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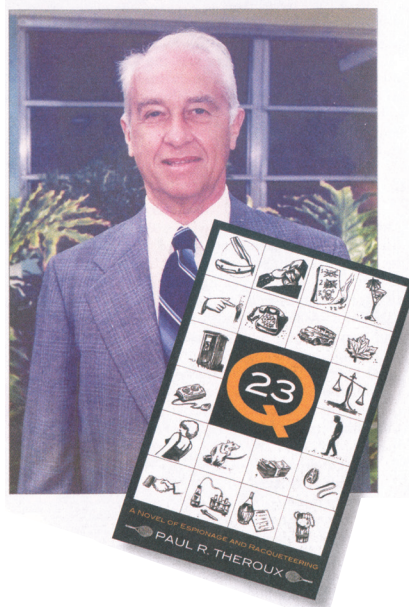
91-Year Old Local Author Publishes Successful Espionage Novel

Paul R. Theroux is the author of the acclaimed, new book, *Q-23: A Novel of Espionage and Racquetearing*. A 91-year old, 35-year, Tampa-area resident and an elder of the extended, creative Theroux family, he is a cousin of novelists Paul, Alexander, and Peter Theroux, and this is his first novel.

Paul was born the third of Michigan State professor Frank Theroux's seven children—all of whom have had long-time Florida connections. The professor's love of tennis inspired his children to take up the game—especially Paul, who not only wound up with shelves of trophies but also an inspiration for *Q-23*.

Following being an Air Corps officer in World War II, Paul entered the fire insurance industry, with executive positions at State Farm and other firms. His marriage to Marjorie Withrow resulted in three children who spent their childhoods in a succession of hometowns. The same wanderlust that drove Paul to move his family six times in 20 years kicked in after he retired to Florida—and became a world traveler.

So how does one combine fascination with adventure, intrigue, mysteries, travel and tennis? If you're Paul, you author *Q-23*. In the book, Roger Pate is a chemist who discovers a revolutionary new formula, but does not expect to be murdered for it. His friend, Kurt Strong, a private investigator, is not naïve about



those who prefer squelching innovation threatening the status quo. But the clock is ticking and both men face an escalating, violent situation in order to outwit a powerful enemy. Unexpectedly the benign world of research and development takes on a sinister cast and ordinary men must do extraordinary things to survive.

Book Reviews

"I have just read *Q-23* with pleasure. It is ingenious, well-observed, and specific. . . . My congratulations to my cousin and namesake with my wish that the novel finds many readers."

— Paul E. Theroux, author, *The Great Railway Bazaar* and other books.

"Paul Theroux's novel joins the ranks of Therouxs whose writing is well worth reading. The story embedded in *Q-23* is as clever as the title. I was hooked from the get-go."

— Kenneth Elzinga, author, *Murder at the Margin*

"I have found *Q-23* fascinating. I could not put it down. . . . Theroux has one vivid imagination and yet everything is so plausible. The book is short as are the chapters, a great formula for a quick, easy, informative and interesting read. Highly recommended!"

— Don Newman, former HHS Undersecretary; author, *Newman's Musings*