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# THE MENTOR

STEVE JACKSON

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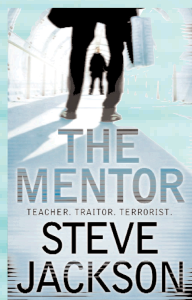
FANS OF *SPOOKS* WILL BE SWEEPED AWAY BY STEVE JACKSON'S PHENOMENAL DEBUT NOVEL. IN *THE MENTOR* THE SHADY WORLD OF ESPIONAGE IS BROUGHT TO LIFE IN AN ACTION PACKED ADVENTURE OF SHATTERED LOYALTIES, DEADLY ENEMIES AND FEROCIOUS REVENGE.

THEY SAY LIGHTNING NEVER STRIKES TWICE. THEY ARE WRONG. LONDON HAS BEEN BOMBED FOR THE SECOND TIME IN 2 YEARS, BUT THIS TIME THE ENEMY IS A LOT CLOSER TO HOME.

PAUL ASTON, A YOUNG MI6 AGENT, IS SENT TO INVESTIGATE. BUT NOTHING COULD HAVE PREPARED HIM FOR THE SCENES OF HORROR AND DEVASTATION THAT HE SEES. IMAGES THAT WILL STAY WITH HIM FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

THE GOVERNMENT BLAMES MI6, MI6 BLAMES THE GOVERNMENT, BUT THE TRUTH BEHIND WHAT THE MEDIA ARE CALLING 18/8 IS MORE CHILLING THAN ANYONE COULD HAVE IMAGINED.

SLOWLY, ASTON TEARS AWAY THE LAYERS OF CORRUPTION, BETRAYAL AND MURDER TO REVEAL THE REAL CULPRIT. SOMEONE WHO KNOWS EVERY TRICK IN THE BOOK, BECAUSE HE'S PLAYED EVERY TRICK IN THE BOOK. SOMEONE WHO HAS A DEEP SEETHING HATRED OF MI6 AND WILL STOP AT NOTHING UNTIL HIS VENGEANCE IS SATISFIED. HE IS THE MENTOR.



**A NOTE ABOUT THE BOOK:** STEVE JACKSON ACUTALLY BEGAN WRITING *THE MENTOR* IN JULY 2003. WHEN FACED WITH WRITING A BIG BRITISH THRILLER, HE WONDERED 'WHAT IF THERE WAS A 9/11 ATTACK ON BRITAIN?'. WHEN FICTION BECAME FACT ON 7 JULY 2005, STEVE WATCHED THE NEWS REPORTS IN STUNNED DISBELIEF, COMELETLY HORRIFIED THAT WHAT HE HAD BEEN WRITING ABOUT HAD COME TRUE. HE AVOIDED THE NOVEL FOR A FEW MONTHS AFTER 7/7, HE NEEDED DISTANCE FROM IT, NEEDED SPACE. IN THE FINAL VERSION HE CHANGED THE ANGLE SLIGHTLY- WHAT IF IT HAPPENED AGAIN?

On leaving school Steve Jackson fell into journalism, where filling in expense forms gave him a solid grounding in fiction writing. From there he meandered through numerous occupations - musician, recording engineer, university drop-out, guitar tutor, riding instructor - before turning his hand to thriller writing. Born in Scotland, he spent most of his childhood with his nose in a book in deepest, darkest Gloucestershire. He currently lives in St Albans.

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