

WILMINGTON, NC, September 13, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Florida author Gary Showalter has announced that his popular mystery novel, 'The Big Bend' is now available in audiobook format. Gary Showalter's works follow in the tradition of great mystery novelists such as John D. MacDonald, Elmore Leonard, James Grippando and Carl Hiassen. The audiobook release of 'The Big Bend' is now available at Amazon, Audible.com and iTunes.

"The enthusiasm readers have shown," Showalter stated, "for 'The Big Bend' and the other novels in the Terry Rankin series prompted me to move into the audio book market. In fact, a few of my readers over the years have mentioned that these stories would be ideal as audio books, and the sales since the book was released at the beginning of August have proved their point. I am excited, and working every day with my narrator, Neill D. Hicks, to produce the second novel in the series, 'Hog Valley'. It should be available in audio format some time around mid-October".

Gary Showalter has created a new hero for fans of hardboiled mysteries. In 'The Big Bend' storyline, Terry Rankin, sole proprietor of Rankin Personal Security Services in Orlando, Florida, accepts a private meeting with a potential client. Sheila Adamson is looking for a bodyguard to protect her from her abusive husband, but Rankin refuses to take the job until she begins divorce proceedings. Moments later, Mrs. Adamson is dead and Rankin is buried beneath the rubble of his house, knocked flat by a car bomb planted in the dead woman's Jaguar. When he's questioned by the local police, Rankin learns that Adamson's attorney has also turned up dead, his Cadillac riddled with bullets. Suspecting there is more to these murders than a domestic dispute, he teams up with Orlando cop Cathy Diamond for a thrilling—and treacherous—adventure that will lead them deep into the heart of the Everglades and hot on the trail of a dangerous criminal.

'The Big Bend' has achieved received 70 5-star ratings on Amazon and an overall 4-star rating with 189 total reviews as of September 7, 2013. Recent Amazon reviews stated, "Very good book, well written, kept moving." and "I really enjoyed the story & look forward to reading all of the books in this series."

In addition to 'The Big Bend', Showalter is also the author of 'Hog Valley', 'Twisted Key' and 'Lonesome Cove'. He has been described as a master of descriptive writing, with excellent character development, tremendous scene description and short, punchy action scenes. Gary Showalter writes with a wry, sardonic sense of humor, and his work treats romance as it should be; lightly, gently, and with a quirky understanding of the tender side of human nature.

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Showalter is available for media interviews and can be reached using the information below, or by email at gary@garyshowalter.com.

All of Showalter's novels are available in both print and electronic versions at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). More information is available at his website.

Gary Showalter was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. He lived in Aruba, Florida and the Panama Canal Zone before joining the U.S. Army during the 1960s. He served in the Israel Defense Forces Reserves for sixteen years, and when not on active duty he worked in government and private security. He has also served in senior management positions in two software development companies in Israel.

During his time in Israel, Mr. Showalter published articles dealing with international terror and the Israel-Arab conflict in the Jerusalem Post, Israel National News and several political science web sites.

Mr. Showalter returned to the United States in the fall of 2003.