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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In Adler-Olsen's latest Department Q novel, a message in a bottle is discovered 14 years after it was written and tossed into the ocean. The barely legible note, written in blood, is from two kidnapped children begging for help. Detective Carl Mørck and his eccentric team of Danish detectives are tasked with investigating the legitimacy of the note and, once it's authenticity is confirmed, discovering the fate of the two victims. What they ultimately uncover is a serial killer who has kept his criminal activities hidden for over a decade. With his slightly accented reading, Graeme Malcolm does an excellent job of bringing this dark Nordic suspense story to life. His melancholic delivery aptly reflects the story's often-somber content. That said, he fully captures each of Adler-Olsen's quirky characters and, in the case of the Department Q's personnel, allows them to bring sparks of humor here and there before things become too grim. In all, Malcolm's skillful performance lets this mystery unfold at a natural, steady pace with just the right balance between the dark and light, making for a satisfying listen. A Dutton hardcover. (May)

From **Booklist**

Carl Mørck, the cranky head of Copenhagen's cold-case squad, Department Q, has a knack for catching forgotten cases where lives still hang in the balance. Often the victims are trapped and hidden, as in Adler-Olsen's excellent The Keeper of Lost Causes (2011)—but if the author revisits the scenes of his fictional crimes, at least he twists the tales in new and devious ways. Mørck is dealing with the usual headaches at work, including the mysterious idiosyncrasies of his assistants, Assad and Rose, when a message in a bottle lands on his desk. Inside is a plea for help, written in blood. The bad guy here, a kidnapper and killer who targets families belonging to fringe religions, is Adler-Olsen's best yet. The closer Mørck and Assad get to this cunning chameleon with a seemingly endless number of identities and exit plans, the more he eludes their grasp. Series fans may begin to wonder why Mørck doesn't investigate his own assistants as assiduously as he does his cases, but this mix of offbeat departmental politics, puzzling clues, and pulse-pounding pursuit delivers the goods. --Keir Graff

Review

Praise for A Conspiracy of Faith

"A shattering parable of honest individuals caught up in the corruption of our times."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"Adler-Olsen's cast might seem like stock crime-fiction characters at first glance—the curmudgeonly detective, the flighty secretary, the suspiciously resourceful assistant—but in his hands they are unpredictable and entertaining. This series has enough twists to captivate contemporary mystery readers and enough substance and background to entertain readers with historical and literary tastes."—*Library Journal* (starred review)

"[T]his mix of offbeat departmental politics, puzzling clues, and pulse pounding pursuit delivers the goods."—*Booklist*

More Praise for Jussi Adler-Olsen's Department Q series

"If you like the dark humor, wisecracking, and layered betrayals of Raymond Chandler, then read Adler-

Olsen's Department Q series."—Men's Journal

"A tense, pleasurable read."—USA Today

"[A] sordid tale...inspired by actual events during a dark period of Danish history. Ah, but there is more, so much more in this frenzied thriller."—*The New York Times Book Review*

"This book is not for the faint of heart, but for readers who enjoy dark humor and wisecracking heroes and heroines, you'll love Department Q."—Suspense Magazine

"It can be hard to distinguish Scandinavian crime writers—there are a lot of them, and their names have consonant clusters and umlauts and all that jazz—but Jussi Adler-Olsen is a name to know. In a crowded genre, Adler-Olsen is an outlier."—GQ.com

"Adler-Olsen merges story lines...with ingenious aplomb, effortlessly mixing hilarities with horrors...This crime fiction tour de force could only have been devised by an author who can even turn stomach flu into a belly laugh."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"When your series relies on cold cases, it's not always easy to craft plots that have both historical interest and an air of urgency, but it's something Adler-Olsen is very good at."—*Booklist*

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Irving Gaston:

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