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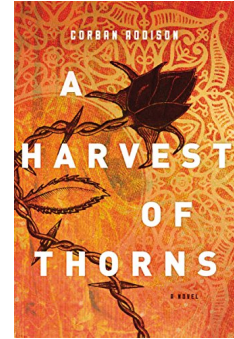
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## “A Harvest of Thorns” Exposes the Deadly Underbelly of the Global Fashion Industry

*Novel by activist, lawyer releases in January, National Slavery and Human  
Trafficking Prevention Month*



**(Nov. 14, 2016)** — Before writing “A Harvest of Thorns,” Corban Addison spent months investigating the global fashion industry--interviewing factory workers, owners and stakeholders in key locales such as Malaysia, Bangladesh, New York and Los Angeles. Releasing **Jan. 24**, the story reveals what happens when the brands we trust view worker abuse simply as a cost of doing business.

### **About the Book**

In 1906, Upton Sinclair’s novel “The Jungle” opened reader’s eyes to the abuses immigrants suffered in American factories. Five years later, a devastating fire swept through the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York, claiming the lives of 146 workers and galvanizing the labor movement in the United States.

In November 2012, history repeated itself when a fire broke out at the Tazreen Fashions Factory in Dhaka, Bangladesh, killing at least 117 workers and injuring hundreds more. Yet, almost none of the brands that made clothing there paid any compensation to the victims.

In the same spirit as “The Jungle,” Corban Addison’s novel “A Harvest of Thorns” takes readers straight to the heart of this issue. He begins with a factory fire in Bangladesh and follows worker abuse and corporate responsibility around the world, and, ultimately, to the executive suites and corporate boardrooms of one of America’s most successful and beloved retailers.

Painstakingly researched and deeply humane, “A Harvest of Thorns” leaves readers with thought-provoking questions about the clothes they wear every day and challenges them to look beyond the garment tags to find out who made them and what they really cost. It also encourages activists—and industry influencers—to demand that consumer-facing brands and governments take action to clean up fashion supply chains around the world.

### **About the Author**

The international bestselling author of four novels, Corban Addison is an attorney, activist, world traveler and supporter of numerous humanitarian causes, including the abolition of modern slavery and labor rights and supply chain transparency in the global economy. He lives with his wife and children in Virginia.

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