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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

The abrupt raising of the Iron Curtain, it would appear, has released a thousand intriguing ghosts from the past and given the spy novel a whole new lease on life. If Finder's fiction debut doesn't outdo Frederick Forsyth in grace of style, it surpasses both Forsyth and Ludlum in density of mystery and swirl of action. At the same time--not entirely surprisingly, coming from the author of Red Carpet, a study of the intricate connections between the Kremlin and U.S. big business--the plot is crammed with and even a little overwhelmed by details regarding the darker side of Soviet history and the workings of Soviet and U.S. intelligence. Assigned to examine a portentous tape sneaked out of Moscow by a mole, CIA Kremlinologist Charlie Stone finds himself in an espionage investigation of staggering complexity. As he hops among three continents, often the target of both the KGB and the CIA, Stone succeeds in vindicating his father, branded a traitor by McCarthy, while nosing out a plot by the head of the KGB to stage a violent coup during a Moscow summit that will end glasnost and set the world on its ear. The story contains as many chases, murders, conspiracies and uncloseted ghosts as any thriller maven could want, as well as a credible love interest; in all, it's a superbly exciting read. 75,000 first printing; \$75,000 ad/promo. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Library Journal

Did Lenin, on his deathbed, write a testament denouncing the newly founded Soviet Union as a police state? Did an ultra-secret American organization aid Beria in a failed coup following the death of Stalin? How do these two seemingly unrelated incidents connect with CIA Soviet analyst Charlie Stone's father's imprisonment during the McCarthy years? And what do all three have to do with what Stone believes is a developing Kremlin power struggle that could depose Gorbachev, repudiate glasnost, and rekindle the Cold War? These are the questions that propel this exciting first novel, a Ludlumesque tale of multiple conspiracies, deception, murder, and deadly pursuit. It lacks that convincing plausibility of the best of John le Carre or Len Deighton, but compensates for that with a driving what-happens-next readability. -Charles Michaud, Turner Free Lib., Randolph, Mass.

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"Thrilling." ?The New Yorker on THE ZERO HOUR

"Breathlessly exciting." ?Kirkus Reviews (starred review) on THE ZERO HOUR

- "A labyrinth of suspense...brilliant...a master storyteller." ?Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on THE ZERO HOUR
- "A thinking person's thriller with bite." ?Publishers Weekly (starred review) on THE ZERO HOUR
- "Fast and furious." ?The New York Times Book Review on HIGH CRIMES
- "Exciting . . . deliciously absorbing . . . full of hair-pin turns." ?The Washington Post on HIGH CRIMES
- "A powerhouse tale." ?Chicago Tribune on HIGH CRIMES
- "Provocative and chilling." ?Publishers Weekly (starred review) on HIGH CRIMES
- "Rattling good entertainment." ?Kirkus Reviews (starred review) on HIGH CRIMES
- "If Jack Reacher met Nick Heller in a dark alley, my money's on Reacher. But it would be ugly. Or would it? Actually, I think they'd go for a beer together and set the world to rights--because Joseph Finder has given me a terrific new hero to root for. This is an action-packed, full-throttle, buy-it-today-read-it-tonight series that you definitely shouldn't miss." *?Lee Child on VANISHED*
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