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Ring of Fire Cascadia

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Ring of Fire

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DEDICATION

To the love of my life, Dani, and our little princesses in training, Bullie & Boom. Every day, you unselfishly smother me with your love, support, and merriment. I may be the machine that produces these words. You are the glue that holds me together and the fuel that winds me up each day so I can tell these stories. I will love you forever!

About the Author

Author Bobby Akart has been ranked by Amazon as #25 on the Amazon Charts list of most popular, bestselling authors. He has achieved recognition as the #1 bestselling Horror Author, #1 bestselling Science Fiction Author, #5 bestselling Action & Adventure Author, #7 bestselling Historical Fiction Author and #10 on Amazon's bestselling Thriller Author list.

For over a decade, Mr. Akart has delivered up-all-night thrillers to readers in 245 countries and territories worldwide. With over eighty novels in print, he has sold two million books in all formats, which includes over forty international bestsellers, in nearly fifty fiction and nonfiction genres. For years, he's been placed on Amazon's Kindle All-Star awards list for most Kindle Unlimited pages read in a month.

He has produced more #1 bestselling novels in Science Fiction's post-apocalyptic genre than any author in Amazon's history. The same holds true in Amazon's Genre Fiction – Disaster Fiction genre. Since the Disaster Fiction genre's creation on Amazon, every new novel Akart has published has reached #1.

His disaster thriller novel *Yellowstone: Hellfire* reached the Top 25 on the Amazon bestsellers list on multiple occasions. The Yellowstone series vaulted him to the #25 bestselling author on Amazon Charts, and the #1 bestselling science fiction author.

Since its release in December 2020, his standalone novel, *New Madrid Earthquake*, has been ranked #1 on Amazon Charts in multiple countries as a natural disaster thriller.

Mr. Akart is a graduate of the University of Tennessee after pursuing a dual major in economics and political science. He went on to obtain his master's degree in business administration and his doctorate degree in law at Tennessee.

Bobby Akart has provided his readers a diverse range of topics that are both informative and entertaining. His attention to detail and impeccable research has allowed him to capture the imagination of his readers through his fictional works and bring them valuable knowledge through his nonfiction books.

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Seun Olubodun is the designer and owner of Duke & Winston, an iconic brand for all things English Bulldog. The company started with a single tee shirt in 2010. Today, the brand has an extensive line of apparel adorning bulldog owners, like Dani and me, as well as home decor.

In fact, it's rare to find a video or photograph of us when we're not wearing something from the Duke & Winston line.

Seun's entrepreneurial story is both fascinating and inspiring. His financial contributions to nationwide English Bulldog rescues is renowned. Seun, pronounced *Shane*, is an Englishman now residing in the Dallas - Fort Worth area. His English Bulldog, a strapping old lad named Winston, passed away in 2023. It was a great loss to Seun and to those of us who enjoyed watching his antics (and typical English Bulldog insubordination) on

Instagram. If you are a bulldog lover, or simply love supporting a small business, please consider giving Seun's website a look: [Duke & Winston](#)



Now, for the scientists who helped make this happen. The Ring of Fire series is a big story, born from an intense fascination with Earth's rawest power, where fire, water, and fault lines converge. It's a story that I've been planning on writing for many years. Accurately portraying the science behind the correlation between the sun's Grand Solar Minimum, the impact on the earth's plumbing, and the resulting volcanic eruptions required countless hours (and years) of never-ending research as well as interviews of some of the brightest minds in the realm of Earth science.

Having become obsessed with the tectonic threat posed by an active Pacific Rim, I immersed myself in the science and history. I reached out to contacts, old and new, to obtain the research that formed the basis of this

book series. Source material and research flooded my inbox from around the world. Without the assistance of many individuals and organizations, this story could not be told.

Please allow me a moment to acknowledge several of those individuals whom, without their tireless efforts in studying the geology and volcanology of the Pacific Rim, the *Ring of Fire* series could not have been written. I relied on the expertise, dedication, and lifelong work of the scientific community. While I cannot name every article, paper, or interview that informed this novel, I want to recognize a few individuals and institutions whose contributions to our understanding of seismic and volcanic risk are nothing short of extraordinary.

Many thanks to the preeminent researchers and engineers at the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network, PNSN, at the University of Washington in Seattle. The PNSN is a leading research facility for monitoring earthquakes and volcanic activity in the Pacific Northwest, particularly along the Cascadia Subduction Zone. Their real-time seismic data and research on megathrust earthquakes and volcanic unrest provided a wealth of information to create the realism associated with the tectonic chaos along the Ring of Fire.

At the University of Southern California, Dr. John Vidale is renowned for his work on earthquake detection and the Cascadia Subduction Zone. As a former director of PNSN, he has extensively studied the seismic risks in the Pacific Northwest. If I could turn back time, I would've enjoyed his classes as Professor of Earth Sciences at USC.

Through his research work, Dr. Brian Atwater of the U.S. Geological Survey and the University of Washington helped unlock the secrets of the Cascadia Subduction Zone. His treatise on the 1700 megathrust quake and the orphan tsunami that struck Japan laid the foundation for much of the science in this book.

The world-renowned Dr. Lucy Jones, a seismologist and science communicator, has long been a voice of clarity and urgency on earthquake preparedness. Her ability to translate complex science into actionable

insight has inspired both experts and everyday citizens. I have relied upon Dr. Jones' work more times than I can count.

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Now, for the premise of this story, I applied my investigative techniques learned as a practicing attorney many moons ago. I conjured up a theory and set about to prove it. When I learned that not only was my premise plausible, but it could also potentially manifest itself in just a few years, my eyes grew wide. I began to frantically outline the *Ring of Fire* series before it was too late.

While the idea that a Grand Solar Minimum, GSM, correlates with increased tectonic and volcanic activity is still considered an emerging hypothesis in mainstream geophysics. In exploring the broader thesis that solar cycles, especially periods of Grand Solar Minimum, may influence seismic and volcanic behavior, I also drew upon the work of pioneering scientists and researchers whose work has been considered *out of the mainstream*. Keep in mind, they once chastised and flogged anyone who dared say the Earth was not flat.

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