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Tampa Bay Banker Publishes *Bluebird*, the First Book in *Cigar City Thriller* Series
Kneer's debut novel follows a banker's journey to expose fraud while protecting his own reputation and those he loves.

TAMPA, Fla. (Oct. 24, 2024) – Veteran Tampa banker Chris Kneer has published his first book, a financial thriller, *Bluebird*, the first in the *Cigar City Thriller* series. It is available in hardcover, paperback, and e-book formats starting today.

The storyline draws on Kneer's 30 years of banking expertise. The fictional tale follows financial security expert Jason Miles as he uncovers tax fraud at his bank. Miles is torn between doing the right thing and protecting the life he's carefully built. When he is accused of masterminding the scheme, he is forced to go on the run—jeopardizing everything he knows and everyone he loves. As his pursuers close in, a shocking betrayal leaves Jason alone to either win, or die...

"Bluebird is a cut above the usual action-packed thriller," said D. Donovan, senior reviewer at Midwest Book Review. "Its special blend of action, unexpected developments and emotional self-reflection positions it as the perfect choice for thriller audiences seeking more than just suspense."

Readers familiar with Tampa Bay will enjoy references to Ybor City, South Tampa, and Treasure Island along with local landmarks like Hotel Haya, Armature Works, Bayshore, and Hyde Park.

"Writing a book has long been on my mind, and I'm thrilled to finally share my first published work," said Kneer. "I've been inspired by some of my favorite authors, Brad Thor and Daniel Silva, to create a fast-paced and engaging narrative. I am also excited about showcasing Tampa Bay to the world. This has been my home for a long time, and I want to share it with others."

Bluebird is the first book in the *Cigar City Thriller* series, with a new installment planned for release each year. Kneer worked closely with PIQUE Publishing and *Bluebird* is available in paperback and hardcover at most booksellers and the eBook is available at Amazon's Kindle Store.

About Author Chris Kneer

Chris Kneer has spent 30 years as a senior-level banker. When he's not at the office, he uses his professional expertise to write page-turning financial thrillers. *Bluebird* is his debut novel and the first in the *Cigar City Thriller* series featuring Jason Miles. Kneer lives in Tampa Bay, Florida with his family. Learn more about Chris and his work at chriskneerauthor.com.

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