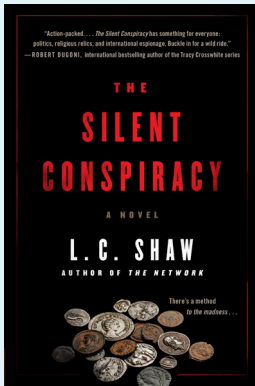


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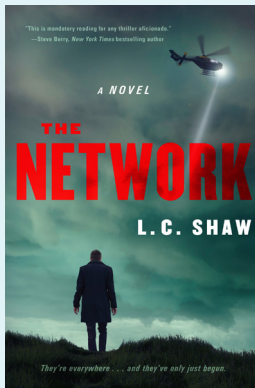
It's been almost two years since investigative reporter Jack Logan and television producer Taylor Parks brought down the Institute—the secret facility responsible for indoctrinating a generation of America's political and media power players. Their lives are just getting back to normal, and Jack and Taylor have settled into married life with their young son, Evan.

But soon a series of bizarre, seemingly random murder/suicides captures Jack's attention as a disturbing pattern emerges. Could someone be intentionally causing people to become homicidal? At the same time, Taylor is producing a story about a class action suit against a national insurance company that has reached the Supreme Court.

As Jack and Taylor start to suspect that their stories are connected, they realize there is something far more insidious at play that could not only directly threaten them—but the very future of the country...

“Action-packed... The characters are well drawn and the story amps up to a cliff-hanger ending that will satisfy most thriller lovers. This book will appeal to fans of puzzle-solving thrillers and catastrophe stories from authors such as Steve Berry, David Baldacci, and Robin Cook.”

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Late one night, investigative journalist Jack Logan receives a surprise visit from U.S. Senator Malcolm Phillips at his New York apartment. Disheveled and in a panic, the senator swears that he's about to be murdered and pleads with Jack to protect his wife Taylor, who happens to be the only woman Jack has ever truly loved.

Days later, Phillips is found dead in a hotel room in Micronesia, the apparent victim of an allergy attack. While the nation mourns, Jack and Taylor race to find the one man who knows the truth. As they're pursued by unknown assailants, their desperate hunt leads them to the Institute, an immense facility shrouded in mystery that has indoctrinated a generation of America's political and media power players. Led by the enigmatic Damon Crosse, the Institute has its tentacles everywhere—but Taylor unknowingly holds the secret to the one thing that Crosse needs to carry out his plan.

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*“Exhilarating. . . . From the opening pages to the thrilling conclusion, *The Network* is an intense and action-packed roller-coaster ride of emotions.”*

—**New York Journal of Books**

“Readers with a taste for action thrillers will best appreciate this one.”

—**Publishers Weekly**

“A staccato-paced series opener that will appeal to readers seeking conspiracy-laced thrillers.”

—**Booklist**

*“Washington power plays, Supreme Court intrigue, religious relics, and a chase for the ages. Fans of Brad Meltzer and James Rollins will love L.C. Shaw’s *The Network*”*

—**Anthony Franze, author of *The Outsider***

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—**Andrew Gross, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The One Man***

“The premise is a good one, the tension is high, and the characters are well developed.”

—**New York Journal of Books**

“Very diverting. . . . The pace is zippy, Jack and his family are sympathetic characters, and if you enjoy this kind of thriller, you can lose yourself in the action.”

—**Mystery Scene**

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