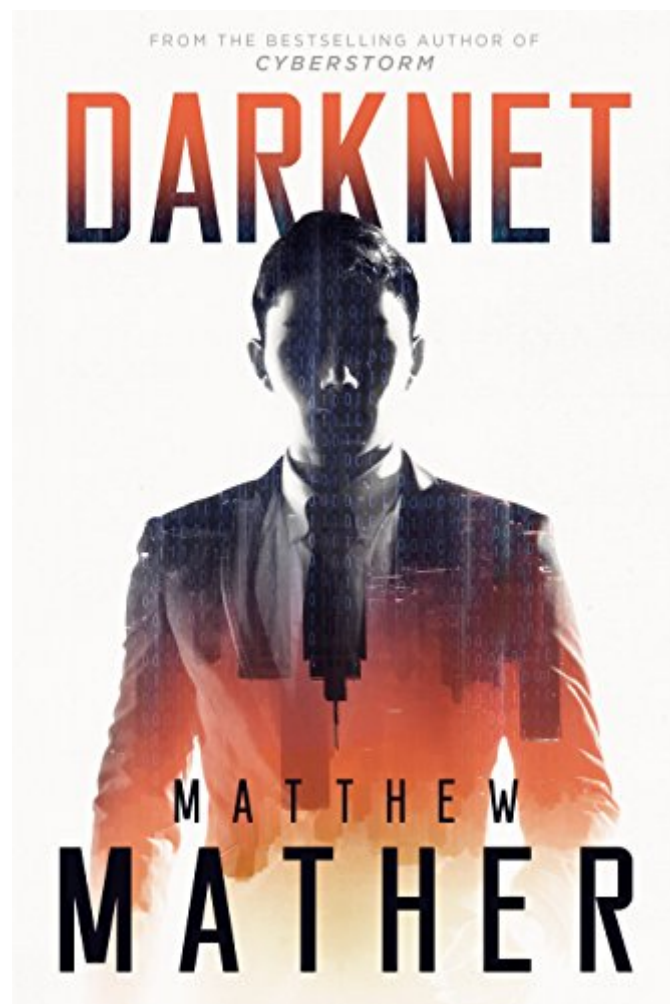


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## Synopsis

A terrifying new breed of technology evolves...A dark secret determined to stay hidden. Darknet is a prophetic and frighteningly realistic thriller set in present-day New York, the story of one man's quest to overcome a shadowy force pushing the world to the brink of destruction, and his incredible gamble to risk everything to save his family. Jake O'Connell leaves a life of crime and swears he'll never return, but his new life as a stock broker is ripped away when his childhood friend Sean Womack is murdered. Thousands of miles away in Hong Kong, data scientist Jin Huang finds a list of wealthy dead people in a massive banking conspiracy. Problem is, some of the people don't stay dead. As Jin begins her investigation, she's petrified to discover her own name on the growing list of dead-but-alive. On the run, Jake O'Connell and Jin Huang race across continents to uncover a dark secret spreading like a cancer into the world. Why was Sean killed, and how is the list of wealthy dead connected? Are some of them really coming back to life? But all this becomes irrelevant when Jake's wife and daughter are attacked...MORE ABOUT DARKNET Darknet follows in the footsteps of Mather's bestseller CyberStorm, translated into sixteen languages and now in development for film by 20th Century Fox.

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Just like in his massive hit, "Cyberstorm," Matthew Mather does what he does best: he takes reality and adds just enough of a sci-fi touch to make it terrifying and relatable. When I first started reading DARKNET, it took a little while before I became really engrossed in the high-tech world of finance that the protagonist Jake O'Connell lived in. Just like some of the characters themselves, I found myself in over my head in the world of crypto currency, algorithms, assassin markets, and dark networks, but my patience was rewarded when the reader learns alongside those characters. Mather makes sure the reader knows no one is safe in his world, introducing and killing off multiple characters throughout the book. In fact, I wasn't totally sure if his protagonist Jake was really truly safe to get comfortable with until about a quarter of the way into the book. As a stock broker in New York, Jake is familiar with the high-stakes game of Wall Street finances, but is unprepared when his world crumbles around him. His childhood friend dies in a mysterious accident in London, his boss is arrested on charges by the SEC, and he himself is framed for rape, causing his wife and daughter to leave him. All the while, Jake is trying to clear himself and ends up uncovering a massive secret that could threaten the economies of nearly every country on the planet. Along the way, he finds his own life in danger as well as those of his family and friends. Once I really got into the story, I couldn't put it down, reading in every spare minute until I was done. Mather is a phenomenal storyteller, weaving a thriller like the best out there.

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