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THE CHILD FINDER TRILOGY**

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“This compelling debut novel, the first in a trilogy, features a memorable protagonist who is a combination of a devoted father and mystic. For fans of supernatural thrillers and those who enjoy the TV show *Medium*, this is a real find. The author is a retired U.S. Air Force Special Agent whose real-life experiences inspired his novel.”

**---Library Journal, Summer Reads List 2009**

“A 5-star debut thriller written by a retired Military Intelligence Officer. Wow! I loved this book! This is a book for anyone who loves political suspense, secret government agencies, and uniquely gifted heroes! A former Military Intelligence Officer, the author’s background adds credibility to this fascinating look into covert operations. But just because he knows what he is talking about doesn’t mean he can tell a good story or especially write one! Luckily for those of us who love secret undercover organizations, paranormal stories, and great intriguing suspense filled tales, Mike Angley has it all together. I can’t wait to read the next two books in the series!”

**---Armchair Interviews**

“Be sure to carve out a chunk of time when you pick up *Child Finder* because you are not going to want to put the book down. The characters pull you into the story and the mystery keeps you guessing right up to the very end. I highly recommend this book to anyone that wants to see into the ‘intelligence world’ and anyone that loves a great mystery thriller. The good news is...there are two more books to finish out the series and I can’t wait to get my hands on them. Mike Angley is a terrific writer and you’ll find *Child Finder* a very well-written mystery.”

**---Military Writers Society of America**

“Child Finder is a gripping tale that combines the psychic world with the oft-times political world in which law enforcement agencies battle over turf at the expense of innocents. Angley’s ability to give the reader a behind the scenes look at what happens behind closed government doors is an eye opener. His character development is superb, from the protagonist to the most obscure bit player. I thoroughly enjoyed this thriller. He had me on the edge of my seat at several junctures, causing me to read on and on. I look forward to the follow-up in the series.”

**---John Wills, FBI (Retired) and author of the *Chicago Warrior Thriller Series***

“Topical, intriguing, and suspenseful—all apt descriptions for Michael Angley’s *Child Finder*. His debut novel in the mystery trilogy about the perennial horror of child abductions could

almost be included in the science fiction genre as well, since he deftly draws both the reader and protagonist into the world of the paranormal.

The story escalates with each chapter, spawning memorable characters, some I wanted to scream at, others who brought a tear to my eye. We find Major O'Donnell and his wife and children forced to encounter violent thugs, who may or may not be government agents.

The child-victims are real; Angley's descriptions of them right on the money. Angley spins a tale that is not only believable, but causes the reader to wonder if this "paranormal world" really does exist.

Set aside a weekend—*Child Finder* will not allow you close the cover. And after you've digested this fast-paced thriller and allowed your blood pressure to return to normal, go ahead and begin reading the second book in the series, *Child Finder: Resurrection*. More on that next time."

**---New York Journal of Books**

"Child Finder by Mike Angley is exactly the kind of book I love to read. Though Child Finder definitely falls into the thriller category with all the necessary criteria: plenty of action, government plots including the CIA, FBI, and the military, travel to foreign soil, several chases, and an admirable hero, there is much, much more.

Child Finder's hero, an Air Force Special Agent, is a religious man, a man who loves his wife and family, and he has a gift, a gift that gives this exciting tale an unusual dimension.

Loved the book, could hardly put it down until I finished."

**--Marilyn Meredith, Award-winning author of the *Deputy Tempe Crabtree Series***

"Author Mike Angley's first novel is a clever re-telling of a classic good versus evil saga with a twist. Pat O'Donnell is a warm, loving family man—a devout Irish Catholic and Federal Agent who packs a gun and a grin. His patience is short and his ability to suffer fools is almost nil. His relationship with his family, his church, the military and his country is passionate. He radiates goodness.

However, the story works on many levels. The plot is carefully thought-out and the characters are three-dimensional and familiar. From the dependable and loyal parish priest to the warm, supportive African American psychologist, Angley surrounds his protagonist with a homey glow. His red-haired wife is as fiery and beautiful as Maureen O'Hara, while his children are well-scrubbed, well-behaved, and well-beloved. There is enough derring-do to satisfy *Mission Impossible* aficionados while exciting *Medium* fans and *NCIS* lubbers at the same time. *Child Finder* is one of the few general audience thrillers that would also appeal to religious readers and young adults. The lessons are subtle, but the moral choices are clear.

Although Angley plays with traditional ideas, his approach is new and original. This novel received the MWSA 2009 Silver Medal for Fiction out of a very crowded field. However, this will not be the last award for this talented new voice. Recommended for warm rainy day reading with a cup of mint green tea and a Snickers Bar."

**---Joyce Faulkner, President of Military Writers Society of America, author of *Shadow of Suribachi, Losing Patience, and For Shrieking Out Loud*, Co-author of *Sunchon Tunnel Massacre Survivors***

“Angley has spun a fascinating thriller. Fast paced action with an excellent twist at the end.”

**---Bob Doerr, Colonel, USAF (Retired), and author of the *Jim West Thriller Series***

“Mike has done a terrific job of transitioning from running counterintelligence operations and writing reports to creative fiction....his passion for writing coupled with years of experience in law enforcement has produced a wonderful read for mystery enthusiasts!”

**---Dick Law, Colonel, USAF (Retired), Managing Editor, *Global Alliance Magazine* and Former Vice Commander, OSI**

“Child Finder is a gripping, intriguing, rare and accurate look into the U.S. Intelligence Community. Angley uses his long government career to weave a believable fiction tale that is as current as today's news.”

**---Gerald E. Pratt, Operations Officer, National Security Agency (Retired)**

“Mike has created a page turner I didn't want to put down with a plot twist I never saw coming! Angley's imagination combined with his in-depth knowledge of the OSI, Interagency, and military working environments quickly and realistically took me back to my time at the Pentagon in the Fall of 2001. Can't wait for the next books in the series to see what exploits are in store for USAF OSI Agent Patrick O'Donnell and his extraordinary gift!”

**---Jack Holt Action Officer, Joint Staff, USAF (Retired)**

#### **Praise for *Child Finder: Resurrection***

"Great read.....Mike combines his expert knowledge of investigations and forensics with an exceptional writing style to create a great piece of fiction. I cannot wait for the next one."

**---Francis X. Taylor, Brigadier General, USAF (Retired), Former Ambassador-at-Large and Presidential Counterterrorism Advisor, & Former Commander, OSI**

“Mike does not disappoint! The cat-and-mouse game between protagonist and nemesis will keep you on the edge of your seat.”

**---John Wills, FBI (Retired) and author of the *Chicago Warrior Thriller Series***

“*Child Finder: Resurrection*, award-winning author Mike Angley's second novel, is rich with sensory images and Catholic philosophy. Mixing those two very literary techniques with a bang-bang shoot-em-up tale might seem risky to some—and it is. However, Angley has created a super-hero who transcends comic-bookery while maintaining the genre's idealistic view of good overcoming evil. He created this approach in his first book, *Child Finder*, but the reader will find a maturation of style and new complexity in plotting in *Resurrection*. In this story, not only does Major Pat O'Donnell, the psychic protagonist, talk to God and the Saints and Angels, but God and the Saints and Angels communicate back to him. It's a nice touch.

There's a hint of Hitchcockian suspense – the reader knows more than the characters. The bad guy is really bad. What Pat can sense and what he can't is a mystery, leaving the audience to scream out warnings about what's behind that closed bathroom door. The mood is ominous and the threat isn't only to Pat himself, but to his family and friends. If it's so easy for Pat and the killer to see into the minds of others, shouldn't we all be erecting brick walls around our own thoughts? Racing around corners and falling through space on the other side of a rickety climb, the novel is a tooth-grinding rollercoaster ride.

Like *Child Finder*, *Resurrection* is a general audience thriller which will also appeal to religious audiences and young adults. Fun and thought-provoking, the book can be read as a spiritual allegory or as a fast-paced action piece. Keep your bible and your valium nearby!”

**---Joyce Faulkner, President of Military Writers Society of America, author of *Shadow of Suribachi*, *Losing Patience*, and *For Shrieking Out Loud*, Co-author of *Sunchon Tunnel Massacre Survivors***

“*Child Finder Resurrection* is Colonel Michael Angley's (USAF retired) sequel to his book *Child Finder*. We meet the main character, Air Force Special Agent Patrick O'Donnell a year and a half after he left the Top Secret child rescue program when events went horribly awry and his family was endangered. Mike Angley brings much experience in criminal investigation and counterintelligence to his writing, which makes the storyline so real, but also so fascinating.

Patrick O'Donnell is a psychic and in *Child Finder Resurrection*, he is called back into the Top Secret community to help the government track down a very sick and twisted child killer. Patrick's son, Sean, who also has psychic abilities that come into play in a big way, proves to be a source of help to his father. It is interesting how the author lets the reader see things that the characters don't see, which makes the reader want to shout “Watch out/Beware!” a number of times during this thriller. The real twist in this story, I believe, is the fact that this murderer is a psychotic genius. The mind games that go on are ones that you don't want to read if you are alone late at night! This book can and will send chills down your spine.

Colonel Angley is proving himself to be a fantastic writer of mystery thrillers. He promises that the last book in the series, *Child Finder: Revelation* will be “nonstop action and peril.” Readers will want to read all of the books in this series if they find enjoyment in great thrillers.”

**---Joyce Gilmour, Copy Editor, Editing TLC**

“Mike Angley is a retired Special Agent, formerly with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. That background allows him to bring the reader another real-life story about an investigator who possesses paranormal abilities. In addition, Angley's strong spiritual foundation and love of family is deftly woven throughout the fabric of this tale. In *Child Finder*<sup>TM</sup>: *Resurrection*, a follow up to his debut novel, *Child Finder*<sup>TM</sup>, the author creates another thrilling mystery involving his protagonist, Major Pat O'Donnell. Pat's first experience in the dark world of child kidnappings left him shaken, causing him to lose his appetite for such work, particularly since it endangered him and his family. His once altruistic drive disappeared when several people close to him were murdered because of his involvement in the government's secret child abduction unit.

Now, more than a year later, Pat thinks he has put that part of his life behind him. That is, until his mentor contacts him and implores him to come back and help stop a despicable, depraved demon who preys on children. The FBI spearheads this shadowy, top-secret unit, where there are more gray areas than black and white. Yet despite all of its resources, they have hit a dead end. The system has failed in its efforts to track down a psychopath who has an appetite for the most innocent among us. At their wits' end, they come to the realization that only Major O'Donnell's psychic abilities can put them on the right track to end the horror.

We soon discover that the major has one weapon the members of the Special Access Program do not—the ability to communicate with God. Not only does he talk to Him, but God answers him as well. Sounds far-fetched, but Anglely makes it work. One might think this novel belongs in the Christian genre, yet readers who enjoy fast-paced thrillers will find it fits in quite well with other mystery/thrillers. Therein lies the beauty of Anglely's trilogy (the third book, *Revelation*, will be released late this year): He has developed a series that can be enjoyed by aficionados of both Christian and thriller novels.

The suspense builds as we journey further into the tome, discovering that we, the readers, can see things that not even the protagonist can. Interesting. And in another twist, Major O'Donnell's son, Sean, also has psychic abilities. We watch as father and son work together to hunt down a twisted, psychotic killer who, surprisingly, also turns out to be a genius. Of course, the result is that once again, the major's family is at risk, causing him to modify his tactics.

What really differentiates this work from others of its ilk is Anglely's extensive forensic background. He uses it to enhance the credibility of the investigation going forward. Correct terminology regarding weapons, references to government practices, and handling of top-secret documents, even the interaction between agencies—it's all spot on. The authenticity immediately brings the reader into the middle of a high level, shadowy government operation that reeks of the real deal. It is not difficult to imagine that this story may not be fiction after all, that possibly such a unit actually does exist somewhere in our government.

One aspect of the story that did not work so well for this reviewer was a love scene between the major and his wife. It did not quite fit with the tenor of the story, coming across as somewhat forced. Despite that one minor issue, the book is a good read and an excellent follow-up to the author's first novel. Excitement and suspense abound as Major Pat O'Donnell sinks deep into the quicksand of child abduction and murder. Anglely does not disappoint.”

---New York Journal of Books

### **Praise for *Child Finder: Revelation***

“The most dangerous book ever written!”

---Senior Department of Defense Official (Confidential Identity)

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