## **Official Bios**

## Short

- A) Phillip Vincent, an adventurer and conservationist, highlights the threats to our planet's oceans in his debut eco-thriller, *Varuna*.
- B) Phillip Vincent's experience as a trained diver and investment manager informs and inspires the narrative in his debut adventure thriller, *Varuna*.

## Mid-length

Portland-based author Phillip Vincent has spent the last 40 years diving in exotic locations around the world. While the majestic locales of his adventures are a far cry from his career recovering the assets of failed financial institutions, he combines these experiences in his debut adventure thriller, *Varuna*.

## Long

An adventurer by nature, Phillip Vincent was fascinated by life under the water at an early age. Captivated by the expeditions of visionary explorer and conservationist Jacques Cousteau, Vincent taught himself to dive with nothing more than a used scuba tank and regulator. He cut his teeth as a commercial diver on offshore rigs in the gulf, but quickly realized the muddy depths were a far cry from the crystal clear waters he longed to descend. Vincent went back to school and transitioned into finance. Thereafter, diving became a much-needed escape. Working on behalf of governments and investors recovering the assets of failed financial institutions brought him face-to-face with corrupt and criminal individuals. His experiences from the dark side of international finance and passion for exploring the world's oceans inform and inspire his writing. Phillip Vincent lives in Portland, Oregon, and is currently working on his next adventure thriller.