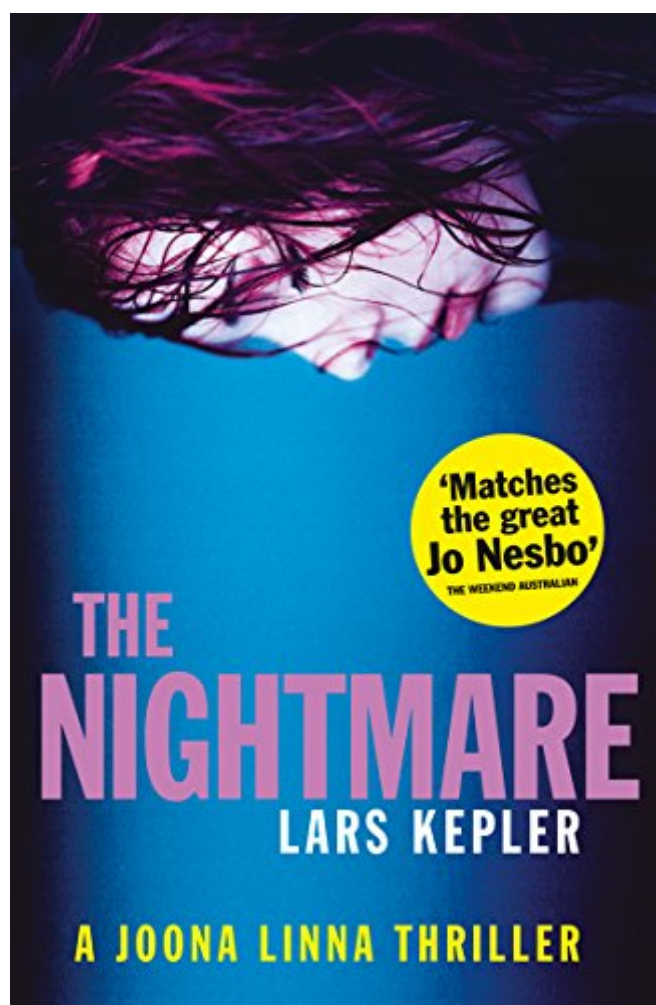


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Synopsis

From the bestselling author of *The Hypnotist* comes the second high-octane thriller featuring Detective Inspector Joonas Linna. Stockholm, Sweden: the lifeless body of a young woman is discovered on an abandoned boat. Later, a man is found hanging alone in his apartment. Should the deaths be treated as suicide or murder? Only four people know the answer. And one man wants them dead. Can Detective Inspector Joonas Linna keep them alive long enough to find out the truth?

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Customer Reviews

Short version: *THE NIGHTMARE* is one of those books that is so good, you never want it to end.

Long version: Lars Kepler is the pen name for the Swedish husband and wife writing team of Alexander Ahndoril and Alexandra Coelho Ahndoril. Both have had works published separately, but have attracted particular attention worldwide with *THE HYPNOTIST*, their debut novel that introduced Swedish police investigator Joonas Linna. *THE NIGHTMARE* is Kepler's sophomore effort (a third installment has already been published in Sweden), and it is even better than its predecessor. Unforgettable characters dip and swirl through a complex and chilling plot, which in turn is loaded with suspense and action. There is something for everyone here. Linna is the smartest

person in the room at any given point, a legend within his own department, to the consternation of some and the adoration of others. So it is that his skills and talents are in demand for the more bizarre law enforcement investigations, those that match the DLR (Don't Look Right) criteria. Two of those are introduced within the first few chapters of THE NIGHTMARE. The first involves the discovery of the body of a young woman, sitting dead in the cabin of a yacht. Her lungs are filled with water, yet her clothes and body are dry. The reader knows a little, but certainly not all, of how this came to be, and witnessing how Linna puts things together is worth the price of admission all by itself. The second concerns an apparent suicide by hanging. The dead man, who holds an important position in a Swedish oversight committee, is found in the middle of his living room, hanging from a high beam. The question is raised as to how he got there. Linna figures it out, but something still is not right.

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