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HED: "Firefly" star Nathan Fillion appears in podcast novel

SUBHED: Sci-fi action star makes cameo in hit "podiobook" series, *7th Son*

Fresh from the first-ever launch party for a novel in the online community Second Life, the *7th Son* podcast novel trilogy has achieved another "first" in podcast history: Actor Nathan Fillion, star of the TV sci-fi series "Firefly" and film "Serenity," will appear in the free audionovel *7th Son, Book Two: Deceit* on Nov. 14 as a special guest reader.

Fillion, whose future projects include appearances in this season of ABC's hit series "LOST" and the lead role in the supernatural thriller film "White Noise: The Light," will read a segment at the beginning of the Nov. 14 episode. Called "The Story So Far...", this segment recaps events of the novel's previous episode.

This is the first time Fillion has appeared in a podcast novel, and may be the first time the actor has recorded original content for any podcast.

While Fillion is best known for his role as Capt. Malcolm Reynolds in the TV series "Firefly," *7th Son* author J.C. Hutchins has admired the actor's work since he appeared in Steven Spielberg's 1998 film, "Saving Private Ryan."

"It's an absolute honor to have Nathan on the podcast," Hutchins said. "Folks best know him as a well-grounded hero in a science-fiction epic. *7th Son* -- a reality-driven sci-fi thriller -- is a good fit for his cameo. Current listeners of *7th Son* will love his 'previously on' reading ... but this also provides a terrific reason for new listeners to hop aboard."

Fillion's appearance is the latest in a series of "very special" guest readers for *Book Two: Deceit*. Best-selling science fiction, fantasy and comic book writers have also appeared on the podcast, including: Robert J. Sawyer (*Mindscan*, the Hugo-award winning *Neanderthal Parallax* trilogy), Mike Resnick (*Santiago*, the *Starship* series), Tracy R. Hickman (*Dragonlance* series), Jeph Loeb (writer/co-executive producer for NBC's "Heroes," *Batman: The Long Halloween*) and Mark Waid (*Superman: Birthright*, *Kingdom Come*). Patrick Lussier (film editor for the "Scream" horror trilogy, and film director for "Dracula 2000") also recently read a recap for the novel.

7th Son, a free weekly podcast, is the most popular "podiobook" series in history. More than 11,000 listeners currently tune in each week to hear new chapters of the thriller. *7th Son* is the #1 most popular program at the podcast directory PodcastPickle.com, and is listed in iTunes as one of the Top 25 podcasts in its Literature category. The first novel in the series -- titled *Descent* -- was nominated for numerous awards for excellence in podcast fiction. The novel has also been featured on such popular blogs as BoingBoing.net and MissSnark.com.

ABOUT 7th SON:

7th Son is a free weekly podcast novel. The story chronicles the lives of seven strangers who have been brought together after the recent assassination of the U.S. president. These men quickly discover they all appear to be the same man, with identical childhood memories. Unwitting participants in a human cloning experiment, these "John Michael Smiths" have been assembled to catch the man who murdered the president. Their target? The man they were cloned from ... the original John Michael Smith, code-named "John Alpha."

7th Son, Book Two: Deceit and *Book One: Descent* can be found at www.JCHutchins.net, and at www.Podiobooks.com.

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Link to the novel's audio promo: http://homepage.mac.com/wordherder1/7SDownloads/Book2_Promo_Long.mp3

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