

Reviewing The Eco-Thriller; The Ovum Factor

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Since I was having Marvin L. Zimmerman, the author of *The Ovum Factor*, on my radio show (<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/liberalpro> you can hear the podcast of the interview there), it meant that I was obliged to peruse the novel that was sent to me by his publicist. *The Ovum Factor* arrived at my home, and before I got a chance to look through it, my wife picked it up first and wouldn't let go of it for three days. During that time my dinner was late, I had to do the vacuuming (the dogs are shedding), and I had no real conversation with her as her head was behind the novel. When she finished it, she just looked at me and said "Wow". That meant only one thing... I had to read it.

During the next week she understood what I had just gone through. Soon my lovely wife was talking to herself and calling people on the telephone just for some human contact. I finished *The Ovum Factor* three hours before my interview with Mr. Zimmerman. Needless to say, we kept him on the show for the full hour, blitzing him with questions and praising his novel. I'm sure that Marvin L. Zimmerman wasn't quite expecting the response that he received from the two of us. Our professional demeanor went right out the window and we lavished praise on him like two groupies meeting with a rock star.

The reason for this was because he not only entertained us, he brought an entirely new perspective of climate change and global warming into our lives. While we were being entertained by a novel that had just about everything in it, from thrilling adventures in the Amazon, a beguiling thriller of a plot, a love affair between two opposites and religious and spiritual overtones, we were also being educated in a way that affected us personally. Global climate change was no longer an abstract idea that might happen generations from now; it was now up close and personal. This was the kind of novel that exposes the reader to ideas and explanations not offered up in the mainstream media. The best part is that the education he provided was painless, he combined entertainment with knowledge, and Mr. Zimmerman

brought back memories of my greatest experiences in school and college, that rare kind of teacher that makes education fun.

While I don't want to give too much away, *The Ovum Factor* is about a young investment banker, David Rose that teams up with an organization with close ties to his employer in a bid to find a unique molecule that could alter the course of history. The search ends up being a thrilling story that puts Rose in the middle of assassinations, espionage and of course, love. *The Ovum Factor* has more twists and turns than a roller coaster ride.

Zimmerman writes in a spiritual way about a horrifying subject. Every chapter reveals different sides and secrets about the characters until the reader figures out that everything is not as one had initially thought. The ending of the book brought tears to my eyes, and being a novelist myself, pleasantly surprised me. If there is one book that you should give a try, it's *The Ovum Factor*. Trust me, you won't be disappointed. You will not only be entertained, you will gain an education about what is probably our most pressing problem facing humanity.

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