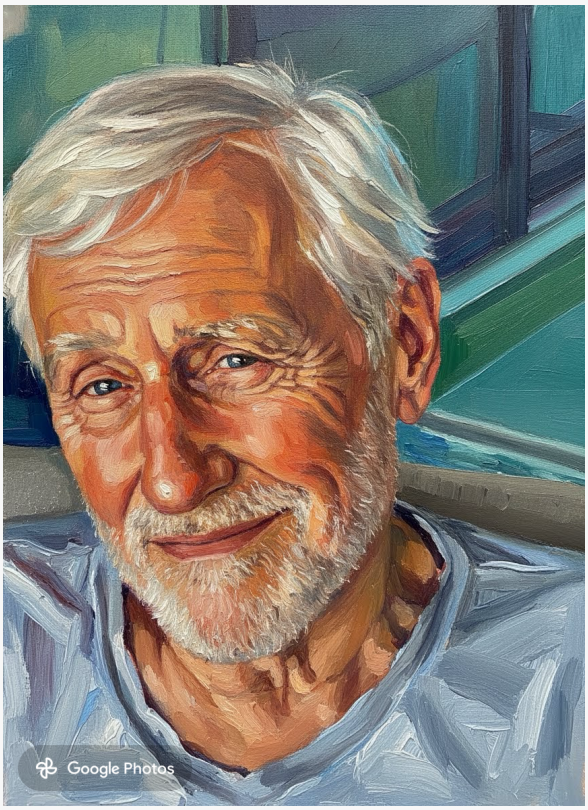
Al Dawson’s 'Borderlines' Examines Cartel Power as U.S. Intensifies Crackdown on Mexican Cartels

As the U.S. escalates its fight against Mexican drug cartels, Dawson’s book examines the growing challenge of corruption and organized crime



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LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, September 15, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Mexican drug cartels have evolved in their sophistication and operations over the decades. With technological advances and communication breakthroughs such as Zoom and other high-tech communication modes, keeping up with their evolving methods is not easy. Al Dawson, author of “Borderlines,” examines whether the U.S. is equipped and prepared to handle this growing threat.

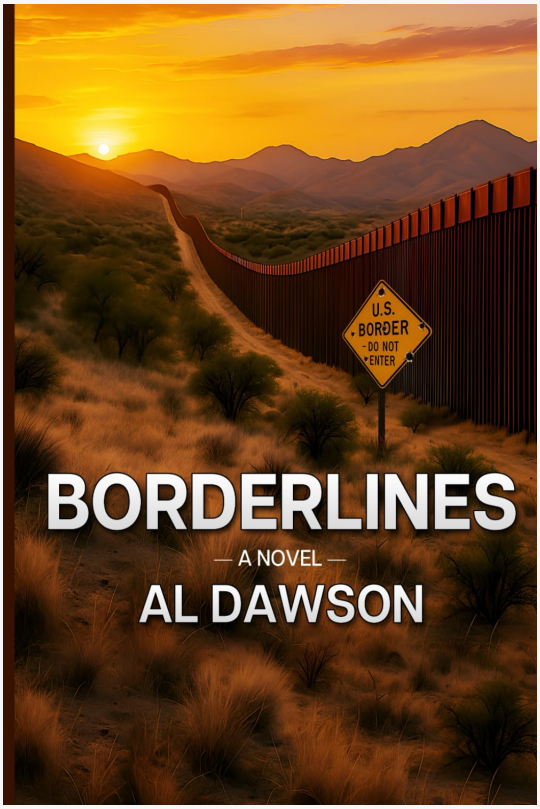
“Cartels do not operate within the boundaries we have created for them. They move through political systems, financial systems, communities, and across national borders. The question is whether our institutions can adapt quickly enough to confront them,” says Dawson.

The U.S. government is escalating its response to the cartel threat. In April, the Department of Justice charged Sinaloa Governor Rubén Rocha Moya and nine other Mexican officials with drug trafficking and weapons offenses. In August, the DOJ announced new charges against senior Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG) leaders and rewards of up to $15 million for information leading to the arrest of certain cartel figures.

The administration has also released its 2026 National Drug Control Strategy, outlining an aggressive approach to disrupting drug trafficking and the organizations behind it.

“These developments highlight the issues I explore in ‘Borderlines.’ Criminal organizations have become increasingly sophisticated, using technology, communication, and international

networks to adapt faster than traditional systems can respond. The challenge is whether our institutions can evolve quickly enough to keep pace with threats that do not stop at the border," says Dawson.



"Borderlines" takes readers into that complicated world, exploring what happens when criminal organizations become powerful enough to exploit the very systems designed to stop them. The issue goes beyond the volume of drugs entering the United States. Cartels operate through networks that can cross political, financial, technological, and geographic boundaries, creating challenges that traditional enforcement methods are not always equipped to address.

"Although my books are fiction, the threat is based on real events. America is vulnerable to cartels, and this is not an issue that will disappear on its own or get better over time. My work is to entertain, but also to educate my audience about this very real and ongoing threat. Are we prepared? That is the question I want readers to consider," Dawson concludes.

Al Dawson's "Borderlines" is available through his website and Amazon.

Please click here to purchase copies: https://www.amazon.com/Borderlines-Al-Dawson/dp/1963749626/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0

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