

## Shane Gericke

### Biography

#### 200 words

National bestselling author Shane Gericke (pronounced YER-key) began writing professionally in high school, as a \$30-a-month sportswriter for the local *Frankfort Herald*. He liked it so much he never looked back. He spent 25 years as a journalist, most prominently as a senior financial editor at the *Chicago Sun-Times*, before plunging into crime thrillers. His first, *Blown Away*, was named the nation's best debut mystery by *RT Book Reviews*, and appears in translation around the world. It was quickly followed by *Cut to the Bone*, and in July 2010, *Torn Apart*, which has been praised by such international bestsellers as Jeffery Deaver, Lee Child, Tess Gerritsen and Gayle Lynds. Shane is chairman of the international literary festival ThrillerFest, a founding member of International Thriller Writers, and belongs to Mystery Writers of America and the Society of Midland Authors. He lives in the Chicago suburb of Naperville, where the series is set and which, ironically, is the home of world-famous crime fighter Dick Tracy. He invites you to visit him at [www.ShaneGericke.com](http://www.ShaneGericke.com). He'd buy you coffee while there, but it's digital, alas, and the powdered creamer wouldn't dissolve.

#### 100 words

National bestselling novelist Shane Gericke (pronounced YER-key) launched his writing career in high school as a \$30-a-month sportswriter. He liked it so much he never looked back. He spent the next 25 years as a newspaper editor, most notably at the *Chicago Sun-Times*. He then turned to thrillers, with *Torn Apart*, *Blown Away* and *Cut to the Bone* quickly establishing him as one of our foremost masters of suspense. His work appears in translation around the world. Chairman of the international book festival ThrillerFest and a founding member of International Thriller Writers, Shane lives in the Chicago suburb of Naperville, Illinois. [www.ShaneGericke.com](http://www.ShaneGericke.com).

#### 50 words

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