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After a routine job turns into a fight for his life, professional killer Victor races across Europe to find out who bought his services and why they now want him dead, a trip that causes him to stumble into an international conspiracy that spans four continents. CIA Agent Michael Osbourne stars in this suspenseful series from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Gabriel Allon novels. When a commercial airliner is blown out of the sky off the east coast, the CIA scrambles to find the perpetrators. A body is discovered near the crash site with three bullets to the face: the calling card of a shadowy international assassin. Only agent Michael Osbourne has seen the markings before—on a woman he once loved. Now, it's personal for Osbourne. Consumed by his dark obsession with the assassin, he's willing to risk his family, his career, and his life—to settle a score... A PEOPLE PAGE-TURNER OF THE WEEK Hailed as a classic upon its first publication in 1934, *The Valleys of the Assassins* firmly established Freya Stark as one of her generation's most intrepid explorers. The book chronicles her travels into Luristan, the mountainous terrain nestled between Iraq and present-day Iran, often with only a single guide and on a shoestring budget. Stark writes engagingly of the nomadic peoples who inhabit the region's valleys and brings to life the stories of the ancient kingdoms of the Middle East, including that of the Lords of Alamut, a band of hashish-eating terrorists whose stronghold in the Elburz Mountains Stark was the first to document for the Royal Geographical Society. Her account is at once a highly readable travel narrative and a richly drawn, sympathetic portrait of a people told from their own compelling point of view. This edition includes a new Introduction by Jane Fletcher Geniesse, Stark's biographer. On a remote island in a tropical sea, Celaena Sardothien, feared assassin, has come for retribution. She's been sent by the Assassin's Guild to collect on a debt they are owed by the Lord of the Pirates. But when Celaena learns that the agreed payment is not in money, but in slaves, her mission suddenly changes - and she will risk everything to right the wrong she's been sent to bring about. Colossal in concept, dazzlingly plotted, filled with vivid, jaw-dropping violence, *Sins of the Assassin* confirms Robert Ferrigno as the modern master of the futuristic thriller. In the second book of Ferrigno's spectacular *Assassin Trilogy*, Rakkim Epps battles radical fundamentalist forces in a futuristic America, now a divided blood-soaked dystopia. Will he survive? Can America ever be unified again? The year is 2043. New York and Washington, D.C., have been leveled by nuclear bombs. New Orleans is submerged beneath fifty feet of water and treasure hunters scavenge its watery ruins. The United States no longer exists, and in its place two new nations maintain an uneasy coexistence. To the west stretches the Islamic Republic, seemingly governed by a moderate president but hollowed from within by the violent, repressive Black Robes, a shadowy fundamentalist group intent on crushing all those who do not follow Allah's path. In this frightening world, freedom is controlled by the state, and non-Muslims are either second-class citizens, hidden underground, exiled, or executed. To the east and south lies the Christian Bible Belt, itself torn by conflict from warring factions, each claiming to be more righteous than the others. Meanwhile the former United States is being nibbled away at the edges: South Florida, known as "Nuevo Florida," is independent; the Aztlán Empire, formerly Mexico, encroaches from the south; and Canada has laid claim to huge swaths of territory along the United States's former northern border. What stability exists between the warring empires is threatened when the president of the Islamic Republic discovers that a Bible Belt warlord, known simply as the Colonel, is searching for a superweapon hidden inside a remote mountain decades earlier by the old United States regime. Rakkim Epps, retired shadow warrior, is sent on a perilous mission to infiltrate the Belt and steal or destroy the weapon. Accompanying Rakkim is Leo, a naive nineteen-year-old whose technologically enhanced brain is crucial to their success. Together they sneak through the Belt, a lawless territory where a bloodthirsty, drug-addled militia prepares for the End-Times. When Rakkim and Leo finally reach the Colonel's mountain, Epps is forced to rely on his shadow warrior's ability to kill any and all who would halt his quest. Opposing him is the Colonel's enforcer, a sadistic, carbon-skinned killer named Gravenholtz, and the Colonel's wife, the alluring, sexually rapacious Baby, who wants -- and gets -- more of everything. Meanwhile, the Old One, the ancient and immensely rich Muslim fanatic who seeks to rule both American nations, plots his attack from the safety of his ocean liner. Rakkim Epps, he realizes, must be stopped, controlled, or killed. A terrific stand-alone read, *Sins of the Assassin* is a cinematic feast of action and plot, and verifies Robert Ferrigno's *Assassin Trilogy* as a monumental imaginative work of suspense. In this brilliant study, Charles Rosenberg uses the celebrated trial of Charles Guiteau, who assassinated President Garfield in 1881, to explore insanity and criminal responsibility in the Gilded Age. Rosenberg masterfully reconstructs the courtroom battle waged by twenty-four expert witnesses who represented the two major schools of psychiatric thought of the generation immediately preceding Freud. Although the role of genetics in behavior was widely accepted, these psychiatrists fiercely debated whether heredity had predisposed Guiteau to assassinate Garfield. Rosenberg's account allows us to consider one of the opening rounds in the controversy over the criminal responsibility of the insane, a debate that still rages today. SEATTLE, 204. The Space Needle lies crumpled. Veiled women hurry through the streets. Alcohol is outlawed, replaced by Jihad Cola, and mosques dot the skyline. New York and Washington, D.C., are nuclear wastelands. At the edge of the empire, Islamic and Christian forces fight for control, and rebels plot to regain free will.... 2174 A.D.

Acquired Genetic Neurological Syndrome has killed nearly two-thirds of Earth's male population, and women have risen to dominate all aspects of life. The Whole Body governs with chilling efficiency; the Ministry of Termination dispatches those who might threaten the world order or whose usefulness has come to an end. To that end, a select few have been engineered to carry out the clandestine orders of the North American Council - K-Class assassins. At 19, Kay Black is probably the most talented assassin the Ministry of Births has ever produced. When routine assignment to terminate Angela Potemkin, a renowned scientist with the Central Office for Genetic Research, does not go as planned, Kay learns information about herself that turns her world upside down, and her search for the truth about her origins reveals that she has received an inheritance, something that makes her even more dangerous than an assassin. The trouble is she is not alone in receiving this unexpected gift, a gift that by its very nature will challenge the foundations of power in the world . . . if Kay can survive long enough to use it.

James Townsend is a veteran of journalism, a musician and a student of the mysteries of consciousness. He lives in Boulder, Colorado, where he writes, plays music and enjoys the humbling presence of the Rocky Mountains. 'A diary is an assassin's cloak which we wear when we stab a comrade in the back with a pen', wrote William Soutar in 1934. But a diary is also a place for recording everyday thoughts and special occasions, private fears and hopeful dreams. The Assassin's Cloak gathers together some of the most entertaining and inspiring entries for each day of the year, as writers ranging from Queen Victoria to Andy Warhol, Samuel Pepys to Adrian Mole, pen their musings on the historic and the mundane. Spanning centuries and international in scope, this peerless anthology pays tribute to a genre that is at once the most intimate and public of all literary forms. This new updated edition is published to mark the twentieth anniversary of the book's original publication. Former Secret Service agent, Nick Averose, must expose a dark conspiracy in this electrifying thriller from New York Times bestselling author Matthew Quirk. 'Opens with a bang and keeps exploding for three hundred pages' DAVID BALDACCIO His job is to protect them. As a secret service agent, Nick Averose spent a decade guarding the most powerful people in the US. Now, he's a mock killer, testing the security around the highest officials to find vulnerabilities, before America's enemies can. But now someone's out to get him. Nick's latest assignment leads him to the home of a former CIA director. But when he breaches the director's study, Nick is entangled in a vicious crime. One that will shake Washington to its foundations. He's the perfect scapegoat. Nick needs to find out who is framing him for the crime and why. If he can't uncover the truth, a dark conspiracy will consume him and everyone else within the Oval Office... Praise for Matthew Quirk: 'Breathless stay-up-late suspense' Lee Child 'A plot that twists like a cobra in a sack, a whip-crack pace and engaging characters' Financial Times 'David Baldacci territory, but done with a refreshing vigour by Quirk who is making a name for himself as a thriller writer to watch' Daily Mail 'Quirk has earned his spot in the front ranks of thriller writers' David Baldacci 'Quirk moves into John Grisham territory with The Night Agent, a paranoid, pulse-pounding thriller that could not be more prescient' Joseph Finder 'A captivating narrative that takes us inside the White House's inner sanctum and the shadowy machinations surrounding it. A powerful and taut thriller' Mark Greaney 'This story is impossible to put out of mind... Relevant and revealing, this is one of the best thrillers to come along in years' Michael Connelly 'Strap in for one hell of a ride. The Night Agent is full of twists and surprises you'll never see coming' Ben Coes A forensic account of political assassinations from the late nineteenth century to the present day. London, 1817. An impatient crowd is gathered outside the stage door of the Covent Garden Theatre, desperate for a glimpse of actress Hannah Granville after her latest performance as Lady Macbeth, amongst them the Prince Regent himself. But before she can appear a gunshot sounds, and a man lies dead on the ground amidst the ensuing chaos. Sir Roger Mellanby MP had been a spearhead for social reform, although his political leanings had made him many enemies within the Westminster elite and even in his own family. But was he really the intended target of the shooting? After a curt dismissal from the Bow Street Runners, Mellanby's friend Seth Hooper engages the services of twin detectives Paul and Peter Skillen to investigate the killing. Elsewhere, the assassin's own problems are just beginning... Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, is the most dangerous city in the world. And when a mission to break the local cartel's grip goes wrong, Isabella Rose, the Angel, finds herself on the wrong side of prison bars. Fearing the worst, Isabella plays her only remaining card... British agent Vivian Bloom is determined to be the first to reach her, certain she will lead him to other operatives he's under pressure to hunt down. But US agents are circling too. And with the shadowy Prometheus group pulling the strings, Isabella knows that she and her mentor, the Asset, are living on borrowed time... The Assassin is the fourth part in a continuing story involving Isabella Rose that also includes Act I: The Angel, Act II: The Asset and Act III: The Agent. A thrilling story of scientific detective work and medical potential that illuminates the newly understood role of microglia—an elusive type of brain cell that is vitally relevant to our everyday lives. “The rarest of books: a combination of page-turning discovery and remarkably readable science journalism.”—Mark Hyman, MD, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Food: What the Heck Should I Eat? NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY WIRED Until recently, microglia were thought to be helpful but rather boring: housekeeper cells in the brain. But a recent groundbreaking discovery has revealed that they connect our physical and mental health in surprising ways. When triggered—and anything that stirs up the immune system in the body can activate microglia, including chronic stressors, trauma, and viral infections—they can contribute to memory problems, anxiety, depression, and Alzheimer's. Under the right circumstances, however, microglia can be coaxed back into being angelic healers, able to make brain repairs in ways that help alleviate symptoms and hold the promise to one day prevent disease. With the compassion born of her own experience, award-winning journalist Donna Jackson Nakazawa illuminates this newly understood science, following practitioners and patients on the front lines of treatments that help to “reboot” microglia. In at least one case, she witnesses a stunning recovery—and in others, significant relief from pressing symptoms, offering new hope to the tens of millions who suffer from mental, cognitive, and physical health issues. Hailed as a “riveting,” “stunning,” and “visionary,” The Angel and the Assassin offers us a radically reconceived picture of human health and promises to change everything we thought we knew about how to heal ourselves. Lines of Neutrality is a window into the lives of two modern-day assassins - Raven Yin and Christian Delacroix. Unbeknownst to either of them, they are both hired to kill the same mark and coincidentally choose the exact same night and time to strike. This begins a chain of events that brings Raven and Christian together to fight a war far larger and more complex than either of them could have imagined. It is a war being waged against secret societies whose agendas are more enigmatic than their rumored existence. Their personalities and methods are fundamentally different, yet each of them discovers more about themselves by studying the other. Despite secret societies, internal betrayal, stolen memories and personal battles, Raven and Christian defy the odds to show that the Society of Assassins is nobody's pawn. This gorgeous puzzle book for Assassin's

Creed fans of all ages will delight the eyes, challenge the mind, and help fans to hone their assassin observation skills. Do you have the eagle eyes necessary to make it in the enigmatic Brotherhood of Assassins? This classic search and find book will allow gamers to interact with their favourite characters in a new way! With beautiful, intricate, original illustrations spanning over 2000 years of history, search for 13 iconic assassins through the ages and across the world. After rescuing the president from kidnappers, Navy SEAL turned Secret Service agent Scot Harvath shifts his attention to rooting out, capturing, or killing all those responsible for the plot. As he prepares to close out his list, a bloody and twisted trail of clues points toward one man - the world's most feared, most ruthless terrorist, Hashim Nidal. Only one person can positively identify Harvath's quarry - Meg Cassidy, a beautiful hijacking survivor. Together, Scot and Meg must untangle a maddening web of global intrigue stretching across four continents. Written with an uncanny knowledge of the spy's craft and the world's distant places, *PATH OF THE ASSASSIN* proves why Brad Thor is the author everyone's talking about. Look out for the adrenaline-fuelled new Brad Thor novel, *Code of Conduct*, published in July 2015! The Assassin tells the story of a swordswoman who refrains from killing. Hou Hsiao-hsien astonishes his audience once again by upsetting almost every convention of the wuxia (martial arts) genre in the film. This collection offers eleven readings, each as original and thought-provoking as the film itself, beginning with one given by the director himself. Contributors analyze the elliptical way of storytelling, Hou's adaptation of the source text (a tale from the Tang dynasty, also included in this volume), the film's appropriation of traditional Chinese visual aesthetics, as well as the concept of xia (knight-errant) that is embedded in Confucian, Daoist, and Buddhist worldviews. There are also discussions of the much-celebrated sonic design of *The Assassin*: the nearly exclusive use of a diegetic film score is a statement on the director's belief in cinematic reality. Underlying all the chapters is a focus on how Hou reinvents Tang-dynasty China in contemporary culture. The meticulously recreated everyday reality of the Tang world in the film highlights the ethnic and cultural diversity of the dynasty. It was a time when Sogdian traders acted as important intermediaries between Central Asia and the Tang court, and as a result Sogdian culture permeated the society. Taking note of the vibrant hybridity of Tang culture in the film, this volume shows that the historical openness to non-Chinese elements is in fact an essential part of the Chineseness expressed in Hou's work. The Assassin is a gateway to the remote Tang-dynasty world, but in Hou's hands the concerns of that premodern world turn out to be highly relevant to the world of the audience. "This book promises to be a useful companion to the film *The Assassin*. Contributors to this collection have convincingly and compellingly elucidated some of the film's most difficult features. The result is a rich and wide-ranging analysis of one of the most beautiful films of our time." —Sung-Sheng Yvonne Chang, The University of Texas at Austin "This collection of essays unfolds the many layers of *The Assassin* by speaking to its aesthetic achievements, reinvention of genre conventions, deep historical engagement, and philosophical substance. It exceeds the sum of its individual parts by building a vibrant cross-disciplinary conversation among a diverse group of accomplished scholars, who contribute original and compelling insights on the film." —Jean Ma, Stanford University Adelia Aguilar is to accompany 10-year-old Princess Joanna on her thousand-mile journey to marry the King of Sicily. They must take with them the legendary sword Excalibur. And so Adelia sets sail with the golden princess and her lavish procession of nobles, musicians, servants, laundresses, grooms, luggage and treasure. When a mysterious woman arrives at the home of Paul Bern, a forensic artist who lives in Austin, Texas, she brings him two things: a human skull that she smuggled out of Mexico and an incredible secret that brings Paul face to face with the unimaginable. Clearing up the gruesome murder of an American in the shadows of Mexico City's underworld, Paul Bern of Austin, Texas, finds himself facing the unimaginable. A forensic artist by trade, an expert at reconstructing the features of the mangled dead, Paul discovers a mirror image of himself. Separated at birth, Paul's twin went on to work at the other end of the forensic spectrum and has paid for his choice. Now, Paul is being blackmailed into standing in for the brother he never knew, committing acts of violence he never thought possible. Long-dormant instincts and talents awaken as he is submerged in this terrifying new life. Struggling to survive, Paul will come to know his lost brother even more intimately than if they'd grown up together. Skills of the Assassin: Understanding the Tactics of the Professional Killer by R.J. Godlewski Acknowledgments CHAPTER ONE: WHY A BOOK ON THE SKILLS OF AN ASSASSIN? CHAPTER TWO: A NEIGHBOR WITH A PENCHANT FOR DEATH: THE MENTALITY OF AN ASSASSIN. CHAPTER THREE: NOW YOU SEE DEATH, NOW YOU DON'T: PHYSICAL CONDITIONING AND DISGUISE. CHAPTER FOUR: TARGET FAMILIARIZATION & WEAPONS SMUGGLING. CHAPTER FIVE: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND MONEY LAUNDERING. CHAPTER SIX: SAFE HAVENS, SECURE COMMUNICATIONS, AND ESCAPE AND EVASION PLANS. CHAPTER SEVEN: HUMAN DEATH...AND KILLING HUMANS: THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE ASSASSIN. CHAPTER EIGHT: ANNOTATED EXCERPTS FROM THE CIA AND AL-QAEDA ASSASSINATION MANUALS. CHAPTER NINE: CONCLUSION. "Libraries are filled with books on the Assassins, their history, exploits, and even modern video gamers' infatuation with the ancient cult. However, there remains little discussed on the particular skill sets of an assassin – the modern terrorist, hired killer, or transnational criminal that you are most likely to encounter within the early decades of the 21st century..." "In Hollywood, your typical 'assassin' represents a breathtakingly beautiful woman or, perhaps, a beefed-up hunk with just enough facial hair to drive women crazy. This violates the first law of covert warfare: do not call unnecessary attention to yourself..." "I inhaled this sexy, gritty, thrilling new series and I can't wait for more!" — Lara Adrian, NYT Best-selling Author I knew the minute I saw him that Levi Agozi was too perfect to be real. I didn't care. He came to me, asked for me, and, dazzled by his dark good looks and the bad-boy aura surrounding him, I gave in. Willingly. My father is set to become the next governor of Georgia, and he'll use me to get there if he has to. He'll hand me over, virginity and all, to the man with the biggest bank account and political pull. I wanted something more. I wanted Levi. And I had him—until I woke up, disoriented and confused, at his mercy. He's a bad boy, all right. A sexy, deadly assassin. And I'm the pawn torn between him and my father, two powerful men intent on destroying each other. I might not understand their war, but I do understand one thing: no matter who wins, I lose. On a remote island in a tropical sea, Celaena Sardothien, feared assassin, has come for retribution. She's been sent by the Assassin's Guild to collect on a debt they are owed by the Lord of the Pirates. But when Celaena learns that the agreed payment is not in money, but in slaves, her mission suddenly changes - and she will risk everything to right the wrong she's been sent to bring about. For hundreds of years Westerners have been fascinated by stories of the Assassins, their mysterious leader and their remote mountain stronghold at Alamut in Northern Iran. The legends first emerged in the 12th and 13th centuries, when Crusaders in Syria came into contact with the Nazari Isma'ilis, one of the communities of Shi'ite Islam who, at the behest of their leader Hassan Sabaa (mythologized as the "Old Man of the

Mountain"), engaged in dangerous missions to kill their enemies. Elaborated over the years, the tales culminated in Marco Polo's claim that the "Old Man" controlled the behaviour of his self-sacrificing devotees through the use of hashish and a secret garden of paradise. So influential were these tales that the word "assassin" entered European languages as a common noun meaning "murderer". Daftary traces the origins and early development of the legends - as well as investigating the historical context in which they were fabricated and transmitted. As such, this book reveals an extraordinary programme of propaganda rooted in the medieval Muslim world and medieval Europe's ignorance of this world. This book also provides the first English translation of French orientalist Silvestre de Sacy's famous 19th-century "Memoire" on the Assassins. Celaena Sardothien is Adarlan's most feared assassin. As part of the Assassins' Guild, her allegiance is to her master, Arobynn Hamel, yet Celaena listens to no one and trusts only her fellow killer-for-hire, Sam. In these action-packed prequel novellas - together in one edition for the first time - Celaena embarks on five daring missions. They take her from remote islands to hostile deserts, where she fights to liberate slaves and seeks to avenge the tyrannous. But she is acting against Arobynn's orders and could suffer an unimaginable punishment for such treachery ...Explore the dark underworld of this kick-ass heroine and find out how the legend begins in the five page-turning prequel novellas to the New York Times bestselling Throne of Glass series. Focusing on narratives about female knights-errant (xia) along thematic lines in Chinese literacy history, this text provides an overview of the narrative subgenre, the literary representation of gender and the particularities of the Chinese knight-errantry narrative. Who will be left after the lights go out? "It is 4 a.m. when they come for me. I am already awake, strung out on the fear that they will come, and fear that they won't. When I finally hear the click of the latch on the dormitory door, I have only a second to brace myself before-" At Cate's isolated boarding school Killer is more than a game-it's an elite secret society. Members must avoid being "killed" during a series of thrilling pranks-and only the Game Master knows who the "killer" is. When Cate's finally invited to join The Guild of Assassins, she knows it's her ticket to finally feeling like she belongs. But when the game becomes all too real, the school threatens to shut it down. Cate will do anything to keep playing and save The Guild. But can she find the real assassin-before she's the next target? Tanks, spies and assassinations - history just got interesting! When teenager Jack Christie stumbles upon a time machine and a secret time-travelling society his life changes forever. Jack is catapulted back to the start of the First World War, where the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand is about to throw the world into chaos. Should he intervene? Will he survive? The future of mankind is in Jack's hands. The first dangerous mission in the Jack Christie Adventures sets the pace at full throttle and the stakes as high as they go. When the King of the Assassins gives Celaena Sardothien a special assignment that will help fight slavery in the kingdom, Celaena jumps at the chance to strike a blow against the evil practice. The mission is a dark and deadly affair that takes Celaena from the rooftops of the city to the bottom of the sewer - and she doesn't like what she finds there. "Night of the Assassin is the gritty, edge-of-your seat prequel to King of Swords. A no-holds-barred, breakneck-paced thriller, Night charts the early years of El Rey -- known as the King of Swords -- a super-assassin responsible for some of the world's most spectacular and daring executions. Framed against the backdrop of present-day Mexico's brutal narco-trafficking violence, Night of the Assassin chronicles the making of a monster -- a cold-blooded, ruthless killing machine. Raw, disturbing, edgy and unflinching, this epic saga defies convention to create a roller-coaster of intrigue, suspense and thrills that will leave even the most jaded thriller aficionados gasping for breath."--Back cover. A SWEEPING TALE OF TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY AMERICA AND THE IRRESISTIBLE FORCES THAT BROUGHT TWO MEN TOGETHER ONE FATEFUL DAY In 1901, as America tallied its gains from a period of unprecedented imperial expansion, an assassin's bullet shattered the nation's confidence. The shocking murder of President William McKinley threw into stark relief the emerging new world order of what would come to be known as the American Century. The President and the Assassin is the story of the momentous years leading up to that event, and of the very different paths that brought together two of the most compelling figures of the era: President William McKinley and Leon Czolgosz, the anarchist who murdered him. The two men seemed to live in eerily parallel Americas. McKinley was to his contemporaries an enigma, a president whose conflicted feelings about imperialism reflected the country's own. Under its popular Republican commander-in-chief, the United States was undergoing an uneasy transition from a simple agrarian society to an industrial powerhouse spreading its influence overseas by force of arms. Czolgosz was on the losing end of the economic changes taking place—a first-generation Polish immigrant and factory worker sickened by a government that seemed focused solely on making the rich richer. With a deft narrative hand, journalist Scott Miller chronicles how these two men, each pursuing what he considered the right and honorable path, collided in violence at the 1901 Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. Along the way, readers meet a veritable who's who of turn-of-the-century America: John Hay, McKinley's visionary secretary of state, whose diplomatic efforts paved the way for a half century of Western exploitation of China; Emma Goldman, the radical anarchist whose incendiary rhetoric inspired Czolgosz to dare the unthinkable; and Theodore Roosevelt, the vainglorious vice president whose 1898 charge up San Juan Hill in Cuba is but one of many thrilling military adventures recounted here. Rich with relevance to our own era, The President and the Assassin holds a mirror up to a fascinating period of upheaval when the titans of industry grew fat, speculators sought fortune abroad, and desperate souls turned to terrorism in a vain attempt to thwart the juggernaut of change. Praise for The President and the Assassin "[A] panoramic tour de force . . . Miller has a good eye, trained by years of journalism, for telling details and enriching anecdotes."—The Washington Independent Review of Books "Even without the intrinsic draw of the 1901 presidential assassination that shapes its pages, Scott Miller's The President and the Assassin [is] absorbing reading. . . . What makes the book compelling is [that] so many circumstances and events of the earlier time have parallels in our own."—The Oregonian "A marvelous work of history, wonderfully written."—Fareed Zakaria, author of The Post-American World "A real triumph."—BookPage "Fast-moving and richly detailed."—The Buffalo News "[A] compelling read."—The Boston Globe One of Newsweek's 10 Must-Read Summer Books Many men killed Julius Caesar. Only one man was determined to kill the killers. From the spring of 44 BC through one of the most dramatic and influential periods in history, Caesar's adopted son, Octavian, the future Emperor Augustus, exacted vengeance on the assassins of the Ides of March, not only on Brutus and Cassius, immortalized by Shakespeare, but all the others too, each with his own individual story. The last assassin left alive was one of the lesser-known: Cassius Parmensis was a poet and sailor who chose every side in the dying Republic's civil wars except the winning one, a playwright whose work was said to have been stolen and published by the man sent to kill him. Parmensis was in the back row of the plotters, many of them Caesar's friends, who killed for reasons of the highest political principles and lowest personal piques. For fourteen years he was the most successful at evading his hunters but

has been barely a historical footnote--until now. The Last Assassin dazzlingly charts an epic turn of history through the eyes of an unheralded man. It is a history of a hunt that an emperor wanted to hide, of torture and terror, politics and poetry, of ideas and their consequences, a gripping story of fear, revenge, and survival. David Diegert is an assassin, capable of killing but not without feeling it. With a relentless pace, Brewer's debut novel ushers in a deadly hitman whose reluctance threatens the one person he loves. The story forces Diegert into an inescapable collision course with his heartless employer; a tyrant who demands obedience while he clutches the world's economy in his powerful grasp. The extraordinary new Jonathan Stride thriller *On a June morning*, thousands of people crowd into Duluth for the city's biggest annual event: the Duluth Marathon. Then there is an explosion along the race course... Within minutes, Jonathan Stride, Serena Dial, and Maggie Bei are at work with the FBI to find the culprits. As social media feeds a flood of rumour, one spectator remembers being jostled by a young man with a backpack not far from the bomb site. He spots a tourist's photo and is convinced he sees the man who bumped into him. When he tweets the photo, Khan Rashid becomes the most wanted man in the city. But are the answers behind the Duluth bombing more complex than anyone realizes? And can Stride, Serena, and Maggie find the truth before more innocent people are killed? This powerful and gripping thriller from bestseller Brian Freeman doesn't let go, perfect for fans of Chris Carter, Michael Connelly and Mason Cross. Praise for *Marathon* 'Gripping... besides being a chilling reminder of what can happen in our divided society, the book is a fast, compelling read.' Publishers Weekly 'With strong characters and a propulsive plot, this thriller races to a breathless finish before truth becomes collateral damage.' Star Tribune 'Freeman builds on his torn-from-the-headlines story with a surprising resolution and a healing conclusion.' Booklist 'Once you start you will sprint through the pages... *Marathon* is a fascinating, captivating, and involving thriller/procedural.' Great Mysteries and Thrillers 'A suspense-filled page turner with complex characters, misdirection, misinformation, and a manhunt through the streets of Duluth' Duluth News-Tribune 'One of the top writers in the genre... Freeman's *Marathon* is a firecracker... delves into the topics that really matter – all within a story that never lets up.' Cemetery Dance 'A fast-paced and riveting drama that I could not put down... the best book in this grippingly thrilling series.' Dru's Book Musings *Assassins* (?? Hashashin; from *Assassiyun*: "those faithful to the foundation"), is the name used to refer to the medieval Nizari Ismailis. Often characterized as a secret order led by a mysterious "Old Man of the Mountain", the Nizari Ismailis were an Islamic sect that formed in the late 11th century from a split within Ismailism, itself a branch of Shia Islam. The Nizaris posed a military threat to Sunni Seljuq authority within their territories by capturing and inhabiting many unconnected mountain fortresses throughout Persia (and later also Syria) under the leadership of Hassan-i Sabbah (who is typically regarded as the founder of the Assassins), therefore founding the so-called Nizari Ismaili state with Alamut Castle as its headquarters. Asymmetric warfare, psychological warfare and surgical strikes were often an employed tactic of the hashashin, who would draw their opponents into submission rather than risk killing them. In the modern era, the legend of the assassins continues to motivate insurgencies and terrorist cells throughout Western Asia, which seek to replicate the methods and tactics developed by the Assassins. While "Assassins" typically refers to the entire medieval Nizari sect, in fact only a class of acolytes known as the fida'i actually engaged in assassination work. Lacking their own army, the Nizari relied on these warriors to carry out espionage and assassinations of key enemy figures, and over the course of 300 years successfully killed two caliphs, and many viziers, sultans and Crusader leaders. Under leadership of Imam Rukn-ud-Din Khurshah, the Nizari state declined internally, and was eventually destroyed as the Imam surrendered the castles to the invading Mongols. Sources on the history and thought of the Ismailis in this period are therefore lacking and the majority extant are written by their detractors. Long after their near-eradication, mentions of Assassins were preserved within European sources such as the writings of Marco Polo, where they are depicted as trained killers, responsible for the systematic elimination of opposing figures. Ever since, the word "assassin" has been used to describe a hired or professional killer, paving the way for the related term "assassination", which denotes any action involving murder of a high-profile target for political reasons. The Nizari were feared by the Crusaders, who referred to them collectively as Assassins. The Crusader stories of the Assassins were further embellished by Marco Polo. When rogue CIA agent Ryan Kealey teams up with his ally Naomi Kharmi, London's newest assistant chief, to stop an Iranian terrorist plot to bomb the United Nations, they discover a traitor in the midst. Hattori Hanzo is a master ninja whose duty is to protect Tokugawa Ieyasu, the shogun who will eventually unite Japan into one nation. 1898, Glasgow. 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