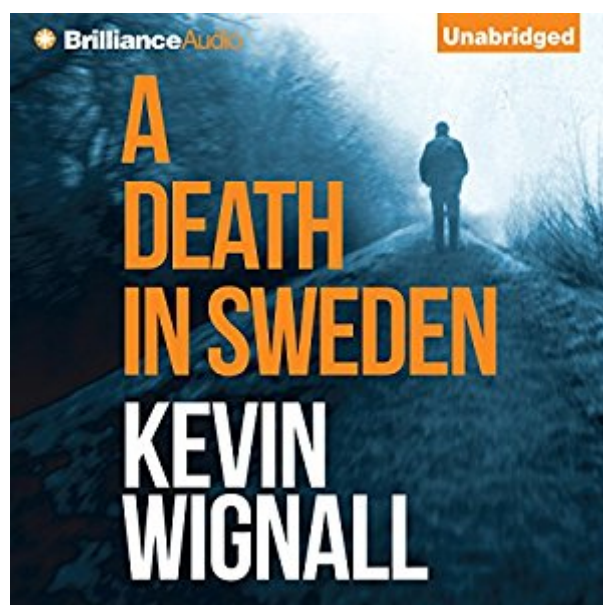


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A Death In Sweden



Synopsis

Dan Hendricks is a man in need of a lifeline. A former CIA operative, he is now an agent for hire by foreign powers on the hunt for dangerous fugitives. It's a lethal world at the best of times, and Dan knows his number is almost up. His next job could be his last - and his next job is his biggest yet. The target sounds trackable enough: Jacques Fillon, who gave up his life trying to save a fellow passenger following a bus crash in northern Sweden. But the man was something of an enigma in this rural community, and his death exposes his greatest secret: Jacques Fillon never existed at all. Dan is tasked with uncovering Fillon's true identity - but can he do so before his own past catches up with him?

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Customer Reviews

Spy thrillers aren't usually my preferred reading but I read the description for *Death in Sweden* a month ago and loved it. After reading samples of the author's other books, I knew that this would be my pick if it was a Kindle First choice. So, yea! -good choice. The plot description given is a little over simplified- it is clear early on that Dan Hendricks, a sometime hired gun for the CIA- has become a target himself. The interest in the identity of Jacques Fillon is actually a result of that. This plot gets the pace going early on and I have to say that for the first half of the book I thought that this was one of the best Kindle First books that I had read. It was very engrossing and easy reading. My enthusiasm waned a little after that. Partly because the relationship between Dan and the female character as well as some of the speeches, reminded me a lot of John P.

Marquand's dated spy thriller "Stopover Tokyo" which I didn't like at all. But, fortunately, although there were some stretches, this doesn't have the massive logic failure of Marquand's book. In addition, making a hero out of an assassin requires delicate handling and is usually better when the author doesn't even try, like "The Butcher's Boy". In this case it seemed the author was trying too hard to convince us that Dan was a good guy. But all in all, this was a quick fun read. There is a LOT of violence but not graphic. Mild sex scenes and little, if any, foul language. There were a surprising number of proofreading errors that were a little distracting but not large enough to completely derail the story. I'm hardly a judge of spy thrillers but I think most mystery/thriller fans will enjoy this. I know that I am going to pick up some of Wignall's earlier works.

Though I am not a strong thriller fan, I chose *A Death in Sweden* because I did not care for my choices picked for the other genres in Kindle First for several months. This month's choice is a winner. Well written and edited, evenly paced story development and the breath-holding suspense of a thriller prevented me from putting this book down until the last word was absorbed by my eyes. This story does not have the typical testosterone-filled action plot of adventure stories but it has action. This story does not have the emotional drama of a romance but you can relate to the thoughts and feelings of the characters. An excellent book! Highly recommended for this month's choice of Kindle First. Now I will have to pursue Kevin Wignall's other novels.

Dan Hendricks, former CIA and now an agent for hire is a man with a mission. Dan is an expert at finding people on the lam and taking care of them one way or another. On assignment in Madrid he learns that his 'skills' are needed in Sweden. A man identified as Jacques Fillon was involved in a bus crash and died while saving a young woman. Dan is tasked with learning his true identity. The CIA is also doing a clean-up operation and Dan is on edge more than usual. This is the backdrop for this novel rich with multiple characters, mysteries, mayhem and murder. The loss of loved ones and how this process is dealt with is also covered in several places. To paraphrase Dan, lots of things in life are out of control and one should take care of the ones that are able to be tackled. Good advice for all of us to heed. Some things in life are so close and yet so very far away. This thought will become more than apparent in this story as well. The excellent plot is fueled by interesting and multiple characters. Despite the many characters involved, the author develops them well. And, the majority of them play a significant part in the story. There are lots of twists and turns to keep the reader interested and the ending is superlative. Most highly recommended for action, plot and

character development and a most intense read. Edited to reflect that this is my Kindle First selection for December.

I received this book free, as part of the Kindle First program. I chose this one because the title and the cover art looked vaguely like it might be Scandinavian Noir. It is not. The plot centers around a man who operates as an independent contractor for government agencies doing odd jobs. His friends "from the old days" are all being murdered and he needs to find out why. He has help from an old mentor at the CIA and a woman from the Swedish Security Services. He jaunts around the world, discovering things and dodging his enemies, until he solves the mystery. The writing is average. The pacing is fine. The author's understanding of international espionage is woefully lacking; he's no le Carre. There's no tension, no build-up, no sense of mystery, no character development. The novel reads like it was written by a high school student as part of a classroom assignment. This is not a good book. I wouldn't recommend this to anybody. I would be annoyed if I had paid for this. I am annoyed that I can't get back the time I spent reading it.

Kevin Wignall's sixth novel, *A Death in Sweden*, is not your ordinary political thriller. It follows Dan Hendricks, a suave and sophisticated specialist contractor, who is responsible for tracking people down and making them disappear permanently into the hands of whichever government is paying him. He has been meticulous in the execution of his assignments, and wanted to keep safe distance from his employers. But when one of his former employers get too close for comfort, Dan knows that something is terribly wrong and his life could be on the line. *A Death in Sweden* by Kevin Wignall is a mystery thriller full of suspense, conspiracies, spies, politics and assassinations. Dan Hendricks's character is a complex one, albeit interesting and intriguing. Paid to do dirty works, Dan and his types make their live life on the edge. The story is an exciting one, and it has the capacity to draw you into it within the first few pages. Fans of mystery thrillers, suspense and political intrigue are in for an exciting ride through the pages of *A Death in Sweden*.

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