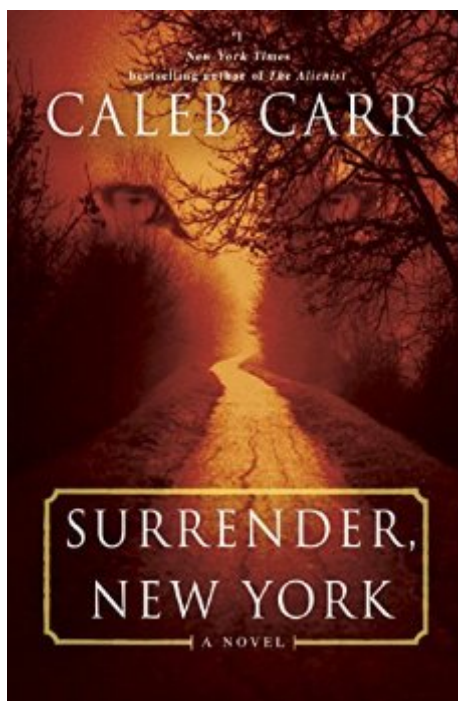


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# Surrender, New York: A Novel



## Synopsis

Caleb Carr, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Alienist* and *The Angel of Darkness*, returns with a contemporary, edge-of-your-seat thriller featuring a criminal psychologist Dr. Trajan Jones, the world's leading expert on the life and work of one Dr. Laszlo Kreizler, the hero of *The Alienist*, in whose brilliant but unconventional footsteps he follows. In the small town of Surrender in upstate New York, Dr. Jones, a psychological profiler, and Dr. Michael Li, a trace evidence expert, teach online courses in profiling and forensic science from Jones's family farm. Once famed advisors to the New York City Police Department, Trajan and Li now work in exile, having made enemies of those in power. Protected only by farmhands and Jones's unusual aptitude, the outcast pair is unexpectedly called in to consult on a disturbing case. In rural Burgoyne County, a pattern of strange deaths has emerged: adolescent boys and girls are found murdered in gruesome fashion. Senior law enforcement officials are quick to blame a serial killer, yet their efforts to apprehend this criminal are peculiarly ineffective. Jones and Li soon discover that the victims are all throwaway children, a new state classification of young people who are neither orphans, runaways, nor homeless, but who are abandoned by their families and left to fend for themselves. Two of these throwaways, Lucas Kurtz and his older sister, Ambyr, cross paths with Jones and Li, offering information that could blow the case wide open. As the stakes grow higher, Jones and Li must not only unravel the mystery of how the throwaways died but also defend themselves and the Kurtz siblings against shadowy agents who don't want the truth to get out. Jones believes the real story leads back to the city where both he and Dr. Kreizler did their greatest work. But will Jones and Li be able to trace the case to New York before they fall victim to the murderous forces that stalk them? Tautly paced and richly researched, *Surrender, New York* brings to life the grim underbelly of a prosperous nation and those most vulnerable to its failings. This brilliant novel marks another milestone in Caleb Carr's triumphant literary suspense career. Advance praise for *Surrender, New York* "A compulsive read . . . Carr once again delivers a high-stakes thriller featuring a new band of clever, determined outcasts. . . . With gut-punching twists and the potential for a sequel, this intelligent, timely thriller will be savored by Carr's fans and new readers alike." "Booklist (starred review) "[A] whodunit that weds leisurely nineteenth-century storytelling with twenty-first-century unpleasantness . . . Carr's story poses an utterly modern question: for a career-minded politico, which is worse, a child-neglect scandal or a serial killer on the loose? We get to see both at work, including some nicely nasty mayhem. . . . Carr's many fans will find this well worth the wait." "Kirkus Reviews Praise for the works of Caleb Carr *The Alienist* is: "A high-spirited, charged-up and unfailingly smart thriller." "Los Angeles Times "A

first-rate tale of crime and punishment that will keep readers guessing until the final pages. • "Entertainment Weekly" "Gripping, atmospheric . . . intelligent and entertaining." • "USA Today The Angel of Darkness is: "As winning a historical thriller as The Alienist. . . The reader keeps right on turning the pages." • "The New York Times From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

In 1994 I was terribly jealous of Caleb Carr. He had created a cast of characters as compelling and dynamic as famous casts like Star Trek or the Wizard of Oz or Seinfeld. He had the basis for a whole series of at least 7 books showcasing the 17th Street Crew, and let me tell you, I was already mentally standing in line, money and heart in hand. I judged the second book to be a weaker yet very brave sophomore effort and eagerly awaited the next volume. (I couldn't wait for Marcus or Lucius to be the narrator.) It was not to be. Now we have Surrender, New York, which I am currently reading. I am posting an early review in order to say the things I would have wanted others to speak on when I read early reviews before purchasing. The Alienist was a dark book, but I perceived an

underlying joy and excitement in tackling the information and creating art. There is no joy in Surrender, New York. I am from the Mtv Generation. Here I am now, entertain me. But it feels like Mr. Carr has abandoned entertainment in favor of brilliant, informative lectures that are much needed on the nightly news, but out of place in a fiction book. He seems, in fact, angry at art. The world is a serious place with serious issues and he will NOT be used as a means of escape. I started wondering if he feels such a responsibility as an educator that he is unable to let go and embrace artistry. Art is dangerous, art perverts reality, art hurts people, and worse, art hurts society at large, seems to be the subtext.

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