



Desert Blood 10pm / 9c

“Cree fashions a welcoming world into which one can easily get sucked, brilliantly blending the thriller-mystery with current elements of popular culture that are all the rage, like an all-access glance deep inside the personal life of a TV megastar.” - Matthew Weaver, VOYA 4Q 4P M J S A/YA

When teenager Gus González is adopted by one of Hollywood’s most popular television stars, he thinks he’s got it made. But things begin to go horribly wrong when the tabloids take aim at his exciting new life, exposing him to ridicule and danger. Soon, Gus finds himself stalked by a knife-wielding intruder, and several people close to him are attacked and kidnapped. There’s plenty of action and danger on the set of *Desert Blood* as Gus races to discover who has it in for him and his famous new dad—and why.

“It’s very rare, at least in my own reading experience, to find a debut novel that is, in essence, perfect. By perfect, I mean a balanced blend of mystery and suspense, outstanding plot, great character development, and memorable dialogue. DESERT BLOOD 10PM/9C, however, manages to do all of this and more!”
-- Jennifer Wardrip, Teensreadtoo.com

“A thrill-ride of mystery, danger, and suspense. I couldn’t put it down.”
-- Nicholas Gonzalez, actor, *The OC*, *Anacondas*, *Law & Order: SVU*

- *Desert Blood 10pm / 9c* is a fast-paced page-turner aimed at reluctant readers, particularly middle grade and high school boys.
- The action / adventure plot is similar in tone to other popular teen titles, including the Alex Rider series and the Darren Shan books.
- *Desert Blood 10pm / 9c* features an all-Latino cast and contains elementary Spanish phrases throughout. The main character, Gus González, is mystery’s first Latino teen sleuth.
- The action takes place on the remote Mojave Desert set of a popular television crime drama called *Desert Blood*, which lends a Hollywood appeal to the story.
- *Desert Blood 10pm / 9c* focuses on the father / son relationship of its two main characters and how they adjust to their new life together while in the media spotlight.

About the Author: Ronald Cree was raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, and attended the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, where he studied television production and mass media communications.

Ronald began writing *Desert Blood 10pm / 9c* as a class project taught by Anthony and Agatha Award-winning author Rhys Bowen. Drawing on his relationship with his adopted son, as well as his close friendships with several popular Hollywood actors, Ronald crafted a unique first mystery involving highly successful Latinos in the entertainment industry.

Since 2001, Ronald has created and worked on websites for several popular Hollywood actors, including Nicholas González (*The OC*, *Law & Order: SVU*, *Resurrection Blvd*), Eva Longoria (*Desperate Housewives*, *LA Dragnet*), and Nathan Marlow (CBS’s *Big Brother 4*, *Yes, Dear*), among others.

Today, Ronald works as a Communication Specialist for the McKesson Corporation. He is an active member of both the Mystery Writers of America and the Pikes Peaks Writers Organization. He is represented by agent Caryn Wiseman of the Andrea Brown Literary Agency. Ronald lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado and maintains a website of his own at www.ronaldcree.com