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Trident Code

A Lana Elkins thriller by Thomas Waite

“Trident Code is scary good. The science and technology are as convincing as they are chilling, with an original trifecta of cyber, nuclear, and environmental terrorism all worked into one wild ride of a plot. Thomas Waite has big ambitions—and delivers on them.” — **Dale Dauten, King Features Syndicated Columnist**

“Thomas Waite not only writes a searing story, but unlike too many technothriller authors, he cares about getting the little details right.”—**Roger A. Grimes, author and twenty-five-year computer security consultant**

Imagine a world in which a brilliant Russian hacker devises a devilishly original plot to achieve his personal and nationalist goals. Proceeding with ruthless abandon, he uses cyber technology and a U.S. nuclear submarine to target the world’s most fragile environmental tipping point. The terrorist act he envisions is so massive that it would make the detonation of the world’s most powerful nuclear weapon seem puny by comparison. Apocalyptic science fiction?

No. As the bestselling author Thomas Waite demonstrates in his latest geopolitical thriller, **TRIDENT CODE** (47North/Amazon Publishing, May 26), it is all too frighteningly real. Waite’s cyberwar series features the bright, bold heroine Lana Elkins, a former top NSA operative and now head of a major cybersecurity company. In **TRIDENT CODE** she faces off with Oleg Dernov, a Russian villain born not of the Cold War, but the *Code War*.

After Dernov and his co-conspirators seize an American nuclear submarine equipped with Trident II missiles, he orders those weapons trained on the unstable West Antarctic Ice Sheet (WAIS). That target is so unusual, yet so vulnerable, that a direct hit could change the face of the earth for eons by dramatically raising sea levels. The swelling oceans would also trigger a dramatic change in the world's balance of power.

With all humankind held hostage, Elkins must join forces with a mysterious computer mastermind—who might be working with the enemy—to try to avert this disaster. She also finds herself going into battle with a shocking person from her past. But intrigue, power, and blackmail force Elkins to muster whatever help she can for a fight on all fronts—land, sea, air, and cyberspace—to try to prevent the worst catastrophe in human history.

Waite's latest installment in his scintillating series is deeply researched with fact-based contemporary elements, including cyberwarfare, political intrigue, and environmental catastrophe. **TRIDENT CODE** is a must-read this spring.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Thomas Waite is a bestselling author of thrillers. His debut novel, *Terminal Value*, was critically praised and reached #1 at Amazon. His bestselling second novel, *Lethal Code*, was also widely acclaimed. Waite is the board director of, and an advisor to, a number of technology companies. His nonfiction work has been published in *The New York Times* and *Harvard Business Review*. Waite received his bachelor's degree in English from the University of Wisconsin—Madison and was selected by the English Department to participate in an international study program at the University of Oxford. *Trident Code* is Waite's second Lana Elkins Thriller. Visit him online at www.thomaswaite.com and follow him on Twitter: @ThomasJWaite

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