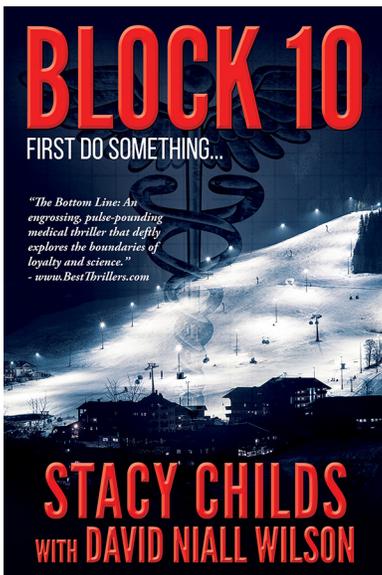


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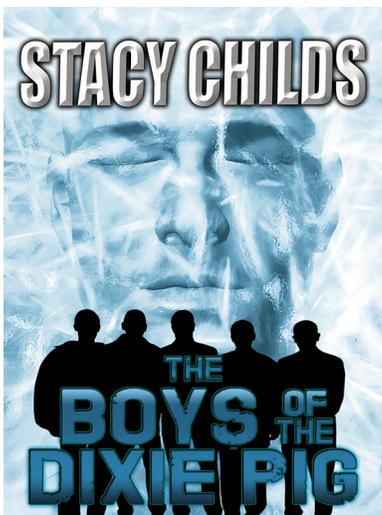
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# Author Bio



Dr. Childs grew up in Abilene, Texas, and went to college at Tulane University and medical school at L.S.U., both in New Orleans. He did his internship and residencies in Birmingham, Alabama, and practiced urology there for seventeen years. He and his wife moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1995, where he practiced urology for nine years. His love of the mountains and skiing brought him to Steamboat Springs in May of 2004.

Dr. Childs was active in clinical research for twenty-eight years and started three research companies, one of which went public. His early interests in infection and inflammation of the urinary tract led him to the faculty

of The University of Colorado in Denver where he was appointed Clinical Professor of Surgery in the division of Urology in 1999—a position which he currently holds.

He has been on various committees including chairman of the Medical School Admissions Committee for Wyoming and the Wyoming Governor's Healthcare Commission and was a delegate to the American Medical Association. Dr. Childs is certified by The American Board of Urology and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is a consulting editor to the journal *Urology*, and is former editor-in-chief of *Issues in Urology* and the urology section of *Medscape*, among others. He has authored three medical texts, six chapters in medical books, and published over seventy-five articles in peer-reviewed medical journals. Dr. Childs began writing fiction in 2006.

Dr. Childs was the first medical Director of Cancer Services for YVMC Yampa Valley Medical Center. He has been listed in *Americas Top Doctors* since the fifth edition of the organization and has been listed in *Best Doctors in America* every year since 2007.

In addition to practicing urology for nearly four decades, Dr. Childs enjoys ski racing, road biking, hiking, fly fishing, and rifle and hand gun target shooting. He was a torch carrier for the Salt Lake City Olympics, after which he ran two marathons in four weeks, the last one in New York. He is a prostate cancer survivor.

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## **Author's breakout novel nominated for Silver Falchion Award™**

Steamboat Springs, CO, June 25, 2015 – Block 10, author Stacy Childs' first novel, has been nominated for a Silver Falchion Award™. Aside from Pulitzer, the Silver Falchion Award™ is considered the most prestigious literary contest in the country.

Childs is nominated among other impressive authors, such as Steven James (the author of more than thirty books, including the critically acclaimed Bowers Files, an eight-book series of psychological thrillers), James Lee Burke (an American author of mysteries, best known for his Dave Robicheaux series, and also the winner of an Edgar Award for Black Cherry Blues and Cimarron Rose, and of a Grand Master Award from the Mystery Writers of America) and Lincoln Child (an American author of multiple techno-thriller and horror novels. Though he is most well known for his collaborations with Douglas Preston (including the Agent Pendergast series and the Gideon Crew series, among others), he has also written five solo novels, including the Jeremy Logan series).

Stacy's breakout novel Block 10 (Crossroads Press) catapulted him to the forefront of the medical thriller genre, being hailed as "on par with the best of Robin Cook" (Robert Dugoni). Childs published his second thriller, The Boys of the Dixie Pig, in November, 2014 (Crossroads Press). Both books are available in ebook and print formats. Block 10 is also available as an audiobook.

Block 10 takes readers on a heart-pounding adventure, full of intrigue, suspense, and the darker side of medical ethics. Its main character, Luke Cooper dreamed of flying. He was an Olympic caliber skier with a bright future, when a freak accident ruined his knee, and sent him into suicidal depression. A stranger, Dr. Henri de Salvo, gave him a reason to live, and a new set of "wings," thanks to an experimental medical treatment. With new focus, Luke turned to a career in medicine, a career that led him to accept an invitation to a secluded clinic in France where de Salvo continued his cutting edge - if morally questionable work. Lured by the chance to help other athletes recover their lives, intoxicated by a world of smooth cognac, beautiful women and dark intrigue, Luke finds himself drawn into another world. De Salvo has a shadowed past, and powerful enemies, and the French city of Toulon has its dark side. Through amazing medical breakthroughs, run-ins with the Corsican mob, and clubs where men fight for big money - and women, he searches for his own path. The question is, will he survive the journey, and can he live up to the age old medical adage, "First, do no harm," while following the message of his own heart - "First, do something..."

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Childs' recently-published second novel, *The Boys of the Dixie Pig*, is equally engaging. *Boys* features the unexpectedly-likable main character Mack Barton, a weapons dealer, who has spent the last four decades running from someone scary, and now is no exception. A crime boss in Las Vegas wants to kill him because of an overdue gambling debt (one of his bad habits—another is tequila). And is it the C.I.A. blaming him if some munitions fell into the wrong hands in a Syria deal? Or the last Colombia deal? Thinking it might help him get his mind off his troubles, Mack accepts an invitation to a reunion with his four good friends from high school - the 'troughers'. He travels to Golden, Colorado, where he and three others are wined and dined by their mutual buddy, Ace Strain, a psychiatrist and the proprietor of a cutting edge cryonics company. Little did he know that, before all was said and done, Colombian gun runners and mob hit men would prove the least of his worries as he, and his companions face intrigue, death, romance, and the question of reincarnated sports stars, caught up in a crazy chain of kidnapping, murder and insanity.

The purpose of the Killer Nashville Silver Falchion Award™ is to honor the best books readily available to a North American audience in any format within the past year. The categories include both fiction and nonfiction and the 8th Annual Silver Falchion Award™ will be awarded on October 31st, 2015.

Childs is a Steamboat Springs, CO, resident and has been listed in Americas Top Doctors since the fifth edition of the organization and has been listed in Best Doctors in America every year since 2007. Contact Stacy at [stacyjchilds@yahoo.com](mailto:stacyjchilds@yahoo.com) for information regarding speaking engagements and book signings.

# Author Q&A

with Laurence O'Bryan

## **What can readers expect from BLOCK 10?**

Block 10 is a wild ride for an unsuspecting neophyte orthopaedic surgeon with grandiose ideals and expectations about his career and the world. Luke Cooper is a has-been world cup athlete whose life was turned upside down by a terrible injury, the recovery from which leads him to the field of medicine. Out of admiration and gratitude, Luke returns to France to work for and be mentored by the world-famous sports medicine surgeon and researcher who repaired his injury a decade earlier, Doctor Henri de Salvo; but, de Salvo has a dark side, a mysterious origin, and tough and wealthy companions. The unsuspecting Luke is tossed into an environment of beautiful women and vintage cognac, which blinds him to what is going on around him, until he is led into the criminal side of medicine. His big decision is choose power and notoriety or face certain death from the Corsican mob. Miraculous surgical procedures to manipulate star athletes, exciting ski racing, fight clubs, murder, and enticing women—BLOCK 10 has it all.

## **You set the novel in the world of medicine. What do you find most appealing about that world?**

The field of medicine is dynamic. Every decade new research brings exciting topics to write about. Think about it. Organ transplant and trafficking, genetic modification and manipulation, new viral outbreaks, robotics, artificial limbs, medical tourism, and more. Physicians have the opportunity to keep a society alive, kill it off, or manipulate it every single day by what we report, by the medicines we prescribe, or by the operations we perform. What a theater! What material! And it doesn't go away—it keeps growing and growing.

## **How does your personal background influence this novel?**

I love the practice of medicine and consider it an honour and privilege to have saved lives, made people suffer less, and improved thousands of folks' with ailments. During this career of forty-two years from medical school to my present status of semi-retirement, I have had hundreds of times treating patients where I thought, "What if I didn't do this?" Or "what if I did this instead of that?" Or "what if I did this tomorrow, not today?" I have faced so many of these predicaments over the years that, although they have made me morally and ethically stronger, they have given me tons of ammunition for writing.

**You have a wonderful theme about medical ethics. What makes you want to write about this subject?**

I have known unethical physicians. I have witnessed unethical practices and unnecessary surgical procedures. The vast majority, in my opinion, over ninety-five percent, of doctors and researchers are very ethical and have patients' health and welfare as their daily top priority. I have hatred and disdain for those who betray the Hippocratic Oath. What can be worse than taking advantage of a vulnerable patient? But let's not talk about the United States Congress here. So, unethical doctors and procedures are terrible, and, like politicians and lawyers, become wonderful topics for novels. I am certainly not going to name anyone, but let's just say I have stored away a lot of material for upcoming thrillers. It hasn't been difficult.

**How do you feel about your debut novel being released soon?**

I am just tickled that David Wilson and his company, Crossroad Press, took me on. I had given up and put my novels in a desk drawer, to be re-visited when I retire from medicine. David released the e-book in March of this year and the trade paperback and hardcover in late May. The audiobook should be out by the end of the summer.

**Can you give us any clues as to what will happen to Luke in BLOCK 10?**

Not a chance. Read the book. I will say that many of my readers thought the ending was a big surprise, whereas I did not. Maybe that is because my mind was going in the same direction the whole story, but many readers without a medical background will be caught by surprise.

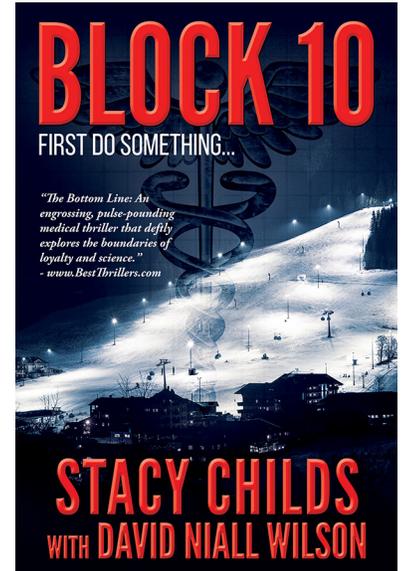
**Where will your writing journey be taking you both next?**

You will hear from Luke Cooper again—probably several more times. But, at least the next two thrillers will star Mack Barton, a tequila-drinking gunrunner who lives out of his Winnebago. In *THE BOYS OF THE DIXIE PIG*, Mack is quite a character and you'll pretty much fall in love with him. That's why he will continue on in the next book, *CABO BELLO*, after which I will most likely return to Luke.

They will all be medical thrillers, to some degree, because that is what I know and love. Robin Cook turned me on to medical thrillers, and I was fortunate to have met him at ThrillerFest a few years ago. He signed a copy of *COMA* that I purchased to re-read to make sure some of my scenes in *THE BOYS OF THE DIXIE PIG* were not similar to those in *COMA*. I hope those who have inspired me and taught me over the years (Robin Cook, Tess Gerritsen, the late Michael Palmer, Robert Dugoni) will be proud of my work.

# Block 10

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## Reviews

“Block 10 is an engrossing, intelligent medical thriller on par with the best of Robin Cook. I was hooked from the opening chapter and stayed up late turning the pages. Stacy Childs weaves weighty medical issues with heart-pounding tension. I loved it!”

–Robert Dugoni,  
**The Jury Master**

“Dr. Stacy Childs catapults to the forefront of the medical thriller genre with his breakout novel Block 10.”

–Steven Babitsky,  
Seminar Leader of the National Medical Fiction Writing Conference

“Block 10 is sensational! Page-turning intrigue kept me guessing what was next. Being an Olympic Skier myself, I loved the spice and thrill of the ski racing mixed throughout the suspense.”

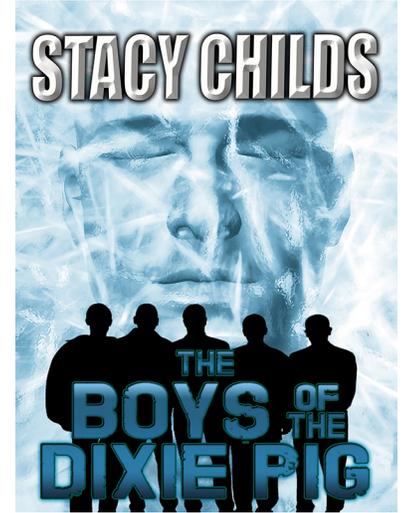
–Caroline Lalive Carmichael,  
Olympic Athlete and former U.S. Ski Team Member

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## Reviews

"I enjoyed Stacy Childs' debut novel, Block 10, and immediately became a fan. The Boys of the Dixie Pig is better. It displays Childs' versatility within the medical thriller genre with a rapid-fire story that seems too fantastic to be true, but which sucks you in from page one and doesn't let you go until the final word. I couldn't put it down. Mack Barton is sure to become the Jack Reacher of medical thrillers."

-Robert Dugoni,  
New York Times and #1 Amazon Bestselling Author,  
and author of **My Sister's Grave**

"Childs has created a masterful work of medical suspense that I couldn't put down. The Boys of the Dixie Pig is a hands-down winner!"

-Steve Babitsky,  
Chief Judge of SEAK, Inc.'s  
National Fiction Writing Competition for Physicians

"I don't know if this novel was meant to be funny, but Stacy Childs had me laughing like a loon. The Boys of the Dixie Pig is awesome; there is no other word to describe it. The story is engaging, attractive and engrossing. You will not be able to put it down. Plus, Mack is an amazing character. I wish we had men like him in real life."

-Rabia Tanveer  
for Readers' Favorite