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The #1 international bestseller. One day Tom Meron, a happily married father of two who's never been in trouble, receives a phone call that will change his life forever: his friend Jack Calley, a high-flying city lawyer, is screaming down the phone for help. As Meron listens, Calley is murdered. His last words, spoken to his killer, are the first two lines of Meron's address. Confused and terrified, Meron grabs his children and hurries out of the house as soon as he can. It is only just in time. Within minutes, a car pulls up outside, and three men get out. It's clear that they're coming for him. And with his wife missing, an unidentified corpse in her office, and the police after him for murder, his life's about to get a whole lot more interesting. Dennis Milne is back! A dark, gritty, utterly page-turning novel set in London's meanest of mean streets: the follow-up to the hugely acclaimed debut, *The Business of Dying*. When Dennis

Milne -- now living under an assumed identity in the Philippines -- hears that his old friend and colleague Malik has been gunned down in a restaurant, he decides to go back to the violent city he once called home, and bring the murderer to book. Milne arrives in a pre-Christmas London that is cold and hostile. But he is no longer a policeman; no longer charged with keeping the peace and upholding the law. Although his friends at the King's Cross station do not know that Milne is back in town, it soon becomes clear that his arrival has been expected by men who are after his blood. Hungry for revenge and determined to uphold his own very rough brand of justice, Milne's search for the person behind his friend's death leaves a trail of death and destruction that is more wide-reaching than even he could have expected. When an unknown terror group, after setting off an explosion in a London café, warns that a far greater attack will be launched in 12 hours, Detective Inspector Mike Bolt and Deputy Commissioner Tina Boyd must try to stop the terrorist threat with the help of an imprisoned mass murderer. By the author of *Siege*. Original. 75,000 first printing. The gripping new race-against-time thriller by internationally bestselling author Simon Kernick who “writes with his foot pressed hard to the pedal” (#1 New York Times bestselling author Harlan Coban) about a family far from home suddenly set on the run when a chased woman stumbles into their lives. *One Witness* You're on a trip with your family, miles from anywhere. A shot rings out—and your whole life changes in an instant. *One Secret* A woman is racing toward you, chased by three gunmen. Although you don't know it, she harbors a deadly secret. She's in terrible danger. And now you are too. *No Escape* You're running, terrified, desperate to find safety. You know that the men hunting you have killed before. And if they catch

you, you'll be next. After highly trained gunmen take over the Stanhope Hotel in London and become more violent as the night wears on, the hostages wonder if they're ever going to see the morning light. The totally gripping and irresistible new thriller from the best-selling author of Stay Alive, The Final Minute and The Witness. When the bones of a 21-year old woman who went missing without trace in Thailand in 1990, are discovered in the grounds of an old Catholic school in Buckinghamshire, an enduring mystery takes on a whole new twist. Her boyfriend at the time, and the man who reported her missing, Henry Forbes, now a middle-aged university lecturer, comes forward with his lawyer and tells DI Ray Mason of the Met's Homicide Command that he knows what happened to Kitty, and who killed her. So begins a hunt for the truth that will focus on a ruthless crime gang, a rich, dysfunctional family with a terrible past, and a highly ambitious man so cruel and ruthless that he must be brought down at any cost... A captivating and taut thriller that will leave you holding your breath, from Sunday Times bestselling author Simon Kernick, the UK's answer to Harlan Coben. 'The next time I see Simon Kernick's name on a book, I will pick it up. Brilliant!' - RICHARD MADELEY 'This thriller is so authentic that it completely takes your breath away, and then some.' - THE MIRROR 'Kernick is the master of the literary rabbit punch, thumping his readers when they least expect it, and from a different direction...Cracking stuff.' - THE TIMES 'If it's heart-thudding tension you want, Simon Kernick is your man.' - DAILY MAIL 'Simon Kernick uses every trick in the book to keep the action breakneck.' - TIME OUT ***

*** 'WE'VE GOT YOUR DAUGHTER.' It's evening, you're**

back late from work - and the house is in darkness. You step inside, and the phone rings. You answer it - and your world is turned upside down. Your fourteen-year-old daughter's been taken, and her kidnappers demand half a million pounds in cash. They give you 48 hours to raise the money. If you call the police, she will die. As the nightmare unravels, you can be certain of only two things: that you will do anything to get your daughter back alive - and that time is running out... When Dennis Milne--now living under an assumed identity in the Philippines--hears that his old friend and colleague Malik has been gunned down in a restaurant, he decides to go back to the violent city he once called home and bring the murderer to justice. Milne arrives in a pre-Christmas London that is cold and hostile. But he is no longer a policeman; no longer charged with keeping the peace and upholding the law. Although his old friends at the King's Cross station do not know that Milne is back in town, it soon becomes clear that his arrival has been expected by men who are after his blood. Hungry for revenge and determined to uphold his own very rough brand of justice, Milne searches for the person behind his friend's demise--and leaves a trail of death and destruction more wide-reaching than even he could have expected. Next from critically acclaimed author Kernick, ex-mercenary Max Iversson accompanies a nightclub owner to an ill-fated rendezvous in a deserted North London industrial estate. The GRIPPING NEW thriller from the number one bestselling author. Coming soon! 'Simon Kernick writes with his foot pressed hard on the pedal. Hang on tight!' HARLAN COBEN 'Great plots, great characters, great action' LEE CHILD 'An absolute master of the adrenaline-fuelled ride' PETER JAMES 'One of Britain's top thriller writers' THE SUN 'That

thud you hear is Kernick whipping the rug from under your feet again.' THE TIMES 'Simon Kernick is one of the most reliable purveyors of the edge-of-your-seat thriller' SUNDAY EXPRESS 'Pace, pace, pace is what Simon Kernick does best' DAILY MIRROR "As Gallan, Boyd and DI Asif Malik inch ever nearer to the man responsible for the shooting, they uncover a murderous conspiracy that will take them to the heart of one of London's most notorious criminal gangs. What they cannot know is that they've also embarked on a journey that will lead one of them straight into the rifle sights of the enemy."--BOOK JACKET. Suspense fiction. It's a cold November night, and DS Dennis Milne is waiting to kill three unarmed men. Cynical and jaded, Milne earns money on the side by doing what he does best: punishing the bad guys. But he's been set up. This time, instead of shooting drug dealers, he kills two customs officers and an accountant. The hunter has become the hunted. With his colleagues and his enemies closing in on him, Milne must use all of his skills, just to stay alive. It's a typical cold November night and Detective Sergeant Dennis Milne, a very atypical policeman, waits in the Traveller's Rest Hotel parking lot for the arrival of three men. Cynical and jaded, Milne earns money on the side by doing what he does best: punishing the bad guys. But this time he's been duped. Instead of blowing away drug dealers, he kills three innocent people, their deaths starting an investigation that sees him and his conscience heading for trouble. Less than twelve hours later, Milne is out on the streets again. Eighteen-year-old Miriam Fox has been found dead by Regent's Canal---her throat slashed. Desperate to find Miriam's killer, Milne uncovers a web of depravity far more shocking than he could ever have imagined. Can he evade arrest for his own crimes and solve a

case so sickening that it may provide the key to his personal redemption? The clock is ticking and everyone's watching their backs as a war of morality is fought in the mind of one renegade policeman in **Business of Dying**---the gripping first novel by talented young crime writer Simon Kernick. From Sunday Times bestselling author Simon Kernick - the UK's answer to Harlan Coben - come two electrifying novellas and three gripping short stories published in book form for the very first time. Fans of David Baldacci, Stuart MacBride and Peter James will not be disappointed! 'High impact, fast paced - a real adrenalin rush!' --
***** Reader review 'Simon Kernick never fails to deliver' --
***** Reader review 'All action!' -- ***** Reader review 'Kept me gripped from the very start' -- ***** Reader review 'Suspense at every page turn!' -- ***** Reader review 'A real rollercoaster read...' -- ***** Reader review *****

ONE BOOK. FIVE THRILLERS. Including: **DEAD MAN'S GIFT** MP Tim Horton arrives home to find his seven-year-old son has been abducted - and the nanny brutally murdered. The kidnapping gang's demands are simple: Tim must sacrifice his own life to save his son's. **A dead man's gift...** **ONE BY ONE** Six former school-friends have been reunited on a remote island. Separated since a fateful night twenty-one years ago, when their friend Rachel was killed, they're afraid for their lives - because the man arrested for Rachel's murder has been released. They think he's coming for them. They're almost right. Plus three more thrillers guaranteed to keep you gripped to the page... Can you withstand five full-strength doses of Simon Kernick? Simon Kernick, the UK's answer to Harlan Coben, has written a thriller jam-packed with action, tension and twists and turns. A heart-

stopping read from page one, this is perfect for fans of David Baldacci, Stuart MacBride and Peter James. 'Another accomplished race against time with a delightfully morally ambiguous hero.' -- Sunday Mirror 'Simon Kernick writes with his foot pressed hard on the pedal. Hang on tight!' -- Harlan Coben 'Great plots. Great characters. Great action.' -- Lee Child 'If you're looking for a fast-paced, believable book that you can't put down, then this is the one' -- ***** Reader review 'A fast-paced page-turner' -- ***** Reader review 'A cracking good read' -- ***** Reader review 'This book has me hooked from the moment I picked it up' -- ***** Reader review 'An original, fast paced, compelling read' -- ***** Reader review *****

***** TIME IS RUNNING OUT. 'It's night, and I'm in a strange house. The lights are on, and I'm standing outside a half-open door. Feeling a terrible sense of foreboding, I walk slowly inside. And then I see her. A woman lying sprawled across a huge double bed. She's dead. There's blood everywhere. And the most terrifying thing of all is that I think her killer might be me ...' A traumatic car-crash. A man with no memory, haunted by nightmares. When the past comes calling in the most terrifying way imaginable, Matt Barron is forced to turn to the one person who can help. Ex Met cop, turned private detective, Tina Boyd. Soon they are both on the run... A gripping thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat from Sunday Times bestselling author Simon Kernick, the UK's answer to Harlan Coben. "Pace, pace pace is what Kernick does best" - DAILY MIRROR "Delights, excites and stimulates, and the only reason you consume it so quickly is because it's so damn good" - GQ "Fast moving and a gripping race to the dénouement." -- *****

Reader review "Great read, Simon Kendrick is a fantastic writer, kept me on the edge of my seat the whole way through this book, couldn't wait to read every page." -- *** Reader review**

"Completely compelling" -- *** Reader review *******

******* TWO COPS. ONE CITY. NO MERCY. Dennis Milne is a former cop and part-time assassin. He kills the bad guys - people who, in his opinion, deserve to die. Now he's in Manila, waiting for his next target: a young woman who's made some deadly enemies. DI Tina Boyd is in Manila hunting down the man responsible for the death of her lover. She knows he's dangerous. She knows he's ruthless. But she's determined to bring him to justice - even if it kills her. Two cops with pasts that haunt them - and a present that could see them both dead. They are about to meet. And when they do, it's payback time. Hold on tight - Sunday Times bestselling author Simon Kernick - the UK's answer to Harlan Coben - has done it again. This is a no-holds-barred, pulse-pounding thriller which will have you gripped. Fans of David Baldacci, Stuart MacBride and Peter James will not be disappointed. "A pacy thriller, with a body count that rises along with the tension levels" -- SUNDAY MIRROR "Simon Kernick is one of the most reliable purveyors of the edge-of-your-seat thriller... a more powerful adrenaline rush than an EpiPen" -- SUNDAY EXPRESS 'A tremendous all-action super high class read. Superb' -- ***** Reader review 'I literally couldnt put it down, brilliant!!!!' -- ***** Reader review 'Fantastic Thriller... Fast Paced... All You'd Expect From Simon Kernick' -- ***** Reader review 'Unputdownable - as usual!' -- ***** Reader review *******

Alastair Sheridan has it all. Wealth, good looks, a beautiful wife and children and, in the chaotic world of British politics, a real chance of becoming Prime Minister. But Alastair also has a secret. He's a serial killer with a taste for young women. Only a handful of people know what kind of monster he is, and disgraced detective Ray Mason is one of them. Awaiting trial for murder, Ray is unexpectedly broken free by armed men and given an offer: assassinate Alastair Sheridan and begin a new life abroad with a new identity. The men claim to be from MI6. They say that Sheridan is a threat to national security and needs to be neutralised. Ray knows they are not who they say they are, and that their real motives are far darker. The only person Ray trusts is ex-cop and former lover Tina Boyd who's keen to settle her own scores with Sheridan. With enemies on every side, only one thing is certain: no one wants them to get out alive. A

THRILLER IN THREE PARTS The FIRST direct to digital short-story in a race-against-time three-part adventure from the bestselling author of Relentless, Siege and Ultimatum, Simon Kernick. MP Tim Horton arrives home to find his seven year old son has been abducted by a ruthless gang of kidnappers. All they have left behind is the brutally murdered body of the Horton's nanny. The gang's demands are simple: Tim must sacrifice his own life in order to save his son's. It's the ultimate dead man's gift ... 'Simon Kernick writes great plots, great characters, great action.' Lee Child 'Simon Kernick writes with his foot pressed hard on the pedal. Hang on tight!' Harlan Coben TO SAVE A LIFE...COULD YOU TAKE ANOTHER?'Great plots, great characters, great action' LEE CHILD'Simon Kernick writes with his foot pressed hard on the pedal' HARLAN COBENYou come home to find your wife missing - and the body of a woman you've

never seen in her place. A phone in her hand starts to ring. A voice says you have 24 hours to clear your name. 24 hours to save your wife. But there's only one way to do it. You must kill someone for them. Someone you've never heard of. A complete stranger. And the clock is ticking... Relentless, gripping and full of twists, this is a masterclass in page-turning suspense where nothing is what it seems and no-one is to be trusted. 'An absolute master of the adrenaline-fuelled ride' PETER JAMES When an unknown terror group, after setting off an explosion in a London café, warns that a far greater attack will be launched in 12 hours, Detective Inspector Mike Bolt and Deputy Commissioner Tina Boyd must try to stop the terrorist threat with the help of an imprisoned mass murderer. By the author of Siege. Original. 75,000 first printing. Fans of David Baldacci, Stuart MacBride and Peter James will devour this intensely addictive and adrenalin-fuelled thriller from Sunday Times bestselling author Simon Kernick - the UK's answer to Harlan Coben. 'Brutal, bruising and brilliant' -- The Sun 'Has enough breakneck action and suspense to be a real page turner' -- Sunday Mirror 'An enthralling, twisted and absolutely unputdownable read' -- ***** Reader review 'Thrilling, gripping, shocking and a complete page-turner. I literally couldn't put it down' -- ***** Reader review 'I had to finish the book and did so in the early hours' -- ***** Reader review 'Fast paced and gripping from the start - absolutely loved it' -- ***** Reader review 'My pulse rate has finally returned to normal. What a fantastic ending to an excellent book' -- ***** Reader review *****

***** SEVEN VICTIMS. THREE KILLERS. ONE DEADLY SECRET. A house deep in the countryside where the remains of

seven unidentified women have just been discovered. A cop ready to risk everything in the hunt for their killers. A man who has seen the murders and is now on the run in fear of his life. So begins the race to track down this witness before the killers do. For Ray Mason and PI Tina Boyd, the road ahead is a dangerous one, with bodies and betrayal at every turn... In this free collection of excerpts, enjoy a taste of three of Simon Kernick's gripping race-against-time thrillers. Included in this collection are excerpts from *Relentless*, the story of John Meron, who's on the run for his life from both a criminal organization and the police; *The Last 10 Seconds*, in which Detective Inspector Tina Boyd discovers a link between an underground organization and a series of murders by a killer called the Night Creeper; and Simon Kernick's newest book, *Siege*, in which a luxurious London Hotel becomes the scene of a carefully orchestrated hostage takeover. A gripping Quick Read from the master of the race against time thriller. Have you ever been in the wrong place at the wrong time? You are hiking in the Scottish highlands with three friends when you come across a girl. She is half-naked, has been badly beaten, and she can't speak English. She is clearly running away from someone. Do you stop to help her? Even if it means putting your friends' lives – and your own - in terrible danger? John Meron, a happily married father of two who's never been in trouble, receives a phone call that will change his life for ever: his friend Jack Calley, a high-flying City lawyer, is screaming down the phone for help. As Meron listens, Calley is murdered. His last words, spoken to his killer, are the first two lines of Meron's address. **BRAVE HERO OR CRIMINAL MASTERMIND? TONIGHT WE FIND OUT** 'Simon Kernick writes with his foot pressed hard on the pedal. Hang on tight!'

HARLAN COBEN 'Great plots, great characters, great action'
LEE CHILD 'Heaven for readers who love ruthless, full-throttle thrillers' SUNDAY TIMES Undercover cop Chris Sketty became a hero when he almost died trying to stop the most brutal terror attack in UK history. With the suspects either dead or missing, the real motive remains a mystery. But someone is convinced Sketty is a liar. A criminal mastermind. A murderer. Blackmailed into revealing the truth, Sketty will share a twisting tale of betrayal, deception and murder...with a revelation so shocking that nothing will be the same again. 'That thud you hear is Kernick whipping the rug from under your feet again.' **THE TIMES 'An absolute master of the adrenaline-fuelled ride'**
PETER JAMES 'One of Britain's top thriller writers' THE SUN 'Simon Kernick is one of the most reliable purveyors of the edge-of-your-seat thriller... gives a more powerful adrenaline rush than an EpiPen' SUNDAY EXPRESS 'Pace, pace, pace is what Simon Kernick does best' DAILY MIRROR **WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO SAVE YOUR LOVED ONE? AND DO YOU KNOW WHO SHE REALLY IS? 'Great plots, great characters, great action' LEE CHILD 'Simon Kernick writes with his foot pressed hard on the pedal' HARLAN COBEN They took your fiancée. They framed you for murder. You're given one chance to save her. To clear your name. You must kill someone for them. They give you the time and place. The weapon. The target. You have less than 24 hours. You only know that no-one can be trusted...and nothing is what it seems. 'A fast, furious and unpredictable read' The Sun Book of the Week 'That thud you hear is Kernick whipping the rug from under your feet again.'** **The Times Best thrillers of the month 'An absolute master of the adrenaline-fuelled ride' PETER JAMES 'One of Britain's top**

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***** ONE NIGHT STAND. ONE DEAD GIRL. You wake up in a strange room on a bed covered in blood. You have no idea how you got there. Beside you is a dead girl. Your girlfriend. The phone rings, and a voice tells you to press play on the room's DVD machine. The film shows you killing your girlfriend. Then you're told to go to an address in East London where you're to deliver a briefcase and await further instructions. There's no way out. If you're to survive the next 24 hours, you must find out who killed your girlfriend, and why. Before they come for you too... If you like David Baldacci, Stuart MacBride and Peter James, you'll love this frighteningly tense, spine-tingling thriller from Sunday Times bestselling author Simon Kernick - the UK's answer to Harlan Coben. "Witty, scary, fast-moving and outrageous" -- THE TIMES "Simon Kernick is one of the most**

reliable purveyors of the edge-of-your-seat thriller... a more powerful adrenaline rush than an EpiPen" -- SUNDAY EXPRESS 'Fabulous' -- ***** Reader review 'Kernick does it again!' -- ***** Reader review 'A great thrill ride' -- ***** Reader review 'Another fast-paced masterclass from Simon Kernick' -- ***** Reader review *****

**** EVEN THE PERFECT LIFE CAN SHATTER IN SECONDS** You have it all. Success, a beautiful home, a happy family. Until, in a heartbeat, it's gone. We've kidnapped your daughter, and we know everything about you. Including the dark secrets from your past you thought were forgotten. We tell you not to contact the police - and that we'll know if you do. Because we can see you. And now you know this is no ordinary abduction. It's worse. Within hours you're on the run, with only one thought in your head: That you will stop at nothing to get your daughter back. Even murder... Die Twice--two gripping Dennis Milne mysteries in one from Simon Kernick. **The Murder Exchange** When ex-mercenary Max Iversson agreed to provide security for nightclub owner Roy Fowler, he never expected a bloodbath. Three men have been shot, the briefcase Iversson was guarding is empty...and now he wants to know why. So begins a dangerous hunt for answers that will take him into direct conflict with Detective Sergeant John Gallan, who is investigating the mysterious death of one of Fowler's doormen, and toward a confrontation that neither is likely to escape unscathed. **The Business of Dying** Cynical and jaded, Detective Sergeant Dennis Milne earns money on the side by doing what he does best: punishing the bad guys. But this time he's been duped and instead of blowing away drug dealers, he kills three innocent

men, setting off a war of morality that could leave him broken, or worse...dead. The gripping new race-against-time thriller by the best-selling author of *Relentless*, *The Last 10 Seconds* and *The Final Minute*. 'I had a simple choice. Stay here, and almost certainly be discovered. Or get up and run.' **THE WITNESS** When Jane Kinnear sees her lover being murdered, she suddenly finds herself in danger. Taken to an anonymous police safe-house, it soon becomes clear that her lover was an MI5 informant with important information about an imminent terrorist attack. **THE DETECTIVE** DI Ray Mason of Counter Terrorism Command is a man with a controversial past, but his effectiveness at getting results means that he's now been given the task of preventing the attack from taking place. But can he be trusted, and does he know more about the attack than he's letting on? **THE KILLER** In the safe-house, Jane is trying to piece together a description of her lover's killer. But what she doesn't know is that the killer has already found out who she is, and where she is hiding. And now he's coming for her ... This engrossing and unputdownable fast-paced thriller from Sunday Times bestselling author Simon Kernick, the UK's answer to Harlan Coben, is perfect for fans of David Baldacci, Stuart MacBride and Peter James. Guaranteed to get your blood pumping - a real edge-of-your-seat ride! 'Hang on tight!' - Harlan Coben 'Full of Kernick's trademark cheerful amoral characters, it's irresistible entertainment' -- Sunday Mirror 'A spectacularly fast moving and captivating read.' -- Lovereading 'Wow I absolutely loved this book from start to finish' -- ***** Reader review 'I couldn't put it down and read it within 24 hours of getting it!' -- ***** Reader review 'Fast paced thriller with the twists and turns that keeps you enthralled from the first page to

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money. Very soon. You've got to think fast. You've got to act fast. And then you'll have to get out of here – as fast as you can. One week, three digital shorts. The final part in a direct to digital short-story in a murder mystery three-part thriller from the bestselling author of *Ultimatum*, *Stay Alive* and *The Final Minute*. Six people met together on a remote island and with a killer on the loose, only four remain. Three have been brutally murdered in front of their eyes as a punishment for their actions on a night over twenty years ago. But as the old school-friends start to turn on each other, will any of them leave the island alive? It's a sunny afternoon, and you're deep in the country on a river trip with your family. You're nearing journey's end when a shot rings out - and your whole life changes in an instant. A woman is coming towards you, chased by three gunmen. It's clear she's in terrible danger. And now you are too. Because although you don't know it, she harbours a deadly secret. Night falls. You're running, terrified, desperate to find safety. All you know is that the men hunting you have killed before. And if they catch you, you'll be next. When Operation Surgical Strike, a police sting designed to catch Colombian drug traffickers in the act of selling a large consignment of cocaine to undercover police officers, goes horribly wrong, suspicion quickly falls on one of the police officers involved: "Stegs" Jenner. Stegs is no ordinary cop. Something of a maverick, he has in the past played the role of a criminal just a little too well. Now suspended from duty, and with his close friend killed in the shoot-out, he determines to go at it alone. DI John Gallan and his partner Tina Boyd are part of the subsequent investigation that will take them to the heart of one of London's most notorious criminal gangs. What they cannot know is that they've also embarked on a journey that will

lead one of them straight into the rifle sights of the enemy. Sunday Times bestselling author Simon Kernick, the UK's answer to Harlan Coben, brings us this spine-tingling, compelling and captivating thriller that you won't be able to put down. Real edge-of-your-seat stuff! 'The pace is breakneck, the plot twists like a hooked eel...The sort of book that forces you to read so fast you stumble over the words' - Evening Standard "Simon Kernick writes with his foot pressed hard on the pedal. Hang on tight!" - Harlan Coben "Simon Kernick writes great plots, great characters, great action" - Lee Child 'Totally submerged myself in this from beginning to end.' -- ***** Reader review 'Yet another excellent page turner from the master of suspense'-- ***** Reader review 'If you like your thrillers non-stop, this is one to savour.' -- ***** Reader review *****

***** NO ONE TO TRUST. When writer Rob Fallon goes out one night and ends up with his best friend's girlfriend, Jenny, he feels guilty before anything has even happened. NOWHERE TO RUN But guilt quickly turns to shock when two men break into Jenny's apartment, abduct her, and try to kill Rob. When Rob reports this to the police, no one believes him. And when he speaks to Jenny's father, he says she's on holiday abroad. NO PLACE TO HIDE Rob knows Jenny's life is in danger and starts asking questions. Soon he's the target of brutal killers who are as terrifying as they are elusive. But what do they want? And what does it have to do with an ordinary girl like Jenny? Either Rob finds out or he's dead. It's that simple ... Tina Boyd discovers that the work of the Night Creeper, a serial killer arrested two years prior, is part of a much larger criminal conspiracy. By the #1 internationally best-selling author of

Target. Original. 30,000 first printing. From the #1 internationally bestselling author of Relentless, Stay Alive, and Ultimatum, a heart-pounding, race-against-time thriller about a carefully orchestrated hostage takeover at a London hotel. London is under attack. An unknown number of its citizens are dead. Many more lives hang in the balance as a group of highly trained gunmen storm the luxurious Stanhope Hotel on Park Lane, demanding the government meet their requests within five hours—or they will blow up the building and everyone still inside it. Shots ring out. Some guests panic. Others text their loved ones. A few try to escape. All are united by their desire to live. And at the center of it all is one man who has information so dangerous that it must be kept safe—at any price. Darkness falls. The gunmen become increasingly violent. One question is on everyone’s mind: Will any of them survive the night? "Kernick generates a potent cocktail of thrills" (The Guardian) and calls to mind Robert Ludlum and Lee Child in sheer storytelling power and action. With a fast-moving plot and an arsenal of dynamic characters who are at once familiar and full of surprises, Siege will keep you on the edge of your seat from its start to its shocking finish. THE EXCLUSIVE NEW SHORT STORY YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP READING Also includes a sneak preview of Simon Kernick's blistering new thriller, The Bone Field. Him He has an addiction that he cannot quench. His solitary life sailing the Caribbean is the only way he can survive. That is, until, he meets... Her A widow with nothing left to lose, she finds herself on his sleek forty-foot yacht. He’s handsome and charming; exactly what she’s been looking for. But the night doesn’t go exactly as they had planned, and only one of them will get out alive.

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