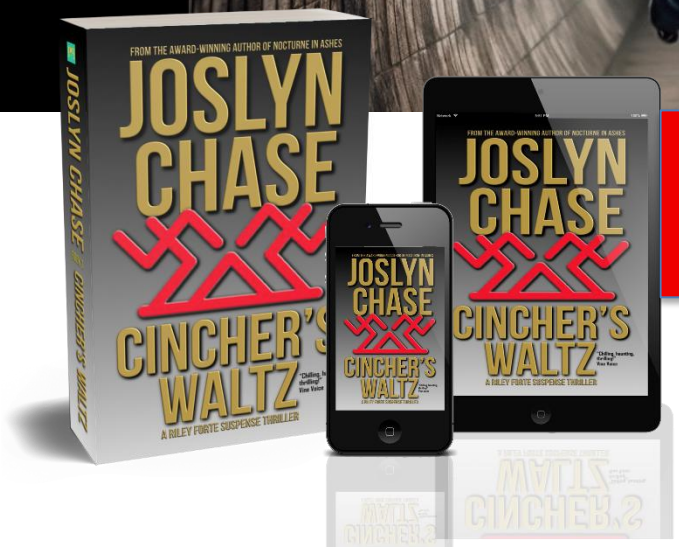

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Joslyn Chase is an award-winning author of mysteries and thrillers. Any day she can send readers to the edge of their seats, chewing their fingernails to the nub and prickling with suspense, is a good day in her book.

In 2025, Joslyn's thriller novel *Staccato Passage* was a semi-finalist for the *Adventure Writer's Grandmaster Award* and "A Band of Scheming Women" was a finalist for the *Derringer Award.* The first book in her Riley Forte series, *Nocturne in Ashes*, was also a finalist for the *Readers' Favorite International Book Award.* In addition, "Cold Hands, Warm Heart," was chosen by Amor Towles as one of the *Best Mystery Stories of the Year 2023.*

Her short stories have appeared in *Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine, Malice Domestic's Mystery Most Devious, Thrill Ride Magazine, Fiction River, Mystery, Crime, and Mayhem, Mystery Magazine,* and *Pulphouse Fiction,* among others.

Known for her fast-paced suspense fiction, Joslyn's books are full of surprising twists and delectable turns. You will find her riveting novels most anywhere books are sold.

Her love for travel has led Joslyn to ride camels through the Nubian desert, fend off monkeys on the Rock of Gibraltar, and hike the Bavarian Alps. But she still believes that sometimes the best adventures come in getting the words on the page and in the thrill of reading a great story.

Join the growing group of readers who've discovered the thrill of Chase! Sign up for Joslyn's readers' group and get VIP access to great bonuses—like your free copy of *No Rest: 14 Tales of Chilling Suspense*—as well as updates and first crack at new releases.

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A buried Nazi secret. A relentless villain. A thriller you won't put down.

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From the former summit of Nazi command and the depths of a secret tunnel system in Germany to a remote island in Argentina and a historic hotel in New York, Riley must stay in motion, trust her instincts, and lean on a new team that's starting to feel like family.

Because what started as curiosity could end in catastrophe.

If you like twisty thrillers, secret codes, and non-stop action, then you'll love *Cincher's Waltz*.

Grab your copy today to dive into a cinematic journey of danger, discovery, and jaw-dropping revelations.

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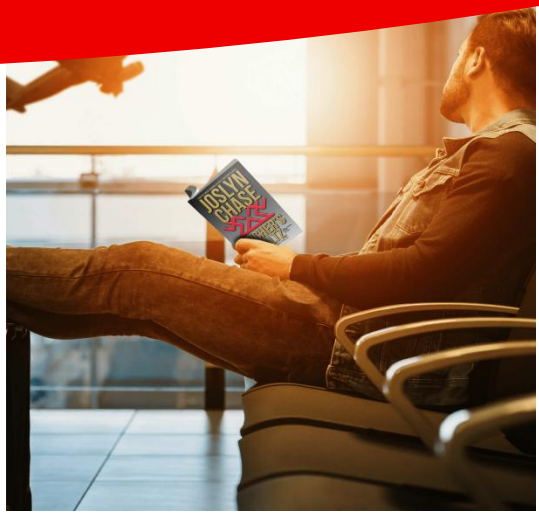

WHO SHOULD READ

Fans of suspense-packed fiction featuring plenty of action, adventure, and emotionally satisfying moments will devour *Cincher's Waltz* and be hungry for more.

Readers who like a gritty, thrilling story but prefer to steer clear of profanity and gratuitous sex scenes, will find what they're looking for in *Cincher's Waltz.*

The story combines the excitement and tension of a high-stakes adventure thriller with the nail-biting suspense of a danger-driven quest. Readers looking for fast-paced peril and intrigue will love joining Riley Forte and her team of intrepid crime fighters as they dive into the hunt for a deadly device that sends them spinning across continents and squaring off against evil.

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As the third book in the Riley Forte Suspense Thriller series, *Cincher's Waltz* has a clear connection to the first two books—*Nocturne in Ashes* and *Staccato Passage.*

Each can be read as a stand-alone and still provide an enjoyable and satisfying story. But of course, it's more fun to read them one after the other. The story found in *Nocturne in Ashes* also runs alongside another Joslyn Chase thriller novel, *Steadman's Blind.*

You can follow Riley and her team as their exploits continue in book four of the series, scheduled for release in 2027. Riley also appears in a short thriller, *No Rest,* which fans can pick up for free when they join the growing group of readers who've discovered the thrill of Chase!

PRAISE FOR CINCHER'S WALTZ

"This is a beautifully written work with exquisitely descriptive passages. The prose is concise yet paints a vivid picture of Riley and her unusual circumstances."

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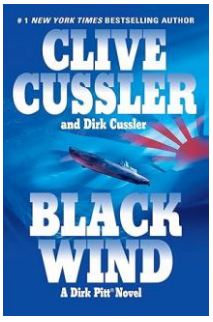

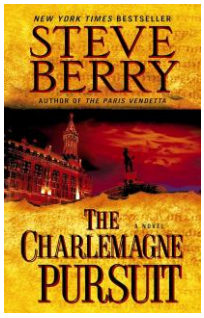

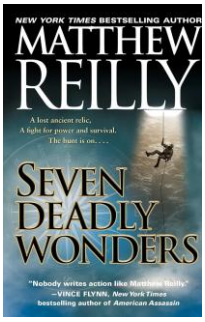

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- thriller in the alps

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BOOK EXCERPT FROM CINCHER'S WALTZ

The tunnels were completely empty. No rotting crates or beer barrels remained, yet the smell of beer pervaded the space. Riley followed Rick down the passage, resting her hand lightly on his shoulder, unwilling to be separated in the darkness.

At intervals, the tunnel widened into chambers which had probably served as storerooms. They, too, were bare. In two or three places, narrower tunnels branched off the main passage.

After a few minutes' walk, they reached the end of the tunnel to find steps up to a door leading out. Rick mounted the worn stone-cut staircase and tried the door.

"Locked up tight. I wonder if this is how Markus found his way in."

Riley shook her head. "I got the impression he made more of a sideways entrance."

"Should we try exploring one of those smaller tunnels we passed?"

Retracing their steps, they turned down the first branching which ended abruptly after only a few meters.

"He didn't come in this way."

The second branch they tried led down a longer tunnel to a rough doorway, little more than a hole in the rock. It was patched over with planks. Some of them appeared to be new.

"This must be it," Riley said. "Let's see if we can find the spot he pulled that canvas from."

Shining their lights over the dank walls of the tunnel, they moved slowly along the dirt and stone corridor. Riley ran her hands over the rough sandstone, feeling for weaknesses or depressions, for any place that appeared pocked or disturbed.

At length, her fingers found a spot that yielded to their pressure. Pressing harder, she thought she felt something embedded in a niche of compacted earth.

"This could be it!"

Using the hand spade and the stiff-bristled brush, Rick and Riley worked to excavate the small space. They found shreds of fabric and then something cold and hard. Metal.

Riley's frisson of excitement grew to a full-on rush. She knew archeologists worked slowly and with caution to unearth their treasures, but caught hard in the grip of curiosity, she dug with haste and fervor.

At last, they cleared away enough of the compacted material to deliver the metal box from its earthen womb. The hinged lid was broken, but the damage appeared to be old, rather than inflicted by their efforts.

Where the lid was skewed, spilling out some of the box's contents, hung a piece of canvas, torn and filthy.

Riley's breath caught in her throat. She stared. "This is it."

"Then what's this?" Rick asked, holding up a small bundle wrapped in oilskin.

Before Riley could say a word, she heard footsteps and the sound of voices down the corridor. Getting closer.

The blood rocketing through her veins turned icy. In her excitement, she'd forgotten the Frenchmen in the forest and her suspicion that they were headed into these very tunnels.

The way back to Markus's entrance was boarded over.

The Frenchmen barred the way ahead.

They were trapped.

SNIPPETS FROM THE BOOK

If they caught her, she'd fail the exercise and have to repeat it. Not a good outcome, but not life-threatening.

So why did she feel so terrified?

He liked the control he felt in his hands as he worked the toggles of the paraglider, sending it one way or another at his command. He liked the multiple strands he could grasp and pull.

Like a master puppeteer working his marionette.

Since he was old enough to grow his first whisker, he'd been in and out of scrapes of every variety. Most of them with Dupond at his side. They had done some horrific things together.

Things a polite society would hang them for.

"You know what the worst part of it is?" Riley asked.

"The MREs?"

Riley laughed. "Okay, so this is a close second."

"Der Funke. What does it mean?"

"Der Funke is 'the spark.' What does the diary say about it?"

Riley pulled in a deep breath and let it out slowly. "It says the spark will light the torch of the Fourth Reich."

A surge of sorrow engulfed him. It would have been far more merciful to put the man down than to leave him in this pit with only four dead men for company.

He'd sent them all to hell.

Riley maintained her hunched position. Reminding herself to be careful, she finally rose on shaking legs and prepared to step out from her cover.

And that's when she felt cold metal on the back of her neck.

It was not enough. Cincher craved something beyond. Something few men have reached for and only a minute handful have brushed their fingertips over. No one had ever grasped it in both hands.

As he intended to.

It's not an enormous stretch to believe what you suggest."

Rick laughed. "Sure. Everyone bought into it at the box office when *Raiders of the Lost Ark* came out."

If, on the other hand, it proved to be as significant as he suspected, Riley would be wise to take care. She would have to be careful. Extremely careful.

If necessary, he would crush her.

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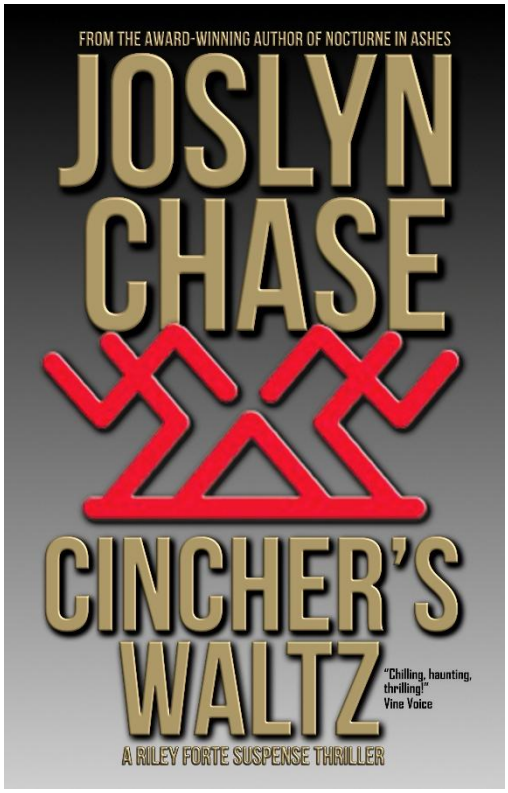

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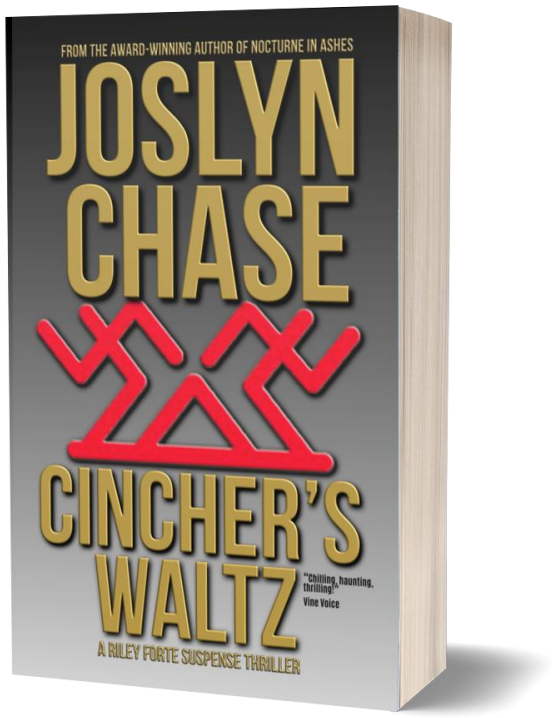

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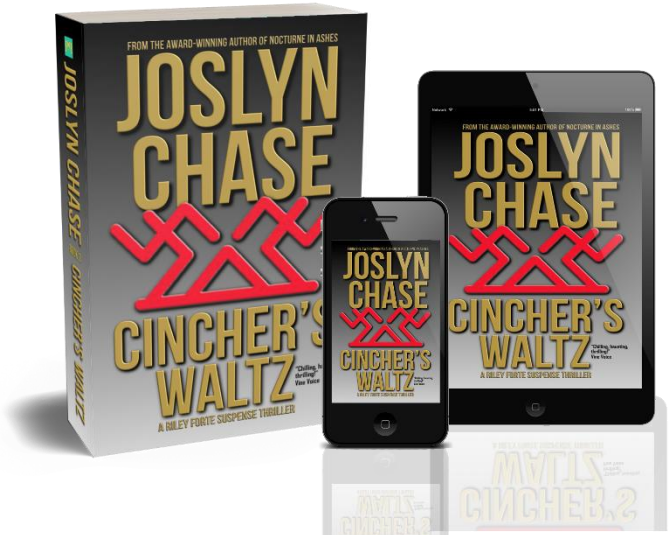

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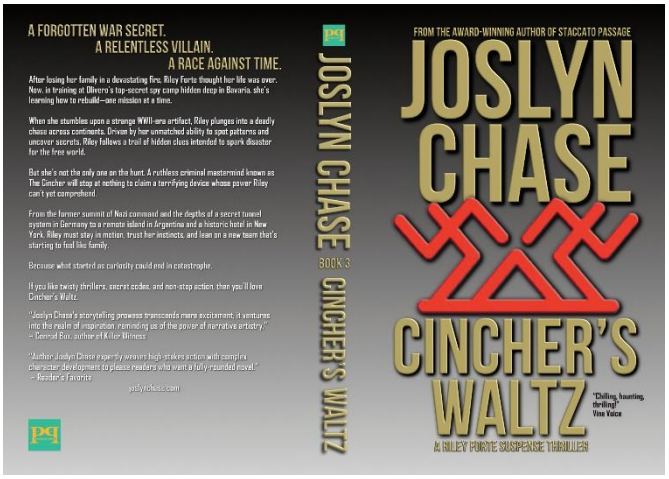

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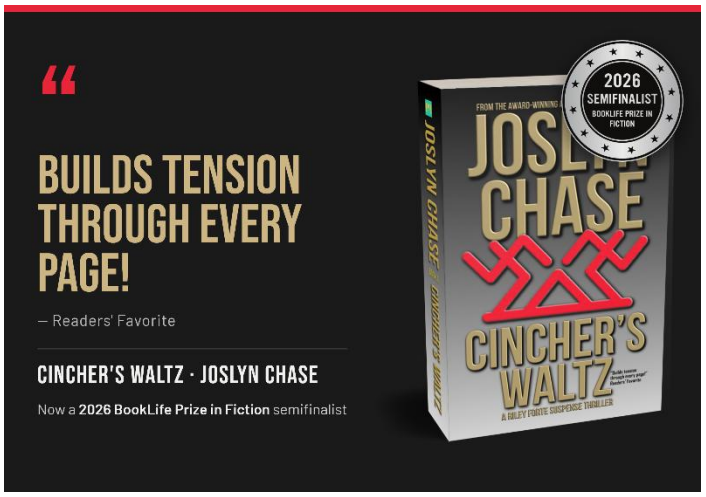

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