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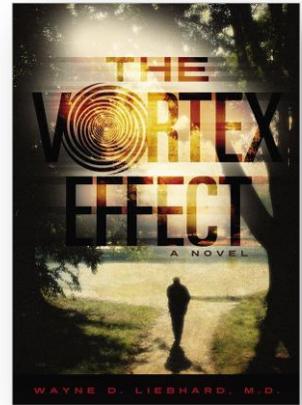
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A NOVEL

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## New Thriller has Sharp Political Edge

Minneapolis, MN [December 2015] -Readers who love smart thrillers won't want to miss ***The Vortex Effect*** by Dr. Wayne Liebhard. Set in literate and politically diverse Minnesota, this clever new release hits the mark for suspense, action, and social commentary – exploring the question of why we seem to be failing to engage in reasonable social discourse.

ER doctor Derek Mann takes a much-needed vacation to the storied north woods, but instead of finding time for reflection and relaxation, he finds himself on a surreal journey complete with unexplained enhanced abilities and ominous death threats.

With a shrewd cast of characters, and a plot that moves quickly, readers will be engrossed while they absorb Dr. Derek Mann's new and profound knowledge. This enlivening read will take readers on a journey from Minneapolis's hip North Loop to the serene north woods with a hefty dose of rock 'n'roll along the way!

New York Times best-selling author Elinor Burkett calls the book, "...intelligent, compelling, and fun."

***The Vortex Effect*** will be available everywhere books are sold on February 2, 2016.

## About the Author

Dr. Wayne Liebhard, a Minnesota native and family physician for twenty years, now practices in an emergency medicine clinic. He has won numerous national awards as an author and songwriter, gaining special acclaim for his book *Elephants in the Exam Room—The Big Picture Solution to Today's Health Care "Crisis,"* and music from the album *Here—In Flyover Country*.

Besides his doctorate, he holds undergraduate degrees in the natural and social sciences from Saint John's University (MN), and his articles have appeared in numerous publications ranging from *Minnesota Physician* to *Mustang Monthly*.

Wayne lives in Minnesota with his wife, Joy, dog, Oscar, and his Ford Mustangs. His classic rock band is still cranking out the tunes and releasing music videos.

## **Advanced Praise**

The Vortex Effect is intelligent, compelling, and fun. Laced with the keen observations of a first-rate physician, the irreverence of a life-long musician, and the musings of a serious wonk, Vortex takes aim at almost all of contemporary America's sacred cows, with humor, passion and suspense.

Elinor Burkett—New York Times best selling author

Dr. Wayne Liebhard has seen the best and the worst of American medicine, music and politics. And he'd like to see a few things changed! Thank goodness he's created Derek Mann to share his ideas with us. Equal parts drama, social commentary, and metaphysical exploration, Mann's story, at heart, is every person's search for happiness and meaning in a society that wants to paint us all the same shade of gray. This book is bound to stimulate conversations long after readers have put it down. Bravo!

Dr. Ann Korbel—editor

The Vortex Effect is a riveting adventure. It grabs your attention and sucks you into a remarkable twisting, turning suspense tale, while simultaneously forcing you to question the boundaries of your own existence. Wayne Liebhard's protagonist, Dr. Derek Mann, is the perfect conduit for the trip, and this ride will leave you permanently changed. I especially enjoyed the music theme that runs through the book. One gets the feeling that Dr. Mann would rather be on stage playing his guitar than in the ER.

Jim Donna of The Castaways—co-author of Liar, Liar. Member Minnesota Rock & Country Hall of Fame.

If you find it hard to believe the doctor you've come to enjoy, and think you know, is much more than a white coat learning digital record keeping, then you must read The Vortex Effect. If you've worked every day with a doctor who has an extraordinary affection for his undergrad alma mater, and will do great rock 'n' roll after just two beers, then get ready for a real ER doc having a mind-altering experience in Wayne Liebhard's The Vortex Effect.

Dave Durenberger U.S. Senator (R-MN) 1978-95  
St. John's University '55

Dr. Wayne Liebhard's most recent novel, The Vortex Effect, is a fascinating combination of a strange internal experience combined with a unique mystery. Dr. Liebhard is a respected physician who shows great perception about what ails health care in 2015. This is a well written novel that rivets one's attention and is very hard to put down.

Thomas A. Stolee, M.D.—past president, Minnesota Medical Association