

Christopher Farnsworth talks "BLOOD OATH"

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The author's debut novel concerns Nathaniel Cade, a secret agent sworn by a blood oath to protect the president. However, there are two things you should know: 1) Cade made the oath 140 years ago. And 2) He's a vampire. BLOOD OATH is the first in a series of novels that will feature "The President's Vampire." Check out Farnsworth's comments on his supernatural aide below.

[Fearnert](#) spoke with Farnsworth, who had this to say about BLOOD OATH's origins. "I'd never actually seen a vampire who was a spy or a secret agent before. And I just thought, 'We're the United States of America. We have nukes. We have the best weapons. We have the best army. Of course the President has a vampire.' For me, it was really very simple. It was 'The Ultimate Secret Agent.' What I was really hoping was to write a book that I would have a lot of fun with and enjoy reading. And if it didn't work out, well, at least I'd taken my best shot and put in the things I liked. So I put in vampires and werewolves and monster soldiers and Doctor Frankenstein, the War on Terror and everything I could possibly cram in there."

While penning BLOOD OATH, Farnsworth was already eyeing more Cade adventures. "I think that's the great thing about the character, that it lends itself to a long and hopefully extraordinarily profitable run of adventures. So I became fascinated with the way his world worked, and I wanted to see how much further I could take it. So when I did sell the books, they asked me where I could go with the series, and I had 10 ideas already sketched out for them. I just finished the second book in the series and handed it off to my agent, so there will be edits on that. But within a few months I'll start on the third book. I'm trying to get one of these out every year."

Asked if he has any worries about the media being flooded with too many vampire stories, Farnsworth replies, "Oh, I'm absolutely terrified of vampire fatigue. I think that we haven't hit the crest of the wave yet, because we're still seeing such incredibly enthusiasm for these things. I think that TRUE BLOOD looks like it's going to come back to bigger ratings than ever. I think it's becoming a genre unto itself. No one ever says, 'Oh man, do we really need another cop show?' or 'They're doing a show about lawyers again?' It's almost becoming a genre that has recognizable tropes and an entire style to it."

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The film rights for BLOOD OATH have been sold (see our article [here](#)). Who would Farnsworth like to see as the lead vampire? "I would love to see Christian Bale in the role. He's phenomenal. He's got an ability to play an unbelievably cold guy, but with a real moral core, which is the center of my vampire Cade as I see him. But honestly, what do I know?"

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