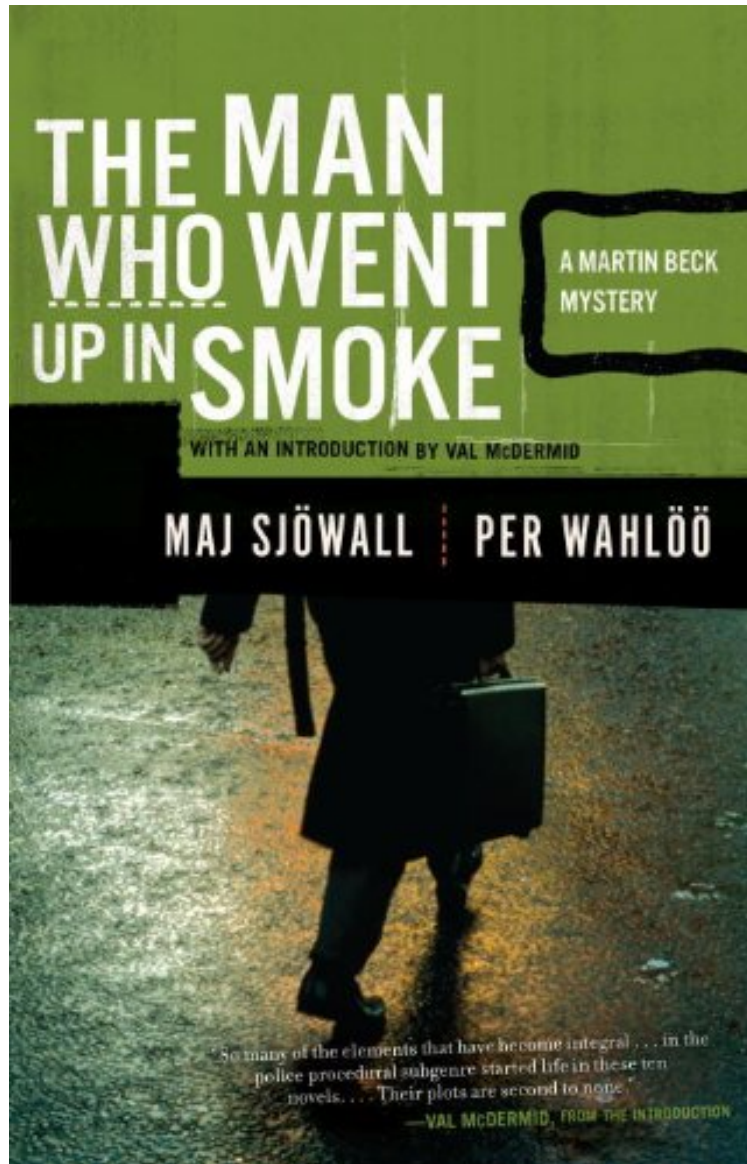


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Von Maj Sjöwall, Per Wahloo : The Man Who Went Up in Smoke: A Martin Beck Police Mystery (2) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Man Who Went Up in Smoke: A Martin Beck Police Mystery (2):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Martin Beck in BudapestVon Alfred J. KwakIn "Roseanne", the stunning start of a 10-book series by Maj Sllwall and Per Wahl (SW), Martin Beck (MB)'s closest colleagues were Kollberg and Melander. The latter has a computer-like memory, the former is an ex-paratrooper, fond of food and drink, and good in dealing with witnesses and suspects. They reappear only towards the end of this second instalment.Alf Matsson (AM), a Stockholm-based journalist is reported missing in action in Hungary, then part of the East Block, a region he often visited. MB's superiors order MB to find him. The Swedish Foreign Ministry impresses on him to act discretely... He spends 10 confusing days in Budapest searching for AM shadowed by local police, who later thwart an attempt on his life. When he flies home, MB knows a lot more about AM, but not where he is, dead or alive. Only after long weeks of meticulous research in Stockholm, the mysterious disappearance of AM is solved in a totally unexpected way.For younger readers: this book is situated in the mid-1960s when smoking was normal and allowed everywhere, men and women wore hats outdoors and international phone calls required telephone operators at both ends. SW's flattering picture of Budapest's police, food and drink, earned them early on a left-wing reputation confirmed by their later books. Competent police procedural.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good readVon father o flanaganA clever plot line. I particularly enjoy the "historic" content which is a good reminder of how society and Europe have changed in the past 40 years.0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. congratulationsVon Ein Kundecongratulations on stumbling onto one of the best crime/satire series of the 20th century. If you didn't like this one, read some others, especially The Locked Room. Great writing with a moderate slant (they slam liberals and conservatives) makes this a wonderful series.

KurzbeschreibungThe masterful second novel in the Martin Beck series of mysteries by the internationally renowned crime writing duo, Maj Sjwall and Per Wahl, finds Beck searching Budapest for a well-known Swedish journalist who has disappeared without a trace. With an introduction by Val McDermid: "So many of the elements that have become integral...in the police procedural subgenre started life in these ten novels....Their plots are second to none."Inspector Martin Beck of the Stockholm Homicide Squad has his summer vacation abruptly terminated when the top brass at the foreign office pack him off to Budapest to search for Alf Matsson, a well-known Swedish journalist who has vanished. Beck investigates viperous Eastern European underworld figures and--at the risk of his life--stumbles upon the international racket in which Matsson was involved. With the coolly efficient local police on his side and a predatory nymphet on his tail, Beck pursues a case whose international implications grow with each new clue.PressestimmenSjwall and Wahl write unsparingly and unswervingly. . . . Fast moving storytelling. . . . Their plots are second to none. Val McDermid, from the introduction "Enormously satisfying. . . . Terse, tense and eminently readable." Chicago TribuneIngenious. . . . Their mysteries don't just read well; they reread even better. . . . The writing is lean, with mournful undertones.The New York TimesThe husband-wife combination forms a superb story-telling team.El Paso TimesPressestimmen'They changed the genre. Whoever is writing crime fiction after these novels is inspired by them in one way or another.' Henning Mankell 'If you haven't read Sjwall/Wahloo, start now.' Sunday Telegraph 'Pick up one book!and you become unhinged. You want to block out a week of your life, lie to your boss, and stay in bed, gorging on one after another.' Observer 'The writing is elegant and surprisingly humorous -- if you haven't come across Beck before, you're in for a treat.' Guardian