

West Grant grad publishes novel

Visjonær Press is pleased to announce publication of *The Kurchatov Penetration*, a thriller by author Timothy S. Jacobson.

Tim Jacobson was raised for a good part of his youth in the Wyalusing Township of Grant County, and he attended West Grant (now River Ridge) High School. His mother, Gloria Jacobson, resides in Prairie du Chien.

Starting in childhood, he began keeping a journal of his adventures and explorations. Along with his older brothers and boyhood friends, he built forts in the woods and surveyed the landscape from the treetops. As a four-year-old, he once wandered into the woods, got lost, and waded chest-deep through a swamp to reach a house to be rescued (before he knew how to swim).

Jacobson survived his childhood and went on to graduate from Beloit College and Marquette Law School.

After four decades, Jacobson retains his insatiable curiosity and desire for adventure. He has traveled through parts of the Middle East where he stared down the barrels of machine guns wielded by screaming soldiers while investigating firsthand some of the security and political issues embroiling the region. In the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary (Civil Air Patrol), Major Jacobson has flown Homeland Security training exercises in which armed F-16 fighter jets have intercepted the plane he is flying.

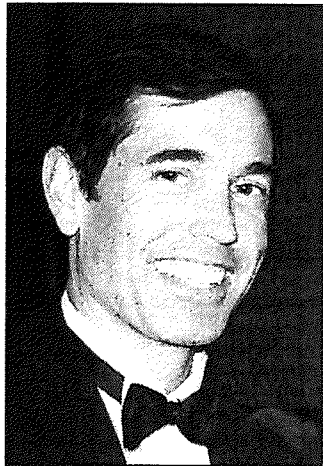
Along the way, he kept writing.

Jacobson recently published his first novel "*The Kurchatov Penetration*," a book of international intrigue. Although a work of fiction, Jacobson said that issues highlighted by the book, such as Iran's nuclear ambitions and the reach of the Russian "mafia," are real and serious threats to our national security and safety.

Jacobson has published sev-

eral magazine articles about his travels abroad and international peace and justice. Also, he has three other novels and a nonfiction book in the works.

"I love to write," Jacobson said. There are so many fascinating issues and conflicts in the world and in our lives to explore. I can't get enough of it."



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The path to publication of a novel-length work of fiction is daunting, he said. "You have to be persistent and believe in yourself. It's easy to get distracted or discouraged when writing a book. It took me years of effort to pull this off."

He encourages other writers to stick to their dreams. "Giving birth to a book; seeing ideas transformed into a tangible tome—wow. How

can I adequately describe the immense joy?"

Synopsis of the novel

In the novel, Israeli Mossad assassinations of Iranian nuclear experts, debilitating international sanctions, computer viruses tailored to disrupt uranium enrichment facilities, and threats of tactical strikes and all-out war by the U.S. and Israel escalate and push extremist rulers within the Islamic Republic of Iran to the point of frenzied desperation and insane impatience in their quest to construct the ultimate weapon of horror: a nuclear bomb.

Despite the risks of feeding Iran's ravenous appetite for plutonium, Nikolai Volkov of the Russian "mafia" devises a plan to reap obscene profits by hijacking a cache of weapons-grade material for sale in the Middle East. The mafia is thwarted in its efforts until it tricks a brilliant but naive teenage hacker, Kent Dalton, into picking the digital locks securing stockpiles of fissile materials.

In a cascade of intrigue, the fate of the world suddenly hangs in the balance as the mafia, the hacker, and the governments of Russia, America and Iran scratch and claw for control of the most dangerous and powerful element on Earth.

Biography of the author

Jacobson has been a U.S. Air Force Auxiliary (Civil Air Patrol) mission pilot, at-

torney, writer, documentary filmmaker, dot-com and energy company executive, computer programmer, conservationist, song writer and guitar player, blacksmith, runner, and public speaker with a black belt in karate and an advanced scuba diving certification. His skilled legal advocacy led *Law & Politics* and *Milwaukee Magazine* to jointly name him a "Super Lawyer," and he has appeared and advocated before the United States Supreme Court. *USA Today* said, "If ... Jacobson[']s firm isn't careful, it may wind up giving lawyers a good name." Saint Paul Pioneer Press called his former firm "one of the most Internet-savvy law firms in existence." His leadership of the nonprofit, Mississippi Valley Conservancy, resulted in the organization being recognized as "Land Trust of the Year" and "Friend of Conservation - Outstanding Organization." He has one daughter, Jacquelyn.

The Kurchatov Penetration is available for purchase as a paperback book at www.KurchatovPenetration.com. A Kindle eBook edition is available exclusively on amazon.com. More information, including photographs from a book launch party, can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/The-Kurchatov-