

CITY OF PEACE

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DESCRIPTION

WHEN METHODIST MINISTER Harley Camden loses his wife and daughter in a European terrorist attack, he spirals downward into grief and anger. The bishop forces him to move to a tiny church in small-town Occoquan, Virginia, to heal and recover. But all hope for serenity is quickly shattered by the mysterious murder of the daughter of the local Iraqi baker, followed by the threat of an attack by Islamic extremists. Harley tries to build bridges to his neighbors, including Muslims and Coptic Christians, and digs into the history of the ancient Galilean city of Sepphoris to find the secret to survival in a fractured and violent world. Past and present come together in surprising ways as Harley sets out to stop the violence and save his new flock. *City of Peace* is a gripping and fast-paced mystery that will engage people politically and spiritually, leaving them with fresh insight into how they can overcome polarizing divisions among people of differing cultures and faiths.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- *City of Peace* digs deeply into the challenge of building bridges between diverse groups of people in highly polarized 21st-century America.
- Unlocks the history of the ancient Galilean city of Sepphoris to find the secret to survival in a fractured and violent world.
- Set in the historic town of Occoquan, Virginia, *City of Peace* will be a focus of interest for the 6 million residents of the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, as well as for citizens of Virginia and the wider Mid-Atlantic region.
- The author brings insight and authority to his writing with experience on an archeological dig in Israel, 32 years of work as a Presbyterian pastor, and decades of freelance writing for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and *Huffington Post*.

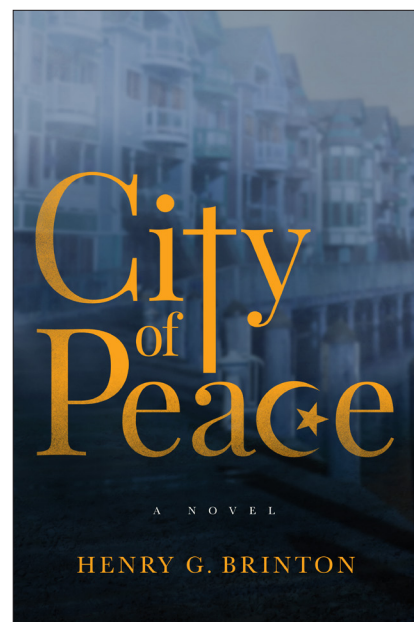
MARKETING

- The author will build a website with the assistance of Shari Stauch of Where Writers Win. He already has followers on Facebook and LinkedIn.
- The author will make contacts from his 30 years of professional writing with journalists and reviewers at *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and *Presbyterian Outlook*. He will also seek opportunities to speak in churches across the United States where he has contacts from 32 years of ordained ministry and talks he has given in 12 states.
- The author will arrange a talk at the Meadowkirk Retreat and Conference Center and the Town Hall of Occoquan, where he knows the mayor and members of the town council.
- He will also arrange a talk in the speaker series of the Rumi Forum in Washington, DC, and seek to arrange a book talk at the Politics and Prose Bookstore, where he previously has spoken.
- The author will set up an interview by David Crumm on the *Read the Spirit* website and Maureen Fiedler on the public radio show *Interfaith Voices*.
- The author will promote the book through his own writing for the *Read the Spirit* website and *These Days* magazine, among other publications.

AUTHOR BIO



Henry G. Brinton is an author and a Presbyterian pastor who has written on religion and culture for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and *Huffington Post*. A frequent speaker at workshops and conferences, he is the author or co-author of five books including *The Welcoming Congregation: Roots and Fruits of Christian Hospitality*. His interfaith work and appreciation for the wisdom of the ancient world began on an archaeological dig in the Galilee region of Israel.



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AUDIENCE

- Mystery lovers
- Those interested in terrorist threats, immigration bans, and suspicion of Muslims, and are concerned about our country's future
- Christian readers and other religious people who long for better interfaith relations in our polarized country today.
- Students of the bible
- Fans of thrillers
- Readers in "Red-State" America, who will appreciate the small-town, faith-based values that undergird life in Occoquan, and "Blue-State" America, who want to gain a better understanding of Americans who oppose immigrations and are suspicious of multiculturalism.
- Young adults, women and men

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