

# THE ABLE ARCHERS

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## DESCRIPTION

In 1983, the world stands at the brink of nuclear annihilation, and only a few people are aware of it. A riveting story of how two men's lives intersect in the midst of an existential crisis, *The Able Archers* is told through the eyes of two key participants: a young American intelligence officer, Captain Kevin Cattani; and his more experienced Soviet counterpart, Colonel Ivan Levchenko. The story plays out from the skies over Siberia to the gritty, dangerous streets of East Berlin. The radically different worldviews of Cattani and Levchenko punctuate the deep divisions of the Cold War. The evolving relationship between the two men also highlights the humanity common to both sides. Only by working together will Cattani and Levchenko find a way to prevent a global nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union.

## AUDIENCE

- Military-thriller readers
- Historical fiction lovers
- Political-thriller readers
- Military and intelligence professionals
- Foreign policy enthusiasts
- Those interested in the history of the Cold War

## KEY SELLING POINTS

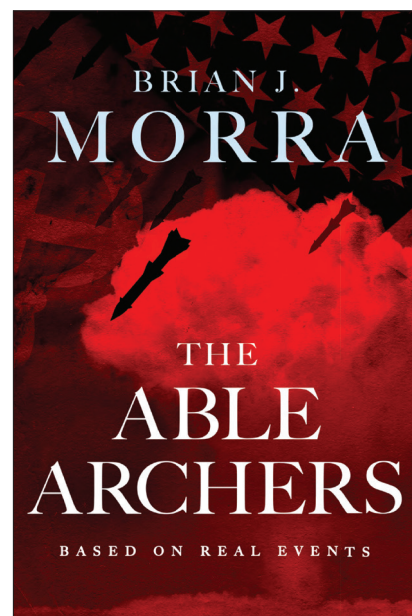
- This is the first full-length novel about the great nuclear war crisis of 1983, and it includes many facts that have never been fully revealed before.
- *The Able Archers* and all books in the forthcoming *Able Archers* series have undergone rigorous security review by the Pentagon and the Intelligence Community – earning praise from government reviewers for its 'verisimilitude'.
- The author is a former intelligence officer who was a key player in many of *The Able Archers* crucial events.
- The military-thriller market is large and hungry for new content.

## AUTHOR BIO



Photo by Mellissa Mallett

Brian J. Morra is a former U.S. intelligence officer and a retired senior aerospace executive. He helped lead the American intelligence team in Japan that uncovered the true story behind the Soviet Union's shootdown of Korean Airlines flight 007 in September 1983. He also served on the Air Staff at the Pentagon while on active duty. As an aerospace executive he worked on many important national security programs. Mr. Morra earned a BA from William and Mary, an MPA from the University of Oklahoma, an MA in National Security Studies from Georgetown University, and completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School.



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## MARKETING

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# PRAISE FOR THE ABLE ARCHERS

"Occasionally, a work of fiction is best suited to bring little-known but dangerous historical events to life. In the fall of 1983, Soviet leaders apparently became deeply worried that the U.S. was preparing to launch a surprise nuclear attack on the USSR under the cover of a NATO exercise titled "Able Archer." Brian Morra's novel *"The Able Archers"* builds a tension-packed story around those events and paints a cast of heroic figures on both sides who prevent a global catastrophe. While a gripping work of fiction, *"The Able Archers"* is a powerful reminder of the value of human judgment — and the continuing peril posed by nuclear-armed powers."

**-Robert M. Gates (CIA Deputy Director for Intelligence 1982-1986, Director of Central Intelligence 1991-1993, and Secretary of Defense 2006-2011)**

"Brian Morra's historical thriller is a fast-paced ride through one of the worst crisis periods of the Cold War. Replete with colorful American and Russian characters, *The Able Archers* is a terrifying yet factual story of how a few people prevented a global nuclear war. It's frighteningly relevant to today's fraught geo-political scene - one of the must read novels of 2022!

**- Jack Carr, former Navy SEAL Sniper and #1 New York Times bestselling author of *"In The Blood"*.**

"A seamless blend of carefully researched history and a fascinating cast of both real and fictional characters create a vivid portrait of the most dangerous days in the Cold War and indeed in human history! In the fall of 1983, the world almost stumbled into armageddon, and the lessons reverberate into the present tensions between the US, China, and Russia. A brilliant thriller full of practical lessons for policy-makers!"

**-Admiral James Stavridis, 16th Supreme Allied Commander at NATO and 12th Dean of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and co-author of the New York Times bestseller 2034**

"... any curriculum for crisis management planning would be wise to include Brian Morra's insightful novel which looks at the crisis that brought us close to war in 1983."

**-Dr. Robbin F. Laird, editor of [Defense.info.com](http://Defense.info.com) and [SLDinfo.com](http://SLDinfo.com)**

"*The Able Archers* is not only exceptionally entertaining and engrossing but it is a primer and a must read for the average person to understand what really happens at the nexus of the military, politics, diplomacy, and human drama in complex and sometimes frightening ways."

**-Jeffrey "Skunk" Baxter Grammy-winning guitarist and double inductee (Steely Dan and the Doobie Brothers) to the Rock'n Roll Hall of Fame and leading consultant to the Defense Department and the Intelligence Community.**