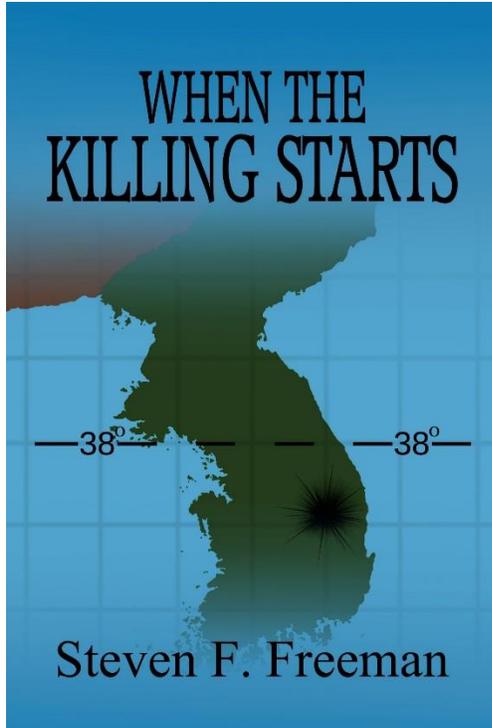


When the Killing Starts



SYNOPSIS

The Winter Olympics: the perfect time for competition, sportsmanship...and mayhem

Days before the Winter Olympics are scheduled to begin, host country South Korea learns of a planned attack from the north to coincide with the Games. With no details supplied by the now-dead informant, a joint U.S./South Korean team must race the clock to discover the rogue nation's plot and prevent a potential disaster.

Along the way, Alton Blackwell—leader of the U.S. team—must navigate through a landscape of misdirection, espionage, and cyber-attacks if he is to keep his team alive and uncover North Korea's deadly project.

SUMMARY

In *When the Killing Starts*, volume eight of "The Blackwell Files" series, NSA agents Alton and Mallory Blackwell team with South Korea to prevent a deadly attack from the North during the South's Winter Olympic Games.

REVIEWS FOR *WHEN THE KILLING STARTS*

"Really enjoyed the book – the pace was excellent, and it included a nice mix of personal stories and action scenes." **Elaine R.**

"I found *When the Killing Starts* to be the best written of the series thus far. The story flows smoothly and suspensefully and contains the right amount of back story to allow it to stand alone." **Willow H.**

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INTERVIEW TOPICS

- How have your life experiences influenced the novels of *The Blackwell Files*? To what extent are they autobiographical?
- What writers are most influential to your work?
- Do you anticipate future novels featuring Alton and Mallory, the two main protagonists of *The Blackwell Files* novels?
- What sets *The Blackwell Files* novels apart from other thrillers?
- How did you start writing?

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Chapter One

“This plan is never going to work,” said the aide.

Commander Yun Ki-Woo chuckled. “You say that because you lack experience.”

A look of annoyance passed over the younger man’s face. “No, I say that because I have common sense. How will our forces—?”

The older colleague held up a placating hand. “Kam, trust me. In this agency, you have to think big. I’ve seen operations more complicated than this succeed.”

“And how many operations—of any complexity—have failed?”

Yun sighed. He lowered himself onto the edge of a desk covered with electronic gear. “I won’t lie to you. Many have failed, largely because the Americans and their South Korean puppets anticipated our actions.”

“And this time?”

“Even for our friends to the south, the Olympic Games is too large an event for anyone to guard completely. For those two weeks, we’ll have a window of opportunity unlike any other.” He grinned at his colleague. “And that’s an opening I plan to exploit.”