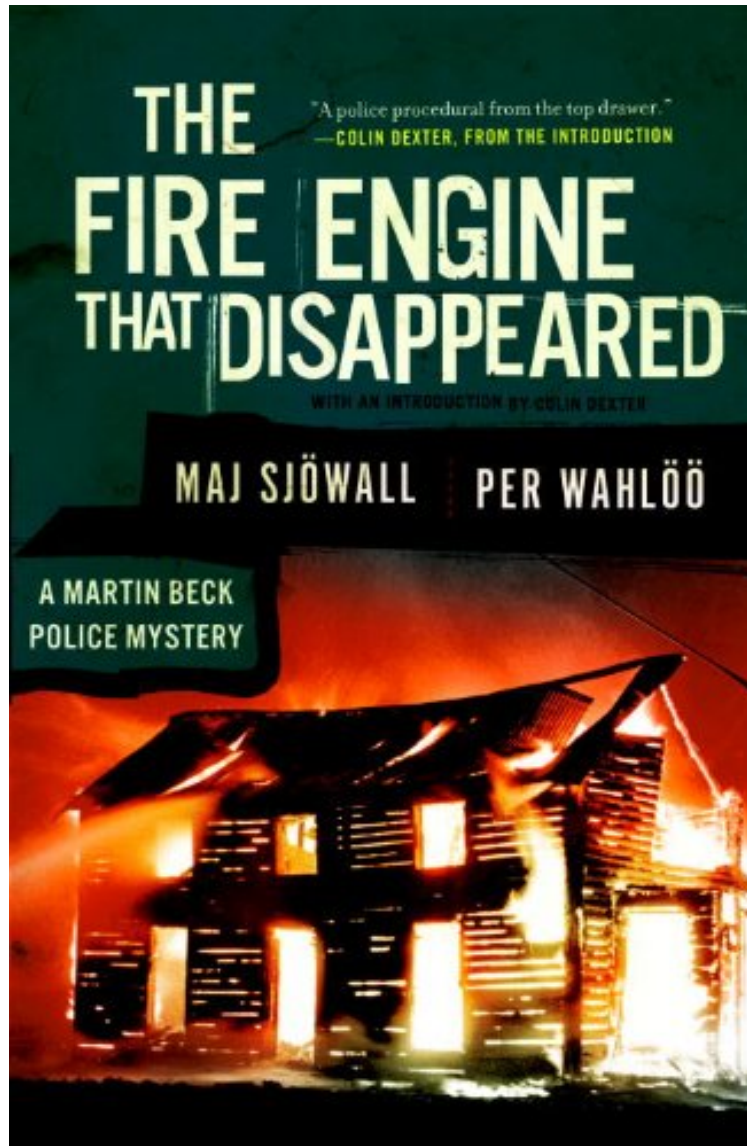


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perfect police procedural Von Alfred J. Kwak A loud suicide without a final note, but on a notebook 2 words are written: Martin Beck (MB). The deceased's name means nothing to MB. He had no police record. Gunvald Larsson (GL) relieves a patrolman on a cold, nightly stake out. The target, an isolated building housing at least 11 persons, explodes in his face. GL saves 8 people from the flames, injuring himself, before the fire brigade arrives. Three dead. Early research focused on a certain Malm, under surveillance for the past 10 days, who lived on the ground floor. Together with one Olofsson (not seen in weeks) he was suspected of handling stolen goods, esp. cars. GL is convinced the fire was premeditated. MB's team thinks not: after all, GL is badly concussed and in hospital. When a tell-tale item is found in Malm's mattress and the coroner reports that his body was burnt on both sides, MB's team shifts gears and follows up all clues, traces and tips, each member doing the work he is best at. Lots of leg work of individual team members yield tiny results suggesting a foreign angle, a mafia-like gang. The final breakthroughs are made by inspector Mansson in Malm and MB himself in Copenhagen, Denmark. MB's team solves the mystery of the suicide's last words and much else. The book ends painfully for ambitious newcomer Benny Skacke and his cynical mentor, Lennart Kollberg. SW broke new ground bemoaning the role of law enforcement in a democracy. At first, they mocked uniformed police, with their average IQ of 93. Its stupidity and violence are highlighted in books 3-10. Their soft moaning develops in ever louder howling and shrieking about incompetence in higher circles in the later books. The 10 SW books can be read in any order, but doing so from 1-10 gives added value.

Kurzbeschreibung The lightning-paced fifth novel in the Martin Beck mystery series by the internationally renowned crime writing duo, Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahl, finds Beck investigating one of the strangest, most violent, and unforgettable crimes of his career. The incendiary device that blew the roof off a Stockholm apartment not only interrupted the small, peaceful orgy underway inside, it nearly took the lives of the building's eleven occupants. And if one of Martin Beck's colleagues hadn't been on the scene, the explosion would have led to a major catastrophe because somehow a regulation fire-truck has vanished. Was it terrorism, suicide, or simply a gas leak? And what if, anything, did the explosion have to do with the peculiar death earlier that day of a 46-year-old bachelor whose cryptic suicide note consisted of only two words: "Martin Beck"? From the Trade Paperback edition. Pressestimmen` Superbly well done. It stars the gloomy head of homicide, Martin Beck, and is stunning right up to the last paragraph. The authors are ready for the great Simenon.' New York Magazine` The tale proceeds at a fast clip, inventive and tantalizing as the pieces of the puzzle alternately fit together and fly apart... "The Fire Engine that Disappeared" is downright fascinating.' Publishers Weekly` A gripping read, brilliantly plotted and with frequent moments of hilarity or tenderness.' The Guardian Praise for Sjöwall and Wahlöo: `Plots are interesting as well as realistic, the various homicide men are admirably characterised, and the amused, sarcastic comments on modern Sweden are a delight.' Sunday Times` The writing is elegant and surprisingly humorous - if you haven't come across Beck before, you're in for a treat.' Guardian` One of the most authentic, gripping and profound collections of police procedurals ever accomplished.' Michael Connelly Pressestimmen` Superbly well done. It stars the gloomy head of homicide, Martin Beck, and is stunning right up to the last paragraph. The authors are ready for the great Simenon.' New York Magazine` The tale proceeds at a fast clip, inventive and tantalizing as the pieces of the puzzle alternately fit together and fly apart! "The Fire Engine that Disappeared" is downright fascinating.' Publishers Weekly` A gripping read, brilliantly plotted and with frequent moments of hilarity or tenderness.' The Guardian Praise for Sjöwall Wahlöo: `Plots are interesting as well as realistic, the various homicide men are admirably characterised, and the amused, sarcastic comments on modern Sweden are a delight.' Sunday Times` The writing is elegant and surprisingly humorous -- if you haven't come across Beck before, you're in for a treat.' Guardian` One of the most authentic, gripping and profound collections of police procedurals ever accomplished.' Michael Connelly