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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Elmore Leonard fans who have not yet discovered Winslow (*The Power of the Dog*) will be delighted by his fourth thriller with its sympathetic antihero. Frank Machianno, a retired mob hit man known as Frankie Machine as a tribute to his efficiency, has put his past behind him and is living a tranquil life in San Diego running a bait shop and supplying restaurants with linens and seafood. When the son of a local mob boss asks for his backup in resolving a dispute with the Detroit mob, Frank agrees, only to find that he's been set up as the intended victim of a hit. Using his survival skills and street smarts, the executioner follows a trail of bodies to identify which of his past crimes has caught up with him. While the plot is familiar, Winslow has created plausible characters and taut scenes of suspense that will keep readers turning pages. *Author tour.* (Oct.)

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Frank Machianno thought he had quit the Mob for good. The 62-year-old Vietnam vet has settled into a quiet life in his native San Diego: operating a bait shack on Ocean Beach Pier, running three other local businesses (all on the up-and-up), and catching a set of waves every chance he gets. But Frank's sharpshooting skills are legendary (he wasn't called "The Machine" for nothing), and when the head of the Los Angeles syndicate calls in a favor, he finds himself back in the game. Turns out Frank was set up, but it's too late to change course; he's already neck-deep in the world of the thick-necked. Winslow, a longtime private investigator, is no stranger to society's underbelly; his past thrillers-- including *The Death and Life of Bobby Z* (1997) and *The Power of the Dog* (2005)--vividly evoke the worlds of drugs, dirty politics, and organized crime. Although Winslow visits well-traveled Mafia terrain, his writing has a crisp, cinematic quality that refreshes the subject matter and will appeal to fans of Elmore Leonard (without alienating the Mario Puzo camp). No surprise that film rights have been sold to Robert De Niro; the actor, who earned an Oscar for his performance in *The Godfather: Part II*, is set to produce and star. *Allison Block*

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Review

"Smoothly oiled, superbly assembled. . . . A traditional mob tale on steroids." —*The Providence Journal* "A gripping thriller. . . . Like his book's central figure, Mr. Winslow is good at what he does." —*The Wall Street Journal* "Graceful Wonderfully imagined. . . . Winslow's story explodes with . . . gritty realism." —*Pittsburg Tribune-Review* "Smart, staccato. . . . A reading experience of sustained intensity, with appealingly sleazy characters and an Elmore Leonard-like snap in the dialogue." —*The Plain Dealer*

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