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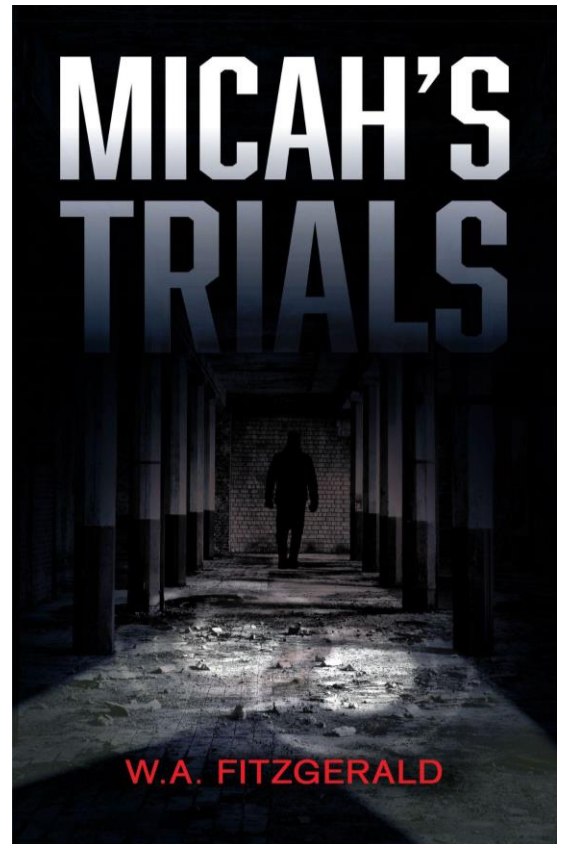
Micah's Trials

Micah Paul is the Chief Financial Officer for Tacoma General Hospital, and his life couldn't be better. He has a perfect job, a beautiful wife, and kids who think he's the greatest dad ever. Life is good—but not for long. Micah is about to experience the most severe trials he could imagine. An unusual and harrowing set of circumstances begins with the birth of his newborn daughter and her life-threatening illness, his best friend being placed in mortal danger, and Micah finding himself the target of a multifaceted criminal investigation; it culminates in a mysterious caller portending ultimate harm to Micah and his family unless Micah agrees to compromise his faith, ethics, and all that he believes in. Darkness is descending like a shroud on the Paul household.

Micah finds himself questioning his beliefs, and who wouldn't? After all, he is a good person, a leader in his work, community, and church; he has done nothing to deserve the trials being forced upon him. And yet his life is quickly unraveling, his world traumatized, and his faith shaken to its core.

A challenging journey is ahead for Micah, even as he and his wife, Cindy, agree to fight through these trials and against whatever forces are opposing their family. But if he wants to investigate the person trying to destroy him, he will have to reach into his military past, to a deadly skill set few know he possesses. Cindy has her own part to play, taking a crucial and dangerous role to help Micah gain the information he needs if he wants to overcome the incomprehensible darkness arrayed against him.

It is time for Micah to reevaluate in what and whom he truly believes. But going through such trials in life is not as purposeless as it might seem, and sometimes faith requires us to fight back.



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About the Author



W. A. Fitzgerald is a former hospital CEO and CFO. He grew up in the farmland of Central California before joining the Army out of high school without looking back. His career required frequent job moves; the moving van was never too far away. He has an undergraduate degree in Business and Accounting from the University of Puget Sound, and attended the University of Colorado at Denver to pursue additional studies. Though he spent his professional career as a healthcare executive, Fitzgerald never gave up on his dream of writing a novel. Since his retirement, he has

been able to follow through on that passion with intensity and has published one novel before this one. He also finds time for fly-fishing, big game hunting, and camping in the Wyoming mountains. Fortunately, he is able to pursue those with his wife Heide, to whom he has been married for forty-two years. They are the parents of four wonderful children, and five perfect grandchildren. Fitzgerald currently resides in the high plains of Wyoming.

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Suggested Interview Questions for W. A. Fitzgerald

author of *Micah's Trials*

Q: You worked in a hospital, and your main character is a hospital CFO. Any connection to your own career?

A: Of course I drew on my past experiences to put some of the material together for the book, but Micah is a lot more interesting and capable than I ever was.

Q: Do you have a favorite character in the book?

A: I like Cindy. She's strong, capable, and has a good sense of humor. Micah's way too serious.

Q: Are any of your characters based on people you've known?

A: The young, arrogant orthopedic surgeon may bear some resemblance to a doc or two I've known. Other than that, not really.

Q: You cite a passage from the Book of Job in your prologue. What's the connection between the story and that passage?

A: I wanted to write something that was loosely based on Job, but hopefully with a modern spin on it. It was never meant to be a fictional blow-by-blow of Job. It was really the overall theme of Job I was trying to capture, but in a novel.

Q: What was the hardest scene to write?

A: The final scene with the confrontation between Micah and the antagonist. I wanted to show Micah demonstrating faith but also taking action to defend his family. I think sometimes as Christians we want to believe God does everything, and we stand by and watch. I wanted Micah to be a man of great faith, integrity, and capable of doing what's necessary to take care of his family. That scene, near the end of the book, was difficult because it involved the power of God but also Micah's willingness to risk his life for his wife.

Q: Is there anything you would change about the book now that it's written?

A: I would have made it shorter to begin with so my editor didn't have to work so hard.

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Q: How long have you wanted to write a novel?

A: Since I graduated from undergrad in 1987. I wrote a lot in high school, and people seemed to like what I wrote, so I had that desire planted early in my life. Being a hospital CEO, however, meant I worked many very long days, so I was left with very little energy or motivation to write until more recently.

Q: What does your writing schedule look like?

A: Since I retired from being a hospital CEO, I generally write a few hours every morning; however, I am also working on a master's degree in Church History, so I also work on that a few hours every day.

Q: How does your wife and family feel about you writing a book?

A: I have the most supportive wife in the universe. If I said I wanted to climb Mt. Everest tomorrow, she'd ask me if I needed her to make lunch for me to eat on my way to the top. My kids are supportive too, but they think it's early dementia.

Q: Will there be a sequel?

A: I do have a sequel planned, and have written the outline. The title is Cyber Trials, and it is a Micah Paul novel as well.

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