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First there was SERIAL...

Acclaimed thriller writers Blake Crouch and Jack Kilborn pitted their skills against each other in a psychotic game of serial murder. Crouch wrote about Lucy, a hitchhiker who killed drivers. Kilborn wrote about Donaldson, a driver that killed hitchhikers. Then they brought their characters together and tried to slaughter one another.

SERIAL has been downloaded over 350,000 times. The film rights have been optioned, and it is currently available as an ebook, and in print in various collections.

Then came SERIAL UNCUT. This was the extended version of SERIAL, with more violence, more killers, and over 30,000 words of horror and mayhem.

Now comes KILLERS...

At the end of SERIAL, Donaldson and Lucy didn't die. When they each wake up in a hospital, under arrest for their crimes and guarded by the police, each burns with a single, overwhelming desire:

To escape and finish what they started.

Once again, Crouch writes Lucy, Kilborn writes Donaldson, and they do their best to try and kill the other in the most horrible way imaginable.

May the best psycho win.

## Killers Details

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### **Kristy says**

The sequel to Serial, which I read last year; this book also ties in with the Andrew Z. Thomas trilogy that I just finished, due to the fact that the serial killer Luther Kite is in this one as well. I actually rathered this book than Serial; it was still gross and depraved and brutal, but something about it just flowed better. I guess because I already had the history of Serial in my head, so it wasn't as much of a shock. Still, not crazy about this book either. It cannot in any way compare to the Andrew Z. Thomas books. If you read this and don't like it, don't give up...read the other ones instead!

Content Rating: R-LSV (L) Quite a bit. (S) Not really sex scenes per se, but just some uncomfortably graphic issues about where serial killer A hides the handcuff keys from serial killer B. (V) Rampant; cutting, splicing, butchering, blood flying everywhere.

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### **Katya says**

This was a quick read and not a bad story, yet I missed having a character to identify with. Lucy and Donaldson were familiar characters but since they were both crazy killers, there wasn't much fear in the book, it was more of a "how far can they go?" read. For the fear factor, I'd recommend any longer book from either author.

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### **Brandy Hunt says**

While I enjoyed the way SERIAL UNCUT ended, I was very happy to hear that there was a sequel. I didn't completely like the way this ended, but I will say that I don't think it could have ended any other way.

This was a wonderful thrill ride through the mind of two serial killers who have only one shared goal -- kill the other one slowly.

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### **Jordan Anderson says**

There's not much to say about "Killers" that wasn't said about "Serial (Uncut)". Like that one, "Killers" is a true heads first dive into the depths of depravity a human mind can reach, and the lengths some follow to feed their disgusting desires and appetites.

Of course, I love my books as violent and bloody as possible, and "Killers" certainly delivers on that end. But what really sets "Killers" above many other horror/thriller books of similar nature is the writing duo of Konrath and Crouch. This team is an all out juggernaut of skill when it comes to perfect place setting, dialogue, and scene. Sure, I'll be the first to admit that some of jokes were a bit tired but there aren't a lot of authors out there that would be able to meld humor and horror as well as these 2 guys did.

There's also few writers that can seemingly place everything together so well, yet doing so separately...almost as if the right hand not knowing what the left is doing; Lily's story and development was Crouch's literary baby, while Donoldson was Konrath's, but had the authors never stated this in the afterward section, you would never know these 2 horribly depraved characters were not the work of a single mind.

As far as the story goes, eh, it's so-so. Yeah, it's a great follow up to the cliffhanger conclusion of "Serial (Uncut)" and answered a few questions we were left pondering, but just like its predecessor, "Killers" is far too short and leaves us with yet another abrupt ending.

Regardless if you're into sick, twisted, violent story lines (although you probably would be after reading these guys's books) or scenes of impeccable, lightning fast story telling, "Killers" is an easy short story and a relatively decent follow up.

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### **Alissa says**

I absolutely love the way these books were written. For two seperate people to write half a story and then throw it together without either even seeing the other's work..wow. I am very impressed with the way they pulled this off and how effortless they make it sound in the end of book interviews. I personally didn't care that much for the story but I think that is more about my personal taste than the writing.

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### **Sheri says**

Killers - A Psycho Thriller by Jack Kilborn

A short story about Lucy, a hitchhiker who killed drivers and Donaldson, a driver that killed hitchhikers. In Killers they both try to kill each other but who will succeed? It was gruesome and a great plot. I would like to read Serial and Serial Uncut, Blake Crouch and Jack Kilborns books with these characters to read the entire story. A great horror short.

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### **Cindy says**

Killers is a continuance of Serial that has Lucy and Donaldson fighting it out. They practically kill each other and wake up in a hospital room handcuffed to their beds. They're only thoughts was hoping the other one was still alive so they can find each other and continue the fight to the end. A good read with some good surprises in the end.

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### **Lisa says**

I did not know this was a continuation of other stories and characters when I bought it. That stated, I still enjoyed this book. Though there were numerous times I wanted the killers caught, punished or given more than

a dose of their own medicine. Still, there were some grotesque parts, funny parts and even poignant aspects. It's a compelling book. Though I will always be looking around for Luther.....cause he's a survivor.

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### **Craig Hansen says**

The innovatively-written Killers Uncut, by Joe Konrath and Blake Crouch, is the follow-up to Serial Uncut and adds considerable fun to the saga, filling out the backgrounds and fates of their favorite villains from their respective series and combining them into a single, shared universe.

Composed by the two authors, simultaneously, on Google Docs, Killers Uncut focuses especially on the background of Luther, as well as the fate of the unfortunately-partnered-in-trying-to-off-each-other Lucy and Donaldson, though a lengthy gun show scene in the middle of the book gives just about every single character the two have contributed to the literary world at least some time on stage.

The result won't please those who dislike stories that center around villains, but if you've always been more fascinated by the Joker than Batman, found yourself more transfixed by Dr. Hannibal Lecter than the struggles of either Will Graham or Clarice Starling, then this book might be your cup of tea.

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### **Author says**

I like the concept of this story (as well as the previous one), but I think it always feels so over the top. I suppose it'd be hard to make a serious serial killer on serial killer story, though. That being said, it is an enjoyable story if you don't mind hardcore blood, gore, and violence. It was interesting and I definitely wanted to see how things would end. Not sure I liked the way things went, though. Seemed too out of the blue and kind of a cheat. I won't say more about it, though, because I don't want to spoil what happens.

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### **Dave says**

If you like reading about serial killers, madness, and mayhem, you came to the right place. If you do not like horror stories or are looking for the next Emily Dickinson, leave now. If you liked the movie Pulp Fiction, read this book. This is the first book I ever downloaded that came with a warning label from the authors. It is a well deserved warning label. This book is about what happens when serial killers cross paths. The authors do not candy coat the results. You feel their pain and agony from page one. The writing is terrific. Great stuff.

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### **Ashley Nelson says**

I had to read on to see if this story improved. Happy to report it did not. The escape from the hospital was clever in parts, but the story fell apart soon after. Same as the first book Serial, this story was light on

plot/characterization and heavy on sadistic violence. Definitely the pulpy side of horror writing, not much substance to get in the way of the gore. This is where I stop reading any more in the horror genre from these authors.

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### **Shelley says**

Okay, I keep thinking to myself....How sick am I that I liked this? But I did. Of course, I like ALL of his stuff. Killers is the ending to the story "Serial" about Lucy and Donaldson. They wake up in the hospital tattered and barely alive and realize that they both have one mission- to kill the other one. Of course the Federal Agents are also there to ask them about their separate serial killing sprees and they are in no shape to deal with each other but they do. I actually found this one not quite as graphic as both "Serial" and "Bad Girls" but it was still nasty and gross and I loved it. Great quick read while I was on vacation this week. Definitely NOT for the squeamish or kids or anyone who is grossed out by sensless violence and gore. :)

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### **Moxie says**

Ever wonder what would happen if the country's most sadistic serial killers met each other? Hilarious hijinks ensue. No, but some major shit does go down. Some work together for a common purpose; finding the best way of inflicting pain on people while murdering them. While others simply try to annihilate each other. Even if one does find comradery with another murderer, they should never turn their back on them. You just can't trust a killer.

This is another book collaboration from two of my favorite horror authors, Crouch and Kilborn. Gritty, dark, violent, and gory. If you love that kind of thing like I do, you just have to check this out along with their other work.

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### **Heather says**

I actually liked this book better than the first one in the series. This one was a little bit more believable. (Even thought they are NOT based on true events.) It still was quite unbelievable at parts, but all in all, it was a quick good read. Loved how it ended. Won't say more in case others want to read it. :D

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