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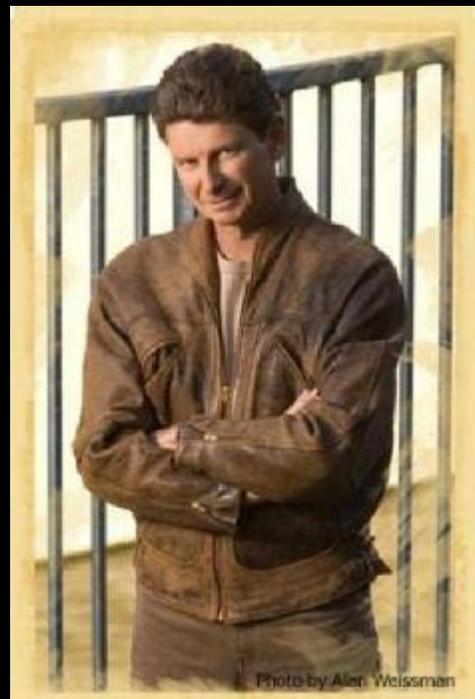
Welcome friends, readers, relatives...and creditors.

Many thanks to those of you who helped make the SOLOMON vs. LORD series so successful. Judging from your e-mails and the bushel basket of award nominations, the books were much enjoyed for their drama, humor, and the wicked banter between Steve Solomon and Victoria Lord. So why the newsletter? For one thing, I've got prizes to give away, but here's the really big news:

ILLEGAL, my newest thriller, is in bookstores today!

In the past two years, I've trudged through the Mojave Desert and climbed the Tehachapi mountains. I've followed the toxic sludge of the New River as it winds a serpentine path from Mexicali to the Salton Sea. I've hung out at Border Patrol stations in Calexico and picked peaches in Kings County. Now, it's time to take you on a magic carpet

from the dangerous streets of Mexicali, north to Hellhole Canyon, and northward still through the Tejon Pass into California's San Joaquin Valley. That's the perilous road trip taken by Jimmy (Royal) Payne, the hero of ILLEGAL. Did I say hero? Payne, a Los Angeles lawyer with an anger management problem, skims money from a bribery sting, punches out two cops, and skips town when he's jailed for contempt. But when it's time to choose between risking his life for a



boy with a missing mother or surrendering to his own demons, his choice is....well, you gotta read the book for that.

So, come along. Hop into Jimmy's Acapulco blue Mustang ragtop – okay, not his; he stole it – and fasten your seat belts. It's gonna be a bumpy ride.

Paul

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So, what's the story about? A shady lawyer. A missing woman. A lost boy. And a wealthy rancher with a twisted vision of his own power. It's about unspeakable pain and loss and the love of family. It's about greed and corruption, revenge and redemption, all set in the dark world of human trafficking and sex slavery.

You can read an excerpt [here](#). Or, if you're ready to rumble, you can order ILLEGAL by clicking [here](#), and a bookseller will be happy to deliver the book straight to your door.

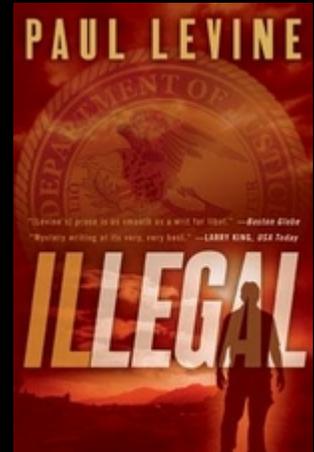
Inspired by real events, [ILLEGAL](#) is harder-boiled than my earlier novels.

But if you liked Steve Solomon and Victoria Lord, you'll love trouble-prone Jimmy Payne and ex-wife Sharon, a cop who once shot him and now would love to arrest him. The [SOLOMON vs. LORD](#) books are frequently compared with the Spencer Tracy/Katherine Hepburn films, particularly *Adam's Rib*. [ILLEGAL](#) combines the moral decay of *Chinatown* with the sudden violence of *No Country for Old Men*.

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"Riveting...filled with action, pathos, and even humor. Chilling and rings with authenticity."

—*Booklist*

"Entertaining. Payne has enough backstory and personal charm to head up a series on his own."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"What's with all this sex?"

—Sally Levine (my mother)

Now in Paperback: The SOLOMON vs. LORD Series

The books featuring squabbling lawyers Steve Solomon and Victoria Lord were nominated for the Edgar, Macavity, International Thriller Writers, and James Thurber awards. They're all available in paperback:

[SOLOMON vs. LORD](#)

[THE DEEP BLUE ALIBI](#)

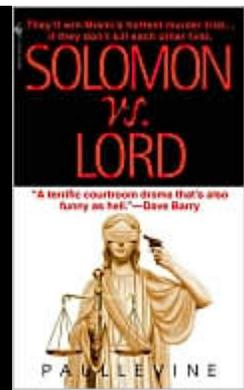
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I'll publish this newsletter a few times a year to keep you up-to-date. If you don't want the darned thing, despite its wit and wisdom, hit the "unsubscribe" button below. But then you'll lose the chance to win a great free prize. (As a subscriber, you're already entered in the contest). If your friends want a shot at the giveaways, make sure they [subscribe](#) to my newsletter. Winners will be chosen at random.

This time you can win a personally inscribed hardcover of [ILLEGAL](#), worth, at this writing, about a dozen shares of Citibank stock.

And by the way, if you like my books, try Ridley Pearson's KILLER VIEW, a chilling thriller set in the snow-covered peaks of Idaho. You can sign up for Ridley's newsletter [here](#).

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