



T.O. PAINE

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T.O. Paine is an **award-winning author of fast-paced thriller suspense novels**. He is a member of International Thriller Writers and holds a master's degree in computer information systems. His high-emotion novels focus on the consequences of his character's choices, resulting in spine-tingling, suspenseful twist endings. He has written and self-published over five novels in the past nine years, obtaining a wealth of intense craft and book marketing experience. He shares his office with a mongrel he found running wild in the streets of a small Mexican village. Her name is Muñeca, and she keeps the bad people in his books away from him so he can write.

SIGNATURE & KEYNOTE

The Power of Belief: Living in a Cult

The four years inside, how a person gets in, the manipulation, and how it became a body of thriller fiction. Part memoir, part craft, all momentum.

The Unstoppable Author Career

An inspirational talk for authors at any stage — on the joys of mental freedom, influence, perseverance, and success.

CRAFT TALKS WRITING CONFERENCES

- ▶ Gripping Your Readers with Relentless Suspense
- ▶ Revealing Plot & Emotion with Natural Dialogue
- ▶ Characters Are People Too: Reader–Character Relationships
- ▶ Hooking Readers from the Cover to the Last Page
- ▶ Steal Like an Artist: Learning from Other Authors' Novels
- ▶ Using Robert Greene's *48 Laws of Power* to Create a Villain
- ▶ Using *Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus* to Write Relationships

PUBLISHING & MARKETING AUTHOR BUSINESS

- ▶ Writing Back Cover Copy that Shines (and Sells)
- ▶ Amazon, Facebook & BookBub Advertising: A 3-Pronged Attack
- ▶ How to Build an Unstoppable Author Career

Full descriptions and learning objectives available on request. Custom talks welcome.

WHY BOOK T.O. PAINE

- ▶ A true story that grips a room — four years inside a cult, now the basis of his fiction.
- ▶ Eleven-plus polished presentations spanning craft, marketing, and career.
- ▶ A seasoned presenter — talks sized to your audience and slot.
- ▶ Brings signed books and reader giveaways for attendees.

RECOGNITION

Awards: Winner, Global Thriller Book Awards (Chanticleer, 2024); Gold, Literary Titan (2025); Editor's Pick, BookLife; Winner & Finalist, Book Excellence Awards; Five-Star, Readers' Favorite; 2nd Place, The BookFest.

Member: International Thriller Writers · Crime Writers' Association · Sisters in Crime · Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers · RMMWA · Colorado Authors League · ALLi · Writing Heights.

RECENTLY ON STAGE

"Revealing Plot & Emotion with Natural Dialogue" at **Killer Nashville, 2026**; "Writing Back Cover Copy that Shines (and Sells)" at **Wild Deadwood Reads, 2026**.

AVAILABILITY & LOGISTICS

Based in Denver metro, CO

Virtual Anywhere, by video

Formats Keynote · workshop
· panel

Travel National

Length 45–90 min / half-day

A/V Projector & screen

Invite me to your event

Tell me your audience, date & format — I'll send availability and a talk recommendation.

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