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In Sparta

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In London, any time soon, a bomb maker goes to work, with a fierce, Spartan creed to deliver destruction. Someone buried so deep in everyday life, no one can guess their moves.

For a man adrift in a job he can't do, with a boss out to get him, the bombs are more than a distraction. They are the path to a new life. As order collapses and the state, paralysed, looks dangerously weak, Robert Millman clings to the only strength he knows: his obsession with Terri, a bright young woman who seems to offer a way back to his young days, when he still had chances. But as Millman gets sucked deeper into a radical underworld, he is forced to confront a violence that leaves nothing untouched, a violence from within.

Mark Wagstaff, acclaimed author of *Claire* and *The Canal*, delivers a story of power and resistance, acceptance and radicalisation, that confronts the reader with the awkward, untidy tensions of our times.

About the Author: Mark Wagstaff was born on the Kent coast in 1966 and has lived most of his life in London. Since 1999 he has had many short stories published, in a wide variety of anthologies and magazines. *In Sparta* is Mark's fourth novel. For full details of Mark's publications visit www.markwagstaff.com.

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