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‘The Railas Verdict’ offers glimpse of the future of justice *Fourth book in sci-fi ‘The Turning Files’ series available Aug. 30*

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Could a robot serve as the ideal impartial judge in the courtroom of the future?

Or will Railas — trained in law and programmed to seek truth and justice — and its creators be sabotaged by the robot MAX, whose high-tech handlers seek to control New Braintree’s courts?

“The Railas Verdict,” the latest in Paul J. Joseph’s “Turning Files” series, continues an exploration of a future world where the Internet of things aids us in every decision and all our moves are observed by a growing global network called PACE. Has this world become too complicated to be governed by humans? Railas doesn’t want the job, but he fears the alternative. PACE’s robot, MAX, does *not* seek justice, but political advantage. But something else is happening also. The accident that killed Railas’s creator was never explained, and one of her secret projects may still be active. Repeating electrical distortions are traveling up the space elevator with mysterious intent. The answer may be up there, but the true threat may be farther away.



The Railas Verdict will be available Aug. 30 in paperback and Kindle editions on Amazon. Joseph will be at 2nd and Charles book store in Fayetteville at 2 p.m. on Aug. 31 to autograph purchased copies of the book.

Joseph, the author of the Turing Files and Through the Fold series, has been creating compelling works of science fiction for more than 20 years. His works have been featured on podcasts, and with this fourth “Turning Files” book he breaks new ground.

“Paul J. Joseph is able to tell a fantastic story while imparting a humanity and morality that are sorely lacking in many ‘popular’ books,” writes reviewer Cyberfiche on Amazon.com. “Joseph's robots make me want to be a better person.”

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