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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? 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...

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.

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.

A Novel

Freefall

The Crime Trade

(DI Ray Mason: Book 1): a gripping, race-against-time thriller by the best-selling author Simon Kernick

The Witness

Fans of David Baldacci, Stuart MacBride and Peter James will love this high-octane and utterly compelling thriller from Sunday Times bestselling author Simon Kernick, the UK's answer to Harlan Coben. 'As ever, Kernick's research is impeccable. The plotting is brilliant and makes for a tense, action-

packed read' -- Sunday Mirror 'Kernick delivers his book like a runaway locomotive without brakes. This is another cracking read from a great author.' -- www.crimesquad.com 'Pace, pace, pace is what Simon Kernick does best.' -- Daily Mirror 'Simon Kernick has to be, in my mind, the best crime writer ever' -- ***** Reader review 'Excellent read. Action from the start right to the finish' -- ***** Reader review 'Takes you on a thriller of a ride from beginning to end' -- ***** Reader review 'I couldn't put it down!' -- ***** Reader review

***** NO TIME TO LOSE. NO TIME TO FAIL. THE THREAT: 8am: an explosion blasts through a cafe in Central London. THE ULTIMATUM: Minutes later, a call from an unknown terror group warns that a far greater attack will be launched in 12 hours' time. THE PRISONER: William Garrett, AKA Fox, is awaiting trial for mass murder. He claims he can name the bombers. But only at a price. THE CLOCK IS TICKING: It's a terrifying race against time for DI Mike Bolt and DC Tina Boyd as they chase their targets across the city in a desperate bid to stop a major atrocity - before it's too late ...

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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.

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.

Aftershock

(Dennis Milne: book 3): a punchy, race-against-time thriller from bestselling author Simon Kernick

The Hanged Man

The Final Minute

Dark Objects

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...

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 superb, atmospheric thriller from 'one of crime fiction's new stars' [Sunday Telegraph] Joseph Vaughan's life has been dogged by tragedy. Growing up in the 1950s, he was at the centre of series of killings of young girls in his small rural community. The girls were taken, assaulted and left horribly mutilated. Barely a teenager himself, Joseph becomes determined to try to protect his community and classmates from the predations of the killer. Despite banding together with his friends as 'The Guardians', he was powerless to prevent more murders - and no one was ever caught. Only after a full ten years did the nightmare end when the one of his neighbours is found hanging from a rope, with articles from the dead girls around him. Thankfully, the killings finally ceased. But the past won't stay buried - for it seems that the real murderer still lives and is killing again. And the secret of his identity lies in Joseph's own history...

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The Debt

The Gripping New Thriller from the Number One Bestseller

A Richard and Judy bestseller

The Enemy

A Dennis Milne Novel

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The gripping new race-against-time thriller by the best-selling author of *Relentless*, *The Last 10 Seconds*, *Siege* and *Ultimatum*. 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 towards you, chased by three gunmen. Although you don't know it, she harbours 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 |
~Brilliant~ Sunday Mirror ~Hang on tight!~ Harlen Coben

Ex-cop Dennis Milne is intent on revenge. His best friend has been brutally executed, and Milne wants to know who did it - and why. But London is a dangerous place, especially for a man like Milne. Because although his former colleagues don't know he's back in town, it soon becomes clear there are people who do. And that they'll stop at nothing to get him out of the way. From the beaches of the Philippines to the mean streets of London, a hunt for justice becomes a terrifying battle for survival.

One book. Five thrillers. No holds barred. 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?

The Bone Field

a gripping and relentless fever-pitch thriller by the best-selling author Simon Kernick (Tina Boyd Book 6)

Hero Or Criminal Mastermind? a Gripping New Thriller from the Sunday Times Bestseller

The Payback

Deadline

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 dé nouement." -- ***** 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. An unputdownable, edge-of-your-seat thriller full of twists and turns from Sunday Times bestselling author Simon Kernick - the UK's answer to Harlan Coben.

Guaranteed to keep you gripped. Perfect for fans of David Baldacci, Stuart MacBride and Peter James. '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 'Simon Kernick uses every trick in the book to keep the action breakneck' -- Time Out 'Highly recommend this book. I couldn't put it down' -- ***** Reader review 'What an amazing read, it had me hooked!' -- ***** Reader review 'From the first page to the last this story keeps you on the edge' -- ***** Reader review 'Thriller writing at its best' -- ***** Reader review 'Kept me engrossed all the way through' -- ***** Reader review *****

***** 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...

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.

FIRST TIME IN PRINT THE HIRED KILLER. Victor, a former assassin-for-hire, has joined forces with a CIA special unit. His first assignment: Three strangers. Three hits. Fast and clean. Victor 's a natural for this. THE SHADOW CONSPIRACY. It should have been simple. But with each hit Victor is plunged deeper into an unimaginable conspiracy where no one, least of all the people he knows, can be trusted. THE TRIPLE-CROSS YOU WON ' T SEE COMING. With the stakes growing higher by the minute, Victor realizes he ' s been forced into playing a game he never expected. Because he ' s the next target. And there ' s no way out.

A Window Breaks

Relentless

Good Cop Bad Cop

A Good Day to Die

(Tina Boyd: 2): the razor-sharp thriller from London ' s darker corners from bestselling author Simon Kernick

' A total white knuckle stay-up-all-night thrill ride ' (Harlan Coben) from the bestselling author of Reckless and Killing Hour. Fifteen seconds can tear a life apart..

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 the last' -- ***** Reader review 'Full of tension and excitement' -- ***** Reader review *****

*** YOU'VE SEEN TOO MUCH. NOWHERE IS SAFE NOW. 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 ...

The tense, twisting thriller you will not want to put down at night. From Sunday Times bestselling author Simon Kernick, the UK's answer to Harlan Coben. 'Simon Kernick writes with his foot pressed hard on the pedal. Hang on tight! - HARLAN COBEN 'Simon Kernick might just be the best of Britain's new-wave crime writers.' - LEE CHILD 'Kernick is no longer a writer to watch; he's an author to be reckoned with.' -MARK BILLINGHAM

***** THEY WANT YOU. AND THEY WANT YOU DEAD. Saturday afternoon: you're with the kids in the garden when the phone rings. It's your best friend from school. Someone you haven't seen for a few years. It should be a friendly call catching up on old times. But it's not. This call is different. Your friend is panting with fear, his breaths coming in tortured, ragged gasps. Someone is inflicting terrible pain on him. He cries out and then he utters six words that will change your life forever... the first two lines of your address.

A FREE digital-only short story from the master of the race-against-time thriller and number one bestselling author of Siege. Included is an exclusive

extract of Simon Kernick's new book *Ultimatum* (out 31st January 2013) ' A debt is a debt is a debt. ' It ' s not your debt. It ' s your cousin ' s. And he ' s done a runner. So now the local gangland bosses have come to you for repayment. They aren ' t taking 'no' for an answer, but they will take your fingers - one by one - if you don ' t get hold of the 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.

The Business of Dying
A Quiet Belief In Angels
Siege
Target
Stay Alive

Adam Hamdy's debut novel, *Pendulum*, was touted as "one of the best thrillers of the year" by James Patterson. John Wallace returns in *Freefall* and must figure out who he can trust in this high-octane sequel. Eight months after confronting the *Pendulum* killer, John Wallace is losing himself in a dangerous warzone in a misguided attempt at penance for the deaths that he believes he caused. But an assassination attempt leads Wallace to realize that he has once again been targeted for death. This time, Wallace is prepared and, tracking down his would-be assassin, he discovers a link to his nemesis, *Pendulum*. That link is the missing piece of a puzzle that has tormented FBI agent Christine Ash ever since they confronted *Pendulum*, but with no Bureau

support, she has been unable to pursue her case. Wallace's proof puts her back on the trail, but it also exposes them both to terrible danger. Confronted by a powerful, hidden enemy, Ash and Wallace must overcome impossible odds if they are to avert a dangerous challenge to the networked world that threatens to destroy our entire way of life.

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 ex-mercenary Max Iversson accompanies a nightclub owner to an ill-fated rendezvous in a deserted north London industrial estate, it turns out to be not so much a set-up as a bloodbath. Three men have been shot, the briefcase Iversson has been guarding is empty--and he wants to know why. So begins a hunt for answers that will take him into direct conflict with Detective Sergeant John Gallan--and take both men into very dangerous territory.

‘ Fantastic – Ewan is a genius at easing you in, and then keeping you there until the story is done with you ’ – Lee Child If your family was targeted in the middle of the night, what would you do? You are asleep. A noise wakes you. You stir, unsure why, and turn to your wife. Then you hear it. Glass. Crunching underfoot. Your worst fears

are about to be realized. Someone is inside your home. Your choices are limited. You can run. Or stay and fight. What would you do? *A Window Breaks* is the nerve-shredding thriller from C. M. Ewan, the author of *Safe House*. Perfect for fans of T. M. Logan's *Lies* and Mark Edwards's *The Retreat*. Praise for *A Window Breaks* 'Fantastic' - Lee Child 'Totally addictive' - Ann Cleeves 'A thrill a minute page-turner' - Simon Kernick 'If you only read one thriller this year read this' - C. L. Taylor 'Smashed my way through this . . . nerve-shredding' - Tim Weaver 'Brilliantly crafted, excruciatingly tense' - Sharon Bolton 'Starts at full throttle and never lets up' - T. M. Logan 'Heart stopping . . . a sure fire bestseller' - Jo Spain 'Breakneck ride of a thriller' - Fiona Cummins 'Almost unbearably tense and exciting' - Mark Edwards 'Fierce read, with heart, muscle and an out-of-sight twist' - Mick Herron 'Tense, fast-paced thriller' - Jenny Quintana 'Brilliant and almost impossible to put down' - Andrew Taylor

15 Seconds

(Tina Boyd: 7): another riveting rollercoaster of a ride from bestselling author Simon Kernick

Brandenburg

A Thriller

A Collection of Excerpts

Forensics expert Laughton Rees hunts an unusually clever killer who appears to be staging murder scenes just for her in this twisty new psychological thriller by the bestselling author of the *Sanctus* trilogy. How do you catch a

killer if the victim doesn't exist? A glamorous woman is murdered in her ultra-luxurious London mansion and her husband goes missing. But according to public records, neither of them exists. The only leads police have are several objects arranged around the woman's body, including a set of keys and a book called *How to Process a Murder* by Laughton Rees—a book that appears to have helped the killer forensically cleanse the crime scene. Laughton Rees is an academic who doesn't usually work live cases after the brutal murder of her mother as a teen left her traumatized and emotionally scarred. But the presence of her book at this scene draws her unwillingly into the high-profile investigation and media circus that springs up around it. As the dark objects found beside the body lead her closer to the victim's identity, a dangerous threat to Laughton and her daughter emerges, as well as painful memories of her past related to the man she has always blamed for her mother's death: John Rees, Laughton's father, the current Metropolitan Chief Commissioner and a man she has not spoken to in twenty years. Laughton's family was destroyed once and she built herself a new one. Now, she has to face her darkest fears and help catch a killer before this one is destroyed too.

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call from an unknown terror group warns that a far greater attack will be launched in twelve hours' time. William Garrett, nicknamed "Fox," is awaiting trial for mass murder. He claims he can name the bombers—but only at a price. It's a terrifying race against time for Detective Inspector Mike Bolt and Deputy Commissioner Tina Boyd as they chase their targets across the city in a desperate bid to prevent a major atrocity before it's too late... As shocking revelations are unveiled, you'll be racing to the last page as fast as the characters in *Ultimatum*. As #1 New York Times bestselling author Harlan Coben says, "Simon Kernick writes with his foot pressed hard on the pedal. Hang on tight!"

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.

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 kidnapers 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...

The Simon Kernick Reader's Companion

Kill a Stranger

(Tina Boyd: 4): an epic race-against-time thriller from bestselling author
Simon Kernick

The Murder Exchange

Wrong Time, Wrong Place

Glenn Meade, the acclaimed, bestselling author of *The Second Messiah*, delivers unrivaled suspense, unforgettable characters, and a brilliantly absorbing story as a British agent and a German woman find themselves unraveling a plot to bring about the Fourth Reich. A secret that must never be revealed. . . . An evil never meant to be repeated. . . . Seventy years ago, the greatest crime against humanity was committed. Today it ' s only a heartbeat away from happening again. In Paraguay, an elderly businessman kills himself. In Berlin, a neo-Nazi is gunned down in the street. Trying to connect the murders, intelligence agent Joe Volkmann, aided by a beautiful young German journalist, travels to Paraguay and discovers a clue—the charred remains of an old black-and-white photograph in a remote jungle house. A photograph that holds the first key to an extraordinary secret—and a plot to create the Fourth Reich. Volkmann soon uncovers that a string of bizarre killings around the world are all linked by a single purpose. And he also discovers that the journalist he trusted, Erica Kranz, is somehow linked to the plan. Haunted by the ghosts of the past, and desperate to unearth an extraordinary secret, Volkmann and Kranz are plunged into a dangerous world of terrorism, fanaticism, and deception as they stare true evil in the

face.

London is under attack. People are dead. Many more lives hang in the balance as a group of highly trained gunmen storm the historic Lanchester Hotel on Park Lane. The gunmen have given the government just five hours to meet their demands before they blow up the building. Shots ring out. Some guests panic. Others text their loved ones. Still more try to escape. All are united by one thing: fear for their lives. All - except 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 in everybody's minds. Will they survive the night?

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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 ...

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.

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