



# ABOVE THE LAW

**ACTION PACKED  
DRAMA**

**N**ow here's a fascinating way to introduce a new face to motion pictures — make the REEL life of the main character mirror the REAL life of the actor. That's just what happens in the action packed drama **Above the Law**.

The hero, Nico Toscani, is played by newcomer Steven

Seagal who is a martial arts expert and worldwide security specialist. In his acting debut he portrays Toscani, an ex-CIA agent, martial arts expert and a cop. Be it coincidence or fate that landed him this job, Seagal's mastery of the martial arts bring added authenticity to his role.

A native of Detroit, Seagal had developed an interest in the martial arts by the age of seven. By nine, his family had moved to

California and young Seagal had become a serious martial arts student. His fascination with the martial arts led him to Tokyo at the age of seventeen where he taught English in order to support himself while mastering Aikido. His level of expertise became so high that he was able to open his own martial arts academy, becoming the first and only non-Asian to establish such a school.

It is only recently that Seagal

returned to the United States and opened a martial arts academy in Los Angeles. Many celebrities have come under his tutelage including James Mason and Sean Connery.

In his acting debut, Seagal's many years of training are put to good use in his characterization of Nico Toscani, a tough Chicago police detective who learned Aikido from Japanese masters. Toscani is a loving husband and father of a new son but he is also a man haunted by weird and sinister memories of his CIA work in Vietnam and a particularly nasty agent named Zagon who had a penchant for needles and chemical interrogations of the Vietnamese.

Toscani's hopes to put his past to rest are thwarted when he and his rather attractive partner, Detores "Jax" Jackson, discover an ominous international drug smuggling operation with Zagon in the middle.

Toscani's dedication takes him to the very edge of the law bringing him into conflict with members of his own department, the FBI, top government officials, his former colleague at the "The Agency" and the family Don.

It will take all Toscani's courage and strength to break the international conspiracy and come out clean and alive.

— Diane Bederman



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