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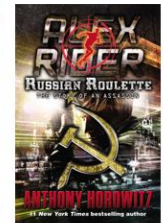
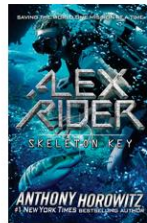
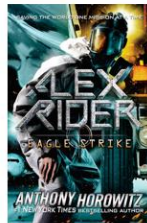
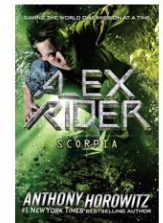
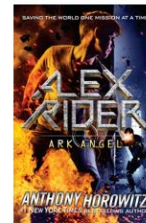
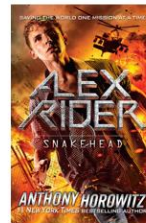
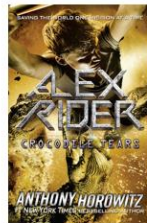
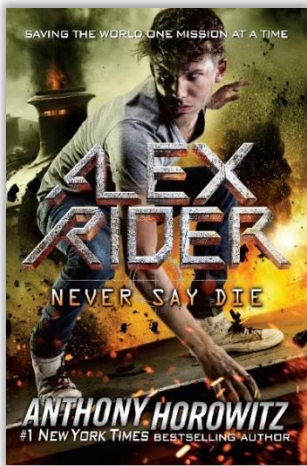
Author Anthony Horowitz is in the U.S. celebrating the release of his new Alex Rider book, **NEVER SAY DIE**

Wednesday, October 11

**BOOKS & GREETINGS**

271 Livingston Street, Northvale, NJ

4:00 PM



When Anthony Horowitz published *Stormbreaker* in 2000, teen spy Alex Rider became a global phenomenon. Over the following decade, the *New York Times* bestselling series expanded with nine more Alex Rider books, a movie, a line of graphic novels, and over 16 million copies sold worldwide.

Horowitz ended the series to focus on his other writing projects, including *Magpie Murders*, estate-sanctioned novels for Sherlock Holmes and James Bond, and the TV series *Foyle's War*. But years later, when he wrote a short story revisiting the teenaged secret agent, he realized that he wasn't quite finished with Alex after all.

**“I was polishing some short stories that were going to be published as a collection and as I was polishing them, I started rewriting them, and I rediscovered the character,”** Horowitz said. **“Alex is still very popular with teachers and librarians, and kids were asking me, ‘What happened next?’”** Now, six years after the climactic end of *Scorpia Rising*, readers will find out. This fall, Philomel Books is publishing a brand new Alex Rider novel, **NEVER SAY DIE**. **“Having given his hyperpopular series something of a breather,”** says *Booklist*, **“Horowitz now sets it back on track with a fresh caper that roars along to a (naturally) explosive climax.”**

**NEVER SAY DIE** begins with a thrillingly audacious, broad-daylight heist: in the middle of the Suffolk Air Show, a hugely powerful helicopter nicknamed the Super Stallion lifts off, zips out of sight, and disappears into thin air. Where did it go? Who would steal such a massive machine, and why?

Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, Alex Rider is trying to be a normal teenager. After his last mission—which cost the life of Jack Starbright, the woman who had practically raised him—Alex is out of the spy game for good. He's going to high school in San Francisco, keeping his head down, avoiding the bullies he could easily overtake, and adjusting to his calm (if somewhat dull) new schedule.

But then, a cryptic email appears. Could it be from Jack?

Fueled by this shred of hope, Alex embarks on a dubious quest to track her down. The search takes him from Egypt, to the South of France, to the Welsh countryside, and straight into the middle of a dangerous terrorist plot. Suddenly, the question of whether Jack is alive takes a backseat to a chilling new threat—one that will determine the lives of an entire school bus full of children.

Armed with his wits and a bit of help from the MI-6, Alex must survive a minefield of dangers to discover the truth, rescue the kids, and maybe, even find Jack.

**NEVER SAY DIE** is an exciting continuation for Alex Rider fans, and a thrilling introduction to the series for new readers. **“Kids need a hero who makes them feel empowered,”** said Philomel President and Publisher Michael Green. **“Alex Rider is that hero.”**

**ANTHONY HOROWITZ** ([anthonyhorowitz.com](http://anthonyhorowitz.com)) is a world-renowned screenwriter for film and television, having received multiple awards. And he is, of course, the author of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling Alex Rider novels, which have spawned a major motion picture and a line of graphic novels. Anthony was also commissioned by the Conan Doyle Estate to write two Sherlock Holmes novels, the critically-acclaimed *The House of Silk* and *Moriarty*. Most recently he was commissioned by the Ian Fleming Estate to write the James Bond novel *Trigger Mortis*, incorporating never-before-published material from 007's creator. Anthony lives with his wife in London, England; they are parents to two grown boys. He will be touring the US for the publication of **NEVER SAY DIE**.

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