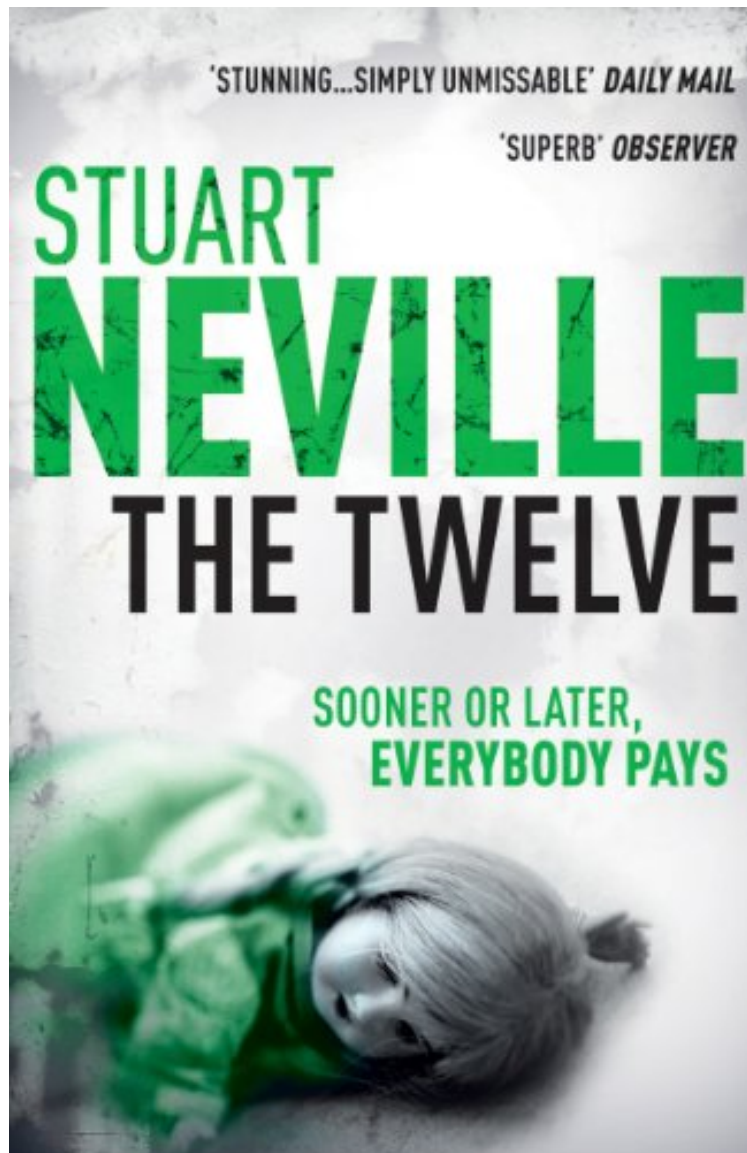


The Twelve

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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Compelling novel on guilt, revenge and mercyVon EvaThe Twelve (in the american edition called The Ghosts of Belfast) is a compelling novel of archaic force around the ever human topics of guilt, remorse, revenge and mercy.Gerry Fegan, a former IRA killer is haunted by the ghosts of his twelve victims to hold the hidden initiators of

their deaths and the bystanders, who refused to help, responsible. This reminds of Orestes hunted by the erinyes and gets a classic, ever human dimension. The story is set on a post-good-friday-Belfast background, in a world, where justice sometimes seems to contradict the peace process, but still is desperately needed in order not to build the future society on lies. Gerry Fegan, although having been a killer is a very sympathetic figure, because he accepts his responsibility, and the reader hopes for a good end for him.

Kurzbeschreibung Sooner or later, everybody pays. Gerry Fegan, a former paramilitary contract killer, is haunted by the ghosts of the 12 people he has slaughtered. Every night, on the point of losing his mind, he drowns their screams in drink. His solution is to kill those who engineered their deaths. From the greedy politicians to the corrupt security forces, the street thugs to the complacent bystanders who let it happen, all are called to account. But when Fegan's vendetta threatens to derail a hard-won truce and destabilise the government, old comrades and enemies alike want him dead. Winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Best Thriller. Pressestimmen "The Twelve is the best first novel I've read in years. It crackles. It grabs you by the throat. This is some guy to watch out for in a dark alley" (James Ellroy) "Stunning... Awesomely powerful, fabulously written and with a hero who is also a villain that you cannot help sympathising with, this novel is simply unmissable" (Daily Mail) "A brilliant thriller: unbearably tense, stomach-churningly frightening" (Observer) "As astonishing debut. Brilliantly conceived, masterfully written; both a heart-pounding thriller and a stunning examination of responsibility and revenge" (Jeff Abbott) "A blistering debut" (Metro) Werbetext The Twelve is a magnificent debut thriller. One of the best first novels in years.