

De-pop



By Russell H. Ford

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What if those folks secretly in charge of everything thought that controlling or limiting the population would be the best for everybody? What if others opposed that idea? Bring in others supporting the idea of population control and put them in conflict with those who are against it.

This is the premise of Russell Ford's first novel. Open the cover and step into a world of black ops, church intervention on a not so holy level, and the dangerous life of agent Neah Bey. It reads like a thriller because it is. Well written, it is difficult to put down. Despite the deep sometimes disturbing premise of the story, there is an entertaining, somewhat lighter air to it. Unique is that many of the characters are named for cities, towns, and other geographical locations in the Pacific Northwest. Being a resident of that region, this reviewer soon caught on to the author's method of creating character names and looked forward to see what little town or feature would be mentioned next.

This was an intense and interesting read and I look forward to the author's next offering.