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?Charlaine Harris

"Daniel O'Malley raises the action, monsters and witticisms to new levels in this sequel to *The Rook*....a devilishly funny follow-up....This ambitious romp reads like X-Men meets Supernatural as narrated by Jasper Fforde, only funnier....O'Malley reaches new heights of grotesquery in the best possible way."?Jaclyn Fulwood, *Shelf Awareness*

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"There are writers who craft intricate plots, writers who breathe life into incredible characters, and writers who pen lines you want to quote all day long. O'Malley is one of the rare finds who regularly manages all three....It took Daniel O'Malley four long years to write this sequel. That time paid off."  
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"An excellent sequel.... O'Malley works his magic in adroit new ways, recalling all the legerdemain that delighted us the first time around [in *The Rook*]. STILETTO is laugh-out-loud funny, occasionally bawdy and paced like a spy thriller replete with chases, betrayals and tragedies...Fear not, dear reader: Daniel O'Malley is in charge."?Joyce Saenz Harris, *Dallas Morning News*

"My favorite book of 2016....STILETTO is a light-hearted romp through a world that's both familiar and strange."  
?Ellen Zielinski, *Louisiana Advocate*

"Thank goodness I didn't find out about O'Malley's first book, 2012's *The Rook*, until this year; there's no way I could have waited four years for the sequel."

?Alex Lent, *Millis Public Library, Literary Hub*

## About the Author

Daniel O'Malley graduated from Michigan State University and earned a Master's Degree in medieval history from Ohio State University. He then returned to his childhood home, Australia, where he works for the Transport Safety Bureau, writing press releases for government investigations of plane crashes and runaway boats.

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