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## **Editorial Review**

From Publishers Weekly

The urban setting is unnamed but familiar in this brief, bloody tale of wasted lives lived short and hard, the first offering from Akashic's new Infamous Books imprint. Patrick Pappy Carter hopes to score enough money to leave town and use his self-taught computer skills to start a new life. Unpredictable Maurice Black loves only the adrenaline rush of being in control and in danger regardless of risk. Black's girlfriend, Tonya Deal, operates in a drug-induced fog and suffers whatever treatment Black subjects her to while secretly caring for Carter. Carter's last job with Black and his crew goes bad quickly: a man is killed, and the gang leaves empty-handed. A spiral of violence begins with Black's insistence on one more job, which Carter is powerless to resist and which will test his love, loyalty, and survival skills. Rapper Johnson (of Mobb Deep) and fantasy writer Savile (The Hollow Earth) only skim the emotional surface of this all-too-common human tragedy. (Sept.)

Review

"You can tell that a true lyricist created this gritty tale about greed, betrayal, and street romance. The wordplay is dead on. Combine that with the details that give the freshness of immediate experience and you are no longer reading the story, you are suddenly a character in it. This is what good writing does--it puts you right there in the middle of the action. Excellent read. Salute!"

--**Miasha**, best-selling author of *Secret Society*

"Prodigy is a proven storyteller and his skills spill over into the literature game effortlessly. This is a five-star read."

--**JaQuavis Coleman**, best-selling coauthor of the Cartel series

"*H.N.I.C.* is a quick yet engaging read that kept me flipping the pages to see what would happen next."

--**K'wan**, best-selling author of *Animal*

About the Author

**Albert "Prodigy" Johnson**, as one half of the hip-hop phenomenon Mobb Deep, has sold millions of albums and recorded with the elite of hip-hop, R&B, and rock. Prodigy is the founder and curator of Infamous Books, and is the author of the memoir *My Infamous Life* and coauthor, with Steven Savile, of *H.N.I.C.*. He lives in Queens, New York.

**Steven Savile**, a multiple finalist for the British Fantasy Award, has written for *Doctor Who*, *Torchwood*, *Primeval*, *Stargate*, *Warhammer*, *Sláine*, *Fireborn*, *Pathfinder*, and other popular game and comic series. He wrote the story for the international best-selling computer game *Battlefield 3*, which sold over five million copies in its week of release, and served as head writer for the popular online children's game *Spineworld*. He is the coauthor, with Albert "Prodigy" Johnson, of *H.N.I.C.*.

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