



FICTION · THE NIGHT IT ALL COMES DUE

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The Closing Window

A NOVEL BY GREGG ROMAN

Propulsive spy fiction written from the inside.

The people who were supposed to act wouldn't. The people who could — did.

As protest sweeps Iran, a Washington think tank does what its government will not: the Meridian Institute is running live networks inside the country. Then the thirty-nine-day war ignites, and everyone at Meridian must weigh the cost of action against the price of standing by — knowing every name on the ledger is real. A thriller about the people who move when the state hesitates, and the count that never stops.

KEY POINTS

- Opens inside the machine — a Revolutionary Guard air-defense colonel ordered at 4:40 a.m. to turn his battery against an Iranian city, stalling the order in front of a deputy who may be the regime's eyes.
- A Washington thread with teeth — the private Meridian Institute becomes the U.S. government's only working window into a country it blinded and can no longer see.
- The count is the book's signature — a nurse in Karaj records the dead the state won't number "so the night can't round them off to zero."
- Fiction not written at a safe distance — built from years of conversations with Iranians who spoke at real risk, with methods and details altered to protect them.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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