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Nick Sharman's gone to ground since his daughter returned to Scotland. Nothing will tempt him back into the business again: unless it's money. That and a story to touch his heart. And Ray Miller's got plenty of both.

Miller, a lottery rollover double-jackpot winner, wants to find the wife who left him and this three-year-old son. This should be a simple task for Sharman, giving him an easy five grand and evidence for Judith, his daughter, that he's trying to get his life together.

But when Miller's wife Sharon turns out to be a heroin-addicted whore, and the news of Ray Miller's new-found wealth brings out South London's worst villains, eager to relieve him of his readies, the most unpleasant of these - Adult Baby Albert and Mr. Freeze - decide the best way to get what they want is to use Sharon to prise it from Miller. And Sharman, the patsy, is primed to take the fall.

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**Mark Timlin** is Britain's leading hardboiled crime writer (he is also the tallest). He was born in South London and has lived there all his life. He used to work as a roadie for bands like T.Rex and The Who. A series based on his Nick Sharman books, starring Clive Owen, was shown on ITV in 1997.

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