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Afrofuturist Thriller ‘Tokyo Firewall’ Debuts November 2018

After finishing the novel, readers will want to upgrade the privacy settings on their computers and encrypt all their communications.

PHILADELPHIA, PA, November 10, 2018 -- Elizabeth Wilkerson’s debut thriller, *Tokyo Firewall*, crackles with the energy of the '90s, a time of dial-up modems and floppy disks, an era when the internet was an unruly free-for-all where lawlessness reigned. Protagonist Alison Crane’s technological misadventures foreshadow issues grabbing headlines today – digital privacy, cyberterrorism, hacking, and online misogyny.

Crane’s troubles began when she quit her environmental law practice and followed her hotshot investment banker boyfriend to Japan. But jobless and broke, Alison sits home alone all day – and most nights – isolated by culture shock and wobbly language skills.

Desperate for company, Alison ventures onto the only avenue she has left – the brand new digital frontier. Inside the confusing web of cyber chat rooms, Alison is approached by a charming Japanese man, and the two regularly meet online.

But her digital safe haven soon becomes a virtual nightmare when a sexual predator, who despises foreigners, taunts her with escalating threats of violence. As her troll’s attacks intensify, Alison must parlay her legal smarts and budding computer skills to stand her ground, or she’ll lose her only sources of freedom...and maybe her life.

Says author Elizabeth Wilkerson, one of Silicon Valley’s first cyberlawyers, “I hope readers will learn a little bit about online security, a little bit about Tokyo, and enjoy fast-paced suspense!”

Praise for *Tokyo Firewall*:

“A captivating, sexy thriller which follows the perilous adventures of a newcomer caught in Tokyo's dark web. Elizabeth Wilkerson's writing is smooth as silk!”

– Naomi Hirahara, Edgar Award-winning author of the Mas Arai and Officer Ellie Rush mystery series

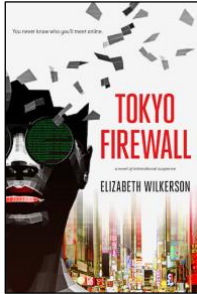
“Creepy. Thrilling. Sexy. More, please!”

– Rachel Howzell Hall, acclaimed author of the Lou Norton series and co-author of *The Good Sister* with James Patterson

“As a long-term Tokyo resident, it’s refreshing to read a book in English that gets the city right in its feel and details – in this case the mid-nineties, just around the dawn of the internet revolution. I wish I’d known then how scary a proposition it is getting online! I found myself watching the movie of this as I was reading, sweaty palms and all...”
– Peter Barakan, freelance broadcaster and radio DJ

Learn more about *Tokyo Firewall*, including sample chapters and a book trailer, at www.elizabethwilkerson.com.

About the Book:



A lonely and culture-shocked environmental lawyer in Tokyo finds herself wanted by the police for cyberterrorism while being pursued online by an anonymous sexual predator who threatens to kill her. Facing extradition, disbarment, and prison, she must venture into the shadowy world of Tokyo’s outlaw fringe to unmask her tormentor and clear her name.

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About the Author:



Elizabeth Wilkerson was one of Silicon Valley’s first cyberlawyers and now writes Afrofuturist thrillers about women caught in the cross-hairs of law, morality, and self-preservation. Elizabeth lived in Japan where she practiced securities law, studied butoh dance, and founded a company to present African-American culture to Japanese audiences. A native of Cleveland, she graduated from Harvard and holds JD and MBA degrees from Stanford.

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