

Author of the  
FIRST LAW TRILOGY

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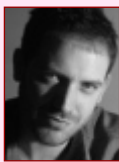
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Joe Abercrombie is a British fantasy writer best known for his acclaimed First Law Trilogy: *The Blade Itself*, *Before They Are Hanged*, and *Last Argument of Kings*. A freelance film editor as well, he works mostly on documentaries and live music events

for bands from Coldplay to Iron Maiden. He was nominated for the 2008 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer. Joe lives with his wife and daughter in London.

Michael Page has recorded over 100 audiobooks and has performed regularly since 1998 with the Peterborough Players in New Hampshire. Among the books he has recorded, his favorites include *Great Expectations*, *The Three Musketeers*, and *The Picture of Dorian Gray*.



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## BEST SERVED COLD

Dark fantasy meets hard-boiled thriller in a stand-alone tale of revenge, set in the world of acclaimed author Joe Abercrombie's First Law Trilogy.

Springtime in Styria. And that means war.

There have been nineteen years of blood. The ruthless Grand Duke Orso is locked in a vicious struggle with the squabbling League of Eight, and between them they have bled the land white. Armies march, heads roll and cities burn, while behind the scenes bankers, priests and older, darker powers play a deadly game to choose who will be king.

War may be hell but for Monza Murcatto, the Snake of Talins, the most feared and famous mercenary in Duke Orso's employ, it's a damn good way of making money too. Her victories have made her popular—a shade too popular for her employer's taste. Betrayed and left for dead, Murcatto's reward is a broken body and a burning hunger for vengeance. Whatever the cost, seven men must die.

Her allies include Styria's least reliable drunkard, Styria's most treacherous poisoner, a mass-murderer obsessed with numbers and a Northman who just wants to do the right thing. Her enemies number the better half of the nation. And that's all before the most dangerous man in the world is dispatched to hunt her down and finish the job Duke Orso started...

Springtime in Styria. And that means revenge.

### KEY POINTS/MARKETING

- Author's Web site: [www.joeabercrombie.com](http://www.joeabercrombie.com)

### PRAISE FOR BEST SERVED COLD

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