

New Book 'Escape From Ground Zero' Explores Real Art Heists—and the Power of Compassion

A gripping new novel where art heists, money laundering, and redemption collide—Michael Zoglio explores crime, conscience, and compassion.

BONITA SPRINGS, FL, UNITED STATES, November 4, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- With the recent jewel robbery at The Louvre making international headlines, author Michael Zoglio's new novel *Escape From Ground Zero* could not be more timely. This art-crime thriller explores the hidden economy of stolen masterpieces — how looted art is traded, leveraged, and often lost to history.

Opening with the notorious 1990 Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum heist and ending with a redemptive vision of recovered art, *Escape From Ground Zero* weaves history, suspense, and moral reckoning.

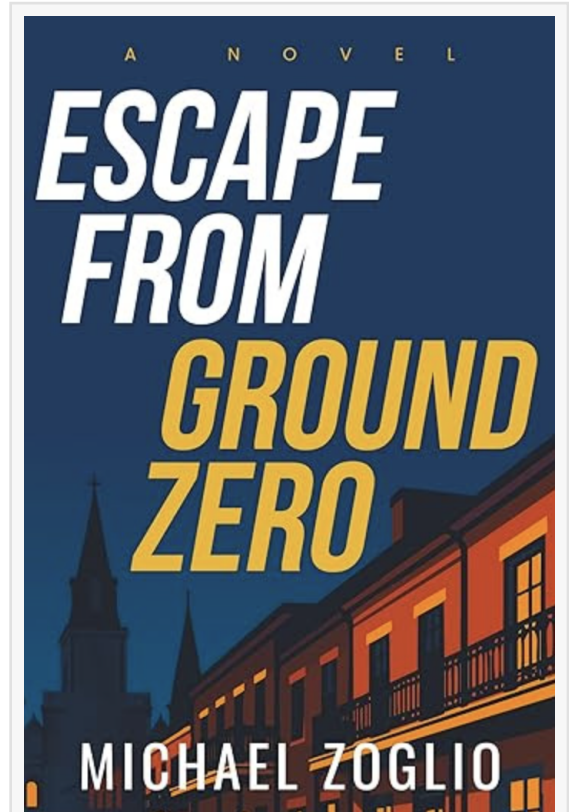
"The Gardner heist has fascinated me for years," says Zoglio. "With The Louvre theft now in the news, the idea that art can become both a commodity and a casualty feels especially relevant."

Zoglio is donating 100 percent of his royalties to Undue Medical Debt, a nonprofit that purchases and forgives hospital bills for families in financial distress.

A native of Rhode Island, longtime Pennsylvania resident, and now Bonita Springs, Florida local, Zoglio draws on a lifetime of investigative and creative experience to craft a vivid, morally charged story that bridges crime fiction and cultural history.

About the Book

Escape From Ground Zero (available on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/dp/094166810X) – Paperback and [eBook](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0FSQ1K468)) links art crime, greed, and redemption. For fans of true-crime mysteries, art-world intrigue, and stories with conscience, Zoglio delivers a novel where recovering stolen art also means reclaiming humanity.



Cover of "Escape From Ground Zero" by Michael Zoglio

About the Author

Michael Zoglio is the author of *Escape From Ground Zero*, a new novel blending history, suspense, and human compassion with a philanthropic spirit. An entrepreneur and volunteer business coach, Zoglio also spent two decades as a licensed private investigator specializing in missing-person cases. His investigative background and moral curiosity inform this latest work, which bridges real-world crime and redemptive storytelling.

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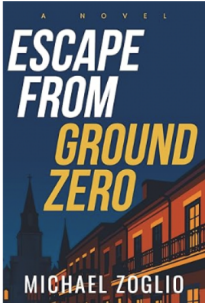
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A gripping crime thriller where survival demands cunning, retribution lurks in every shadow, and redemption carries a deadly price.
On September 11, 2001, attorney Michael Manetti should have died in the World Trade Center towers. Instead, he walked away from the rubble carrying secrets that could bring down powerful men. From Wall Street to Caribbean banks, from Atlantic City casinos to international freports hiding stolen art, Manetti's world was built on deception, financial crimes, and concealment.
Now, hunted by both the mob and a Saudi financier tied to terrorism, Manetti must decide: vanish forever, or risk everything to expose the truth. Aided by a woman who dares to love him and a handful of unlikely allies, Manetti engineers a high-stakes plan of financial retribution; one last act to redeem his past sins.

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If a story about stolen art can help raise awareness of this hidden issue, the return of masterworks so valuable to cultures throughout the world can be a wonderful outcome."

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