

“This is fiction, but I wonder if some people in that most fiction-filled place, Washington, will feel that Jeff Grant is traveling a little too close to the truth. Grant takes you on a journey into the heart and the guts and the cerebral cortex and the lizard brain of espionage.”

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The Russians have developed a weapons system so powerful and deadly it could alter the balance of power in the world—and in space. What happens when an admittedly nerdy CalTech physics grad, working at NASA's renowned Jet Propulsion Laboratory, is recruited by a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) desperate to close the gap.

At first, Elizabeth is awed and fascinated by the unimaginable spy craft put at her disposal by the CIA. Answering her country's dire call, she marshals her every asset and dives in, typical of a woman who went from high school to Ph.D. in only nine years. But when she inadvertently uncovers criminal behavior by a prominent US businessman, Elizabeth begins to understand why insiders call Washington, DC “the swamp.” Wading through the fetid waters of deceit and corruption, she risks her life, and those of the people closest to her—her grandfather and her girlfriend—to do the right thing.

The Swamp: Deceit and Corruption in the CIA is the first volume in the Elizabeth Petrov Thriller series.

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