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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Making his fiction debut, "Sandford," a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist using a pseudonym, has taken a stock suspense plot--a dedicated cop pursuing an ingenious serial killer--and dressed it up into the kind of pulse-quickening, irresistibly readable thriller that many of the genre's best-known authors would be proud to call their own. A killer who calls himself the "maddog" has been murdering Minneapolis women, seemingly without pattern or motive. The crimes are linked only by their brutality and by the slayer's "signature": at each scene, he leaves a written rule of crime, such as "Never kill anyone you know," or "Never carry a weapon after it has been used." Into the case comes Lucas Davenport, a policeman with five kills in the line of duty, a surefire sense of how to handle the thirsty media and strong instincts about the killer's psyche. Sandford offers no mystery here; the killer's identity is revealed in the first pages, and the suspense comes in waiting for him or Davenport to slip up. Despite one or two beginner's mistakes (an overly obvious red herring, a character inconsistency), the author knows his territory well; the result is a police procedural as effective as it is brutal. The author's second thriller under his own name (John Camp) will be issued by Holt in September. BOMC featured selection; Mysterious Book Club alternate.

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From Library Journal

Lieutenant Lucas Davenport, highly touted killer detective, invents intricate video games that he sells for cash. Called in to aid the Minneapolis team scrambling to stop a psychopathic serial woman-slayer, Lucas almost meets his match. The self-styled "mad dog" murderer views his rape/stabbings as a game as well, setting up obstacles for the police, carefully selecting his victims, and priding himself on clever moves. Despite his largely *deja vu* plot, debut novelist Sandford (also the author of *The Fools Run* due from Holt in September under the name John Camp; see Prepub Alert, LJ 4/1/89) delivers tense action, chilling excitement, and thrilling suspense. Fast-moving prose and romantic sidelines add a little zest, too. BOMC featured selection.

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Review

### Praise for John Sandford's Prey novels

"Relentlessly swift...genuinely suspenseful...excellent."—*Los Angeles Times*

"Sandford is a writer in control of his craft."—*Chicago Sun-Times*

"Excellent...compelling...everything works."—*USA Today*

"Grip-you-by-the-throat thrills...a hell of a ride."—*Houston Chronicle*

"Crackling, page-turning tension...great scary fun."—*The New York Daily News*

"Enough pulse-pounding, page-turning excitement to keep you up way past bedtime."—*Minneapolis Star Tribune*

"One of the most engaging characters in contemporary fiction."—*Detroit News*

“Positively chilling.”—*St. Petersburg Times*

“Just right for fans of *The Silence of the Lambs*.”—*Booklist*

“One of the most horrible villains this side of Hannibal.”—*Richmond Times-Dispatch*

“Ice-pick chills...excruciatingly tense...a double-pumped roundhouse of a thriller.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Jamie Lundquist:**

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#### **Kathleen Young:**

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