



SHOOTING STAR

Peter Temple

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KEYNOTE

A race for life as a girl's kidnapping reveals her family's tainted past and a disreputable ex-police negotiator becomes her only hope for survival

- Temple is the master of the complex plot and his characters leap from the page ... a taut action-packed thriller' *Sunday Telegraph*
- 'Temple ratchets up the tension in his inimitable style ... he remains one of the best thriller writers in the world' *Sunday Express*
- 'Great locations, hard-nosed dialogue and a twisting plot combine to create superb entertainment' *Evening Standard*
- 'Discovering Peter Temple has been the highlight of my year' *Mark Billingham*

SYNOPSIS

Anne Carson: fifteen, beautiful, wayward. Abducted.

Her rich family has closed ranks and summoned Frank Calder, ex-soldier and sacked police hostage negotiator. They want him to deliver the ransom money to the kidnapers. Frank wants them to call in the law, but the family refuses, since police bungling nearly cost the life of another Carson child kidnapped years before.

But are the two kidnappings connected? And is greed the motivation? Revenge? Or could it be something else? To find out, Frank Calder must go beyond his brief.

As Frank feverishly searches for suspects in the web of Carson family businesses and deals, marriages and indiscretions, rivalries and intrigues, he knows that if his instincts are wrong, the girl will surely die.

AUTHOR

Five-time winner of the Ned Kelly Award for Crime Fiction, Peter Temple is Australia's most acclaimed crime and thriller writer. He is the author of four Jack Irish novels and has also written four standalone novels: *An Iron Rose* (1998), *Shooting Star* (1999), *In the Evil Day* (2002) and *The Broken Shore* (2006), winner of the CWA Gold Dagger for Crime Fiction in 2007. He lives in Ballarat, Australia, with his family.

Q Fiction/Crime

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SALES POINTS

Q Peter Temple won the CWA Duncan Lawrie Dagger for Crime Fiction in 2007

Q Temple's UK debut was a *Sunday Times* top ten bestseller in hardback

Q Temple is the only writer ever to win Australia's Ned Kelly Award for Best Crime Novel of the Year five times