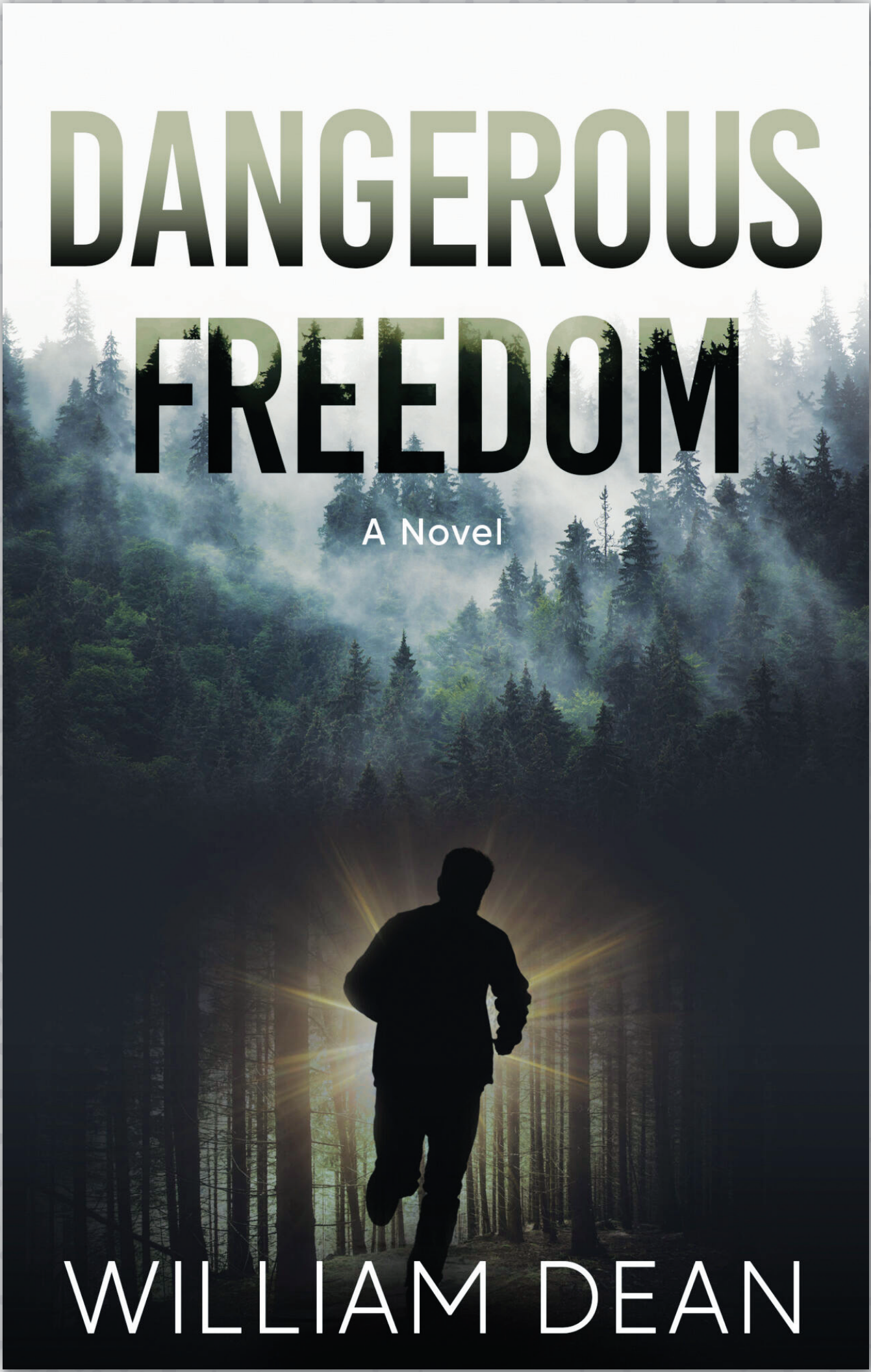


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Author William Dean wrote ‘Dangerous Freedom’ based on real people he met while working as an investigative journalist.

A SECOND CHAPTER

Former journalist launches new career
inspired by real criminal cases

By ZOË BUCHLI
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A retired investigative journalist has moved to Astoria to launch a new career, writing fictional novels about the people he met while covering crime throughout the country.

William Dean’s debut suspense novel, “Dangerous Freedom,” is also set in Astoria and was published in August.

The novel

The thriller follows the story of

Bud Baker. A jailhouse lawyer, Baker gets let out of prison, thrown on a bus and told not to come back by the governor.

Baker arrives in Astoria penniless and falls in love with a social worker. She shares a tragic story with him of a person experiencing drug addiction whose baby was stolen at birth. She asks Bud for a favor, galvanizing him to revert to his criminal ways and risk his newfound freedom.

“I had a lot of fun writing the

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Dean moved to Astoria last year to begin a new chapter as a novelist.

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