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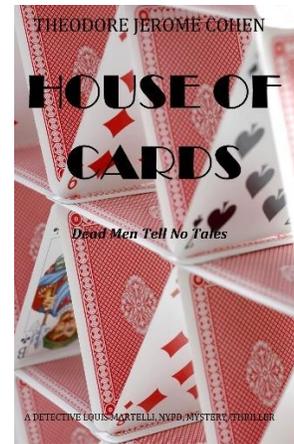
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When the head of one of the largest investment banking and securities firms in the United States is assassinated on Times Square in the middle of New York City's annual celebration of Halloween, the Festival of the Dead, Homicide Detective Louis Martelli is one of the first on the scene. Working quickly, NYPD Information Specialist Missy Dugan quickly identifies the assassin, but the case rapidly spirals downward into a maelstrom of death and intrigue linked both to the financial meltdown of 2008 and international terrorism. Who is behind the murders, and why did the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) attempt to shut down Martelli's investigation before it even got started? Martelli eventually learns the answers to these and other questions as he tracks down the killer, but not before uncovering some of Wall Street's darkest secrets, including how two Wall Street financial institutions had been complicit in funding Islamic terrorism.



Theodore Jerome Cohen, PhD, is an award-winning author who has published, among other things, more than ten novels, all but one of them mystery/thrillers. He also writes Young Adult (YA) novels under the pen name "Alyssa Devine." During the course of his 45-year career he has worked as an engineer, scientist, CBS Radio Station News Service (RSNS) commentator, investor, private investigator, and Antarctic explorer. What he's been able to do with his background is mix fiction with reality in ways that even his family and friends have been unable to unravel! Cohen's most recent writings include *Mementos (Books 1, 2 and 3)*, anthologies comprised of both short stories and flash fiction; twenty (20) anthologies of flash fiction\* (including six in the series *Creative Ink, Flashy Fiction*); two anthologies of unusual short stories titled *The Road Less Taken (Books 1 and 2)*; and a ripped-from-the-headlines novel, *Wheel of Fortune*, a mystery/thriller based on an actual FBI sting that took place in southeastern Pennsylvania some years ago involving a New York-based crime-infested cartage association. Prior to this he wrote *Eighth Circle*, which was inspired by instances of mob-influenced corruption in New York City, and *Night Shadows*, which dealt with the subjects of child abuse, teenage rape, and teen suicide. Earlier mystery/thrillers included *Lilith: Demon of the Night*, inspired by real-life instances of vampirism, and *House of Cards: Dead Men Tell No Tales*, inspired by the 2008 financial crisis, which was precipitated by the housing bubble. Finally, an earlier novel of the same genre, *Death by Wall Street: Rampage of the Bulls*, focused on corruption within the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the incompetence

of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). From December 1961 through early March 1962, Dr. Cohen participated in the 16<sup>th</sup> Chilean Expedition to the Antarctic. The US Board of Geographic Names in October, 1964, named the geographical feature Cohen Islands, located at 63° 18' S. latitude, 57° 53' W. longitude in the Cape Legoupil area, Antarctica, in his honor. Dr. Cohen's Antarctic Murders Trilogy describes what happened following a robbery of the Banco Central de Chile in Talcahuano in May, 1960. The robbery and the events that took place primarily between May 1960 and March 1962, are described in *Frozen in Time: Murder at the Bottom of the World* (Book I). *Unfinished Business: Pursuit of an Antarctic Killer* (Book II) reveals the events that unfolded between March 1962 and March 1965. *End Game: Irrational Acts, Tragic Consequences* (Book III) takes place in 1965 and resolves most, but not all, of the issues raised in the series. The entire Antarctic Trilogy can be found in one Kindle edition titled *Cold Blood*. Dr. Cohen's first novel, *Full Circle: A Dream Denied, A Vision Fulfilled*, which is based on his life as a violinist, was published in 2009. Dr. Cohen at one time was a violinist with the Bryn Athyn (PA) Orchestra and particularly enjoys the music of Gustav Mahler. Dr. Cohen also has published more than 450 papers, articles, columns, essays, and interviews, and is a co-author of *The CQ Shortwave Propagation Handbook – 4<sup>th</sup> Edition* (from CQ Communications). Finally, Dr. Cohen has written four children's books: *The Magic Machine* (1979) and three books in the series Stories for the Early Years: *Pepe Builds a Nest* (2017), *Rufus Finds a Home* (2017), and *Fuzzy Wuzzy* (2017). For more information on Dr. Cohen and his books, the interested reader is invited to view the book descriptions, photographs, and videos that can be found at <[www.theodore-cohen-novels.com](http://www.theodore-cohen-novels.com)>. His Young Adult novels can be found at <[www.alyssadevinenovels.com](http://www.alyssadevinenovels.com)>.

\* The last twelve in the series (#9-20, incl.) include short stories as well.