

Kirkus Reviews Gives 'GET IT' Verdict as John H. Thomas' *Echoes of the Gene* Wins Two Medals at 2026 Global Book Awards

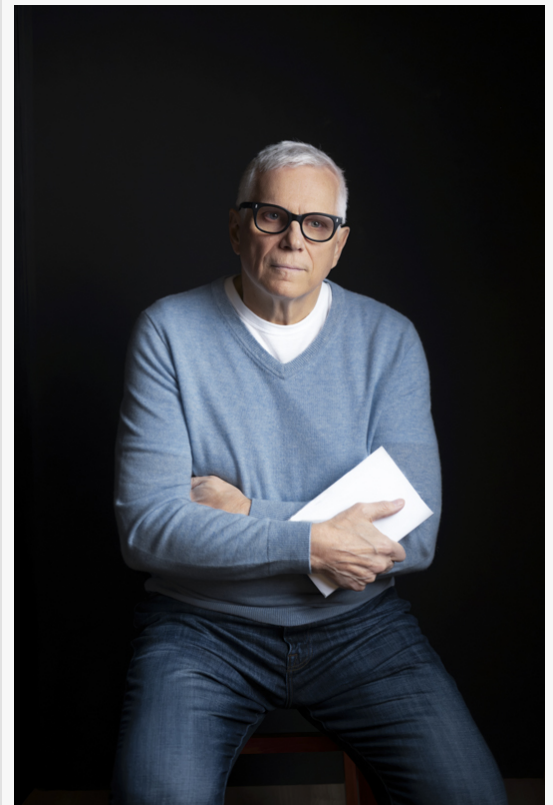
Blending science, technology, and suspense, Thomas delivers a provocative story about discovery, power, and the forces determined to control both

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, August 20, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- What happens when the future of human genetics falls into the wrong hands? Author [John H. Thomas](#) explores that chilling question in [Echoes of the Gene](#). His explosive novel captures Gold at the 2026 Global Book Awards in the Thrillers – Techno-Thriller category and Silver in the Thrillers – Medical category, marking a double victory for a story that explores the dangerous intersection of science, technology, medicine, and human ambition.

"I'm incredibly excited and honored to receive both a Gold Medal and a Silver Medal from the Global Book Awards for *Echoes of the Gene*," says Thomas. "As an author, there is nothing quite like knowing that a story you poured your imagination, time, and passion into has connected with readers and industry professionals."

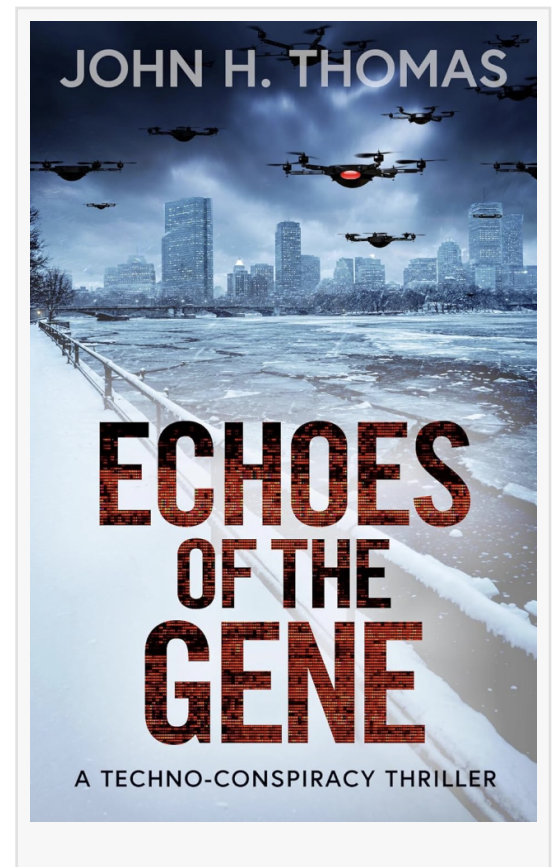
The second installment in Thomas' Chronos Files series, *Echoes of the Gene*, follows Dr. Emily Harper, a scientist with the extraordinary ability to experience other people's emotions as if they were her own. As Emily becomes entangled in a dangerous world involving artificial intelligence, genetic science, and manipulation, the novel explores the increasingly blurred boundary between technology and human emotion.

"I wrote *Echoes of the Gene* because I wanted to explore the themes of humanity and mortality. At its core, it's a story about human connection—and the weight of carrying the emotional burden of someone else's final days. Emily's empathic ability is both her greatest gift and her greatest vulnerability, and I wanted to explore what happens when that kind of intimacy becomes a weapon in the wrong hands," explains Thomas.



The momentum behind *Echoes of the Gene* continues to build, with [Kirkus Reviews](#) awarding the novel a “GET IT” verdict — Kirkus’ editorial recommendation designating titles of exceptional merit — praising Thomas’ blend of cutting-edge technology, genetic science, and emotional suspense, describing it as a “Byzantine and brooding cyber-thriller” where “extreme emotions merge with technical intrigue.”

“I’m thrilled to see *Echoes of the Gene* receive a “GET IT” from Kirkus Reviews. Kirkus has a reputation for taking a close look at books and recognizing stories that stand out, so having the novel described as a “Byzantine and brooding cyber-thriller” is incredibly gratifying. I set out to create a story that would keep readers turning pages while also making them think about where technology, genetics, and artificial intelligence could take us—and this recognition tells me that the story is hitting the mark.”



Thomas’ novels put science, technology, and human ambition on a collision course. His previous books include *The Terminal Gene*, the first installment in *The Chronos Files*, and the Maxx King thriller series, including *Thunderbird Rising*, *Masters of War*, and *Falling Angels*. Across his work, Thomas turns provocative scientific possibilities into high-stakes suspense, exploring what happens when groundbreaking discoveries become tools for power, control, and deception.

“*Echoes of the Gene* is about more than technology or science; it’s about what happens when human ambition pushes those things beyond their intended limits,” concludes Thomas. “I want readers to be entertained, but I also want them to close the book and wonder just how close we might be to a future where the unimaginable becomes possible. If the story stays with them after the final page, then I’ve done my job.”

The audio edition of *Echoes of the Gene* is now available, giving readers a new way to experience Thomas’ gripping techno-conspiracy thriller.

Thomas is currently at work on the third installment in *The Chronos Files* series and is actively seeking literary representation.

About John H. Thomas

John H. Thomas is an author of techno-conspiracy thrillers whose work explores the intersection of science, technology, ethics, and human nature. His novels combine suspense, science fiction, espionage, alternative history, and complex human relationships to examine questions about

fate, free will, mortality, and the consequences of technological advancement.

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