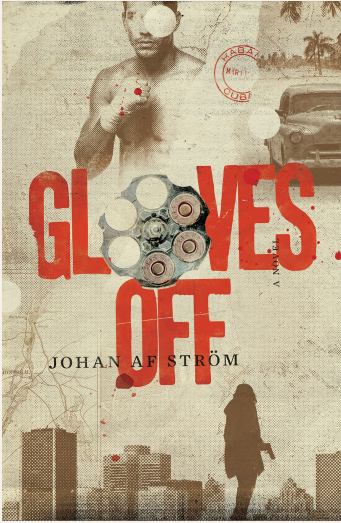


GLOVES OFF

A Novel by Johan af Ström



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SYNOPSIS

Exiled boxer Marco Carreira thought he'd left Montreal behind for good. Then a Mexican cartel pulls him back with a job that's supposed to be simple. Clean. Fast. But it never is.

Meanwhile, undercover cop Valérie Rochefort is fighting to dismantle Montreal's criminal networks from the inside, just as her teenage daughter vanishes into the night. Their paths collide in the heart of a system where judges, prosecutors, and criminals sit at the same table. To survive, they'll have to choose: the law, or what's right.

EARLY REVIEWS

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"As impactful as a well-executed uppercut. One of the most powerful and impactful books of the year."

"So gripping I didn't want it to end. Please consider turning it into a series."

"Sucked me into the story immediately... a fast-paced thriller with great action in and out of the boxing ring."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Johan af Ström is a Montreal writer and award-winning advertising creative whose noir thriller *Gloves Off* was born from the darkest chapter of his life.

In 2017, he survived a violent murder attempt that left him in a wheelchair. While his attacker walked away practically free, he rebuilt his career, returned to running 365 days a year, earned a Cannes Lion and a Grand Clio Award, and fought for justice for over six years, including three in the Quebec Superior Court.

He lives in Montreal's Plateau-Mont-Royal with his spouse and daughter.

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