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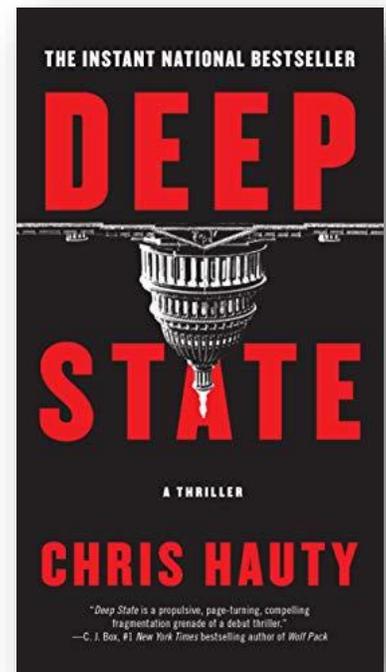
***Deep State* by Chris Hauty**

Book Review by Linda Buehler

Hardly a day goes by without some mention of the term “deep state” usually by some media source or a politician. The existence of a real deep state is thought highly unlikely by many but in Chris Hauty’s thriller there indeed exists a Deep State entity.

Hauty has primarily made a living as a screenwriter, but *Deep State* is Hauty’s debut novel and, in many respects, reads like a screenplay with its fast-paced action. Hauty departs from the usual with his protagonist, Hayley Chill, a female protagonist who is former military and champion boxer. Hayley is not the usual intern candidate for a Washington DC office let alone one assigned to work for the President’s Chief of Staff, Peter Hall. After assisting with the apprehension of a White House intruder, Hayley becomes a minor celebrity at her workplace, but when her boss, Hall, dies unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack, Hayley soon is caught up in intrigue for she has knowledge that the death was not a natural death. Hayley soon realizes that there is indeed a cabal of individuals unhappy with the recently elected president who are attempting to thwart his every decision and are even willing to kill. Hayley must put the pieces together of the conspiracy and warn the president before it’s too late. Hauty’s plot keeps the reader guessing with lots of twists along the way. The reader is soon caught up in the action. Hauty has an uncanny ability to tell his story from both sides of the aisle without offering any personal political commentary which allows readers of any political persuasion to enjoy this thriller.

Deep State is the first of a three-book series. The second book in the series is *Savage Road*, and the third, soon to be released, is *Storm Rising*.



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