moore. For the past 30 months, the police have been chasing a killer who has been hunting his prey in and around the Bay area. The detectives know this is not the work of a typical serial killer, not based on the way in which each of the 11 victims died, but also by what *wasn't done to them*. But now it's

over. The police have their man in custody, and they have no doubt that it's the right man. But will he face justice for his horrific crimes, or will, as the D.A. fears, an insanity plea protect him? But Carolyn knows she must break her promise to her old friend and involve him in the case. Not only because Carolyn knows that Gabriel is the only one who can find a way to unlock the secrets buried deep within the killer's mind...but more importantly because she believes the man she has in custody has just kidnapped Gabriel's daughter from the university campus. And if the pattern holds true, even having him in custody will not prevent her death within the next 3 days. Gabriel races to San Francisco, driven by a gut-wrenching fear for his daughter's life and an equally a terrible memory from his childhood. And as he uses every tool at his disposal to get inside the man's mind, to find his daughter before it is too late, he will come face-to-face with some unexpected truths that will take him to the very gates of Hell. Will he save his daughter and find the answer to his own demons as he steps even closer to the face of evil?

Author Vision

Al Birtch's completed catalogue of seven original novels represents more than individual stories. Together they form a cohesive body of contemporary thriller fiction united by recurring themes of justice, accountability, leadership, environmental responsibility, institutional integrity, and the consequences of power exercised without restraint.

His goal is to write commercially compelling thrillers that entertain while inviting readers to reflect on the complex moral questions facing contemporary society. Every novel stands independently, yet each contributes to a growing body of work defined by authenticity, emotional resonance, and intelligent suspense.

In addition to his novels, Al has completed a six-part limited television series adaptation of *A Blood-Red Greening*, entitled *The Reckoning*, demonstrating his commitment to developing stories for both publishing and the screen. This adaptation is under evaluation both by Bell Media and AEM Management.

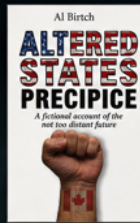
Al is seeking a long-term publishing partnership through which this growing catalogue of Canadian thriller fiction can be introduced to readers over the coming years.

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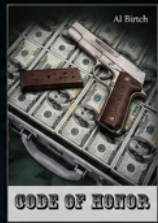
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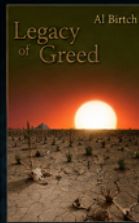
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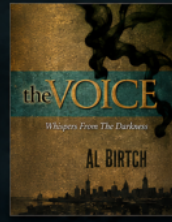
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