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"Adler-Olsen's prose is superior to Larsson's, his tortures are less discomfiting, and he has a sense of humor."—*Booklist* (starred review)

"The new 'it' boy of Nordic Noir."—The Times (London)

"The Keeper of Lost Causes is dark, atmospheric, and compelling. Those who loved The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo will devour this book."—#1 New York Times bestselling author C. J. Box

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About the Author

Jussi Adler-Olsen is Denmark's #1 crime writer and a *New York Times* bestselling author. His books, including the Department Q series, routinely top the bestseller lists in Europe and have sold more than fifteen million copies around the world. His many prestigious Nordic crime-writing awards include the Glass Key Award, also won by Henning Mankell, Jo Nesbø, Stieg Larsson, and Peter Høeg.

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She was going to look after herself. For them she was the woman in the cage, but she was the one who decided how far apart the bars would be. She would think thoughts that opened out onto the world and kept madness at bay. They would never break her. That's what she decided as she lay there on the floor, her shoulder throbbing fiercely and the swelling around her eye forcing it closed. Someday she would get out of here.

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