

# Author Biography

*Daniel Strade*

## SHORT BIO. 75 WORDS.

Daniel Strade is the author of the Zero Margin Trilogy, a literary espionage series published by Coby Press. The trilogy follows characters who operate in the spaces intelligence services do not formally acknowledge: legacy networks, deniable assets, and the institutional machinery that outlives the policies that built it. The series treats covert operations, political consequence, and the long arc of institutional decision-making with structural accuracy and narrative restraint.

## EXTENDED BIO. 200 WORDS.

Daniel Strade writes literary espionage fiction grounded in operational accuracy and institutional restraint. His professional background is in operations and corporate finance. He has spent his career working alongside the kinds of people his fiction takes seriously: operators, technicians, and managers whose work depends on accurate observation rather than ideological conviction.

The Zero Margin Trilogy follows Avi Stern, a long-running operative whose cover begins to collapse on the morning of October 7, 2023. Across three books, the trilogy moves from London to Vienna to Tehran, tracing a network of civilian-cover assets first built decades earlier and reactivated under contemporary operational pressure. The second book centers on Andreas Dimitriou and the chain of cafés that became the communications backbone for a single decisive operation. The third returns to Avi's wife Rachel, herself a former operative, who discovers in a routine logistics audit that the network they thought had been dismantled has rebuilt its own logic.

The most useful writing about institutions, in his view, comes from the people responsible for them. From the discomfort of having signed for what they did. The Zero Margin Trilogy is his first published work. He is at work on a fourth novel.

## KEY FACTS

### DEBUT FICTION

Zero Margin Trilogy (three books)

### GENRE

Literary espionage. Institutional thriller.

### COMPARATIVE AUTHORS

John le Carré. Joseph Kanon. Mick Herron.

### IMPRINT

Coby Press

### ADAPTATION

Series overview and season materials available upon request.

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