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A Paris Vacation Turns Deadly in Minnesota Author's New Espionage Thriller

In *Now That You're Missing*, Allan Evans takes readers from the streets of Paris to Minnesota's North Shore in a suspense thriller about family, deception, and unexpected courage. Publishing January 12, 2027.

WOODBURY, MINNESOTA — A family vacation in Paris takes a terrifying turn when a woman vanishes without a trace, setting off a desperate search through a world of espionage, betrayal, and deadly secrets. Minnesota novelist Allan Evans explores how far one woman will go to protect the people she loves in *Now That You're Missing*, an international suspense thriller publishing January 12, 2027, from Stillwater Story House.

Harper Woods has built a comfortable life in Minnesota with her husband, Ben. When the couple travels to Paris with Ben's brother, Marcos, and his wife, Olivia, they expect a vacation filled with sightseeing, good food, and time together.

Then Olivia disappears.

What begins as a frantic search for a missing family member quickly becomes something far more sinister. As Harper presses for answers, she finds herself caught between intelligence agencies, competing agendas, and people whose motives are anything but clear. Every new discovery raises troubling questions, and the deeper she digs, the more dangerous the search becomes.

But Harper proves far more resourceful—and dangerous—than anyone expects. With her family at risk and time running out, she must navigate a world where trust is a liability and one wrong decision could cost someone their life.

Set against the cafés, historic streets, and hidden corners of Paris, *Now That You're Missing* combines international intrigue with the deeply personal stakes of a family in crisis. At its heart is a woman whose determination to find the truth reveals that there's much more to Harper Woods than anyone realizes.

Two Places, One Story

For Evans, Paris and Minnesota's North Shore are more than settings. Both are places that have shaped his life and imagination.

> *"The first time I visited Paris was on my honeymoon. One morning, my bride stayed at the hotel while I wandered into Montmartre to write at a sidewalk café. I was sipping a latte, listening to a street musician playing Hotel California, and taking in the cobblestone streets and old-world charm. I remember setting down my notebook and thinking, 'I haven't had many perfect days in life, but this was definitely one of them.' I've dreamed of Paris ever since."*

Evans grew up spending summers at his family's cabin in Grand Marais, the Lake Superior community that also features in the novel.

> *“The woods and waters of northern Minnesota are heaven on earth to me. There’s even a scene involving a moose that comes directly from something that happened to me. Encountering a moose in the wild is unforgettable, and I couldn’t resist sharing that experience through my characters.”*

“The beauty of both places has been imprinted on my soul,” Evans says. “I’ll forever carry them with me.”

From Minnesota Crime Fiction to International Intrigue

Evans is the author of the Cade Dawkins thrillers *Killer Blonde*, *Killer Smile*, and *Killer Instinct*, as well as the young adult novels *Abnormally Abbey*, *Class Clown*, and *Spook Squad*.

His varied professional background includes work as an advertising copywriter, undercover investigator, fitness trainer, and soccer coach. Those experiences inform his approach to suspense, particularly his interest in human behavior, deception, and the choices people make under pressure.

Evans also founded Stillwater Story House, a Minnesota-based independent publisher specializing in character-driven fiction and special editions of classic literature. *Now That You’re Missing* takes his suspense fiction beyond Minnesota crime investigations and into the world of international espionage, where shifting loyalties and hidden motives can be every bit as dangerous as the people pursuing them.

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Evans is available for interviews, author features, book club conversations, and discussions about writing suspense, drawing on real experiences, and independent publishing. Digital review copies, cover artwork, author photographs, and additional information are available upon request.

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