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Stephen R. Clark releases new, award-winning religious thriller, *The Hungering Dark: Awakening*

ORELAND, PA - July 2016 -- Veteran award-winning writer, Stephen R. Clark, has just released an exciting new religious thriller titled *The Hungering Dark: Awakening*. The book was the 2015 Grand Prize winner of the First Look contest sponsored by WestBow Press, a division of Thomas Nelson and Zondervan (both owned by HarperCollins).

Containing thematic elements that are very relevant to what we see in the world today, the story is set in a fictional small town located in southwestern Pennsylvania of Timbuk where a mysterious and deadly threat -- housed in a strange puzzle box -- has found its way. The object's origins reach all the way back to Moses, the plagues, and Pharaoh's wicked magicians.

For centuries, secret groups have been hunting the box and its contents. One group allegedly seeks to destroy it. The other -- called the Descendants -- seeks to use it to visit revenge on the Jewish people.

Now fate has placed the box in the hands of an unassuming Christian family, a small-town sheriff, a female state trooper, and a professor of biblical archaeology. Realizing the power the puzzle box holds, they must do everything they can to keep their community -- and the world -- safe from the deadly darkness.

Clark, a native of New Castle, Indiana and a graduate of Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, has been writing for more than 40 years.

He has authored short stories, poetry, online content, ad copy, scripts, speeches, direct mail, feature articles, and much more. He has also ghostwritten several Christian books including *Preparing for Battle* by Mark Bubeck (Moody Press). He has contributed chapters to compilations, devotionals, and other books including the *NIV Men's Devotional Bible* (Zondervan) and *Inside Mysteries of the Bible* (Time & American Bible Society).

The Hungering Dark: Awakening is Clark's first full-length novel. The book is available online at Amazon.com, BarnesAndNoble.com, as well as from WestBowPress.com.

Clark maintains a website at www.StephenRClark.com and an award-winning blog at www.FaithBraided.com. He can also be followed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StephenRClarkWriter and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/stephenrclark.

He is joyfully married to BethAnn Clark and they reside in Oreland, Pennsylvania where they are members of Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church in Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania.

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