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A taut thriller and a bittersweet love story, Roman Circus reintroduces Giovanni Stears, the CIA officer featured in Frank O'Neill's two previous novels, *The Secret Country* and *Agents of Sympathy*. Stears has returned to Rome, where he grew up and where he still has ties to the nobility. But the glorious city of his youth has become an armed fortress, under siege by terrorists

who have kidnapped and assassinated an American Army general.

Against a vivid backdrop of palatine villas and diplomatic receptions, bombs and brutality, Stears is reunited with his former lover, Gabriella, an Italian princess whose reckless passion nearly destroyed them once before. Torn between love and duty, family and country, sensuality and savagery, Stears soon must come to grips with the nihilistic Italian doctor and the Libyan mastermind behind the terrorists--and with his own past.

Laced with eroticism and politics, American pragmatism and Roman decadence, Roman Circus is a fast-paced thriller and a wrenching romance ---as well as an astute portrait of a society and characters in a maelstrom of violence and moral ambiguity.

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