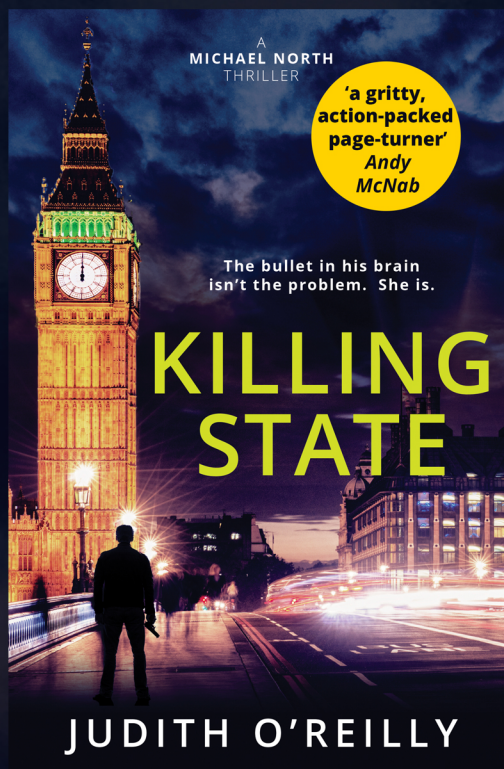


KILLING STATE

JUDITH O'REILLY

Introducing the new action adventure hero Michael North.



A woman MP under a death sentence from right-wing conspirators. A wounded ex-soldier struggling to decide between right and wrong. An isolated UK – post Brexit and post Trump. Internment. Social media dumps. Nano-drones and the very future of democracy. Want to know what tomorrow looks like? Read Killing State. That's if they'll let you.

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SYNOPSIS

The bullet in his brain isn't the problem. She is.

Michael North is a hero, with a bullet in the brain to prove it. A bullet which has rewired his neural pathways and heightened his sense of intuition.

A bullet which is driving him mad.

Working for a mysterious, extra-governmental agency called The Board, North knows one thing for sure. He's very good at killing very bad guys.

But what happens when a hero is ordered to kill a good woman rather than a bad man? Because it turns out that rising political star, Honor Jones, MP, can't stop asking the right questions about the wrong people.

He should follow orders.

Shouldn't he?



PRAISE FOR KILLING STATE

"*Killing State* is a psychological thriller with more twists than a pretzel. The author's first novel is a gritty, action-packed page-turner." **Andy McNab** (Bravo Two Zero, Line of Fire)

A worryingly plausible portrait of Britain in the near-future, Judith O'Reilly's debut novel is fast-paced, packed with action, and introduces a series hero to watch." **Mick Herron** (Slow Horses, Spook Street)

"New thriller writers come and go. I suspect this lady will stick around." **Frederick Forsyth** (The Day of the Jackal, The Odessa File)

"Smart, action-packed and totally immersive, *Killing State* is set to be one of the biggest thrillers of the year. Don't miss it!" **T.R.Richmond** (What She Left)

"A superb political thriller written with aplomb...Former soldier, Michael North is a terrific creation - a hitman with a bullet already lodged in his brain with no time to waste. This is page-turning stuff and *Killing State* is a story you will keep reading right till the end." **Howard Linskey** (The Drop, The Search)

"*Killing State* chronicles anti-hero Michael North's desperate struggle to absolve his sins against an all-too-real conspiracy. In a *Dexter* meets *House of Cards* battle, this gritty thriller will appeal to readers with a sophisticated palate for political intrigue." **K.J.Howe** (The Freedom Broker)

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Killing State is a commercial, political thriller with a young and very British action hero in Michael North and compelling, dynamic female characters. It's Judith's first novel – at least the first one she's allowed to leave the house without her, and is informed by her years of experience at Westminster.

Judith is a former lobby correspondent, a former political producer with BBC2's Newsnight and ITN's Channel 4 News, and a former education correspondent with The Sunday Times where she also covered politics, undercover reporting and general news. She still writes for The Sunday Times.



Her two non-fiction books, *Wife in the North* and *A Year of Doing Good* were both published by Viking Penguin. *Wife in the North* (2008) reached number three in the UK bestsellers' chart and was in the top ten for five weeks. It was also a top ten bestseller in Germany. It sold into ten countries, was serialised by The Sunday Times and the Daily Telegraph, was a BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week, and was based on Judith's eponymous blog which was named as one of the top 100 blogs in the world by The Sunday Times. Judith's blog is credited with kicking off the popularity of domestic blogging in the UK. For *A Year of Doing Good*, she did a good deed a day for a year. It did not make her a better person. She has taught memoir and blogging at Newcastle University, and occasionally advises on strategic communications. Most of all though, she writes and drinks tea. Occasionally, she shakes things up and drinks covfefe.

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