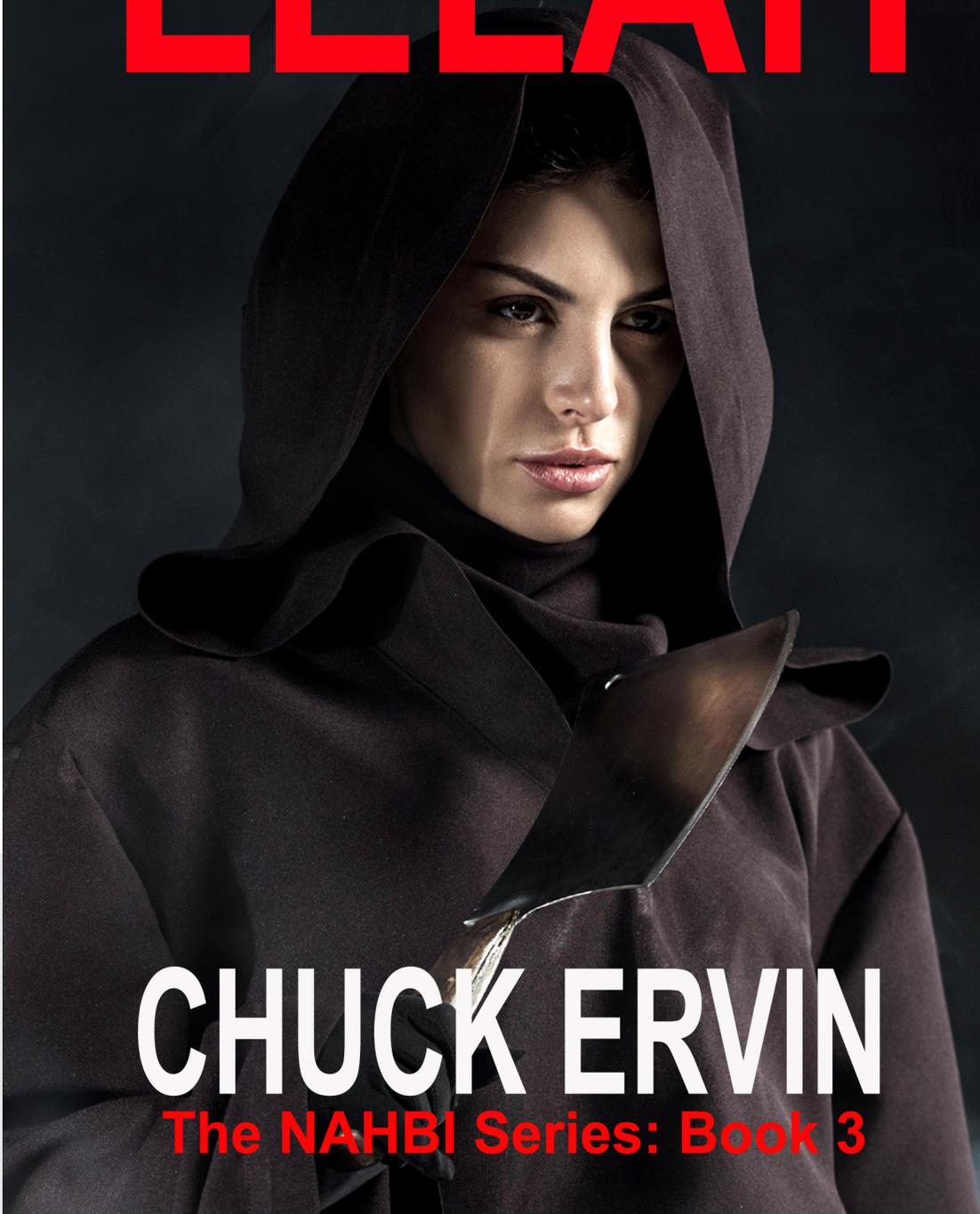


CHUCK ERVIN

A Terrorist Assassin Thriller

# LELAH



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The NAHBI Series: Book 3

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# 01

# Author Biography

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Chuck Ervin is a former defense industry executive, Navy veteran and engineer with a life-long passion for great literature, science, and technology.

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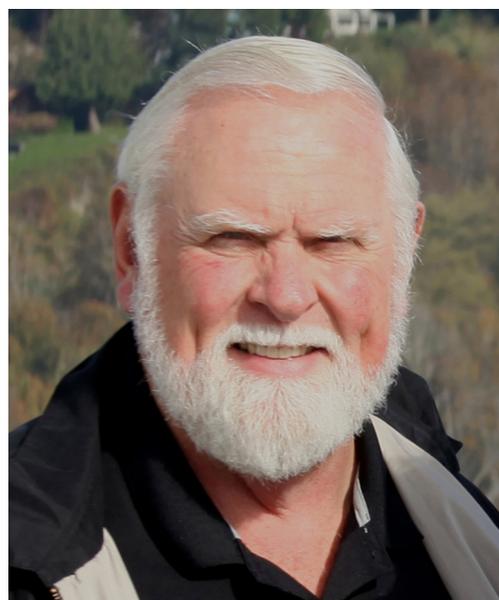
Chuck Ervin grew up in Texas. His dad was a Texas farm boy who became a World War II bomber mechanic. His mom was a farm girl who gave up her teaching job to become a wartime aircraft draftsman. It was probably inevitable that Chuck would love airplanes.

Chuck has been an avid reader since the second grade when he spent afternoons in the school library. During the long, hot Texas summers, he'd ride his bike down a country road to meet the bookmobile and then peddle home with a basket full of books. By the time he was ten, he'd read many of the juvenile classics and was moving up to adult literature. Years later, when people asked him how he learned to write, he always said, *"By osmosis, you can't read the works of great writers without something rubbing off."*

An English professor at the University of Texas gave Chuck a science book for his 9th birthday.

It opened his eyes to the amazing universe we inhabit and kindled his interest in Einstein, relativity, and high-energy physics. He still has the book and considers it one of his life's treasures.

Chuck is a Vietnam era Navy veteran. His first ship was part of the task force sent into the Sea of Japan when the North Koreans captured the Pueblo. He returned to the Sea of Japan a year



**Chuck Ervin**

# Author Bio cont.

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later when a North Korean MiG-21 shot down an American EC-121 electronic surveillance aircraft. When his Navy service was complete, he returned to college to finish his engineering degree.

After graduation, Chuck accepted a job with an engineering firm in Washington State. A year later, a subsidiary of Pan American World Airways recruited him and he worked for that legendary company for seven years. While still in his early thirties, Pan Am promoted him to manager of a multi-discipline engineering department under contract to the Navy during the construction of the Trident Submarine base. Chuck was on the waterfront on August 12, 1982 when the first Trident Submarine, USS Ohio, arrived at her new home port.

When Lockheed Martin, the world's largest defense company, recruited him for a vice president's position in the Aeronautics Sector, it was like going home. The just-completed merger of Lockheed with Martin Marietta meant that Chuck was going to work for the direct descendent of the companies that had trained his dad and employed his mom in World War II. He was in the Fort Worth plant the night the first F-22 mid-section was being prepared for shipment to Georgia for final assembly of the world's most advanced air superiority fighter.

After Lockheed Martin, Chuck worked as a senior executive of several large defense corporations. He was appointed to a defense advisory board by the undersecretary of defense and served two terms as chairman of one of the largest professional associations of defense contractors. He retired as the executive vice president and chief operating officer of a subsidiary of the largest security services company in the world. When people ask him about his career in the defense industry, he smiles and says it was incredibly interesting. For a poor boy from Texas, it was a dream come true to find that he could actually get paid for working around airplanes and traveling all over the world.

Chuck's novels reflect his engineering education, his career in the defense industry, and his knowledge of science, military weapons systems, and international geopolitics. His novels are an eclectic blend of multiple fiction genres including thrillers, mysteries, science and technology, with an intriguing touch of science fiction.

Chuck and his wife live on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State.

To find out more information about his book, please visit his website at:

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# 02

# Book Details

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**AUTHOR:** Chuck Ervin

**CATEGORY:** Thriller, Military, Terrorism, Espionage, Mystery

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**LELAH** was wandering alone in the desolate wilderness of southern Oman's Dhofar desert when a Royal Omani Air Force helicopter pilot found her. She had no memory of how she got there or where she came from.

**Ebrahim Hatami**, the former supreme leader of Iran, has been deposed and exiled. He is intent on two things: *Revenge and returning to power...*

**David Logan** is back at his CIA intelligence analyst's job after the mission to capture General Jhalawan. When a senior American Army general is abducted, and a horrifying video is broadcast from a television station in Qatar, the director of the CIA assigns David to lead a team to identify and track down the terrorists.

When a member of the Israeli Knesset is abducted, the director of the legendary Mossad spy agency and the CIA realize someone is targeting leaders of the three countries responsible for the destruction of Iran's nuclear capability.

**David** and **Nahbi** must find a way to stop them...

# 03

# Target Audience

## READERS OF THRILLING MYSTERIES

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*Readers will find themselves drawn into this thrilling action-packed mystery that follows the story of David Logan and his incredible discovery that raises questions modern science can't answer.*

## READERS OF MILITARY THRILLERS

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*This page-turner will have fans of military special operations, and contemporary geopolitical fiction hooked from the start as they read this thrilling story of espionage, terrorism, and advanced technology.*



# 04

# Chapter Excerpt

**EXCERPTED FROM THURSDAY, JANUARY 15th**

Lying naked on the dirt floor of a metal warehouse, Sandra Robins struggled to regain consciousness. She was alive but in almost unbearable pain from a savage beating.

Her left eye was swollen nearly shut and her left leg was probably broken. She tried to move it but the intense pain made her inhale sharply, causing searing pain from several broken ribs. She cautiously flexed her arms and hands. There didn't seem to be any broken bones but her right thumb hurt so badly when she tried to move it that it was probably dislocated.

With every pounding heartbeat, the right side of her lower jaw throbbed in unison. She tasted blood on her cracked lips and inside her mouth.

As a young first lieutenant, Sandra had been through the Army's resistance to interrogation training at Fort Bragg before deploying on her first combat tour to Afghanistan. The three-week R2I course had taught her that if she was captured and interrogated, she could expect to be stripped naked, sexually humiliated, hooded, and deprived of sleep, water and food. Her captors had done all that and more before sadistically beating her with an iron pipe until she blacked out. But, unlike what she'd been taught to expect, they'd never asked her any questions.

"She's conscious," she heard a woman speaking Farsi say. "Tie her to the chair." Sandra moaned in agony as two men jerked her up by her arms and tied her arms and legs to a metal chair with nylon zip ties.

She was momentarily blinded when a bank of high-intensity lights came on in front of her. Turning her head slightly to the side so she could see from her right eye, she saw the blinking red light of a video camera on a tripod directly in front of her with a large laptop computer screen on a table beside it.

She heard the same woman's voice again from somewhere behind her, but this time speaking English. "Do exactly as I tell you. When the red light on the video camera stops blinking and turns to steady green, you will say the words you see on the screen. You must not say anything else and you must not make any attempt to send a signal in any way. Do you understand?"

# Excerpt cont.

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Sandra nodded.

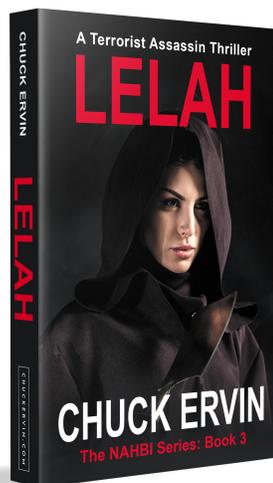
“Say it, you American whore! Say you understand.”

“Yes, I understand.”

When Sandra saw the light turn to steady green, she began to speak. “I am Lieutenant General Sandra Robins, the commanding officer of the U.S. Army Forces Command. I am a whore of the Great Satan and the first of many western infidel leaders who will soon pay for their crimes against Allah and his people.” Her eyes were brimming with tears as she read the speech, forcing her to blink to clear her vision enough to continue reading.

When Sandra was finished reading the script, a tall man stepped to one side of the camera where she could see him. He was dressed in a white thobe and was wearing a white hood with only a narrow opening for his eyes. He was holding a massive executioner’s sword.

As a former American military adviser to the governor of Riyadh province in Saudi Arabia, Sandra had once been forced to witness the execution of a young woman accused of adultery. The horrifying image of that poor, terrified girl’s head dropping into the basket flashed through her mind as the man swished the sword back and forth before walking around behind her. She bowed her head in silent prayer as she realized what was about to happen.



# 05

## Sample Interview Questions

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*What inspired you to write Lelah?*

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*How much research did you have to do?*

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*Do you think androids like Nahbi will eventually be made?*

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*Do you think androids and/or robots will replace humans in warfare?*

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*Why did you choose Pakistan for the antagonist?*

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*Why did you choose London as a principal site?*

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*Why did you involve the Chinese and the Russians?*

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*Why did you include Israel to such a degree?*

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*Do you believe time travel will ever be possible?*

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*Why include so much about Christian topics?*

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