

Daniel Kalla



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The American poet William Carlos Williams was a doctor. The British mystery writer PD James was married a WWII army doctor, and Canadian novelist Vincent Lam is an Emergency Room physician in Toronto.

Another medical author, Daniel Kalla, got his degree in mathematics and then his MD from UBC and now works in a Vancouver ER. Since 2005, when his first novel [Pandemic](#) came out, he's produced the thrillers *Resistance* (2006), *Rage Therapy* (2006), *Blood Lies* (2007), [Cold Plague](#) (2008) and [Of Flesh and Blood](#) (2010).

Daniel Kalla is now an internationally best-selling author whose seventh novel came out this year. According to his website, the historical novel [The Far Side of the Sky](#) "focuses on a short but extraordinary period of Chinese, Japanese and Jewish history when cultures converged and heroic everyday sacrifices were part of the everyday quest for survival." It's reviewed here in the [National Post](#).

I heard him speak about this book in a recent CBC interview. Even though I lost part of the interview when I had to drive through the Massey Tunnel, I knew immediately that I had to read this book. Thank you, Santa Claus.

Even better news: this is just the first volume of an astonishing love story set in Shanghai during WWII ends in 1942. Kalla is planning a sequel before returning to thrillerdom.