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Fatal Gamble

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Publish or Perish

Dr. Joseph P. O'Donnell, one of the Boston area's most prominent and best known pediatric dentists, has launched a new career. His first book, the mystery novel *Fatal Gamble*, was published in December and will soon be followed by a sequel, *Deadly Codes: A Gallagher Novel*, which is due out this month. Both books are published under the name JP O'Donnell.

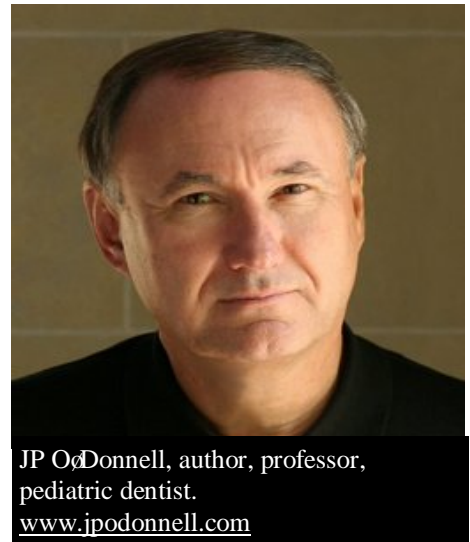
In *Fatal Gamble*, a group of doctors forms a partnership to build a medical office, and twenty years later three of them are murdered. The widow of one of the slain doctors knows something about the crime but is too afraid to go to the authorities. She hires Boston private investigator Gallagher to unravel the mystery. Before long Gallagher finds himself in a web of danger and political intrigue.

Dr. O'Donnell is Associate Clinical Professor at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, where he has been a faculty member for over 30 years. His private pediatric practice is in Winchester, Massachusetts.

During his dental career, his writing has focused primarily on articles for trade journals, case reports, grant proposals and evidence-based studies. The results of his



Who is this mysterious woman? Could she be the murderer? Find out in *Deadly Codes: A Gallagher Novel*, the sequel to *Fatal Gamble*.



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six-year clinical study on Embrace Wet-Bond Pit and Fissure Sealant, reporting that 334 teeth were 99% caries-free over the extended time period, have been published in dental journals.

Dr. O'Donnell always enjoyed writing, and after winning the Golden Pen award from the International College of Dentists in 1994, his dream of publishing novels began to take shape. "Despite some of the other honors I have received in my dental career, this acknowledgment that someone appreciated my writing remains one of my proudest moments," he said.

O'Donnell started writing *Fatal Gamble* as a "fun project," but much to his surprise, it took on a life of its own and "turned out to be much more than I expected."

He told the avid readers on his office staff about the book he was writing, and it piqued their interest. "Every few days I would bring a chapter or two into the office. After a few weeks I found them waiting at the door in the morning to see if I had more chapters to distribute."

This was all the encouragement Dr. O'Donnell needed. He finished his first book and attended a three-day workshop for doctors who were serious about publishing novels. And then the fun really began.

Fatal Gamble is available at Book Ends (Winchester, MA), Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.