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Assassins must be invisible. And who is more invisible in corporate America than unpaid interns? That's the premise behind *Human Resources, Inc.*, whose founder, Bob, trains children who are society's discards to be canny killers. HR's elite is John Lago, delivered prematurely, without much of a chance in life after his druggie mother was shot and died. At eight, he murdered his abusive foster parents, and when he was 12, he was recruited by Bob. Nearing HR's mandatory retirement age of 25, John gets his last assignment, to eliminate the person at prestigious law firm Bendini, Lambert, and Locke who's selling the names of people in the witness-protection program. John intends to use Alice, a new associate at the firm, to help him gain the necessary trust and access, but he doesn't count on previously dead emotions flaring up and derailing the job at hand. Written as John's handbook of advice for new HR recruits, with interspersed FBI memos, Kuhn's debut is a prime example of dark and mordant humor in the midst of a fast-moving, suspenseful, action-packed ride. Those who like *Dexter* will love John. --Michele Leber

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"Just the kind of book we love to read. . . . On our short list for best debut of the year."  
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"Black humor and surprise twists distinguish Kuhn's highly entertaining debut, which puts a fresh spin on the theme of the hardened criminal planning one last job. . . . Not least of the charms of this likable and energetic, if amoral, character are the amusing swipes he takes at other killers in fiction and film."  
(*Publishers Weekly*)

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"A propulsive, well-written black comedy. . . . Believable dialogue, a whip smart and cynical central character, clever reversals and an entertaining amount of bone-crunching violence help wrap up this nasty package with a pretty little bow. An entertaining, ferociously violent romp about a morally bankrupt killer trying to find his way home." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

"*The Intern's Handbook* is Tarantino funny and as tense as a Mexican standoff. Shane Kuhn has written a movie lover's thriller that's as entertaining as it is smart." (Andrew Pyper, bestselling author of *The Demonologist*)

"*The Intern's Handbook* is *Dexter* meets *Office Space*—the blackest and goriest office comedy you could imagine, with an intern-slash-assassin in the starring role. Shane Kuhn's debut thriller crackles with dark humor, pyrotechnic action scenes and twists you'll never see coming. Just like the intern who's getting ready to snuff you out." (Lisa Lutz, New York Times bestselling author of *The Spellman Files*)

"Being bad is seldom this good. Mercilessly entertaining." (Christopher Brookmyre, bestselling author of *Where the Bodies Are Buried*)

“Dark, assured and utterly thrilling. Makes *Grosse Pointe Blank* look like *Goodbye Mr. Chips*.” (John Niven, bestselling author of *Kill Your Friends* and *Straight White Male*)

“All of the testosterone-bloated wisdom of Tucker Max mixed with the satire of *American Psycho*.”  
(*Entertainment Weekly*)

“A serious guilty pleasure.” (*Seattle Times*)

#### About the Author

Shane Kuhn is a writer, director, and producer with twenty years of experience working in feature films, documentaries, and advertising. He is a cofounder and executive board member of the Slamdance Film Festival, and a member of the Writer’s Guild of America. He lives in Colorado and works as Vice President of Creative Services for a San Francisco-based media and special events company. He is the author of *The Asset*, *The Intern’s Handbook*, bought for film by Sony Pictures, and *Hostile Takeover*, the second book in his John Lago intern-assassin thriller series.

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