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**IM**



## Synopsis

The Internet Is the New Meat Market for Gay Men Now a Killer Is Turning the Meat Market into a Meat Wagon. One by one, he's killing them. Lurking in the digital underworld of Men4HookUpNow.com, he lures, seduces, charms, reaching out through instant messages to the unwary. He's just another guy. They invite him over. He's just another trick. Harmless. They're dead wrong. When the first bloody body surfaces, openly gay Chicago Police Department detective Ed Comparetto is called in to investigate. Sickened by the butchered mess of one of his brothers left on display in a bathtub, he seeks relief outside where the young man who discovered the body waits to tell him the story of how he found his friend. But who is this witness...and did he play a bigger part in the murder than he's letting on? For Comparetto, this encounter with a witness is the beginning of a nightmare. Because this witness did more than just show up at the scene of the crime; he set the scene. And maybe, he's more than just a killer...maybe he's dead himself. Comparetto is on a journey to discover the truth, a truth that he needs to discover before he loses his career, his boyfriend, his sanity...his life. Because in this killer's world, IM doesn't stand for instant message...it stands for instant murder.

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## Customer Reviews

This review refers to "IM" by Rick R. Reed Let me just start by saying wimps need not apply for this one. However if you love a thriller that will scare the bejezzus out of you, can handle characters that are more human than your everyday macho hero types, and don't mind (or maybe you like) a little x

rated action laced throughout, "IM" is for you. It is also a story that will keep you guessing and trying to put together all the clues that Author Reed so enticingly places as the story progresses. When Detective Ed Comparetto of the Chicago PD is called to investigate a brutal and horrifying murder scene, he has no idea what he will be getting himself into. The victim is part of the gay community as is Ed. Ed doesn't hide his preference and has taken some ribbing from his fellow officers, who don't think he can quite cut the mustard. So when Ed comes up with a witness that is legally dead, the department takes the opportunity to send Ed packing. But he won't give up. Without gun or badge, he begins his own investigation, at first to prove he is not crazy and seeing ghosts, and then to try and convince the department that this "witness" is more dangerous than any apparition and may be the key to this murder and several more to follow. He discovers that the murders are all linked through the modern world of an on line site for gay men, where they can Instant Message each other and set up a hook-up. Following the skimpy clues, with imminent danger and heart pumping suspense at every turn and almost on every page, Ed faces his own fears, often putting his life on the line, and goes after the horrifyingly deranged suspect. And the question of what can turn a person into a monster, also begins to come to light through the read.

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