

Legal Thriller Stumbling Down the Road of Revenge Delivers a Gripping, High-Stakes Mystery in the John Abel Series

John Cain returns with the 11th John Abel novel—a tense, character-led legal thriller with twists, depth, and unflinching view of justice gone wrong.

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, November 24, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Author John Cain releases *Stumbling Down the Road of Revenge*, the powerful eleventh installment in his long-running and highly praised John Abel mystery series. Known for intricate courtroom drama, psychological depth, and relentlessly escalating tension, Cain once again delivers a tightly woven narrative that exposes the cracks in the legal system and the human cost of institutional failure.

In this latest novel, Cain revisits a haunting case from Abel's past—one involving Amanda Bowman, a young woman once ordered back into the custody of her abusive father by Court Commissioner Julia Carpenter. Years later, Abel successfully defended Amanda against charges of poisoning that same father with antifreeze, a crime she insisted was an act of survival, not malice. Now free, Amanda finds herself once again connected to Carpenter when a series of escalating acts of harassment target the commissioner, culminating in the word "BITCH" carved into her BMW. The tension erupts when a man is murdered, pulling John Abel back into Amanda's orbit to defend her in a case that threatens to unravel everything he thought he understood about justice, trauma, and truth.

Cain was inspired to continue the series by the moral complexities inherent in revisiting past judgments—and by the ways the justice system often fails the very people it is meant to protect.



Author John Cain

"Amanda has lived most of her life fighting to be believed," Cain notes. "I wanted to explore how trauma shapes the choices we make and how the system can both rescue and endanger the vulnerable."

His writing shines a light on broken institutions, personal resilience, and the fragile boundary between vengeance and survival.

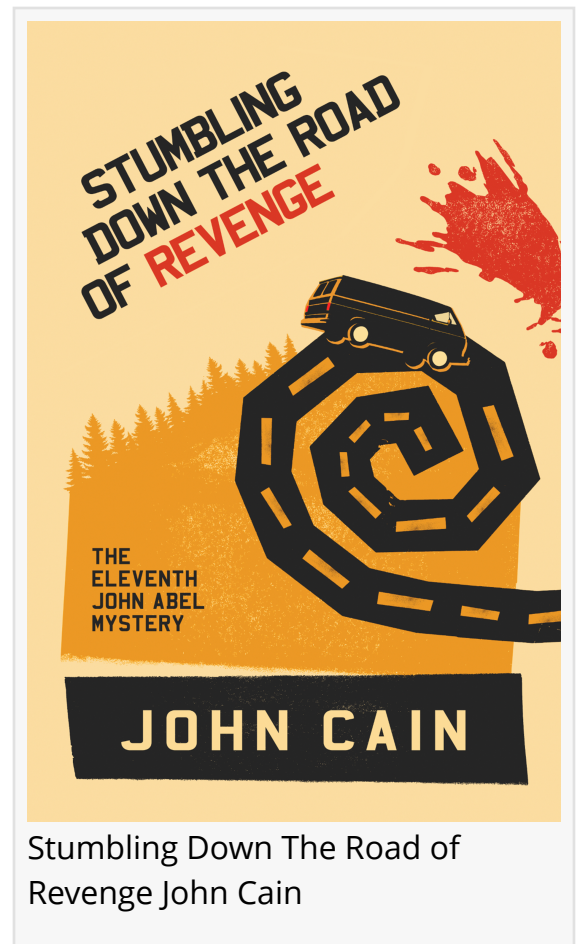
Early reviewers have praised the novel's emotional intensity and gripping courtroom sequences. Kirkus Reviews writes: "Cain continues to weave superb mysteries; Amanda's character is complex and dynamic... The author is equally adept at showing how ineptitude and apathy within the justice system affect innocent people." With its blend of legal suspense, psychological nuance, and Cain's trademark authenticity, the novel stands among the strongest entries in the series.

A seasoned storyteller, Cain brings experience, empathy, and a keen understanding of human complexity to every John Abel novel. *Stumbling Down the Road of Revenge* deepens the series' exploration of justice, morality, and the lasting scars of trauma—while delivering the sharp twists and compelling narrative fans have come to expect.

The book is now available—secure your copy here: <https://a.co/d/iRKKILe>

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