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WATER WARS AND DOMESTIC TERRORISM

Impending Global Crisis Dramatized in Debut Novel

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon declared in a recent United Nations address: “Too often, where we need water we find guns instead. Population growth will make the problem worse. So will climate change. As the global economy grows, so will its thirst. Many more conflicts lie just over the horizon.” Anticipating what might happen when this declaration comes true, the newly published novel by Andrew Wice - *To The Last Drop* - foreshadows what might happen when water reserves and resources decline in the immediate future. As written in this thrilling novel, when this critical resource dries up, governments may need to exploit every option at their disposal to secure water - even resorting to warfare. In such turmoil, individuals will have to defend their water rights by any means necessary in order to secure their livelihood, including armed insurgency.

Such an imminent crisis exists between Texas and New Mexico, which have fought bitterly over water rights since the early nineteenth century. The pattern of a Texan invasion followed by New Mexican resistance is brought to the present day in *To The Last Drop*. Not only does the novel vividly illustrate the essential importance of water, it also reflects many actions of the U.S. abroad, including Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ripped from this morning’s headlines, the novel is narrated by a tragic-comic cast from all sides of the conflict. Exploring the development of the Southwest, the relationship between oppression and terrorism, and our unquenchable thirst for water, Andrew Wice’s novel provides much more than just a fictional tale.

Andrew Wice graduated from Macalester College (St. Paul, MN) in 1996 with Honors in English. He is a published, award-winning poet and has written six novels.

To the Last Drop (ISBN: 978-0-9721349-6-5) will be available in quality bookstores, or online through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and others.

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