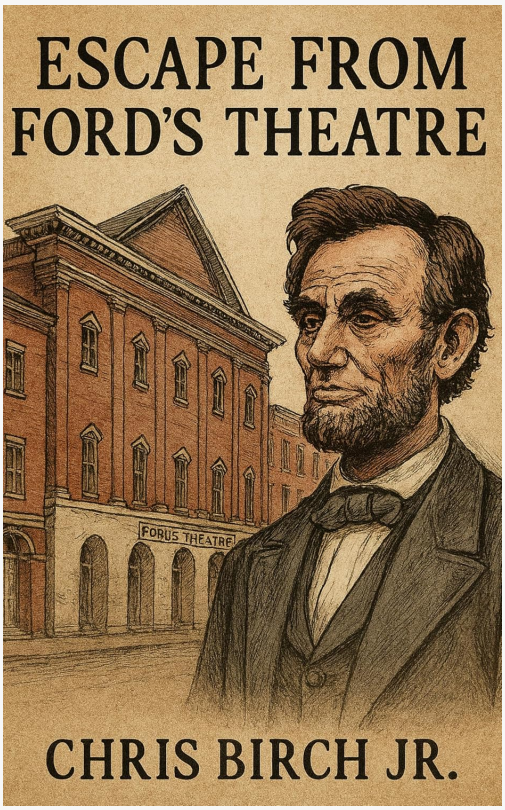
Author Christopher Birch Jr. Publishes Escape From Ford’s Theatre, a Novel Inspired by the Events at Ford’s Theatre

New historical fiction thriller asks: What if President Abraham Lincoln had a chance to escape his fated moment at Ford’s Theatre?



Escape From Ford's Theatre by Chris Birch Jr.

NEW YORK CITY, NY, UNITED STATES, December 14, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In Escape from Ford’s Theatre, author Christopher Birch Jr. delivers a riveting reimagining of one of the most consequential nights in American history. Set on April 14, 1865—the evening President Abraham Lincoln attended a performance of Our American Cousin—this fast-paced historical fiction explores an electrifying question: Could the President have escaped his tragic destiny?

With meticulous detail and cinematic storytelling, Birch brings to life the political tensions surrounding the end of the Civil War as Lincoln contemplates his Reconstruction plans and the future of newly freed Americans. Birch’s vivid atmosphere and sharply drawn characters pull readers directly into the tension of that fateful night, blurring the line between history and possibility. Against this backdrop, the narrative shifts into a suspenseful retelling of the famed night at Ford’s Theatre, featuring the President, Mary Todd Lincoln, General Ulysses S. Grant, Clara Harris, and Major Henry Rathbone. At the center of the storm lurks John Wilkes Booth, rendered with chilling intensity as the plot races toward its climactic confrontation.

Birch was inspired to write the novel out of a lifelong fascination with Lincoln and an interest in the pivotal moments that shape American identity. By exploring the delicate balance between fate and agency, he invites readers to consider how a single decision—or a single twist of circumstance—could alter the course of national history. The novel’s thrilling alternate-timeline approach invites readers to imagine a world forever changed by a single unexpected twist in America’s past. His storytelling blends historical accuracy with bold imagination, resulting in a gripping tale both familiar and thrillingly unpredictable.

Escape from Ford's Theatre appeals to readers who enjoy alternative history, Civil War–era narratives, presidential lore, and high-stakes historical suspense. The book offers a fresh, energetic lens on an event often studied but rarely re-envisioned with such creative urgency. Birch's fast-moving style and character-driven tension make this a compelling read for history enthusiasts and fiction lovers alike. Readers will find themselves questioning how differently the nation might have evolved had Lincoln survived that pivotal night.

Christopher Birch Jr. is a passionate writer with a keen interest in American history and the dramatic turning points that define it. His dedication to research and storytelling allows him to craft narratives that honor the past while reimagining its possibilities in bold new ways.

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