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**Christopher Leibig’s Third Novel, ALMOST MORTAL Releases May 1, 2016**

***Highly Anticipated Legal Thriller Release from Koehler Books***

*February 15, 2016:* **Almost Mortal**, a new legal thriller from author **Christopher Leibig** (soft cover, 6x9”, 242 pp., $15.95) releases May 1, 2016. Publisher Koehler Books calls Almost Mortal “a fast-paced legal thriller with a rough and tumble, brilliant protagonist.”

The novel, Leibig’s third, features criminal defense attorney Sam Young, a Virginia public defender who aims to protect a priest by stopping a confessed serial killer from committing another murder. Realistic, poignant, and even funny scenes about the life of a public defender are juxtaposed against supernatural elements as Sam’s strange psychic abilities increase the tension.

*Kirkus Reviews* says, “A poised protagonist leads this serpentine but engaging legal tale” and AuthorsReading.com wrote, “…You will sit down with Almost Mortal and not want to put it down.”

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**About the Author**

Christopher Leibig is a novelist and criminal defense lawyer who lives and works in Alexandria, Virginia. His first two novels, Saving Saddam (2008), and Montanamo (2010) were published by Artnik Books in London. Saving Saddam was re-released in the United States in 2014 by Traveller’s Playground Press under the title Blackrabbit. Chris also has several published short stories and has published numerous articles on criminal defense and related topics – including in the *Huffiington Post* and *The Examiner* – and has appeared as a legal expert regularly since 2009 in print and television media – including Fox News, CNN, *The Washington Post, The New York Times*, and *Sports Illustrated*. In recent years Leibig has regularly handled high profile criminal cases in the DC area and travelled abroad to speak to law schools. Visit [www.chrisleibig.com](http://www.chrisleibig.com).

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**EARLY PRAISE FOR ALMOST MORTAL**

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*“For those of us who grew up experiencing New Orleans… Thanksgiving hits close to home– maybe too close. It’s like stories we’re hearing from cousins about long-hidden family secrets. It flows freely, like hot beignets and coffee and chicory at Cafe du Monde on a crisp morning during football season.”* – **P.M. LaRose, author of *First Case of Beers***

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