



BOOKS

THE SECRET SPEECHTOM ROB SMITH
SIMON & SCHUSTER

THE author of the fresh and unforgettable *Child 44* (optioned by director Ridley Scott), Tom Rob Smith reveals his sophomore effort, *The Secret Speech*.

Set in 1956, post-Stalin Russia, the plot revolves around the premise that a secret speech given by Nikita Khrushchev, that admits that Stalin was a tyrant and a murderer and that a time for reformation and change is at hand in the Soviet Union, is released to the media, with terrifying results. Admitting the State was wrong means that Communism itself could also be wrong and, more importantly, that the execution of millions of people for anti-Soviet behaviour was also wrong. Therefore, the shady men of the Secret Police are murderers, who must now pay for their criminal actions.

Brought to life with Rob Smith's now trademark depth of character and richness of story, the overall theme is woven into the gripping novel's personality, the minutia of the life of former secret policeman, Leo Demidov, his wife Raisa, and their two daughters: adopted when Leo murdered their parents for anti-Soviet activities. Part thriller, part political discourse, *The Secret Speech* is a unique and once again enthralling novel by one of the decade's most important new writers.

**HATER**DAVID MOODY
GOLLANCZ

TODAY, you could be a killer. Today, you could be dead. First, it's on the news: strangers are going berserk and beating people senseless on the streets. Then, very soon, it's in your town—driving home, you see a group of people pursuing a lone and desperate target. Tomorrow, it's at your office. People are flipping out and beating—sometimes to death—friends they've worked with for years, people they've known for decades, and families they've grown up with. What's gone wrong? Is it a virus, terrorism, an international conspiracy?

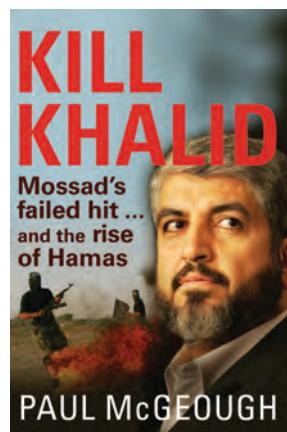
Hater is a cleverly paced novel that introduces the reader to the plot in increments, revealing both the hidden and the clear meanings as if you were living the nightmare that shakes your previously mundane existence into a life-or-death concern about whether it's safe to leave the house. What's caused this mass hysteria? Booze, drugs, secret government testing—or something much worse? *Hater* has been optioned by director Guillermo del Toro (of *Pan's Labyrinth* fame) and is currently being made into a major motion picture. Read the book first!

KILL KHALIDPAUL McGEOUGH
ALLEN & UNWIN

MIDDLE EAST specialist reporter for *The Australian* and winner of multiple journalism awards, Paul McGeough, explains the rise of Hamas, the fall of the PLO, and the new world order following the 9/11 attacks.

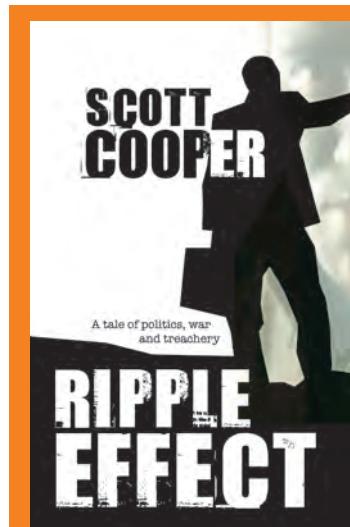
McGeough details how the decades of mistreatment, misrepresentation, overkill and suppression of Palestinians by Israel led to the formation of a militaristic arm of anti-Israel occupation known as Hamas. More concisely, how a botched attempt by Mossad in 1997 to kill a then-relatively-unknown man named Khalid Mishal (the head of Hamas' political bureau in Jordan) set in motion a chain of events that turned the region on its head, brought down the Prime Minister of Israel, and revealed the dirty tactics used by Israel to deny Palestinians rights in the occupied territories.

This is the definitive book on Hamas. Essential reading.

**THE ANATOMY OF MOTIVE**JOHN DOUGLAS WITH
MARK OLSHAKER
SIMON & SCHUSTER

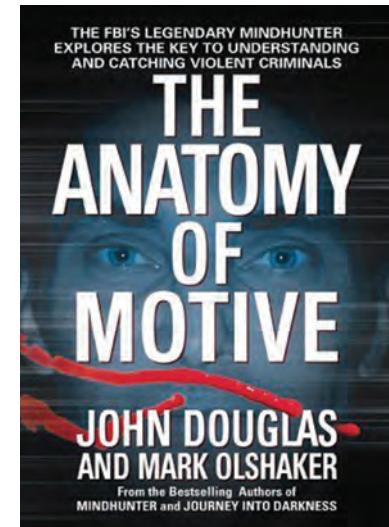
JOHN DOUGLAS is one of the FBI's premier behavioural science analysts; he has profiled some of the modern era's most infamous killers.

In his new book, Douglas reveals the emotional motivation behind some of the world's most heinous crimes, presenting insightful information on real-life case studies of major league whack-jobs such as Ted Kaczynski, Timothy McVeigh and Ted Bundy, as well as numerous arsonists, hijackers, poisoners and assassins. Douglas identifies the antisocial personality and progressive escalation of such sociopathic behaviours. Fascinating.

**THE RIPPLE EFFECT**SCOTT COOPER
NEW HOLLAND

WHAT if something more sinister than a drowning spelled the end of Harold Holt's reign as Australia's Prime Minister? What if his support of American president Lyndon B. Johnson's push for more troops in Vietnam signed his death warrant?

This is the premise of Scott Cooper's fast-paced look at life as a special forces recruit in Australia's military. Using evidence gleaned from public reports mixed with fiction (sans submarine extraction theories), *The Ripple Effect* is a great action-adventure novel.



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