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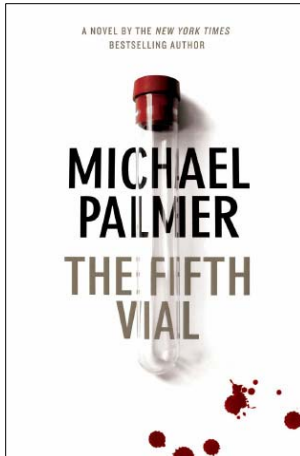
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Press Release

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Best-selling Author Michael Palmer at Oakley Branch Library March 8

Michael Palmer, medical doctor and *New York Times* best-selling author, explores the lines between truth, greed, morality, and cutting-edge science in his latest action-packed tale of medical suspense, **THE FIFTH VIAL** (St. Martin's Press; February 22, 2007; \$25.95). Mr. Palmer will discuss his book at the Oakley Branch Library, 4033 Gilmore Avenue, on Thursday, March 8, 7:00 p.m., with a book signing to follow.

The Story

After being suspended from Harvard Medical School, former Olympic runner Natalie Reyes travels to Brazil where she is kidnapped, shot, and left for dead. Halfway around the world in Africa, medical genius Joe Anson is fighting a fatal illness, while trying to complete his research on a serum that could save millions of lives. And in Chicago, detective Ben Callahan is working tirelessly to find the identity of a dead man with mysterious marks on his body.

These three people, with no apparent connection, hold the key to a secret society with God-like aspirations. They will learn the meaning of trust and betrayal, power and genius, lies and truth, in a world where everything is give or take. Working against the clock, they will uncover a world where nothing is sacred, not even the organs of human life. And, until these three people can stop them, everyone is at risk.

About the Author:

Michael Palmer, M.D. is the author of twelve best-selling medical suspense novels, including *Extreme Measures*, which was made into a feature film starring Gene Hackman, Hugh Grant, and Sarah Jessica Parker. A former doctor who battled drug and alcohol addiction, Michael's books touch upon issues of social and ethical importance. In addition to his writing, Michael helps physicians troubled by mental and physical illness, behavior issues, and drug and alcohol dependency.

THE FIFTH VIAL
By Michael Palmer
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