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***THE PERFECT ASSASSIN* BY WARD LARSEN NAMED AWARD-WINNING  
FINALIST IN MYSTERY/SUSPENSE/THRILLER CATEGORY OF THE  
“BEST BOOKS 2006” BOOK AWARDS**

IPSWICH, Mass. – *The Perfect Assassin* by Ward Larsen has been named a finalist in the Mystery/Suspense/Thriller category of the “Best Books 2006” Book Awards. Sponsored by USA Book News, the Best Books 2006 Award covers books from both mainstream and independent presses.

In *The Perfect Assassin* (Oceanview Publishing, \$22.95) former U.S. fighter pilot Ward Larsen plunges readers headfirst into a shadowy and secretive world. In this mesmerizing debut novel, one perfect shot will change the course of history.

Christine Palmer, a young American doctor sailing solo across the Atlantic, makes an incredible discovery – a man narrowly clinging to his life in the frigid waters. But there is more to this desperate survivor than meets the eye – much more.

David Slaton is a Kidon – a highly-trained, highly-precise, and highly-dangerous assassin. The Kidon is both the hunter and the hunted, and he and Christine are in grave danger. Will they win in this race against time?

With the precision of a sharpshooter, author Ward Larsen weaves an intricate tale of espionage and intrigue.

According to James Swain, best-selling author of *Mr. Lucky*, *Loaded Dice* and *Sucker Bet*, *The Perfect Assassin* is “a high-octane thriller that brings back memories of Robert Ludlum. Larsen knows how to keep the pages turning.”

Ward Larsen is a former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot who flew combat in Operation Desert Storm. Currently a captain for a major airline, Ward lives with his family in Florida.

Oceanview Publishing is an independent publisher based in Massachusetts. The Oceanview catalogue includes Patricia Gussin’s *Shadow of Death*, and the newly-released *South Beach Shakedown* by Don Bruns, *Death Angel* by Martha Powers and *Trash Talk* by Bob Gussin.

*The Perfect Assassin* is available in better bookstores nationwide. Members of the news media wishing to request a review copy of *The Perfect Assassin*, or to speak with Ward Larsen are asked to contact Maryglenn McCombs by phone – 615-297-9875 – or by email – [maryglenn@maryglenn.com](mailto:maryglenn@maryglenn.com)

