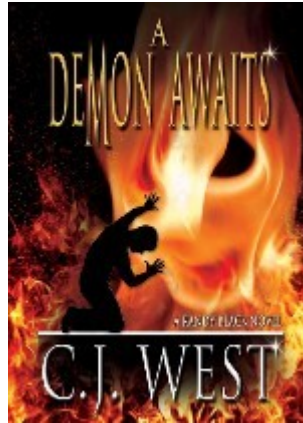


# A Demon Awaits



by

CJ West

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***A Demon Awaits*** is the second book in the Randy Black series written by ingenious storyteller, CJ West.

At the end of the first book, ***Sin and Vengeance***, Randy Black found himself getting a spoonful of his own medicine as Murphy's Law once again proved itself trustworthy, "Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong." Things could have not gone worse for Randy, whose role changed suddenly and unexpectedly from hunter to prey with blood thirsty predators chasing him. Neither Randy nor the reader will be prepared for the outcome.

In this sequel, author CJ West mixes conspiracy, surveillance, power and manipulation of knowledge, fanaticism, and corruption in all levels of government to fold in the reader into the threshold of Randy Black's new dilemmas. The reader must decide to unmask the villains or to put on a masquerade as not to stand out in the crowd.

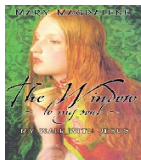
The book begins with an inside look at the events that caused Randy Black to be at the ICU in New Bedford Hospital in Westport, Massachusetts, with a cop guarding his room. He is a skillful and dangerous murderer who suffered numerous fractures and lays unconscious in bed with half of his body covered in plaster, his left arm suspended by two twisted cables, and his right arm cuffed to his bed. When Randy awakes, he is clueless about the length of time he has been in the ICU.

While at the hospital, he will meet a series of characters who will play key roles during the rest of the story. First he meets Detective Al Ruiz, a Westport Internal Affairs (IA) officer who is investigating the officer's alleged brutality and excessive force during Randy's arrest. Then comes Reverend Simmons, Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Westport. Reverend Simmons will be a cornerstone for Randy's new spiritual beginnings and understanding of his daily terrifying and vivid nightmares. Cassie Corcoran, a young and ambitious journalist for The Standard Times, is the first one from the media to get free access to Randy's room. However, during their brief conversation, he discovers that Cassie is unprepared to write his story and sends her away to do her homework with the promise of an exclusive when she returns. Cassie's research will bring her to a new level of field journalism which might include risking her life for the sake of covering and writing the biggest story of her career. But to her, the prestige of this exclusive story is worth every risk!

We all know that a murder case story could not be completed if the perpetrator and accused murderer is not represented by the best defense attorney in town. Author CJ West won't disappoint his readers. On the contrary, he introduces the reputable, successful, and unbeatable defense attorney, Tom Gold. The reader will get a glimpse of Tom's method and procedures before he visits Randy at the ICU. His visit finds Randy ill-prepared to react to Tom Gold's knowledge of his case. At first, Randy is suspicious, but then he agrees to let Tom represent him in court. He knows deep inside that this witty lawyer might be the only one capable of getting him out of all his legal ordeals.

As the story unfolds and all the new key characters and their associates show their true colors, Randy will be forced to choose sides. This decision, however, might come at a high price and will turn into lack of freedom for him knowing too much and not being able to trust those who are supposed to protect him.

When Randy Black's urges for ***Sin and Vengeance*** have been consumed and only ***A Demon Awaits*** for him at the afterlife, which road would he take? The one leading to freedom and redemption, or the one leading to eternal condemnation? To know the answer to these life or death questions, you must take a leap of faith and venture yourself to walk a mile with Randy Black.



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