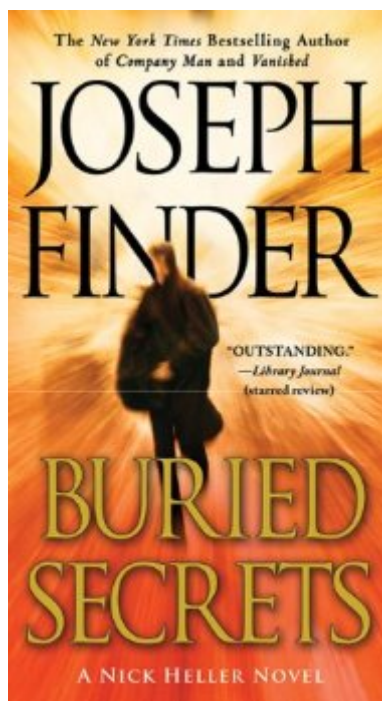


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Buried Secrets (Nick Heller Book 2)



Synopsis

Joseph Finder introduced Nick Heller, a "private spy" who finds out things powerful people want to keep hidden, to widespread acclaim from the critics and wild enthusiasm from the readers, in the New York Times bestselling novel *Vanished*. Now, in *Buried Secrets*, Nick Heller returns, finding himself in the middle of a life-or-death situation that's both high-profile and intensely personal. Nick has returned to his old home town of Boston to set up his own shop. There he's urgently summoned by an old family friend. Hedge fund titan Marshall Marcus desperately needs Nick's help. His teenaged daughter, Alexa, has just been kidnapped. Her abduction was clearly a sophisticated professional job, done with extraordinary precision. Alexa, whom Nick has known since she was young, is now buried alive, held prisoner in an underground crypt, a camera trained on her, her suffering streaming live over the internet. She's been left with a limited supply of food and water and, if her father doesn't meet the demands of her shadowy kidnappers, she'll die. And as Nick begins to probe, he discovers that all is not quite right with Marshall Marcus's business. He's being investigated by the FBI, he has a lot of shady investors, his fund is in danger and now he has a lot of powerful enemies who may have the motivation to go after Marcus's daughter. But to find out who's holding Alexa Marcus hostage, Nick has to find out why. Once he does, he uncovers an astonishing conspiracy that reaches far beyond anything he could have imagined. And if he's going to find Alexa in time, he will have to flush out and confront some of his deadliest opponents ever.

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Customer Reviews

Alexa Marcus and her best friend, Taylor Armstrong, both under legal drinking age, have secured IDs that have gotten them into the hottest nightclub in Boston. As they sit there enjoying their refreshments, Alexa catches the eye of Lorenzo, dark hair, brown eyes, days growth of beard, a "total babe" in Alexa's parlance. She and Taylor head to the restroom to freshen up, where Taylor lets Alexa know that she is going to leave her with Lorenzo, which is fine with Alexa. She does leave with Lorenzo, but she leaves extremely drunk. Alexa wakes up with a severe case of claustrophobia. As she takes inventory of her surroundings, it dawns on her that she has a reason to feel this way - she appears to be in a casket. A disembodied voice informs her of her predicament; not only is she in a casket, she is buried under ten feet of earth. She will be released if her father, the very rich Marshall Marcus complies with some demands. Marshall, not one to use normal channels, contacts his old friend Nick Heller, to find his daughter. Nick accepts the job, however before he gets too far in his investigation, he discovers that Alexa's captors are ruthless and connected. He also discovers that some of the people with whom he comes into contact are not being totally truthful. Nick only has to discover the truth, dodge some very nasty, very lethal people, stay a step ahead of Federal agents, and rescue Alexa from her grave. Joseph Finder's *Buried Secrets* is the second novel centering on Nick Heller, "private spy," ex-Army, smart with technology, no stranger to difficult field operations. Finder has created one of the best characters in fiction with Nick Heller. He is smart, tough, has a well defined ethical and moral center, and, because of his confidence, a bit brash.

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