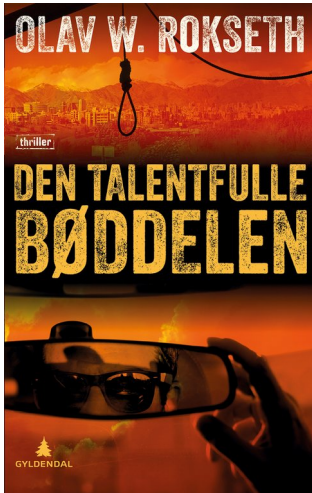


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Leon Gabrielsen is sentenced for the murder of a kiosk owner, but manages to escape from Oslo prison and get to Iran, where his father lives. He starts a new life, working part time as a taxi driver, and part time as an executioner. One floodlit evening one of those condemned to death whispers something in his ear.

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