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"REAL WOMEN, REAL VILLAINS AND REAL HEROES MAKE LAWRENCE DE MARIA'S 'SOUND OF BLOOD' A GREAT READ, WITH A SHOCKING ENDING" --JANET EVANOVICH

MURDER, LOVE AND REVENGE ARE THE EXPLOSIVE MIX THAT PROPELS THIS CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED NOVEL, WHICH WAS RATED NO. 19 IN A LIST OF THE 100 BEST FINANCIAL THRILLERS ON AMAZON.

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It's always important to kill the right person. That's a lesson Jesús Garza and Christian Keitel learn the hard way. Innovative and strangely likable (albeit with a bent for the macabre), the two assassins were just following orders when they eliminated a pesky reporter threatening corporate secrets. Unfortunately for them -- and their billionaire boss -- the reporter had a secret of his own. The killers have set off a chain reaction of revenge that threatens a financial empire built on murder, sex, fraud and political corruption.

Enter Jake Scarne, a rogue New York City cop turned private eye sent to Florida by a grieving father to uncover the truth about his son's death. Bodies pile up from coast to coast as Scarne finds himself in the crosshairs of a powerful media baron, vicious mobsters, various homicide cops, the F.B.I. – and a beautiful, amoral woman that men hate to love, but do.

Jake Scarne is a hero in the tradition of Robert Parker's Spenser, tougher than nails and as quick with a quip as he is with a gun. With friends on both sides of the law, he'll cut any corner when seeking the truth.

SOUND OF BLOOD is the rare novel that has some critics praising it as a terrific financial thriller and others likening it to JAWS. There is murder, and not a little sex. But at the novel's heart is a tragic love story that tests the boundaries of loyalty and loss.

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## CRITICAL PRAISE

“Real women, real villains and real heroes make Lawrence De Maria’s Sound of Blood a terrific read. As with Jaws, you won’t want to go near the ocean – but the land isn’t much safer.” -- JANET EVANOVICH (#1 New York Times Bestselling Novelist)

“SOUND OF BLOOD is a rollicking good adventure mystery with all the essential ingredients: an intrepid private eye, bizarre murders, international intrigue, missing documents, gorgeous women and slippery financial dealings. For those who enjoy dialog of the jocular irony-exaggeration genre, De Maria is a master. We read books like this to have a fast ride in another world, where lots of bad things happen to new and believable characters, where the good guys, though badly flawed, win out, and the villains get what’s coming to them. SOUND OF BLOOD delivers.” -- THE WASHINGTON INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF BOOKS

“From Miami to Staten Island, Lawrence De Maria’s Sound of Blood grabs you by the scruff of the neck and doesn’t let go – a thriller that delivers on every page, with enough heart and financial intrigue for three books. When you buy it, put in an order for his next one, too.” -- DAVID O. STEWART (Bestselling author

of The Summer of 1787)

"Fast, funny and furious, featuring a femme fatale for the ages, and a shocking ending, Sound of Blood hits all the right notes. A sweeping thriller that mirrors today's headlines (and actually predicted them!). A father's search for the truth about his son's murder and an investigator's dogged pursuit of the killers lead to the collapse of a vast international financial empire. But there is more to Sound of Blood than murder and mayhem. At its core is something missing from most of today's fiction: real characters and a terrific love story." -- JOHN CRUDELE (The New York Post)

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lawrence De Maria is a Pulitzer-nominated journalist who cut his teeth on financial corruption at The New York Times.

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