

## Praise for Plotkin's Deceit

“*Sasha Plotkin's Deceit* is smart, gripping, and captivating. Vaughn Sherman writes with a depth and authenticity that remind me of John le Carré. I was lured into the story from the first page. Fantastic!”

—Carla Neggers, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Saint's Gate*

“In *Sasha Plotkin's Deceit*, Vaughn Sherman weaves a Cold War tale of love, mystery and betrayal. Sherman pulls no punches describing the life of a CIA operative called to one final game of cat and mouse with a KGB counterpart from his past. The mission could destroy his marriage, his family and his career. Written from an insider's perspective, this poignant look inside the world of spies kept me wondering until the very end.”

—Robert Dugoni, *New York Times* Bestselling Author of *Murder*

“It's the early 1970s. The Cuban Missile Crisis is over. The CIA still smarts from the Bay of Pigs fiasco. American soldiers are still slogging through the quagmire of Vietnam. The Russian tanks are gone from the streets of Prague, but the shadow of Mother Russia lays heavy on the fragile geopolitical landscape. In a war of clandestine operations, America needs her best agents on the job. The only problem: there's a Mole in the CIA .... The only guy who can finger the Mole is a KGB officer, Sasha Plotkin, who trusts only one CIA officer, Chris Holbeck, a reluctant hero who gets maximum pressure from his family for taking on the quest for this deadly burrowing Mole. The action shifts from a peaceful sailing day on Puget Sound (Holbeck has Viking roots) to CIA headquarters at Langley, slides into a flashback about the first contact between protagonist and antagonist, zips to Stockholm—Sweden is a geopolitical buffer between Russia and the U.S.—for some clever spycraft, including a Swedish damosel and part-time agent, who opens her heart to our hero. He's having trouble with his wife, but will he surrender to the damosel? Problem: the only way out of Sweden is a submarine. The only way to the sub is a small boat—and the KGB guy gets seasick in the bathtub .... An unpredictable spy novel with a big heart and a resounding ring of authenticity.”

---Robert J. Ray, Author of the Matt Murdock mystery series, including *Murdock Cracks Ice*