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SCROLL AND CURL a novel:  
a twisted music-world mystery  
by John Pedersen

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Firefall Editions announces the coming release of SCROLL AND CURL,  
a twisted music-world mystery, and a first novel, by John Pedersen of Marin.

### **The Plot**

When the old time string band "Sweet Evening Breeze" leaves Saratoga Springs, New York on their two week tour of the east coast, fiddler Dan Munroe thinks that his only headache will be controlling his band-mates tendencies for excess. That is until he buys a unique fiddle at a sidewalk sale in New York and hears the story of the previous owner's entanglement with the underworld of the 1930's. After he gets the special fiddle appraised by a reclusive dealer in Pennsylvania, dangerous and mysterious forces curl and swirl through his life suddenly.

### **The Author**

As the grandson of a noted Heldeberg Mountain fiddler, and a master luthier (stringed instrument repairman), John Pedersen portrays the touring string band life, based on hard-won first-hand knowledge, about the shifting nature of relationships and the dynamics of people on the road, whose main connection to each other is the music. Also, running a retail music store, doing repairs, and buying and selling rare instruments have given him insight into the eclectic and occasionally bizarre world of instrument buyers and collectors and their motivations. The patrons of the store, run by John and his wife, range from limos full of rock stars to the lowliest of street people, and everyone in between. As a musician, John has won many fiddle contests, playing in the "old time" style, as well as the California State Old Time Banjo championships in 2007.

### **The Reading Experience**

The novel is a chance to hang out in the mind of the man who is a champion fiddler and instrument maker, to chill in the heat of an intensely musical life. Scroll and curl, of course, refer to the aspects of a violin. Scroll and curl are plot dimensions also, and relate to the life style of the characters presented.