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UA PROF'S NOVEL CITED AS ONE OF YEAR'S TOP 3 THRILLERS

In a special to the *The Daily Yomiuri*, the largest English-language newspaper in Japan, Brad Thor, the award-winning creator, producer, writer, and host of the critically acclaimed Public Television travel series, *Traveling Lite* (which is still seen internationally throughout Europe, Canada, South America, Asia, the Middle East, and Russia), cited Ron Terpening's suspense novel, *League of Shadows*, as one of the three best thrillers of the year.

In an article titled "How to thrill a thriller author," Thor noted that in 2004 he had "discovered three fabulous authors whose books swept me away." The three were Jay MacLarty (*The Courier, Bagman*), Didier Van Cauwelaert (winner of the prestigious French Prix Goncourt for *One-Way* and author of *Out Of My Head*), and UA professor Ron Terpening, author most recently of the thriller *League of Shadows*.

In Thor's words, "This fabulously written story revolves around Thomas Gage, a young operative in the CIA's precursor, the OSS. Gage has been sent to crack the files of Mussolini's secret police. The assignment goes horribly wrong, but the full impact is not felt until 50 years later, when Gage goes missing in the mountains of Colorado. His only hope of rescue is his grandson, a wayward ex-cop who must suspend everything he knows about himself and his family as he tries to locate his grandfather and right a wrong whose effects have been rippling throughout the intelligence community for decades."

Terpening is a professor in the Department of French and Italian at the University of Arizona. *League of Shadows* is his fourth novel. (For more information, visit www.ronterpening.com. The author may be reached at 520-572-1597.)

Thor is also the *USA Today* bestselling author of three international thrillers—*State of the Union*, *Path of the Assassin*, and *The Lions of Lucerne*. His forthcoming novel, *Blowback*, will appear in July 2005.

Thor's article appeared in the print and online versions of *The Daily Yomiuri* on Dec. 30, 2004. *The Daily Yomiuri*, which has the largest home-delivery circulation among English-language dailies in Japan, is one of only two English-language newspapers to belong to Japan ABC. It is published by *The Yomiuri Shimbun*, which has the largest circulation of any newspaper in Japan.