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From Publishers Weekly

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"...very good fun. A satisfying story that delivers everything it promises." ?Kirkus Reviews

About the Author

Dan Simmons is the award-winning author of several novels, including the *New York Times* bestsellers *The Terror* and *Drood*. He lives in Colorado.

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