



GAUNTLET

THE FIRST BOOK IN THE GAUNTLET SERIES

(ISBN: 978-0-9816768-8-3, LCCN 2008925619, 6x9 hardback, 488 pages, \$25.95, distributed by Midpoint Trade Books) from Richard Aaron, a stunning new voice in international intrigue. **RELEASE DATE MARCH 2, 2009**

Six hundred sixty tons of Semtex is detonated in Libya – the last of their deadly stockpile. The operation seems to have gone smoothly, but within minutes of the explosion, CIA agent Richard Lawrence discovers that a shipment of the explosive was hijacked en route. Days later, a glory-seeking “Emir” broadcasts to the world that he is planning a massive terrorist strike against America. He says he will destroy a major U.S. landmark. And he gives a timeline of one month.

Now a desperate chase is on, as the men bent on attacking the United States use every weapon at their disposal to evade the American authorities. Time and again they prove willing to destroy anything – and anyone – standing in their way. But Hamilton Turbee, an autistic mathematician working for the newly created “TTIC” agency, finds a way to track them.

Through his flawed genius, he will give the nation its only

chance at survival ... if the American leadership will listen to him. As the enemies near their destination, and an attack becomes imminent, it is up to the TTIC team, still without a true leader, to take that chance, and stop the massive explosion that could destroy the lives of millions.

As the world watches in horror, the President asks TTIC two questions ...

Where will the attack be?

And can it be stopped...

"Loads of **really good writing** ... Aaron knows his stuff. Gauntlet [is] a **damn fine novel.**" – *David Hagberg, bestselling author of Dance with the Dragon, Joshua's Hammer, Soldier of God, and Allah's Scorpion*

"The plot ... is **riveting**, the possibility that this could happen [frightening]. [An] **emotionally thrilling** novel, **well worth the read.**" – *John Foxjohn, bestselling author of Cold Tears, winner of the Readers' Award for Best Mystery*

"Wow, what a story! I couldn't put it down. **Can't wait to work on the movie.**" – *Quay Terry, Hollywood Military Consultant, Jarhead, Flags of Our Fathers, Stop-Loss, Wolverine*

"**Amazing – complex and twisted...** with bad guys so devilishly clever that they would rival Satan himself. You don't see what's coming until it hits you ... until then you're cheering your heart out for the good guys. An astounding first stab." – *Mike Karanikolas, co-owner and president of Revolveclothing.com, Los Angeles, CA*

"I started reading and couldn't stop until I had finished it ... a can't-put-down book right out of the headlines ... wonderfully written, intelligent, and **completely suspenseful.** I wouldn't mind reading it again, and again, and again..." – *Karen Bierstedt, professional editor, Ramona, CA*

A taste of GAUNTLET...

“Here’s what we do,” said Richard, “and we’ve got to do it fast. You’re coming up behind the terminal. The bandits are in front of the terminal and we’re on the other side of them. The four of you will make one hell of a racket if you go over the terminal at Mach 1.7. How low can you fly?”

“Well, it ain’t responsible flying, but the landscape is pretty flat. We can get down to 50 feet or so,” Sebatier answered.

“Do it,” said Richard, as he watched the leader of the Bedouin group casually attach a grenade to the end of this RPG launcher. “For God’s sake, do it now! Go max speed! Do it now!”

Richard Aaron lives in a cold, northwestern city with his wife, four children, and various dogs and cats. He worked in the real world for two decades before realizing that he was actually meant to be a writer. *Gauntlet* was produced soon thereafter.

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