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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

While technically on administrative leave, detective Joona Linna is assigned to a case in a Swedish town where a young girl at a residential program has been found dead. He checks and double checks the curious circumstances of the death and tries to find information from the victim's housemates, but Linna is also willing to hear what Flora Hansen, a local medium of questionable skill, has to say. This dark mystery is rendered even more haunting by Mark Bramhall's performance. His deep and crackling voice not only heightens the book's significant suspense but also grabs listeners' attention and refuses to let go. Bramhall practically growls at times, but despite speaking in lower registers, he manages to ably convey a range of voices, including those of women, young and old. A Sarah Crichton hardcover. (July)

From [Booklist](#)

\*Starred Review\* In Sundsvall, Sweden, police responding to a distress call at a girls' group home discover a brutally murdered teenager posed with her hands covering her eyes. Blood-soaked bedding in an adjacent bedroom conceals a hammer, and that room's occupant, Vicky, has fled through an open window. While police collect evidence, a figure resembling Vicky emerges from the forest nearby and steals a car with a preschooler strapped inside. Joona Linna, recently sidelined by an internal-affairs investigation but still widely recognized as Sweden's premier investigator, is ordered to respond as an "observer" to the local investigation. When the car is found submerged in a river, both children are assumed dead, and the official scenario paints Vicky as a savage killer and kidnapper. Inconveniently, Linna finds evidence that they're still alive, and he begins poking holes in the police scenario. At the same time, he faces personal dilemmas upon learning that the wife and child he sent into hiding years ago are once again facing danger. This third novel featuring Joona Linna is a knockout example of the thoughtful plotting and character development, genius investigation, and unflinching examination of human evil common in Scandinavian crime fiction. But it's the mixture of relaxed, witty dialogue and raging action scenes that will draw American readers who believe the Scandinavian subgenre is too moody for their taste. --Christine Tran

Review

"Larsson is destined to have many heirs...[Kepler] is by far the best." ?*Lev Grossman, Time*

"One convincing psychotic is about as much as most thriller writers can handle, but Kepler delivers them by the roomful." ?*Time*

"Compellingly grisly." ?*Vogue*

"Kepler provides a master class in noir." ?*The Boston Globe*

"Action-oriented, inventive, with over-the-top plots and larger-than-life heroes and criminals." ?*Los Angeles Times Magazine*

"Outrageously entertaining...Methadone for readers suffering from Stieg Larsson withdrawal." ?*Laura Miller, Salon*

"Kepler's characters are admirably flawed...It's a smooth collaboration...with frequent surprises and grace notes amid the carnage. With any luck, we'll hear more of Lars Kepler." ?*Patrick Anderson, The Washington*

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#### **Dawn Campbell:**

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