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Black Sunday



Synopsis

9 compact discs. Best-selling novelist Thomas Harris has established himself as an indisputable master of suspense with *The Silence of the Lambs*. In *Black Sunday*, he builds a chillingly realistic "what if?" scenario around one of the world's most widely anticipated annual sporting events--and a man intent on turning it into a bloodbath beyond imagining. Though few would suspect it by looking at him, Michael Lander is the most dangerous man in America. A disgruntled veteran with a fascination for explosives, he pilots television blimps over packed sports stadiums each weekend. When a beautiful terrorist operative hands him the explosive firepower he needs, Lander sets in motion a plan that could turn Super Bowl Sunday into the darkest day in American history. Filled with the compelling characters and non-stop action Harris is famous for, *Black Sunday* will keep listeners thrilled from its opening sentence through its final, fiery pages. Narrator Frank Muller's rousing narration highlights

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Customer Reviews

Before Thomas Harris, a respected reporter for the Associated Press and ace novelist, created the creepy-yet-charismatic serial killer Hannibal Lecter in his novels *Red Dragon*, *The Silence of the Lambs*, and *Hannibal*, he had already dabbled in another and even more frightening topic: a massive terrorist attack against a "soft" (undefended, usually civilian) target in his 1975 debut novel, *Black Sunday*. Like *The Sum of All Fears*, a Tom Clancy "Jack Ryan Novel" that was clearly inspired by Harris' tautly written thriller, *Black Sunday's* plot focuses on a plan by Palestinian terrorists to commit a deadly and spectacular attack on a highly televised event: the Super Bowl. The reason for the attack -- at least from the Palestinian side -- is a common thread that runs through both novels:

America's unswerving support for Israel in the apparently never-ending Middle East conflict. And just as Clancy --possibly taking his cues from this novel -- would later do in *Sum*, Harris not only has a dedicated group of terrorists to carry out this diabolical plan, he has a psychotic American co-conspirator on board, a man whose recent life has pushed him over the edge from understandable resentment to psychotic lust for revenge against his own country. There, however, the similarities end, for whereas Clancy's obviously insane Marvin Russell was a murderous Native American of the Lakota tribe and was considered both untrustworthy and expendable by his Arab "allies" and was used as a mere conduit into the Denver area until the homemade nuclear bomb was in place in that Colorado city, *Black Sunday's* Michael Lander is a willing planner and executioner of *Black September's* spectacular plot to turn a blimp into a makeshift weapon of mass destruction.

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