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Paul Vidich was a senior executive in the entertainment industry for twenty years before he turned to writing full time. His fourth novel, *The Mercenary* (2021), was selected as a CrimeRead's most anticipated novel of 2021, and his third novel, *The Coldest Warrior* (2020), was shortlisted for the UK's Staunch Book Prize. His first two novels, *An Honorable Man* and *The Good Assassin*, were published in the US, Ireland, Great Britain, India and Australia in 2016 and 2017 through Simon and Schuster. His fiction and nonfiction have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *LitHub*, *CrimeReads*, *Fugue*, *The Nation*, and elsewhere. His short story, "Falling Girl," was nominated for a 2011 Pushcart Prize.

Mr. Vidich spent most of his business career at Time Warner's Music Group, where he was Executive Vice President in charge of technology and strategy until 2004. He was responsible for negotiating the first deal with Apple's Steve Jobs that led to the launch of Apple's Itune's store. After leaving Warner Music Group he served as an independent board director, angel investor, and entertainment industry advisor focused on strategies for old media to embrace disruptive technologies in the online/mobile digital age.

Currently, he serves as Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, The New School For School Research in New York City and Board Member, Poets and Writers, a non-profit literary organization. He served as a Wesleyan University trustee 1996-1999 and was awarded its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2000. He was a member of the National Academies committee on The Impact of Copyright Policy on Innovation in the Digital Era and testified numerous times in Washington before rate hearings. He is the holder of eight US patents related to digital media technologies.